

04 June 2026

The Planning Inspectorate  
c/o QUADIENT  
69 Buckingham Avenue  
Slough  
SL1 4PN

Application Reference: EN0110012

## **Light Valley Solar**

### **Applicant Submission – Procedural Deadline A (04 June 2026)**

Dear [REDACTED]

On the 20 April 2026, the Examining Authority (ExA) issued a letter under Section 89(3) of the Planning Act 2008 which made a request for further information from the applicant. The letter also requested submission of comments on relevant representation (RR) under Rule 3(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended).

The ExA requested that updated, amended or expanded information as identified in the Section 89(3) letter be submitted by 4 June 2026. The ExA also requested that comments from the Applicant on the RRs be submitted by 4 June 2026.

This letter encloses Light Valley Solar's (the Applicant) response to these requests.

### **Summary of documents included within this Procedural Deadline A Submission**

Please find below a list of documents which were requested by the ExA and which accompany this letter. Where a document has not been provided clear reasoning and justification is included in the table below. Alongside these documents also included in the update is an updated Guide to the Application.

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Documents requested by the ExA	Documents included within the Procedural Deadline A Submission (04 June 2026)
<p><b>02.12 Outline Environmental Masterplan [APP-016]</b> - amended file/s of a standard that will enable multiple documents to be opened on a computer in good time and effectively used concurrently.</p>	<p>These documents have been compressed and should now be more accessible to review.</p>
<p><b>05.01 Consultation Report [APP-024]</b> - the ExA requests the applicant signposts to the evidence in the application documentation that the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has been consulted, or that the applicant undertakes targeted consultation with the MMO now and submits an updated consultation report</p>	<p>The MMO were contacted on 30 April 2026 following the ExA advice and were given 32 days to respond (above 28 days). A response was received on 21 May 2026, welcoming continued engagement with the Applicant and requesting completion of an enquiry via the MMO's Marine Case Management System (MCMS) to enable substantive engagement moving forward. This was completed on 27 May 2026 and confirmed to MMO on the same date.</p> <p>Copies of the correspondence with the MMO are appended to this letter and the Applicant will update the ExA once it has had substantive feedback from the MMO in respect of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>On this basis it is not considered necessary to update the full Consultation Report.</p> <p>It is noted that at this stage, the Applicant considers that all matters will be able to be agreed with the MMO, given the commitments that have been made in the DCO Application in respect of crossing methodologies. The Applicant anticipates that this will include being able to agree that a Deemed Marine Licence is not necessary.</p>
<p><b>06.03.02.02 Environmental Statement Volume 3 Appendix 2.2 Indicative Engineering Drawings and Sections [APP-148]</b> – expanded drawings to include proposed integrated and disaggregated conversion units</p>	<p>The drawings have been updated to include the conversion units.</p>
<p><b>06.03.15.01 Environmental Statement Volume 3 Appendix 15.1 Flood Risk Assessment [APP-179]</b> – amended figures that identify the current and future Flood Zones 2, 3a and 3b in context of the proposed development and study area.</p>	<p>Flood Zone 3b extents are defined by the Environment Agency (EA), but are typically decided by Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in their Strategic Flood Risk Assessments (SFRAs), informed by hydraulic modelling (generally based on a 1 in 30 year return period, and historically the 1 in 20 or 25 year).</p>



	<p>Every effort has been made to obtain this data from the EA, however the EA's Flood Zone data does not present 3a and 3b as two separate zones. In this instance, this data is also not available from the LPA and therefore is not available to show within the figure.</p> <p>Accordingly, <b>Figure 15.10 [APP-124]</b> has not been updated to show a distinction between Flood Zones 3a and 3b. However, <b>Figure 15.10 [APP-124]</b> has been amended to include the Environment Agency's dataset 'Climate Change (2070 to 2125)'. This shows the flood zones with climate change but does not differentiate between future Flood Zones 2, 3a and 3b.</p> <p>The figures in ES Volume 3 show the outputs of the site specific modelling. <b>Figure 15.15 [APP-129]</b> shows the site specific hydraulic modelling for the 1 in 100 year plus climate change across the sites and the study area. Therefore, the extents with climate change are represented pictorially.</p> <p>There are no areas of Flood Zone 3b within the Solar Development Sites of the Proposed Development.</p>
<p><b>07.01 Crossing Schedule [APP-191]</b> – inclusion of all crossings and plans to identify different crossing methodologies.</p>	<p>This document has been updated to include all of the crossings and distinguish between the types of crossing proposed.</p>

### Relevant Representations

As per our previous correspondence with the case team, also accompanying this letter are the Applicant's responses to the Relevant Representations of Statutory Bodies, Parish Councils and Non-statutory Organisations ("Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations (Part 1)").

