

The Planning Inspectorate

c/o Quadient

69 Buckingham Avenue

Slough, SL1 4PN

19 February 2026

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 4 (19 February 2026).

#### **Documentation Submitted at Deadline 4**

Please find enclosed the following documents which have been requested from the Applicant at Deadline 4:

#### **“Rule 8” Submissions**

1. Post-hearing submissions including written summaries of oral cases made at any of the hearings held w/c 9 February 2026 [EN010163/EX/8.39]

The Applicant has provided written summaries of its oral submissions to all hearings in a single document. It has included in this document replies to the various action points raised by the ExA during the course of the hearings. These replies are set out throughout the document to provide responses to these issues in direct context of the written summaries in order to aid reference.

2. Comments on Deadline 3 Submissions [EN010163/EX/8.38]

In response to the Deadline 3 submissions received, the Applicant has provided a response in a single document entitled **Comments on Deadline 3 Submissions**. The ExA will note that the Applicant has not responded to every document received at Deadline 3, and instead responded only to the Environment Agency. In respect of

National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc, the Applicant's position is as set out in ISH3, and the ExA have been provided with the Applicant's position in writing in the post-hearing submissions document, at Appendix A. In relation to Natural England, the Applicant has either addressed the points raised previously or has updated the SoCG with the respective party to account for the new comments. In relation to UK Industrial Fusion Solutions Limited, the Applicant has noted the comments made and will continue to liaise with UKIFS and provide a written position in relation to statutory undertakers at Deadline 5.

### **"Non-Rule 8" Submissions**

#### **3. Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) between Applicant and certain IPs [EN010163/EX/8.21; 8.25-8.34]**

The Applicant has submitted SoCGs for the following parties:

- a. Lincolnshire County Council
- b. National Highways
- c. Nottinghamshire County Council \*unsigned\*

Where the Applicant has been unable to provide a signed SoCG by Deadline 4, the Applicant has updated its record of engagement in the Statement of Commonality to demonstrate the efforts currently being made to provide the ExA with signed copies.

#### **4. LLFA Correspondence**

The Applicant has submitted email correspondence from the LLFA confirming their consent for disapplication of the section 23 Land Drainage Act 1991.

#### **5. Flood Risk Assessment [EN010163/EX/6.3.8]**

The Applicant has provided an updated Flood Risk Assessment addressing comments raised by the ExA.

#### **6. Traffic and Transport Data**

Following the hearings, and as a result of action points raised, the Applicant has provided ATC data into examination for inspection by interested parties.

Yours sincerely



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