Dated 30 October 2026

APPLICATION BY THE DROVES SOLAR FARM LIMITED FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE DROVES SOLAR FARM SCHEME

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: EN010141

REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: [redacted]

DEADLINE 6 POSITION STATEMENT

submitted on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc

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1 Introduction

1.1 This position statement is submitted at Deadline 6 on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (**NGET**) in response to the application by The Droves Solar Farm Limited (**Applicant**) for The Droves Solar Farm Development Consent Order (**Order**) to enable the construction of the Droves Solar Farm (**Droves Project**).

1.2 The Order makes provision for the construction of a new 400kV substation (**New Substation**) within the Order limits which would be owned and operated by NGET.

1.3 It provides an update on the matters referred to in NGET's submissions to the Examination, being:

(a) The written representation dated 2 June 2026 (NGET's Written Representation) [**REP1-090**];

(b) Responses to ExQ1 dated 2 June 2026 [RREP1-091]; and

(c) Responses to Examiner's First Written Questions **[REP3-082];**

(d) Responses to ExQ2 dated 24 July 2026 [**REP3-094**]; and

(e) Deadline 5 position statement dated 16 October 2026 (**Deadline 5 Submission**) **[REP5-086]**

(together the **NGET Submissions**).

2 Status of negotiations

2.1 As the Examining Authority is aware, NGET has requested that the set of protective provisions that it has put forward for the benefit of its undertaking be included in the Order. This is to ensure that NGET's existing apparatus and interests in the vicinity of the Droves Project are adequately protected along with potential future infrastructure. The form of these protective provisions is included in the Deadline 5 Submission.

2.2 NGET and the Applicant remain engaged in negotiations regarding the protective provisions. While the provisions have not yet been agreed, negotiations are progressing positively, and the parties are working towards resolving the remaining points either prior to the close of the Examination or shortly thereafter.

2.3 Until a satisfactory agreement is reached, NGET must continue to reserve its right to make further submissions and requests that the Secretary of State include in the Order the form of protective provisions submitted by NGET in the Deadline 5 Submission.

Addleshaw Goddard LLP on behalf of NGET

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