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Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by One Earth Solar Farm Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed One Earth Solar Farm (“the Proposed Development”)

Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) response to the Request for Information from the Secretary of State (SoS).

The SoS has requested LCC to provide comments on the suitability of the proposed amended wording for Requirement 7 and Requirement 22 of the DCO. Please see LCCs comments below.

Requirement 7 - Battery safety management

LCC consulted the Local Lead Flood Authority (LLFA) and Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue (LFR) regarding requirement 7.

The LLFA had no comments to make on the amended wording, LFR responded, suggesting that 7(2) should include wording to ensure the battery safety management plan would be developed in accordance with national guidance, adhering to minimum safety standards and requirements, and outlining compliance with relevant testing standards, e.g. NFPA 855.

LCC notes the alteration within 7(2) from ‘substantially in accordance with’ to ‘in accordance with’, LCC would highlight its response to Q10.2.1 within the examining authorities first written questions, below, which addressed LCCs view on this wording.

LCC Response to ExQ1 – Q10.2.1:

‘LCC has sought legal advice as to the use of the phrase “substantially in accordance with” as part of DCO requirements where reference is sought to be made to an outline scheme submitted with the DCO and there is a requirement for a final version of a particular scheme to be submitted to the relevant planning authority for approval. LCC is satisfied that this wording

does not result in undue flexibility to the applicant. LCC consider that requiring strict adherence to the outline scheme reduces flexibility for the final scheme to respond positively to issues arising during the detailed design phase. Further, requiring a final scheme to be “substantially in accordance with” the outline scheme does not mean that the authority is bound to approve any scheme that is substantially in accordance with the outline version. Instead, the authority would retain an ability to refuse any scheme that was insufficient, regardless of whether it was in accordance with or substantially in accordance with the submitted outline scheme. Overall, LCC considers it preferable to require final schemes to be “substantially in accordance with” rather than “strictly in accordance with” to allow for flexibility at detailed design stage.’

Requirement 22 - Flood risk mitigation

LCC consulted with the LLFA regarding the amended wording for Requirement 22. LCC have no further comments to make.

Other Matters

LCC has provided its commentary above regarding the amended wording for requirements 7 and 22. LCC would however highlight that it would have been helpful for the reasoning behind the amended wording to have been included within the request for information letter.

Yours faithfully,

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For ██████████

Head of Planning