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To whom it may concern

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY RESPONSE DEADLINE 2 SUBMISSIONS.

GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

This response constitutes the Environment Agency's Deadline 5 response.

We have reviewed the Applicant's Deadline 4 submissions, and other application documents that have been updated since submission. Following our review, we have responded to the outstanding issues raised within our Relevant Representation [[RR-054](#)], Deadline 2 response [[REP2-124](#)], Deadline 3 response [[REP3-110](#)], and Deadline 4 response [[REP4-064](#)]. This letter is therefore composed of the following:

- [Appendix A](#): Our comments regarding the issues we raised in our Relevant Representation
- [Appendix B](#): Summary of our position

Yours faithfully


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Appendix A - Our comments regarding the issues we raised in our Relevant Representation

Draft Development Consent Order

Construction Environment management plan

We have reviewed the 3.1E Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked) - Rev 6 [REP4-006]. We note that the Applicant has amended the wording for requirement 12. (1) Construction Environmental management plan to state that it shall be submitted to and approved by the planning authority, in consultation with the “Environment Agency”. We approve of this amendment.

Substantially in accordance with

We raised in our Deadline 3 response [REP3-110] that we take issue with the use of “substantially in accordance with” wording for requirements where we are identified as a consultee. Despite further engagement with the Applicant, we are unable to find a suitable resolution to this matter. We therefore reiterate our position that, for all requirements that we are listed to be consulted on, the term “substantially” should be removed. Specifically, we request its removal from the following:

7. Fire safety management (2);
8. Landscape and ecological management plan and biodiversity design strategy (5a);
10. Surface and foul water drainage (1);
12. Construction environmental management plan (2);
13. Operational environmental management plan (2);
19. Decommissioning and restoration (2)

EA016 Water quality

We consider this issue resolved.

We have reviewed the 6.4.5.3D Environmental Statement Volume 4, Technical Appendix A5.3 – Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Tracked) - Rev 5 [REP4-018]. The following wording has been inserted in paragraph 102 regarding precautions to avoid frac-out:

“will be set out in a drilling fluid management plan in the final CEMP for any HDD locations in a given phase, which will include measures such as the following...”

We approve of this wording and are therefore content to resolve the issue.

EA024 Groundwater and contaminated land

We consider this issue resolved.

The 6.4.5.5D Environmental Statement Volume 4, Technical Appendix A5.5 – Outline Operation Environmental Management Plan (Tracked) - Rev 5 [REP4-020] has been updated to include the following wording under paragraph 41:

“It should be noted that Section A5.3.9.6.1 of the ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.3: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)

[EN010162/APP/6.4.5.3D] commits to the continuation of the water quality monitoring that was carried out during construction for a period of 6 months following completion of construction. This remains a commitment beyond the end of construction, and the final OEMP will make explicit cross reference to the relevant section of the final CEMP for that phase, to ensure that the party responsible for delivering the OEMP is fully aware of the ongoing commitment.”

We approve of this wording and are therefore content to resolve the issue.

EA025 Flood risk

We consider this issue resolved.

We have reviewed the 6.4.5.3D Environmental Statement Volume 4, Technical Appendix A5.3 – Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Tracked) - Rev 5 [[REP4-018](#)]. The following wording has been inserted under A5.3.12.1:

“The Principal Contractor will monitor weather forecasts and plan works accordingly. An Emergency Flood Response Plan (‘EFRP’) will be provided through the detailed CEMP(s) for Work No.s 6, 7 and 8 and would set out actions that will be implemented in the event of flooding (fluvial or extreme rainfall) or the issue of a flood alert or warning during construction works.

241. The EFRP will include:

1. Details of roles and responsibility for maintaining, updating and implementing the plan;
2. Overview of the local flood risk;
3. Details of the local Environment Agency flood warning service;
4. Specific action that will be undertaken in response to the issuing of a flood alert or flood warning; and
5. Details of access and egress routes onto the relevant works for the period in advance of and during a flood event.

242. The EFRP will include procedures for securing or relocating materials stored in bulk from the floodplain and safe access and escape routes for personnel on-Site.”

We approve of this wording and are therefore content to resolve the issue.

EA029 Flood risk

We consider this issue resolved.

We have reviewed the 6.4.5.1D Environmental Statement Volume 4, Technical Appendix A5.1 – Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Tracked) - Rev 5 [[REP4-014](#)], The following wording has been inserted under paragraph 46:

“To allow the reasonable access requirements of the Environment Agency to the River Trent through field 130 (immediately upstream of Muskham Bridge, at approximate grid reference 478643 356576), a gap at least 6 m wide will be left

with no tree planting to allow vehicular access to the river, and a 4-5 m wide strip along the river bank will not have tree planting to facilitate vehicular movements along the river bank. This area is in habitat type 22 as described in Table A5.1.5.”

We approve of this wording and are therefore content to resolve the issue.

Appendix B – Summary of our position

Subject	Relevant Rep Reference	Deadline 5
Groundwater and contaminated land	EA001	Resolved
Groundwater and contaminated land	EA002	Resolved
Water quality	EA003	Resolved
Flood risk	EA004	Resolved
Flood risk	EA005	Resolved
Water quality, groundwater and contaminated land	EA006	Resolved
Groundwater and contaminated land	EA007	Resolved
Water quality	EA008	Resolved
Water quality, groundwater and contaminated land	EA009	Resolved
Water quality, groundwater and contaminated land	EA010	Resolved
Water quality, groundwater and contaminated land	EA011	Resolved
Groundwater and contaminated land	EA012	Resolved
Groundwater and contaminated land	EA013	Resolved
Groundwater and contaminated land	EA014	Resolved
Water quality	EA015	Resolved
Water quality	EA016	Resolved
Water quality	EA017	Resolved
Biodiversity	EA018	Resolved
Biodiversity	EA019	Resolved
Groundwater and contaminated land	EA020	Resolved
Water quality	EA021	Resolved
Water quality	EA022	Resolved
Groundwater and contaminated land	EA023	Resolved
Groundwater and contaminated land	EA024	Resolved
Flood risk	EA025	Resolved
Flood modelling	EA026	Resolved

Flood modelling	EA027	Resolved
Flood modelling	EA028	Resolved
Flood Risk	EA029	Resolved