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To: Historic England

Our Ref: EN010170

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Dear Sir/ Madam

**The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17 request for further information**

**Application by Green Hill Solar Farm Limited for an order granting development consent for the Green Hill Solar Farm project**

We are writing under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended).

As part of the Examining Authority's (ExA) first round of written questions [PD-007] we addressed some specific questions to Historic England, to which we appear not to have received a response. We then repeated those two questions in our second round of written questions [PD-011]. Again, we appear to have received no response from Historic England by deadline 3.

Could you please now provide us with a response to the following questions:

<b>12. Historic Environment</b>	
Q2.11.1	<b>Setting of designated heritage assets</b> In relation to the comments in your relevant representation [RR-1228] regarding the settlements of Mears Ashby, Walgrave and Old, can you clarify that the proposed mitigation has satisfied your earlier concerns, or is there more to be done?
Q2.11.2	<b>Registered Park and Garden of Castle Ashby</b> Your RR [RR-1228] in respect of the proximity of the Grade I Registered Park and Garden of Castle Ashby to the proposed development notes the topography and proposed screening would reduce the setting impact. Does this alleviate your concerns regarding the impact on setting, or is there more you expect from the applicant?

The ExA is conscious that we are now reaching the halfway point of the examination and, aside from your relevant representation, we have not received any further comments in writing from Historic England. The draft Statement of Common Ground submitted by the

applicant at deadline 2 [REP2-059] has not provided us with much further understanding of Historic England's position at this stage of the examination.

It would be of particular benefit to the ExA to know whether Historic England has any concerns regarding the Environmental Statement conclusions in [APP-049] of the potential for moderate adverse effects on the Grade I Listed Church of St Peter and St Paul, Easton Maudit (and indeed the other 3 designated heritage assets listed at paragraph 12.10.3 of [APP-049]). Views on any other matters which you would like the ExA to take note of would also be welcomed.

Responses should be submitted by **Deadline 4 (14 January 2026)**.

Yours faithfully

*Mark Harrison*

**Lead Member of the Examining Authority**

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