



Planning Inspectorate

Application by Elements Green Trent Limited for an order granting development consent for The Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park

The schedule of changes to the applicant’s draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (Revision 06) [\[REP4-005\]](#) proposed by the Examining Authority (ExA)

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The ExA must send its recommended version of the Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State, along with its recommendation report, irrespective of whether it recommends that the DCO is made. This schedule has therefore been prepared on a ‘without prejudice’ basis and should not be seen as an indication of the ExA’s final recommendation. Further amendments to the draft (d) DCO may be suggested by parties or made by the applicant before the close of the examination.

Comments on this schedule should be submitted by **Deadline 5: 15 April 2026**

Article/ Schedule	ExA’s proposed changes Deletions shown as strike through (for example) Insertions shown in bold (for example)	ExA’s reasoning and comments
Articles		
Article 39 Felling or lopping of trees and removal of hedgerows	(1) Subject to Article 40 (trees subject to preservation orders) the The undertaker may fell or lop any tree or shrub near any part of the authorised development or cut back its roots, if it reasonably considers believes it to be reasonably necessary to do so to prevent the tree or shrub from—	The ExA considers the revised wording addresses NSDC’s concerns over imprecise wording: ‘near’ and ‘reasonably believes’. The ExA considers that the proposed additional words ‘Subject to Article 40 etc’ bring it into line with the most recently made order for Fenwick solar farm.
Article 49 Set-off for enhancement in value of retained land	Deletion of the entire article	With regard to the applicant’s response to ExQ2 and some of its concerns over section 6D of the Land Compensation Act 1961, the ExA considers it



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		<p>is sufficiently clear at section 6D (5) that the relevant provisions would apply to any made DCO. The precedents for an equivalent article, cited by the applicant in its explanatory memorandum [REP4-008], are made orders for road schemes, and there is no precedent in made orders for solar schemes. Whilst the ExA accepts that such provisions relating to land compensation may, in principle, be made within an order it has no reason to think that the existing legislative regime would not be sufficient in this case. On balance the ExA considers that Article 49 is not necessary and proposes that it be deleted from the dDCO.</p>
Article 50 Inconsistent planning permissions	Deletion of the entire article	<p>The ExA has considered the applicant's response to ExQ2 and recognises that similar articles are being sought in several applications being examined at present (including for solar schemes). However, the ExA considers its removal would be consistent with the Secretary of State's reasoning on this matter, which is apparent in all other made DCOs for solar schemes. On balance the ExA sees no reason why Article 50 should remain in the Order and proposes that it be deleted from the dDCO.</p>