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Planning Inspectorate  
[via PINS portal]

**Our ref:** XA/2024/100129/04  
**Interested Party No.** FA0BE702C  
**Your ref:** EN010170  
**Date:** 24 March 2026

Dear Mark,

## **Green Hill Solar Farm – Development Consent Order Application**

### **Environment Agency Response**

This letter constitutes the Environment Agency's Deadline 6 response to the above-mentioned Development Consent Order (DCO) application.

We are satisfied with the Applicant's continued engagement with us on matters within the draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). We provide our updated position on such matters in Appendix 1. We believe it is likely that all matters which remain under discussion can be resolved by the close of the Examination provided there is continued engagement from the Applicant.

### **Protective Provisions**

Following further correspondence with the Applicant, it has been agreed that the draft DCO will be updated to include the standard Protective Provisions in favour of the Environment Agency. We look forward to reviewing the updated draft DCO which is to be submitted at Deadline 6.

### **Land Rights**

We request that the Applicant liaises with the Environment Agency's Estates team at the earliest convenience regarding matters relating to land rights.

Yours sincerely,

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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 Req 13		EA/WQ/11
	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan				Requested to be included as consultee in Req 14		EA/WQ/08, EA/WQ/09
	Decommissioning and Restoration				Requested to be included as consultee in Req 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 Req 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

	<b>Water Framework Directive Assessment</b>						EA/WQ/14
	<b>Drainage Strategy</b>						EA/WQ/08, EA/WQ/09
	<b>Preliminary Risk Assessment for panel areas and BESS</b>						EA/WQ/15
	<b>Discovery Strategy</b>						EA/WQ/11
<b>Permitting</b>	<b>Flood Risk Activity Permit (FRAP)</b>						EA/FR/07

