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Application Reference: EN0110012

Light Valley Solar

Applicant Submission –Deadline 3 (6 October 2026)

Dear Examining Authority,

Summary of documents included within this Deadline 3 submission

The documents submitted at Deadline 3 are set out in tabulated form in Annex A (new documents) and Annex B (updated documents) of this letter.

These include documents requested by the Examining Authority in the Rule 8 letter, alongside a number of supporting documents submitted by the Applicant to assist the examination and in response to actions arising from the ExA Written Questions 1 [PD-008].

Responses to the ExA's Written Questions 1 (ExQ1)

The Applicant has provided full responses to the Examining Authority's written questions within the **Responses to the ExA's first written questions (ExQ1) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.25]**. In some instances, the responses have been addressed as separate technical notes, which have also been submitted at Deadline 3. These include:

- Health and Wellbeing Summary Statement [**EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.37**]
- Technical Note – Residential Visual Amenity and Living Conditions [**EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.38**]
- Technical Note – Cultural Heritage Level of Harm [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.39]
- Technical note: Noise and Vibration - Results Tables [**EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.40**]

Comments on any information received at Deadline 2 and accepted by the ExA

The Applicant provides its response to the following submissions submitted at Deadline 2:

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (NRIL) have provided **comments on written representations (WRs) [REP2-122]** regarding potential risk to its assets arising from the construction and operation of the Proposed Development, and the necessary mitigation and protective measures.

The Applicant is negotiating bespoke protective provisions with NRIL and has accepted many of NRIL's requested amendments - including NRIL's preferred paragraph 4 of the form of protective provisions annexed at Appendix 1 to **NRIL's Relevant Representation [RR-1045]**. The draft protective provisions have been with NRIL's legal team for review since 10 July 2026. Once NRIL has returned comments on the protective provisions, the Applicant will update the Draft Development Consent Order to reflect the current status of negotiations between the parties. The Applicant acknowledges NRIL's request for an Asset Protection Agreement and looks forward to negotiating this with NRIL.

North Yorkshire Council

The Applicant accepts the comments made by North Yorkshire Council **[REP2-121]** in response to ISH1. The Applicant welcomes their confirmation that the Proposed Development falls under the TRO exceptions.

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

The Applicant notes North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service's **comments on written representations (WRs) [REP2-123]** and can confirm that the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) publication 'Grid Scale Battery Energy Storage System Planning BESS Design Guidance' has been used as current best practice guidance. The Applicant can confirm that the Proposed Development fully complies with this guidance.

Susan Taylor

The Applicant notes the comments made by Susan Taylor **[REP2-124]** and can confirm that the issues raised have been responded to within the Applicant's response to Relevant Representations made at Procedural Deadlines A and B, Deadline 2 and as additional submissions. This is covered within:

- The Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations (Part 1) **[REP2-109]**
- The Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations (Part 2) **[AS-036]**
- The Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations (Part 2) Additional Supplementary Submission **[AS-037]**

The Applicant has also responded to the matters raised within the Applicant's Response to Submissions Received at Deadline 1 – Members of the Public [REP2-120], submitted at Deadline 2.

Statements of Common Ground between the Applicant and interested parties, and a list of matters not agreed

The Deadline 3 submission is accompanied by the Statements of Common Ground, as requested in the ExA's Rule 8 letter [PD-006]. The Applicant has submitted the following SoCGs at Deadline 3:

- Statement of Common Ground – Environment Agency [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.26]
- Statement of Common Ground – Historic England [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.27]
- Statement of Common Ground – National Highways [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.28]
- Statement of Common Ground – National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.29]
- Statement of Common Ground – National Gas Transmission PLC [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.30]
- Statement of Common Ground – Natural England [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.31]
- Statement of Common Ground – Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.32]
- Statement of Common Ground – North Yorkshire Council [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.33]
- Statement of Common Ground – Sherburn Aero Club [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.34]
- Statement of Common Ground – SSE Hydrogen Development Ltd [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.35]

Any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Outline Environmental Masterplan (OEM)

As requested in the ExA's **Rule 17 Letter [PD-007]**, the Applicant has amended the **OEM [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12]** by reducing the file size of the document so that it is easier to open. The updated sheets for the entire OEM have been re-submitted at Deadline 3.

