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Dear Sir,

Rosefield Solar Farm – Development Consent Order (DCO) Application

Examination Deadline 5 (29 July 2026)

This letter constitutes the Environment Agency's Deadline 5 response to the above-mentioned DCO application.

Comments on any further information received at Deadline 4

We have reviewed the documents submitted at Deadline 4 and provide our updated position on such matters in Appendix 1 (overall position) and Appendix 2 (position on individual issues).

We provide the following update on the matters which were 'under discussion' in the draft SoCG at Deadline 4.

Following productive discussions with the Applicant, the wording of the proposed DCO requirement has now been agreed. As a result, issues EA04 and EA05 have been 'agreed in principle', subject to the inclusion of the requirement within the draft DCO at Deadline 5. Once the updated draft DCO has been reviewed, these issues can be fully resolved and marked as 'agreed' in the draft SoCG.

In addition, following the submission of the relevant document updates at Deadline 4 to incorporate the updated wording, issue EA27 has now been resolved and marked as 'agreed' in the draft SoCG.

As mentioned in our previous responses, we hold the view that agreement on one issue in the draft SoCG is unlikely to be reached by the close of the examination. This issue regards the use of the word 'substantially' in the DCO requirements where

the Environment Agency is listed as a consultee. Our position is stated in the draft SoCG as 'not agreed'.

We aim to sign the final SoCG following Deadline 5, for submission by the Applicant at Deadline 6.

If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact
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Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1 – Summary of overall Environment Agency position on issues raised in our Relevant Representations

Key:

	Agreed / resolved
	Working on a solution / under discussion
	Not agreed

Subject	Work package	Baseline assessment/ scope / surveys	Impact	Solution	Requirement	Status	EA Relevant Representation Issue ID
Flood Risk & Flood Modelling	Assessment of Flood Risk					Agreed in principle	EA02, EA03, EA04, EA05, EA06, EA07, EA08, EA09, EA10
Groundwater & Contaminated Land	Environmental Statement						EA11, EA12, EA13, EA14, EA15, EA16, EA17, EA18, EA19
	Commitments Register						EA11, EA20
	Construction Environmental Management Plan						EA21, EA22, EA23, EA27
	Operational Environmental Management Plan						EA11, EA21, EA23, EA27
	Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan						EA11, EA12, EA21, EA23
	Battery Safety Management Plan						EA11, EA23
	Drainage Strategy						EA11, EA13
Biodiversity & Geomorphology	Environmental Statement						EA24, EA25, EA26
	Landscape Ecological Management Plan						EA24, EA25
	Construction Environmental Management Plan						EA25
Water Quality	Development Consent Order						EA01
	Environmental Statement						EA28, EA29, EA31, EA32, EA34, EA35, EA36, EA37, EA38, EA41, EA42
	Construction Environmental Management Plan						EA28, EA30, EA31, EA32, EA33
	Operational Environmental Management Plan						EA30, EA31, EA33, EA37, EA38, EA39, EA40
	Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan						EA30, EA31, EA33, EA39, EA40
	Battery Safety Management Plan						EA37, EA38

Appendix 2 – Environment Agency position on individual issue IDs as raised in our Relevant Representations

Key:

	Agreed / resolved
	Working on a solution / under discussion
	Not agreed*

Issue ID	RAG status
EA01	
EA02	
EA03	
EA04	Agreed in principle**
EA05	Agreed in principle**
EA06	
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EA42	

*The issue regarding the use of ‘substantially’ in DCO Requirements was raised following our Relevant Representations; therefore, it is not listed above. This is the only issue in the draft SoCG which is ‘not agreed’.

** ‘Agreed in principle’ subject to the inclusion of the requirement within the draft DCO at Deadline 5. Once the updated draft DCO has been reviewed, these issues can be fully resolved and marked as ‘agreed’ in the draft SoCG.