

The Planning Inspectorate

National Infrastructure Directorate

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Dear Mr Wiltshire

Application by Steeple Solar Farm Limited for an order granting development consent for the Steeple Renewables Project

Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – rule 8 and 9

Further to the Examining Authority's Rule 8 letter dated 20 November 2025, I write in respect of the information requested from the Applicant at Deadline 1 (25 November 2025).

Documentation Submitted at Deadline 1

Please find enclosed the following documents which have been requested from the Applicant at Deadline 1:

“Rule 8” Submissions

1. Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs)

In response to the Relevant Representations received, the Applicant has provided a response in a single document **Applicant Comments on Relevant Representations [EN010163/EX/8.3]**. This is split into two sections. One section responds in detail to the relevant representations received into examination from statutory consultees. The other section responds to other relevant representations received, in particular from those of the public.

Throughout these responses, the ExA will note that the Applicant has confirmed that it will be updating a number of documents. The Applicant confirms that it

will be seeking to provide updated copies of those documents references by Deadline 2.

2. Written Summary of Oral Submissions made at OFH1 and ISH1

The Applicant has provided written summaries of oral submissions for both Open Floor Hearing 1 and Issue Specific Hearing 1 in the **Applicant's Written Summary of Oral Submissions made at OFH1 and ISH1 [EN010163/EX/8.4]**

The Applicant has not been in receipt of any formal list of action points released by the ExA after those hearings. However, where the Applicant has been able, it has responded to action points directly within these summaries at the relevant point of the summary.

3. Applicant's proposed itinerary for an accompanied site inspection

The Applicant has provided a proposed itinerary for an accompanied site inspection at procedural deadline A (PDA-020). The Applicant has considered the submissions of interested parties at procedural deadline A (PDA-021-025) and is satisfied that its draft itinerary remains adequate and in particular captures those areas highlighted by interested parties.

"Annex E" Submissions

4. Statements of Common Ground and Statement of Commonality of SoCG

The Applicant is in the course of agreeing SoCGs with the parties identified in the ExA's rule 6 letter. The Applicant is not at the stage of being able to provide any SoCG into examination. Progress on these SoCGs is, however, summarised in the **Statement of Commonality of SoCGs [EN010163/EX/8.5]** included in the Applicant's Deadline 1 submission. The Applicant expects to be able to provide a number of SoCGs into examination at Deadline 2.

5. Guide to the Application

The Guide to the Application [APP-004] charts the submission of DCO application documents to the Inspectorate, identifying the current revision or all documents submitted by the Applicant into Examination. This is a live document and will be updated throughout the Examination process and submitted, when updated, for each relevant deadline. A revised **Application Guide [EN010163/EX/1.4_A]** has been submitted at Deadline 1.

6. Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and Explanatory Memorandum

The Applicant notes the request to include the latest, fully up-to-date versions of the dDCO and Explanatory Memorandum with each deadline. To confirm, the Applicant has not identified any changes requiring amendment at this time and therefore has not provided an updated dDCO, or supporting information.

7. Land Rights Tracker

A Land Rights Tracker provides a summary of the ongoing engagement regarding the Scheme and negotiations with interested parties. The Applicant has provided a **Land Rights Tracker [EN010163/EX/8.6]** at Deadline 1, in the format provided at Figure 1, Rule 6 letter.

8. Updates to the Book of Reference, Statement of Reasons and Land Plans

The Book of Reference [APP-046] has been updated [**EN010163/EX/4.3_A**]. The updates relate to a refresh and land data conducted by the Applicant. The Applicant has provided a Schedule of Changes to accompany this. No changes have been introduced to the Statement of Reasons [APP-044] or Land Plans [APP-006].

9. Schedule of progress in securing other consents

The schedule of progress in securing other consents is detailed in the Consents and Agreements Position Statement [APP-181] which the Applicant has updated with the status of negotiations with consenting authorities. This has been provided in clean and tracked [**EN010163/APP/5.9_A**] versions.

Information has been added into the document providing the updated status of negotiations.

10. Report on the Interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects

Following a request from the Examining Authority, the Applicant has provided a **Report on the Interrelationship with other National Infrastructure Projects [EN010163/EX/8.7]**. This is a live document and will be updated throughout the Examination process.

Yours sincerely

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