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To: the applicant and interested parties

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Dear Sir/Madam

The Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 9

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

Procedural decision by the Examining Authority concerning the applicant's request to make further changes to the submitted application

The applicant notified the Examining Authority (ExA) on 10 February 2026 [[AS-017](#)] that it intended to submit a request for further changes to the application, to which the ExA provided a response [[PD-016](#)]. The applicant subsequently submitted a formal request [[CR2-024](#)] for the proposed changes on 17 February 2026, which are as per the initial change notification and in summary comprise:

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 question as to whether a change is material or not is for the ExA to determine. Having reviewed the change request, the ExA is satisfied that the proposed changes would not result in any greater extent of compulsory acquisition (CA) or temporary possession powers and thus would not engage the prescribed procedures of The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010.

The ExA is also satisfied that the proposed changes would be unlikely to result in any new or different likely significant effects. Nor does the ExA consider there would be any incremental materially new or different effects in this regard following on from the applicant's previous change request. It is the ExA's view that the proposed changes would

be unlikely to lead to the proposed development being materially different in nature or substance to that which was initially applied for.

On this basis, the ExA concludes that the proposed changes amount to a non-material change and **the ExA has decided to accept the proposed changes into the examination.**

In reaching our decision, we have had regard to the Planning Inspectorate's [advice page](#) 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination'.

The most up to date documents which relate to or incorporate revisions to reflect the accepted changes, can be found in the examination library and comprise the references [CR2-001 to CR2-024 inclusive]. Interested parties will have the opportunity to comment on the changes at the forthcoming hearings during the week of 9 March 2026 and at deadline 6 in the examination timetable.

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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