Y15 winter photomontages

As requested by the ExA during ISH1 (see ISH1-38 of the **Action Points from Issue Specific Hearing 1 [EV5-010]**), the Applicant has prepared photomontages for the following viewpoints which represent the Proposed Development in year 15 of operation in winter:

- VP4: Public bridleway (35.28/1/1) adjacent to Tiledshed Farm
- VP6SW: Public bridleway (35.28/1/1) adjacent to Gray Reins Woodland
- VP8: Mill Hill at private driveway to Mount Pleasant Farm
- VP9: Public footpath (35.28/3/1) South of Mount Pleasant Farm
- VP10S: Fryston Common Lane adjacent to Siddle Farm House
- VP14: Hillam Common Lane adjacent to Meadow Farm
- VP15: Public footpath (35.37/8/1) Close to Hillam Common Lane
- VP16: Public footpath (35.37/7/1) adjacent to Bower's House Farm
- VP19: Haddlesey Road at eastern settlement edge of Birkin
- VP20SE: Public footpath (35.10/2/1) adjacent to Gateforth Wood
- VP1: 43: Common Lane next to Woodhaven, east of South Milford
- VP44: Public footpath (35.59/6/1) east of Maltings Waste Processing Plan
- VP46: Common Lane next to Milford Lodge
- VP47N: Turpin Lane, public footpath (35.59/6/1) next to Milford Grange
- VP49: Public footpath (35.59/4/1) south of Low Rest Park Farm
- VP50W: Public footpath (35.32/2/1), Philip Lane
- VP55: A63 south of Siddle Farm House

The Applicant responded to the request from the Planning Inspectorate on 25 February 2026 for signposting information within its Response to Section 55 Letter, dated 4 March 2026. The letter indicates that the worst-case scenario has been assessed in **ES Volume 1 Chapter 10 - Landscape and Visual [APP-048]** in line with the relevant NPS, published guidance and common practice. This letter explained that it takes time for proposed planting to establish and this is the reason that the residual effects of the Proposed Development have been assessed in year 15 of operation in summer. Notwithstanding this, the photomontages for winter of year 15 of operation demonstrate that the proposed planting would be effective in screening or filtering views as described in the ES, which acknowledges that in some places the tops of solar panels may be visible in the tallest position in summer. For the majority of each day they would be

screened. Therefore, the additional photomontages for winter of year 15 of operation do not materially affect the conclusions of the ES.

Land Plans

An update to the **Land Plans [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.02]** has been provided by the Applicant at Deadline 3.

Ongoing quality assurance identified an administrative amendment relating to the Crown designation on the Land Plans. The symbology has been removed to improve the accuracy and consistency of the Land Plans, and to ensure the respective plots align with the **Book of Reference [EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.03]**.

Draft Development Consent Order

The Applicant has updated the Draft DCO for the Deadline 3 submission in light of the comments and questions received by the ExA in the **Examining Authority's Written Questions 1 (ExQ1) [PD-008]**.

Use of Artificial Intelligence

In accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's advice note on the 'Use of artificial intelligence in casework evidence' (last updated 20 February 2026), the Applicant confirms that there has been use of AI in the documents listed in Appendix A limited to assist with summarising responses and collating content. For the avoidance of doubt, it has not been used to include new or additional content in the Applicant's responses. All AI-assisted text has been thoroughly checked by an appropriately knowledgeable or qualified person before inclusion. This means that all text has been validated for its content and accuracy by the author before submission of the documents.

If there are any queries about the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A – New documents submitted at Deadline 2

Document Reference	Documents title	Version Number
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.24	Deadline 3 Cover Letter	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.25	Responses to the ExA's first written questions (ExQ1)	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.26	Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.27	Statement of Common Ground with Historic England	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.28	Statement of Common Ground with National Highways	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.29	Statement of Common Ground with National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.30	Statement of Common Ground with National Gas Transmission PLC (NGT)	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.31	Statement of Common Ground with Natural England	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.32	Statement of Common Ground with Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.33	Statement of Common Ground with North Yorkshire Council	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.34	Statement of Common Ground with Sherburn Aerodrome	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.35	Statement of Common Ground with SSE Hydrogen Developments Limited	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.36	Additional photomontages – Yr 15 Winter	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.37	Health and Wellbeing Summary Statement	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.38	Technical Note – Residential Amenity and Living Conditions	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.39	Technical Note - Cultural Heritage Level of Harm	1.0
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.40	Technical note: Noise and Vibration - Results Tables	1.0

Annex B – Updated Documents Submitted at Deadline 3

Document Reference	Documents title	Version Number	Reason for update/amendments
EN0110012/APP/LVS/01.03	Guide to the Application	7.0	Updated to reflect Deadline 3 submission.
EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.02	Land, Crown Land and Special Category Land Plans	3.0	Updated to reflect an amendment relating to the Crown designation on the Land Plans.
EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12	Outline Environmental Masterplan	2.0	Response to the ExA's Rule 17 Letter.
EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.01	Draft Development Consent Order	3.0	Updated to reflect changes made in response to the ExA's written questions.
EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.01 .01	Schedule of Changes to the DCO	3.0	Updated to account for the changes to the DCO.
EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.02	Explanatory Memorandum	2.0	Updated to account for the changes to the DCO.
EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.04	Land Rights and Negotiations Tracker	3.0	Reflecting the updated status of negotiation between the Applicant, affected persons and statutory undertaker