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**THE DROVES SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER – DEADLINE 5 SUBMISSION**

**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 5 of The Droves Solar Farm examination.

The documents submitted at Deadline 5 are set out in tabulated form in Appendix A (new documents) and Appendix B (updated documents) of this letter.

**Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)**

At Deadline 5, the Applicant has submitted revised versions of all SoCGs. It has also submitted final SoCGs with Anglian Water, Historic England and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation.

**Book of Reference and Statement of Reasons**

The Applicant notes the request under item 2 of Annex F to the **Rule 6 Letter [PD-006]** for the submission of updates to the **Book of Reference** or **Statement of Reasons**. These have not been provided at Deadline 5 because the Applicant has not been identified, or been notified of, any changes in landownership. The Applicant will carry out another HM Land Registry refresh ahead of Deadline 6 to capture any changes that may take place between Deadline 5 and Deadline 6.

**Request for a Schedule of New and Updated Document and Plan Updates**

The Applicant notes the request under item 5 of Annex F to the **Rule 6 Letter [PD-006]** for the submission of a 'Schedule of New and Updated Document and Plan Updates' document or equivalent. The Applicant refers the ExA to the **Guide to the Application [APP/1.3.7]** which is being updated at each Deadline to track the latest versions of each document. The reason(s) for document updates are presented within each revised document respectively and the appendices to each covering letter.

**Request for an updated 'Consents and Agreements Position Statement'**

The Applicant notes the request under item 6 of Annex F to the **Rule 6 Letter [PD-006]** for the submission of an updated 'Consents and Agreements Position Statement'. As part of the DCO Application, the Applicant submitted the **Consents and Agreements Position Statement [APP-185]**. On review of those other consents and agreements referenced within that document that may be required as the Scheme continues to be refined (e.g. at the detailed design stage), the Applicant confirms that there is currently no update that can be

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provided in relation to these and has, therefore, not updated the **Consents and Agreements Position Statement [APP-185]**. The Applicant is in regular contact with statutory bodies, where relevant, to discuss any other consents or agreements that may be required for the benefit of the Scheme.

**Response to Deadline 4 Submissions**

The Applicant notes that it has only responded to the suite of Deadline 4 submissions made by Interested Parties in the **Applicant's Response to Deadline 4 Submissions [APP/8.28]** to the extent that the submissions contain new points or relate to outstanding points. Repeat submissions, or points that have already been responded to by the Applicant elsewhere in the Applicant's suite of Deadline 5 submissions (e.g. in SoCGs) or earlier in Examination have not been responded to in this document again. This approach does not represent a failure from the Applicant to respond to all points raised at Deadline 4; rather, the Applicant's approach ensures that (as the end of Examination approaches) the submissions made at Deadline 5 focus upon new or pertinent outstanding matters, in order to assist the ExA.

**Applicant's Deadline 4 Cover Letter**

The Applicant notes that its Cover Letter for Deadline 4 has not been published on the 'Documents' tab of the Planning Inspectorate's page for the Scheme, nor has it been included (and given a reference) in the Examination Library. The Applicant therefore requests that this letter is published under the Deadline 4 list of documents and has emailed the case officer a copy of this for reference.

**Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

In accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's guidance on the use of AI, the Applicant confirms that there has been no use of AI at Deadline 5.

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

Kind regards,

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**Appendix A – New Documents Submitted at Deadline 5**

| Document Reference | Document Title | Reason for Submission |
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| APP/8.28 | Applicant's Response to Deadline 4 Submissions | To provide the Applicant's responses to submissions made by Interested Parties at Deadline 4, where the Applicant considers it necessary to do so. |
| APP/8.29 | Applicant's Response to ExQ3 | In response to the **ExA's Third Written Questions [PD-011]** issued on 29 September 2026. |
| APP/8.30 | Applicant's Response to the Examining Authority's Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO | In response to the ExA's **Schedule of Changes to draft Development Consent Order [PD-012]** issued on 29 September 2026. |
| APP/8.31 | Applicant's Responses to ISH2 and ISH3 Action Points | In response to the ExA's **Action Points from Issue Specific Hearing 2 [EV6-007]** and **Action Points from Issue Specific Hearing 3 [EV7-007]** issued on 16 September 2026. |
| APP/8.32 | PAR Mitigation Environmental Technical Note | To provide a summary of the position of each of the technical topics of the Environmental Statement in relation to the Precision Approach Radar (PAR) Mitigation updates. |

