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Dear John Wheadon,

**Application by Elements Green Trent Limited: Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park (Application Reference: EN010162) - Responses to Secretary of State's Second Request for Information**

We write to provide Elements Green Trent Limited ("the Applicant") written responses to the Secretary of State's Request for Information dated 30 September 2026, issued following receipt of the Examining Authority's Report and Recommendation for the above application.

The Secretary of State requested further information on a number of matters to assist in the determination of the application. This submission provides the Applicant's response to those requests.

For ease of reference, the information requested by the Secretary of State and the Applicant's corresponding responses are set out in **Table 1** accompanying this letter. The Applicant has sought to address each matter raised and, where appropriate, has provided supporting information and clarification.

We trust this information is useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further details.

[Redacted Signature]

**Head of Planning**  
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**Table 1 Applicant's Responses to the Secretary of State's Request for Information**

|                                           | Secretary of State's Request For Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Applicant's Responses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Fees for Discharge of Requirements</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4                                         | <p>In the first information request, the Secretary of State asked the Applicant, Nottinghamshire County Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council for updates on whether timescales and fees for the discharge of DCO requirements, and written approvals related to them, had been agreed [C1-001]. Without prejudice, the Applicant is requested to update the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.2E] to include the following wording in underline, and delete the text in strikethrough, in paragraph 35.</p> <p><i>35. The exact number and arrangement of submissions, which may combine a number of the above measures, will be set out as part of the final CTMP. The final CTMP will detail the exact process and number of submissions for these technical approvals. <del>Given the exact number of submissions is not yet finalised the Applicant has set out a fee for technical approval of £2,535 per submission. A minimum of 10 submissions is anticipated to cover the work committed by the highway authority. The Applicant will reimburse the highway authorities for the</del></i></p> | <p>The Applicant notes the Secretary of State's proposed amendment. Without prejudice to its previously stated position, the Applicant has suggested an alternative wording, which is consistent with the request from NCC in respect of <b>NCC's response [C1-004]</b> to question 7 of the Secretary of State's request, dated 14<sup>th</sup> September. The Applicant notes that in NCC's 14<sup>th</sup> September submission <b>[C1-004]</b> it has requested £1,500 per access or passing place, and the Applicant agrees to this request.</p> <p>Paragraph 35 of the Outline CTMP has therefore been updated to state:</p> <p><i>35 The exact number and arrangement of submissions, which may combine a number of the above measures, will be set out as part of the final CTMP. The final CTMP will detail the exact process and number of submissions for these technical approvals. <del>Given the exact number of submissions is not yet finalised the Applicant has set out a fee for technical approval of £2,535 per submission. A minimum of 10 submissions is anticipated to cover the work committed by the highway authority. As requested by NCC and agreed by the Applicant, the technical approval fee shall be calculated on the basis of £1,500 per site access or passing place requiring technical approval.</del></i></p> <p>The Applicant considers that this approach provides a clear and proportionate mechanism for cost recovery, reflects NCC's stated</p> |

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| <p><u><i>technical approval process at the time the applications are made, in line with costs for similar Section 278 or Section 184 applications made under the Highways Act.</i></u></p> <p>Please let us know if this change necessitates any consequential amendments elsewhere in this document or in other documents.</p> | <p>position, and resolves the matter raised through the Secretary of State's question.</p> |
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### ***Public Rights of Way***

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| <p>5 In the first information request, the Secretary of State asked the Applicant and Nottinghamshire County Council to provide further information regarding the reinstatement of Public Rights of Way to their original routes during decommissioning [C1-001]. In its response [C1-005a], the Applicant confirmed that Section A5.6.2.4 of the ES Volume 4 includes a commitment for the Applicant to carry out a review of the Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) within the Order Limits, in consultation with Nottinghamshire County Council. Without prejudice, the Applicant is requested to update its Environment Statement Volume 4, Appendix A5.6: Outline Decommissioning and Restoration Plan [REP4-021] to include the new wording in underline below:</p> <p><i><u>“Prior to issue of the final DRP, the Applicant will carry out a review of the Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) within the Order Limits, in consultation with Nottinghamshire County Council and any local footpath groups.</u></i></p> | <p>The Applicant notes the Secretary of State's proposed amendment to the Outline Decommissioning and Restoration Plan [REP4-021] and confirms that it is content to incorporate the wording suggested by the SoS, and has updated the document accordingly. Please refer to <b>Environmental Statement Volume 4, Technical Appendix A5.6 – Outline Decommissioning and Restoration Plan (Clean) - Rev 5.</b></p> <p>As set out in the <b>Applicant's response to the First Request for Information [C1-005a]</b>, the Applicant has already committed to undertaking a review of Public Rights of Way within the Order Limits as part of the decommissioning process. The Applicant agrees that consultation with Nottinghamshire County Council and local footpath groups would assist in informing that review.</p> |
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|  | <i>Should it be deemed that any PRowS would better be re-located, whether back to their pre-Development locations or otherwise, the Applicant will apply for these changes to be made through the required process at that time."</i> |  |
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### **Glint and glare**

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| 6 | In its response to the first information request, the Applicant raised concerns around National Highways being an approving body alongside the local authority [C1-005a]. Nottinghamshire County Council confirmed in its response to the first information request that Newark and Sherwood District Council would be the approving body for the glint and glare mitigation strategy [C1-004]. The Secretary of State invites <b>Newark and Sherwood District Council</b> to comment on the proposal for National Highways to become a co-approving body of the glint and glare mitigation strategy. | <p>The Applicant notes that the Secretary of State's question is directed to Newark and Sherwood District Council. However, the Applicant considers it relevant to note that National Highways' request to become a co-approving body for the glint and glare mitigation strategy was before the Examination and known to the relevant parties at that time.</p> <p>In that context, Newark and Sherwood District Council did not raise any objection with the wording of any of the Requirements set out in the Draft Order.</p> <p>The Applicant's position therefore remains that Newark and Sherwood District Council is the appropriate approving authority for the glint and glare mitigation strategy, with consultation continuing to take place with relevant highway authorities where their interests are engaged.</p> |
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### **Land Powers**

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| 7 | Following the Applicant's response to the first information request regarding the agreement of protective provisions [C1-005a], the Applicant and <b>National Gas Transmission</b> are again requested to provide updates regarding whether agreement has now been reached between the parties. The <b>Applicant</b> and <b>Network Rail</b> are also invited to | Network Rail and the Applicant have agreed the wording of Protective Provisions for the Protection of Railway Interests and the Applicant will shortly provide those provisions to the Secretary of State as part of an updated Schedule 13. The Applicant requires confirmation from Network Rail that internal processes are complete before providing the settled protective provisions. The Applicant understands that Network Rail |
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provide updates regarding whether protective provisions have been agreed.

proposes to withdraw its objection within the next week, once the agreed protective provisions have been submitted.

The Applicant has also agreed the wording of Protective Provisions for the Protection of National Gas Transmission plc as gas undertaker and the Applicant will provide those provisions to the Secretary of State as part of the updated Schedule 13. As above, the Applicant also requires confirmation from National Gas Transmission that internal processes are complete before providing the settled protective provisions. The Applicant understands that National Gas Transmission will withdraw its objection within the next week, once the agreed protective provisions have been submitted.