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Dear Sir / Madam

**Planning consultation: Application by One Earth Solar Farm for an Order Granting
Development Consent for the One Earth Solar Farm – Deadline 4
Location: One Earth Solar Farm**

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 01 October 2025 which was received by Natural England on 01 October 2025.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Examining Authority's Second Questions

Natural England have no questions directed to them at the present time and have no comments to make.

Report on the Implications for European Sites for One Earth Solar Farm

Natural England welcome the submission of the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES). Following a review of the RIES we note it is in line with previous comments from NE, and as such we have no comments to make at this time.

Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order

Natural England have reviewed the Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order and have no comments on the proposed changes at this time.

Risk & Issues Log

Natural England attach an updated Risk and Issues Log following updates to the outstanding matters relating to soils and agricultural land in the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). This is following an update with the consultants and NE on 15th September 2025.

The following matters have been reviewed:

- NE09 – Reviewed and agreed in the SoCG.
- NE13 – Natural England suggest this point remains under discussion until the Landscape Environmental Management Plan (LEMP) is updated to reflect measures to avoid soil compaction.

- NE15 – Agreed in meeting between the Applicant and Natural England, however, remains marked as “Under Discussion” in the SoCG until the changes are made in the Soil Management Plan (SMP).
- NE16 – Agreed in meeting between the Applicant and Natural England, however, remains marked as “Under Discussion” in the SoCG until the changes are made in the SMP.
- NE17 – Agreed in the SoCG as the Applicant has adequately addressed issues raised related to soil storage.
- NE18 – Natural England have provided comments to the Applicant on cumulative assessment of best most versatile agricultural land. The Applicant noted some points are covered in the Cumulative Impacts chapter of the ES and have agreed to take the outstanding points and review them for a future deadline. Natural England’s comments have been attached for reference as Annex A.

Yours faithfully

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