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# **One Earth Solar Farm**

# **The Planning Act 2008**

## The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rule 2010

Dear Ms Allen.

This letter [EN010159/APP/9.45] introduces One Earth Solar Farm Limited's (the 'Applicant's') submissions for Deadline 7 of the Examination as requested within the 'Rule 17' letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Updated Application Documents Submitted**

The following documents have been updated and submitted as part of the Applicant's Deadline 7 submission:

- Document 1.3.8: Guide to the Application [EN010159/APP/1.3.8] (revision 09)
- Document 3.1.7: Draft Development Consent Order [EN010159/APP/3.1.7] (revision 08)
- Document 6.7.5: Chapter 7 Hydrology and Hydrogeology [EN010159/APP/6.7.5]
   (revision 06)
- Document 6.21.5: Appendix 7.2 Flood Risk Assessment [EN010159/APP/6.21.5]
   (revision 06)
- Document 6.21.4: Appendix 7.4 Stage 1 Water Framework Directive Screening Assessment [EN010159/APP/6.21.4] (revision 05)
- Document 6.21.4: Appendix 12.2 Transport Assessment [EN010159/APP/6.21.4] (revision 05)
- Document 7.4.7: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN010159/APP/7.4.7] (revision 08)
- Document 7.6.6: Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN010159/APP/7.6.6] (revision 07)
- Document 7.7.6: Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan [EN010159/APP/7.7.6] (revision 07)

- Document 7.9.5: Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN010159/APP/7.9.5] (revision 06)
- Document 7.11.6: Outline Battery Safety Management Plan [EN010159/APP/7.11.6] (revision 07)
- Document 8.1.5: Statement of Commonality [EN010159/APP/8.1.5] (revision 06)
- Document 8.2.5: Final Statement of Common Ground with Lincolnshire County Council (including Final Statement of Common Ground with Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service) [EN010159/APP/8.2.5] (revision 06)
- Document 8.3.5: Final Draft Statement of Common Ground with Nottinghamshire County Council [EN010159/APP/8.3.] (revision 06)
- Document 8.6.5: Final Statement of Common Ground with Newark and Sherwood District Council [EN010159/APP/8.6.5] (revision 06)
- Document 8.7.4: Final Statement of Common Ground with Historic England [EN010159/APP/8.7.4] (revision 05)
- Document 8.8.2: Final Statement of Common Ground with Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service [EN010159/APP/8.8.2] (revision 03)
- Document 8.10.2: Final Statement of Common Ground with Natural England [EN010159/APP/8.10.2] (revision 03)
- Document 8.11.4: Final Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency [EN010159/APP/8.11.3] (revision 05)
- Document 8.13.2: Final Statement of Common Ground with Anglian Water [EN010159/APP/8.13.1] (revision 03)
- Document 9.8.6: Schedule of Changes to the dDCO [EN010159/APP/9.8.6] (revision 07)

#### New Documents Submitted

In addition to the updates made to the Applicant's submission documents, the Applicant has submitted several new documents to support the DCO Application. These new documents include:

- Document 9.45: Deadline 7 Covering Letter [EN010159/APP/9.45] (revision 01)
- Document 9.46: Applicant's response to Deadline 6 Submissions [EN010159/APP/9.46] (revision 01)

#### Updated Guide to the Application

All new and revised documents are referenced in the enclosed updated Guide to the Application [EN010159/APP/1.3.8].

### Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)

Between Deadline 6 and this Deadline 7, the Applicant has made substantial progress on the Statements of Common Ground with all relevant statutory bodies. Several SoCGs are now final and have been signed by both parties, including the following –

- Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Lincolnshire County Council (including Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service)
- Newark and Sherwood District Council
- Natural England
- National Highways (as of deadline 5)
- Anglian Water
- Historic England
- Environment Agency

For those SoCGs that are not yet at the final signed stage, the Applicant has still made progress but will continue to work with the respective statutory bodies to seek to ensure they are completed and signed ahead of Deadline 8 (22<sup>nd</sup> December). The SoCGs which the Applicant is continuing to progress include –

- Nottinghamshire County Council
- West Lindsey District Council
- Bassetlaw District Council
- National Grid

The Statement of Commonality [EN010159/APP/8.1.5] provides an overview of the status of all Statements of Common Ground.

# Applicant's Response to Deadline 6 Submissions

Following the closure of Deadline 5 on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, the Applicant reviewed all documents submitted and has provided responses to the action points of the Deadline 6 Submissions from other parties involved in the Examination process. The Applicant's responses have been submitted at this deadline within Document 9.46: Applicant's Response to Deadline 6 Submissions [EN010159/APP/9.45].

#### Applicant's Response to Rule 17 Letter

Following the publication of the Examining Authority Rule 17 Letter, requesting the Applicant to confirm their position following the outcome of the grid reform process, the Applicant has set this out below.

The Applicant can confirm that, as part for the connections reform (Target Model Option 4 Plus) run by the National Energy System Operator (NESO), they have received confirmation that they will receive a Gate 2 offer in phase 1 (pre 2031) for Solar.

In addition, the Rule 17 Letter requested an amended version of the Applicant's Land Plans overlaid with the High Marnham substation application boundary (Bassetlaw reference: 25/01302/FUL) to help develop an appreciation of the likely relationship between the two proposals. This has been prepared and is provided at Appendix 1 of this Covering Letter.

### Applicant's Position on Artificial Intelligence

As declared within the Applicant's Written Summary of Issue Specific Hearing 2 [REP3-065] and Issue Specific Hearing 3 [EN010159/APP/9.37], the Applicant used assistance from Microsoft Copilot AI to generate a summary of each issue specific hearing based on notes taken by the Applicant. Each summary was then reviewed and verified for accuracy (as confirmed in the declarations) before being utilised to inform the Applicant's relevant summary. Microsoft CoPilot AI was accessed on or around Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September for Issue Specific Hearing 2 and on or around Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November for Issue Specific Hearing 3. The use of AI was responsible and lawful.

If the Examining Authority or Planning Inspectorate Case Team have any questions on any of the above, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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Incl. Appendix 1 – Land Plans overlaid with High Marnham Substation Application

APPENDIX 1 – LAND PLANS OVERLAID WITH HIGH MARNHAM SUBSTATION APPLICATION (25/01302/FUL)

