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Dear Inspector,

**NSIP Reference Name / Code: Light Valley Solar Project - EN0110012**

**Application by Light Valley Solar Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for Light Valley Solar Project**

Thank you for your consultation dated 19.06.2026.

Please accept this letter as Natural England's comments in relation to the contents of the Rule 6 letter. Natural England is an Interested Party (IP) within the examination of this NSIP.

**Attendance of the Preliminary Meeting**

Thank you for your invitation to the Preliminary Meeting on 28/07/2026. Natural England will not be attending as we have no further comments to make on the procedural aspects of the examination.

**Site inspections**

Natural England does not plan to attend any site inspections, noting that we are not permitted to provide advice during these visits.

**Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (CAH)**

Natural England does not plan to attend any Compulsory Acquisition Hearings, as these fall outside of our remit.

**Issue Specific Hearings (ISH)**

Natural England will only attend hearings by exception, targeting those ISH that have the greatest likelihood of resolving significant environmental risks. In such instances our attendance will be virtual. We highlight that where Natural England does not attend hearings, this should not be construed as a lack of concern on outstanding issues. We do not propose to attend ISH 1 30 July 2026.

Natural England would be pleased to respond to any questions from the ExA that arise from the hearings at a subsequent deadline.

**Engagement with the applicant**

During the Examination, Natural England will, where possible, engage with the Applicant to ensure issues are progressed. Due to the timing implications of multiple examinations, Natural England will

focus our engagement on key issues where the proposals are being amended in response to concerns, or where new or updated assessments present an opportunity for issue resolution.

Natural England are currently engaging with the applicant to progress issues raised in our relevant representations, and a Statement of Common Ground will be submitted at Deadline 1.

For any further advice on this consultation please contact case officer [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]@naturalengland.org.uk and copy to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours faithfully

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