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Your Ref: Green Hill Solar Farm  
Our Ref: EN010170  
Date: 12 March 2025

Dear Sarah Bool MP

Thank you for your letter dated 4 March 2025 regarding the proposed Green Hill Solar Farm nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP).

As you have noted, the Green Hill Solar Farm project is currently at the pre-application stage of the Planning Act 2008 process. Consequently, the Planning Inspectorate is unable to consider representations about the planning merits of the proposed development at this time. Any views about the proposed development during pre-application should be sent directly to the applicant, Green Hill Solar Farm Limited, as part of the applicant's statutory consultation. Under the Planning Act 2008, the applicant has a duty to identify and consult statutory consultees, relevant local authorities, all persons with land interests, and the local community about its proposals before the application is submitted and allow such persons to provide feedback on the proposed development.

Having checked our systems, we have no record of corresponding with the Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP on this project or granting him statutory status. It would be incorrect for us to grant such status. Persons who are automatically prescribed as statutory consultees are those listed in section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 3 and Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations 2009).

Members of Parliament and others therefore will need to register their views with the Planning Inspectorate once the application has been submitted and accepted for examination, by making a valid Relevant Representation during the pre-examination stage. This will grant you the status of an Interested Parties under the Planning Act 2008 and allow you and other registered persons the ability to submit further written submissions to the appointed Examining Authority and participate at examination hearings.

We would therefore encourage you to contact the applicant with your concerns during the pre-application stage, at [info@greenhillsolar.co.uk](mailto:info@greenhillsolar.co.uk).

The Planning Inspectorate has published advice on how to submit views about NSIP applications and how to take part in examinations, which your constituents may find helpful:

- [Have your say guide - Have your say during the examination of the application](#)
- [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice pages](#)

A set of more detailed guidance about the Planning Act 2008 process, including statutory guidance on the pre-application stage, can be found on the government's [National Infrastructure Planning Guidance Portal](#).

The Green Hill Solar Farm application is expected to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in May 2025. If the application is accepted for examination, the Relevant Representation form will be made available on the [project page](#) of our Find a National Infrastructure Project website.

Thank you for taking the time to write to us and I hope my reply has been helpful.

Yours sincerely

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