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THE DROVES SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER – DEADLINE 2 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 2 of The Droves Solar Farm examination.

The documents submitted at Deadline 2 are set out in tabulated form in Appendix A (new documents) and Appendix B (updated documents) of this letter.

Illustrative Layout and Arboricultural Impact Assessment

Following a further review of its submissions made at Deadline 1, the Applicant notes that, against BC78 in the **Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [REP1-067]**, a commitment was made by the Applicant to update the Illustrative Layout (as contained within **ES Appendix 5.1: Illustrative Technical Information [APP/6.4.3]**) and Arboricultural Impact Assessment (**ES Appendix 16.4: Arboricultural Impact Assessment [APP/6.4.1]**) at Deadline 1. The Applicant mistakenly omitted these two updated documents in its suite of submissions made at Deadline 1; therefore, the Applicant has provided these two updated documents at Deadline 2.

Statement of Common Ground with Breckland Council

In the **Statement of Commonality [REP1-018]**, the Applicant stated that "*Breckland Council has confirmed with the Applicant that they are focusing on the Local Impact Report for Deadline 1 and therefore it has been agreed between the parties that a draft [Statement of Common Ground] will be submitted at Deadline 2*".

The Applicant has had regular engagement with Breckland Council in advancing the Statement of Common Ground between the parties since the passing of Deadline 1. However, it is agreeable between the parties that the Statement of Common Ground is not yet in a position to benefit the examination, as important discussions are still taking place between the parties in an attempt to reach a position of agreement on various matters. Therefore, the working version of the Statement of Common Ground with Breckland Council has not been submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 2. This Statement of Common Ground will be submitted at Deadline 3. Further, the Statements of Ground with other stakeholders (that were submitted at Deadline 1) are being progressed and will be updated at Deadline 3,

where possible. There is, therefore, no update to the **Statement of Commonality [REP1-018]** at Deadline 2.

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 (ChatGPT Teams and Claude (Anthropic)) in the **Applicant's Response to Local Impact Reports [APP/8.12]** and **Applicant's Response to Written Representations and other Deadline 1 Submissions [APP/8.13]** to make linguistic amendments which have not altered the substance or meaning of the Applicant's application material. 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 Drokes Solar Farm Limited

Appendix A – New Documents Submitted at Deadline 2

Document Reference	Document Title	Reason for Submission
APP/8.12	Applicant's Response to Local Impact Reports	To provide the Applicant's responses to the Local Impact Reports submitted by the host authorities and one neighbouring authority.
APP/8.13	Applicant's Response to Written Representations and other Deadline 1 Submissions	To provide the Applicant's responses to other submissions made by Interested Parties at Deadline 1, including Written Representations, where the Applicant considers it necessary to do so.
APP/8.14	Technical Information Note – Groundwater Elevation Methodology	To provide the Applicant's review of groundwater model data from the North East Anglia Chalk Model, which was provided by the Environment Agency (EA). This document is therefore submitted at the request of the EA.
APP/8.15	Cover Letter for Deadline 2	This Cover Letter is provided to support the Applicant's Deadline 2 submissions.

Appendix B – Updated Documents Submitted at Deadline 2

Document Reference	Rev No.	Document Title	Reason for Submission
APP/1.3	3	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	2	draft Development Consent Order	To reflect updates made in response to various matters raised across the suite of submissions from Interested Parties at Deadline 1, but also for some clarificatory matters.
APP/3.2	2	Explanatory Memorandum	To reflect the updates to the draft DCO [APP/3.1.2] .
APP/5.8	2	Design Principles, Parameters and Commitments	To include a commitment to not place security fencing on top of bunds and to align the design of trackside ditches and drains to be in accordance with ES Appendix 12.2: Flood Risk Assessment [APP/6.4.2] .
APP/6.2	1	ES Chapter 12: Water Resources	To provide clarifications and minor additions, in accordance with the commitments made in the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [REP1-067] and the Applicant's Response to ExQ1 [REP1-069] .
APP/6.4	3	ES Appendix 5.1: Illustrative Technical Information	To update the illustrative layout, as committed to in the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [REP1-067] , to remove indicative clashes with trees and update track alignment.
APP/6.4	1	ES Appendix 8.7: outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy	To provide references to Historic England publications and guidance, as committed to within the Applicant's Response to Written Representations and other Deadline 1 Submissions [APP/8.13] .
APP/6.4	2	ES Appendix 12.2: Flood Risk Assessment	To provide clarifications and minor additions, in accordance with the commitments made in the Applicant's Response to



			Relevant Representations [REP1-067] and the Applicant's Response to ExQ1 [REP1-069].
APP/6.4	1	ES Appendix 12.3: Water Framework Directive Assessment	To update plates 3 and 4 to improve clarity.
APP/6.4	1	ES Appendix 16.4: Arboricultural Impact Assessment	To update the document, as committed to in the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [REP1-067] , to base the assessment on the vegetation removal plan in the outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP1-060] instead of the illustrative layout.
APP/7.6	2	outline Construction Environmental Management Plan	To include a commitment to undertake a detailed lighting assessment.
APP/7.8	2	outline Operational Environmental Management Plan	To include commitments to undertaking a detailed lighting assessment and to appoint an operational phase Community Liaison Manager.
APP/8.5	1	Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order	To reflect the updates to the draft DCO [APP/3.1.2] .