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Sir/Madam

**Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park
Application for a Development Consent Order (Application Reference: EN010162)**

With reference to the Request for Information from the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 27 August 2026.

Public Rights of Way

None of the four historic cross-field paths referred to in our submissions (Kelham FP7a, Weston FP10, Carlton-on-Trent FP6 & FP10) form part of either the Trent Valley Way, or the Robin Hood Way.

Regarding the suggestion that these footpaths should not be restored to their historic alignment upon decommissioning of the solar farm.

Whilst the applicant suggests that their re-instatement could adversely affect the efficient use of the agricultural land, may we point out that diversions of PROW will not usually be permitted on these grounds if the diversion is substantially less convenient to the public. In all these cases that we have highlighted in our submissions, the diversion would fail this test.

Therefore we ask that, as a requirement of the decommissioning, the DCO states that these PROW must be restored to their current alignments, in order that future generations of walkers are able to enjoy these footpaths in their historic landscape settings, as we can enjoy them today.

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