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THE DROVES SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER – DEADLINE 1 SUBMISSIONS

APPLICATION REFERENCE: EN0110013 THE DROVES SOLAR FARM

Further to the Examining Authority's (ExA) updated **Rule 8 Letter [PD-008]**, published 13 May 2026, I am writing to provide the Applicant's submissions for Deadline 1 of The Droves Solar Farm examination.

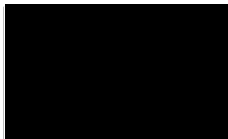
The documents submitted at Deadline 1 are set out in tabulated form in Appendix A (new documents) and Appendix B (updated documents) of this letter.

Use of Artificial Intelligence

In accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's guidance on the use of artificial intelligence, the Applicant confirms that there has been minor use of AI in the **Applicant's Response to ExQ1 [APP/8.6]**, to assist in summarising responses. All suggested text has been 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 document set out above.

I would be grateful if you would please acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and the enclosed documents.

Kind regards,



Project Development Manager – on behalf of The Droves Solar Farm Limited

Appendix A – New Documents Submitted at Deadline 1

Document Reference	Document Title	Reason for Submission
APP/5.10	Statement of Commonality	To summarise the positions on the Statements of Common Ground between the Applicant and various Interested Parties.
APP/5.12	Statement of Common Ground with Norfolk County Council	As requested in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-006] – this draft is submitted without NCC's engagement received, though the Applicant notes this engagement is incoming from NCC.
APP/5.13	Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency	As requested in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-006] – this draft has been agreed with the EA and is submitted to provide the ExA with an overview of discussions.
APP/5.14	Statement of Common Ground with Historic England	As requested in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-006] – this draft has been agreed with HE and is submitted to provide the ExA with an overview of discussions.
APP/5.15	Statement of Common Ground with Natural England	As requested in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-006] – this draft has been agreed with NE and is submitted to provide the ExA with an overview of discussions.
APP/5.16	Statement of Common Ground with National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	As requested in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-006] – this draft is submitted without NGET's engagement received.
APP/5.17	Statement of Common Ground with National Highways	As requested in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-006] – this draft is submitted without NH's engagement received
APP/5.18	Statement of Common Ground with Anglian Water Services Ltd	As requested in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-006] – this draft has been agreed with AW and is submitted to provide the ExA with an overview of discussions.
APP/5.19	Statement of Common Ground with Norfolk Wildlife Trust	As requested in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-006] – this draft has been agreed with NWT and is submitted to provide the ExA with an overview of discussions.

APP/5.20	Statement of Common Ground with Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk	As requested in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-006] – this draft has been agreed with BCKLWN and is submitted to provide the ExA with an overview of discussions.
APP/5.21	Statement of Common Ground with National Energy System Operator Ltd	As requested in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-006] – this draft has been agreed with NESO and is submitted to provide the ExA with an overview of discussions.
APP/5.22	Statement of Common Ground with Defence Infrastructure Organisation	As requested in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-006] – this draft has been agreed with the DIO and is submitted to provide the ExA with an overview of discussions.
APP/8.3	Report on Interrelationships between Projects	As requested in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-006] .
APP/8.4	Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations	In response to the Relevant Representations submitted by Interested Parties.
APP/8.5	Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order	To reflect and explain the updates to the Draft DCO [APP/3.1.1] .
APP/8.6	Applicant's Response to ExQ1	In response to the ExA's First Written Questions [PD-007] issued on 13 May 2026.
APP/8.7	Written Summary of Applicant's Oral Submissions and Responses to Action Points at Open Floor Hearing 1	To summarise the oral submissions made by the Applicant at Open Floor Hearing 1 on 6 May 2026.
APP/8.8	Written Summary of Applicant's Oral Submissions and Responses to Action Points at Issue Specific Hearing 1	To summarise the oral submissions made by the Applicant at Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on 7 May 2026. The Applicant's response to action points from ISH1 are included in this document.
APP/8.9	Applicant's Update Note on Published Information and Cumulative Assessment on Agricultural Land Quality	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation.
APP/8.10	Draft Itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection	As requested in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-006] .

Appendix B – Updated Documents Submitted at Deadline 1

Document Reference	Rev No.	Document Title	Reason for Submission
APP/1.3	2	Guide to the Application	To provide an up-to-date list of the status of application documents and to identify where any have been superseded.
APP/3.1	1	Draft Development Consent Order	Largely to reflect updates made in response to the ExA's First Written Questions [PD-007] , but also for some clarificatory matters.
APP/3.2	1	Explanatory Memorandum	To reflect the updates to the Draft DCO [APP/3.1.1] .
APP/4.3	2	Book of Reference	To reflect updates made in response to the ExA's First Written Questions [PD-007] .
APP/4.4	1	Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker	To provide an update as to the current status of negotiations with affected person(s) or company(ies).
APP/5.5	1	Planning Statement	To reflect the publication of the 2025 suite of National Policy Statements, designated since the DCO Application was submitted.
APP/5.6	1	Policy Compliance Document	To reflect the publication of the 2025 suite of National Policy Statements, designated since the DCO Application was submitted.
APP/5.8	1	Design Principles, Parameters and Commitments	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation.
APP/6.1	2	ES Chapter 3: Order Limits and Context	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation.
APP/6.1	2	ES Chapter 5: The Scheme	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation.
APP/6.2	1	ES Chapter 7: Ecology and Biodiversity	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation.
APP/6.2	1	ES Chapter 9: Transport and Access	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation.
APP/6.2	2	ES Chapter 13: Climate Change	To assist with the Applicant's response to the ExA's First Written Questions [PD-007] .

APP/6.2	1	ES Chapter 17: In-Combination Effects	To assist with the Applicant's response to the ExA's First Written Questions [PD-007] and to address minor errors.
APP/6.3	1	ES Figure 2.1: Cumulative Schemes	To assist with the Applicant's response to the ExA's First Written Questions [PD-007] .
APP/6.3	1	ES Figure 5.2: Construction Masterplan	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation.
APP/6.4	2	ES Appendix 5.1: Illustrative Technical Information	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation.
APP/6.4	1	ES Appendix 7.1: Consultation and Legislation, Planning Policy and Guidance	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation.
APP/7.4	1	Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Report	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation.
APP/7.6	1	outline Construction Environmental Management Plan	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation.
APP/7.7	1	outline Construction Traffic Management Plan	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation and the ExA's First Written Questions [PD-007] .
APP/7.8	1	outline Operational Environmental Management Plan	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation and the ExA's First Written Questions [PD-007] .
APP/7.9	1	outline Operational Traffic Management Plan	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation.
APP/7.10	1	outline Decommissioning Strategy	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation and the ExA's First Written Questions [PD-007] .
APP/7.11	1	outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan	To assist with the Applicant's response to a Relevant Representation and to address minor errors.
APP/7.13	1	outline Soil Management Plan	To assist with the Applicant's response to the ExA's First Written Questions [PD-007] and to reflect updated Institute for Sustainability and

			Environment Professionals guidance.
APP/8.1	2	Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference	To reflect the updates to the Book of Reference [APP/4.3.2] .