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Planning Inspectorate
[via PINS portal]

Our ref: OR-0001318/01
Interested Party No. FA0BE702C
Your ref: EN010170
Date: 02 April 2026

Dear Mark,

Green Hill Solar Farm – Development Consent Order Application

Environment Agency Response

This letter constitutes the Environment Agency's Deadline 7 response to the above-mentioned Development Consent Order (DCO) application.

We are satisfied with the Applicant's engagement with us on the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). We confirm that all matters within the SoCG are resolved and agreed. We provide our final position on such matters in Appendix 1.

Protective Provisions

The draft DCO submitted at Deadline 6 has been updated to include the standard Protective Provisions in favour of the Environment Agency and disapplication of flood risk activity permits (FRAP) only is agreed.

Land Rights

The Environment Agency's Estates team will provide comment with regards to matters relating to land interests. The Applicant has been provided with the appropriate contact details.

Yours sincerely,


Planning Specialist

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Appendix 1 – Summary of Environment Agency Final 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						EAWR/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
	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