

The Planning Inspectorate

Via email to:

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Our ref: XA/2024/100129/02

Interested Party No. FA0BE702C

Your ref: EN010170

Date: 14 January 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

Green Hill Solar Farm – Examination Deadline 4

Environment Agency response

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency. We are working with the Applicant on the Statement of Common Ground and look forward to progressing this. We provide our current position on this DCO in Appendix 1.

Environment Agency update on disapplication request

We are currently undertaking our review of the Applicant's request to disapply Flood Risk Activity Permits (FRAP) under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 for the proposed development. We endeavour to provide our formal position on this matter as soon as possible and are confident a decision will be provided prior to the end of Examination. If the request to disapply FRAP is accepted, Protective Provisions in favour of the Environment Agency will be required in the DCO.

Yours faithfully,

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Appendix 1 – Summary of Environment Agency Position

Subject	Work package	Baseline assessment / scope / surveys	Impact	Solution	Requirement	Status	EA Rel Reps ref no:
Ecology	Environmental Statement						EA/FBG/01, EA/FBG/03
	Outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy						EA/FBG/02
	Water Framework Directive Assessment						EA/FBG/04
Water Resources	Water Supply Strategy						EA/WR/01
Flood Risk	Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy						EA/FR/01, EA/FR/02, EA/FR/03, EA/FR/04, EA/FR/05, EA/FR/06
Surface and Ground Water Quality	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan				Requested to be included as consultee in Requirement 13		EA/WQ/11
	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan				Requested to be included as consultee in Requirement 14		EA/WQ/08, EA/WQ/09

	Decommissioning and Restoration			Requested to be included as consultee in Requirement 21	
	Outline Battery Safety Management Plan				EA/WQ/01, EA/WQ/02, EA/WQ/03, EA/WQ/08, EA/WQ/09
	Foul Water Disposal Strategy			Requested to be included as consultee in Requirement 11	EA/WQ/04
	Environmental Statement				EA/WQ/05, EA/WQ/06, EA/WQ/07, EA/WQ/08, EA/WQ/09, EA/WQ/10, EA/WQ/11, EA/WQ/12, EA/WQ/13
	Water Framework Directive Assessment				EA/WQ/14
	Drainage Strategy				EA/WQ/08, EA/WQ/09

	Preliminary Risk Assessment for panel areas and BESS					EA/WQ/15
	Discovery Strategy					EA/WQ/11
Permitting	Flood Risk Activity Permit (FRAP)					EA/FR/07