Due to the volume of responses as well as the date of publication of the Relevant Representations, additional time is needed to process the public Relevant Representations to ensure quality responses. As agreed with the case team, these will be submitted no later than 25 June 2026.

We trust the information above is clear however if we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us on the details below.

Yours sincerely

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Tyneside House  
Skinnerburn Rd  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
Tyne & Wear  
NE4 7AR  
United Kingdom

30 April 2026

Dear Sir / Madam,

Light Valley Solar

Notice of pre-examination consultation with the Marine Management Organisation (“MMO”) of an application for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) under Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008.

**Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008**

**Regulation 8 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (‘APFP Regulations’).**

**Regulation 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (‘EIA Regulations’).**

On 10 February 2026, Light Valley Solar Limited submitted an application (the “Application”) for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) under the Planning Act 2008 to construct, operate, maintain and decommission a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility with a capacity greater than 100 Megawatts (MW). The Application was accepted for Examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 09 March 2026.

Light Valley Solar (the “Proposed Development”) covers approximately 1270 hectares (3140 acres) of predominantly agricultural land between the villages of Escrick, Monk Fryston, Hambleton, Chapel Haddlesey and South Milford. This includes Solar Development Sites which cover approximately 900 hectares. A map showing the location of the Proposed Development can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) National Infrastructure Planning website at the following link: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012>. A site location map has also been enclosed with this letter.

#### Consultation with the Marine Management Organisation

In a letter dated 20 April 2026 from the Examining Authority (“ExA”) [PD-003], the ExA requested the Applicant consult the MMO regarding the Proposed Development.

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The MMO's interest in the Proposed Development is because the Proposed Development would cross beneath a section of the River Ouse which is a water in or adjacent to England up to the seaward limits of the territorial sea and spatially located in the East Inshore Marine Plan area.

We recognise that we are already contacting you on an informal basis, but would appreciate a response to this consultation by **23:59pm on Monday 01 June 2026**. Please don't hesitate to contact us should you wish to have a discussion on our proposals.

Please can any responses to this consultation be made directly to the Applicant in writing by:

- Email: [info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk](mailto:info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk)
- Freepost: FREEPOST Light Valley Solar

If you would like to participate in the examination process, we encourage you to register as an Interested Party by writing directly to the Planning Inspectorate by emailing [lightvalleysolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:lightvalleysolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

#### Further information

The Application documents, including the Environmental Statement are available to view on the Planning Inspectorate's page for Light Valley Solar here: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012/documents>

If you would like further information about this letter, or for any other general enquiries regarding the Proposed Development, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided at the bottom of this letter.

Yours faithfully,



Project Development Manager

On behalf of Light Valley Solar Limited

Enclosed: Site Location Plan.

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## Appendix 2 – Copy of email sent to the Marine Management Organisation

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Cc: planning@marinemangement.org.uk

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Thu 30/04/2026 11:02 AM

Dear Marine Management Organisation,

Please see attached a covering letter and Site location Plan for Light Valley Solar which we have also sent to you via post. The letter provides notice of pre-examination consultation with you of an application for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) under Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008.

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Yours faithfully,

Project Development Manager  
On behalf of Light Valley Solar Limited

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## Appendix 3 – Email received by the Applicant from the Marine Management Organisation

Notice of pre-examination consultation: Light Valley Solar

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To: You  
Cc: [redacted]@marinemanagement.org.uk; SM-MMO-SH - MFA Marine Consents (MMO) <marine.consents@marinemanagement.org.uk>  
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De [redacted] behalf of Light Valley Solar Limited),

Thank you for your consultation dated 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 regarding the proposed Light Valley Solar Development Consent Order application.

The Marine Management Organisation notes that the Proposed Development includes works crossing beneath a tidal section of the River Ouse, which falls within the MMO's marine licensing jurisdiction and the East Inshore Marine Plan area.

In order for the MMO to provide a detailed and site-specific response to this consultation, the Applicant is required to submit an enquiry via the MMO's Marine Case Management System (MCMS). This will enable the MMO to establish a fee estimate for the provision of bespoke pre-application advice. Once the fee estimate has been agreed and accepted, the MMO will be in a position to progress a full technical review and provide a comprehensive response.

Please note that until this process has been completed, the MMO is unable to provide detailed advice on the Proposed Development. Given the consultation deadline of 1 June 2026, it may not be possible for the MMO to provide a full response within this consultation period. However, we would welcome continued engagement with the Applicant as the project progresses and can provide input at subsequent stages once the MCMS enquiry process has been completed.

If you have any questions regarding the MCMS process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks

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