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**Appendix B – Updated Documents Submitted at Deadline 5**

| Document Reference | Rev No. | Document Title | Reason for Submission |
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| APP/1.3 | 7 | 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 | 5 | draft Development Consent Order | To reflect updates made in response to agreement being reached with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation on all matters, as well as updates relating to suggestions by the ExA and engagement with National Highways, plus updates to Schedule 13. |
| APP/3.2 | 4 | Explanatory Memorandum | To reflect the updates to the **draft DCO [APP/3.1.5]**. |
| APP/4.4 | 4 | Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker | To provide an update as to the current status of negotiations with affected person(s) or company(ies). |
| APP/5.6 | 2 | Policy Compliance Document | To reflect updates made in response to the **ExA's Third Written Questions [PD-011]**. |
| APP/5.8 | 5 | Design Principles, Parameters and Commitments | To amend location of PAR Mitigation parameters, clarify the height parameter for proposed pylons and to include consistent drainage-related commitments. |
| APP/5.10 | 4 | Statement of Commonality | To reflect the latest positions within the updated Statements of Common Ground submitted at Deadline 5. |
| APP/5.11 | 3 | Statement of Common Ground with Breckland Council | To reflect ongoing discussions. |
| APP/5.12 | 3 | Statement of Common Ground with Norfolk County Council | To reflect ongoing discussions. |
| APP/5.13 | 3 | Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency | To reflect ongoing discussions. |
| APP/5.14 | 1 | Statement of Common Ground with Historic England | To provide a final and signed Statement of Common Ground. |
| APP/5.15 | 3 | Statement of Common Ground with Natural England | To reflect ongoing discussions. |
| APP/5.16 | 1 | Statement of Common Ground with National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc | To reflect ongoing discussions. |

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| APP/5.17 | 2 | Statement of Common Ground with National Highways | To reflect ongoing discussions. |
| APP/5.18 | 2 | Statement of Common Ground with Anglian Water Services Ltd | To provide a final and signed Statement of Common Ground. |
| APP/5.19 | 1 | Statement of Common Ground with Norfolk Wildlife Trust | To reflect ongoing discussions. |
| APP/5.20 | 3 | Statement of Common Ground with Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk | To reflect ongoing discussions. |
| APP/5.21 | 1 | Statement of Common Ground with National Energy System Operator Limited | To reflect ongoing discussions. |
| APP/5.22 | 1 | Statement of Common Ground with Defence Infrastructure Organisation | To provide a final and signed Statement of Common Ground. |
| APP/6.1 | 1 | ES Chapter 1: Introduction | To include a PAR Mitigation definition. |
| APP/6.1 | 3 | ES Chapter 5: The Scheme | To reflect updates made in response to engagement on PAR Mitigation. |
| APP/6.2 | 2 | ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual | To reflect updates made in response to engagement on PAR Mitigation. |
| APP/6.2 | 4 | ES Chapter 12: Water Resources | To include detail following penetrative spike testing undertaken on 8 September 2026, provide further clarification of firewater management strategy and to clarify that the River Nar is an ordinary watercourse. |
| APP/6.2 | 1 | ES Chapter 18: Summary of Effects | To reflect updates made **to ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual [APP/6.2.2]** and **ES Chapter 11: Soils and Agriculture [AS-080]**. |
| APP/6.3 | 2 | ES Figure 6.10: PP1-16 and PPa-g Winter Photograph Panels (Part A) | To reflect updates made in response to engagement on PAR Mitigation. |
| APP/6.3 | 2 | ES Figure 6.11: PP1-16 and PPa-g Summer Photograph Panels (Part A) | To reflect updates made in response to engagement on PAR Mitigation. |
| APP/6.4 | 1 | ES Appendix 6.7: Residential Visual Amenity Assessment | To reflect updates made in response to engagement on PAR Mitigation. |
| APP/6.4 | 1 | ES Appendix 6.8: Amenity and Recreation Assessment | To reflect updates made in response to engagement on PAR Mitigation. |

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| APP/6.4 | 5 | ES Appendix 12.2: Flood Risk Assessment | To include and refer to the updated Pluvial Flood Modelling Report. |
| APP/7.6 | 5 | outline Construction Environmental Management Plan | To update text following engagement with National Highways and to include consistent drainage commitments. |
| APP/7.7 | 4 | outline Construction Traffic Management Plan | To reflect updates made in response to the **ExA's Third Written Questions [PD-011]**. |
| APP/7.8 | 5 | outline Operational Environmental Management Plan | To include a commitment on wildfire management in response to the **ExA's Third Written Questions [PD-011]**. |
| APP/7.11 | 3 | outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan | To update text on cumulative management with High Grove Solar. |
| APP/8.3 | 2 | Report on Interrelationships between Projects | To update text on cumulative management with High Grove Solar. |
| APP/8.5 | 4 | Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order | To reflect updates to the **draft DCO [APP/3.1.5]**. |
| APP/8.18 | 1 | Technical Information Note - Landscape and Visual | To reflect updates made in response to engagement on PAR Mitigation. |
| APP/8.26 | 1 | RAF Marham Mitigation Areas Plan | To reflect an updated plan as requested by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation. |