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Dear Sir/Madam

The Planning Act 2008 – section 89

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

The applicant's notice of intention to make further changes to the application

Thank you for your document entitled Change Notification 2 dated February 2026 [[AS-017](#)]
which gives notice of the intention of the applicant to submit a request to make further
changes to the Green Hill Solar Farm (the scheme) application. This has been published
on the [project webpage](#) of the Find a National Infrastructure Project website.

The applicant's document sets out four further proposed changes to the application, as follows:

1. Optionality to allow for a 400 kV Substation at Green Hill G;
2. Provision of tree planting for Green Hill G;
3. Optionality to allow for 400 kV Cabling between Green Hill BESS and Green Hill G; optionality to allow 132kV cabling between Green Hill F and Green Hill G; and
4. Removal of Panels (Work No.1) and reduction of Work No. 1(d) from field AF29 and replacement with biodiversity mitigation and enhancement (Work No 9).

The applicant considers that the modifications to the scheme associated with the proposed changes are minor and would not result in a materially different DCO application from that accepted for examination. No additional land would be required and no change is being made to the proposed compulsory acquisition for the scheme. The applicant has asked for the Examining Authority's (ExA) views on the consultation arrangements.

The ExA considers that the applicant's approach to consultation as set out in section 3 of [[AS-017](#)] is appropriate and proportionate and takes due regard of the Inspectorate Guidance 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination' dated 24 March 2025 and to DCLG document 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance on Changes to Development Consent Orders', dated

December 2015. Submission of the Change Application in mid-February would allow sufficient time for the changes to be fully considered prior to the close of the examination.

The ExA notes that the proposed changes may have Habitats Regulations Assessment and biodiversity net gain implications. For example, Change 3 (option to alter kV of cabling between Green Hill BESS and Green Hill G) may include precautionary Functionally Linked Land field FF15, as set out in the Habitats Regulations Assessment (Revision A) [REP1-153]. Furthermore, additional skylark mitigation is proposed by Change 4. The ExA would expect that an assessment of any Habitats Regulations Assessment and biodiversity net gain effects is provided in the revised documents to accompany the Change Application.

In order to provide us with sufficient time to review the changes prior to the final round of hearings during the week of 9 March 2026 the ExA would welcome submission of the Change Application during the week commencing 16 February 2026.

Please do not hesitate to contact the case team using the contact details at the head of this letter should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

Mark Harrison

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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