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THE DROVES SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER – ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION

APPLICATION REFERENCE: EN0110013 THE DROVES SOLAR FARM

I am writing to provide the Applicant's additional submission for The Drovers Solar Farm Examination. Within the **Deadline 3 Cover Letter [REP3-001]**, the Applicant noted that it was progressing updates to two Environmental Statement (ES) Chapters, but that it had been unable to finalise these for Deadline 3. The Applicant noted that it was mindful that Deadline 4 falls on 16 September 2026, which is after the week reserved for the next round of hearings (w/c 7 September 2026). Therefore, to benefit the Examination and productivity of those hearings, the Applicant stated that it would endeavour to submit updates to the aforementioned Chapters into the Examination as soon as practicable (i.e. in advance of the hearings), in order to assist Interested Parties and the Examining Authority (ExA).

The Applicant recognises that the acceptance of this additional submission is at the discretion of the ExA, and the Applicant is grateful to the Planning Inspectorate's Case Officer for indicating that the ExA would be willing to accept these documents if submitted on 19 August 2026. The Applicant is therefore making this additional submission in accordance with that timeframe.

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

Revisions to Documents

Further to the above, the Applicant can confirm that, as part of this additional submission, it submits revisions to:

Agriculture [APP/6.2.2]; and
Economics [APP/6.2.1].

It is also necessary to submit an updated **Planning Statement** and amendments made in **ES Chapter 11: Soils and Agriculture [APP/11.2.2]**, which the Applicant has therefore included in this submission.

As noted within the **Statement of Commonality [APP/5.10.2]** submitted at Deadline 3, the Applicant confirmed that it had agreed with Breckland Council and Norfolk County Council that it may be possible to submit revised draft SoCGs between Deadlines 3 and 4, for the benefit of the hearings in September. The Applicant can confirm that, as part of this additional submission, it submits a revision to the **SoCG with Breckland Council [APP/5.11.1]**. The

Applicant can also confirm that it has not been possible to update the **SoCG with Norfolk County Council [REP1-019]** as part of this additional submission, as the draft of that document is not sufficiently progressed to be of benefit to the Examination, though both parties agree that the advances in the SoCG that have taken place can be discussed at the hearings in September.

As the ExA is aware, the Applicant is also progressing a number of other SoCGs with key stakeholders. The progress made on certain matters with these stakeholders is considered to be of benefit to the hearings in September and, therefore, the Applicant also submits the following revised SoCGs as part of this additional submission:

- **SoCG with Natural England [APP/5.15.2];** and
- **SoCG with National Highways [5.17.1].**

The Applicant has also updated the **outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [APP/7.7.3]** and includes that within this additional submission. This is because the update made to this document ties directly to a matter that has been agreed with National Highways in the updated SoCG, and the parties have therefore agreed to submit that necessary revision as part of this additional submission.

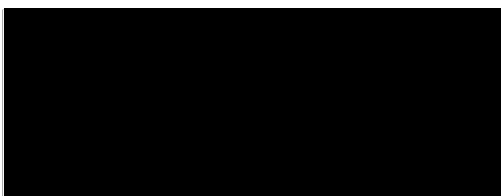
Lastly, the ExA has rightly made the Applicant aware that it made commitments in the **Applicant's Response to Written Representations and other Deadline 2 Submissions [REP3-087]** to update the **Draft Itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection [APP/8.10.1]** to account for Castle Acre Parish Council's **[REP2-034]** and Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council's **[REP2-038]** comments on the original draft. The Applicant apologises for missing these updates at Deadline 3, and has therefore updated the **Draft Itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection [APP/8.10.1]** as part of this additional submission to reflect those commitments.

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

In accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's guidance on the use of artificial intelligence, the Applicant confirms that there has been no use of AI in the Applicant's application material.

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

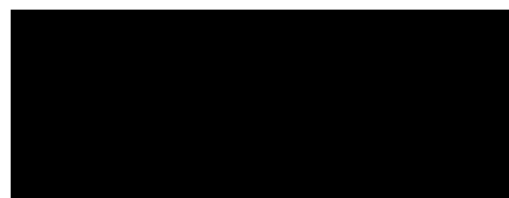
Kind regards,



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

Appendix A – New Documents Submitted Between Deadlines 3 and 4

Document Reference	Document Title	Reason for Submission
APP/8.20	The Drovers Solar Farm Additional Submissions Cover Letter	This Cover Letter is provided to support the Applicant's additional submission.





Appendix B – Updated Documents Submitted Between Deadlines 3 and 4

Document Reference	Rev No.	Document Title	Reason for Submission
APP/1.3	5	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/5.5	2	Planning Statement	To update the 'Land Use, including Open Space, Green Infrastructure, Green Belt and Agricultural Land' assessment to reflect the updates to ES Chapter 11: Soils and Agriculture [APP/6.2.2] .
APP/5.10	2	Statement of Commonality	To reflect the latest positions within the updated Statements of Common Ground submitted as part of this additional submission.
APP/5.11	1	Statement of Common Ground with Breckland Council	To reflect ongoing discussions in advance of the hearings in September.
APP/5.15	2	Statement of Common Ground with Natural England	To reflect ongoing discussions in advance of the hearings in September.
APP/5.17	1	Statement of Common Ground with National Highways	To reflect ongoing discussions in advance of the hearings in September.
APP/6.2	2	ES Chapter 11: Soils and Agriculture	To reflect the updated list of cumulative schemes considered in ES Appendix 2.4: Cumulative Schemes [REP3-063] and in accordance with the Applicant's commitment in the Deadline 3 Cover Letter [REP3-001] .
APP/6.2	1	ES Chapter 14: Socio-Economics	To reflect the updated list of cumulative schemes considered in ES Appendix 2.4: Cumulative Schemes [REP3-063] and in accordance with the Applicant's commitment in the Deadline 3 Cover Letter [REP3-001] .
		Construction Traffic Management Plan	To update the condition survey to include A47 junctions.
		Statement of Common Ground for an Adjacent Site	To consider Castle Acre Parish Council's [REP2-034] and Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council's [REP2-038] comments on the original draft of this document.