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BY EMAIL ONLY

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Dear East Pye case team,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (The EIA Regulations) – Regulations 10 and 11

Application by East Pye Solar Limited (the applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the East Pye Solar (the proposed development)

Scoping consultation and notification of the applicant's contact details and duty to make available information to the applicant if requested

Thank you for consulting Water Management Alliance on the Scoping consultation for the proposed East Pye Solar development. We note your deadline for consultation responses was 12th February 2025 and accept that this response will not be included in the Scoping Opinion but will be forwarded to the applicant.

It appears from the consultation material (Figure 1.2 of Volume II, Part 1 of the EIA Scoping Report) that no part of the proposed development (including solar panel locations, cable route corridors, Battery Energy Storage System and either of the possible National Grid substation locations) overlaps with the internal drainage districts of the Water Management Alliance's member Internal Drainage Boards. However, we have requested spatial data (shape files) from the applicant in order to be able to confirm this.

We note that the Water Environment is proposed to be scoped out of the Environmental Impact Assessment. We welcome the developer's commitment to preparing a Flood Risk Assessment and a Drainage Strategy for the development, both of which are to be secured by the Development Consent Order. Water Management Alliance would expect to be consulted on both of these documents.

Water Management Alliance would welcome direct engagement with the developer regarding the potential for any impacts on the Member Board's districts / watercourses, and to discuss any land ownership / access considerations.

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Yours faithfully,

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