East Pye Solar

Applicant's Cover Letter to Deadline 2

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Dear Examining Authority,

Planning Act 2008 – Application for a Development Consent Order for East Pye Solar Project

Planning Inspectorate Case Reference: EN0110014

I am writing to provide the Applicant's submissions for Deadline 2 of the East Pye Solar Project Development Consent Order Examination. The documents submitted at Deadline 2 are summarised below and set out in tabulated form in Appendix A (updated documents) and Appendix B (new documents).

Responses to Submissions Received at Deadline 1

The Applicant has submitted its responses to submissions received at Deadline 1 from statutory bodies, parish councils and non-statutory organisations, and members of the public.

The Applicant has also submitted its response to Block East Pye Solar's (BEPS) and BEPS Great Moulton's (BEPSG) Deadline 1 submissions. Given the volume of material submitted by these parties at Deadline 1 and that the material was published on the Planning Inspectorate website on 14th October (and some after this date), the Applicant has adopted a proportionate and pragmatic approach, focusing principally on the summary documents while undertaking proportionate reviews of the underlying technical reports where reasonably practicable. Where issues have already been addressed in the Applicant's application or examination documents, the Applicant has sought to avoid unnecessary repetition by cross-referring to those existing responses where appropriate. Table 1.2 in the **Applicant's Response to Block East Pye Solar's Deadline 1 Submissions [EN0110014/EXAM9.35]** submitted at Deadline 2, sets out how the Applicant has responded to BEPS and BEPSG submissions, and where it intends to provide further submissions at Deadline 3.

Norfolk Gliding Club

Norfolk Gliding Club (NGC) have submitted a Written Representation (WR) at **[REP1-403]**. The Applicant met with NGC at Tibbenham Airfield, where the club operates from, on 14 October 2026 to discuss matters raised in their WR and in order to continue to seek to continue to progress a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG).

The Applicant has agreed to undertake further work in respect of the aviation safeguarding issues raised by NGC, and will respond to their WR, and submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 3.

Whilst the Applicant did invite the General Aviation Awareness Council GAAC to the meeting with NGC, they were unable to attend. The Applicant understands that the concerns of the GAAC are aligned with those of NGC. As such, the Applicant will continue to engage with the GAAC, having submitted draft Statements of Common Ground with NGC and GAAC at Deadline 1. The Applicant will submit updated Statements of Common Ground during Examination reflecting progress in discussions and records of engagement.

Comments on Local Impact Reports

The Applicant has submitted its comments on the Local Impact Reports prepared by Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk Council and Suffolk County Council.

Response to Other Parties' Responses to ExQ1

The Applicant has submitted its response to other parties' responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions (ExQ1).

Draft Itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspections

The Applicant has submitted an updated Draft Itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspections. This has been updated following feedback Block East Pye Solar and the Examining Authority.

Preliminary Permitted Works Environmental Management Plan

As indicated in the Applicant's Deadline 1 cover letter, the Applicant has submitted the Preliminary Permitted Works Environmental Management Plan at Deadline 2 which sets out the controls that will apply to the construction-related activities that may be undertaken prior to 'commencement' of the main construction works for the Scheme.

PRoW Sequential Assessment

The Applicant has submitted a Public Rights of Way (PRoW) Sequential Assessment in response to Q1.11.4 of the Examining Authority's Written Questions 1 (ExQ1).

Updated Documents

The Applicant has submitted updated versions of Chapter 4 - The Scheme, ES Figure 7.10 - Public Rights of Way Receptors Plan, ES Volume 3: Appendix 7.5 -

Photosheets – BESS, the Commitments Register, Guide to the Application, Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker, Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan, Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan, Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan, and Biodiversity Net Gain habitat condition assessment data. These are listed in Appendix A alongside the updated draft accompanied site inspection itinerary.

To assist the Examining Authority and other parties, where the Applicant has submitted an updated document, a Schedule of Changes table is provided at the front of key documents that sets out an explanation for the changes that have been made. The Applicant is not proposing to amend document referencing within updated documents, and it should be assumed that all references relate to the latest submitted version of that document. The Guide to the Application submitted at each deadline will identify where a document has been updated, and if so, the latest Examination Library reference for that document. Schedule 12 to the draft DCO also makes it clear which version of the secured documents are the certified copy. This gives the legal certainty that the latest document is secured.

Use of Artificial Intelligence

Noting the Planning Inspectorate's Guidance on the use of AI (29 September 2026), there has been minor use of Artificial intelligence in the following way:

- To help inform whether the BEPS and BEPSG written summary submissions are effective summaries of the main reports they have submitted; and
- as an administrative drafting aid for limited tasks such as spelling and grammar checks, consistency checks, formatting and improving the readability of text.

All text has been drafted by subject matter experts within the Applicant's team before the use of AI. All changes made or suggested by CoPilot have 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 documents.

If there are any queries about the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of East Pye Solar Limited
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Appendix A Documents Updated for Deadline 2

Applicant Document Reference	Document Title	Revision Number	Reason for Submission
1.3	Guide to the Application	5	At each Deadline to set out the latest status of the full suite of application documents.
4.4	Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker	4	Updated Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker submitted at Deadline 2.
6.1.4	Chapter 4 - The Scheme	2	Updated Chapter 4 - The Scheme submitted at Deadline 2.
7.26	Commitments Register	3	Updated Commitments Register submitted at Deadline 2.
9.1	Applicant's Draft Itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspections	2	Updated draft itinerary submitted at Deadline 2.
9.24	Biodiversity Net Gain habitat condition assessment data	2	Updated habitat condition assessment data submitted at Deadline 2.
7.1	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan	3	To include additional management measures.
7.2	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan	3	To include additional management measures.
7.3	Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan	3	To include additional management measures.
6.2.7.10	ES Volume 2: Figure 7.10 Public Right of Way Receptors Plan	2	Updated for Deadline 2.
6.3.7.5	ES Volume 3: Appendix 7.5 - Photosheets - BESS	2	Updated for Deadline 2.

Appendix B New Documents – Deadline 2

Applicant Document Reference	Document Title	Revision Number	Reason for Submission
9.28	Cover Letter to Deadline 2 Submissions	1	To introduce and summarise the Applicant's Deadline 2 submissions.
9.29	The Applicant's Response to Submissions Received at Deadline 1 – Statutory Bodies	1	To provide the Applicant's response to Deadline 1 submissions from statutory bodies.
9.30	The Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports	1	To provide the Applicant's comments on the host and neighbouring authorities local impact reports.
9.31	The Applicant's Response to Other Parties' Responses to ExQ1	1	To provide the Applicant's response to other parties' responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions.
9.32	Preliminary Permitted Works Environmental Management Plan	1	To provide the Preliminary Permitted Works Environmental Management Plan, as indicated in the Applicant's Deadline 1 cover letter.
9.33	The Applicant's Response to Submissions Received at Deadline 1 – Parish Councils and Non-Statutory Organisations	1	To provide the Applicant's response to Deadline 1 submissions from parish councils and non-statutory organisations.
9.34	The Applicant's Response to Submissions Received at Deadline 1 – Members of the Public	1	To provide the Applicant's response to Deadline 1 submissions from members of the public.
9.35	The Applicant's Response to Block East Pye Solar's Deadline 1 Submissions	1	To provide the Applicant's response to Block East Pye Solar's Deadline 1 submissions
9.36	PRoW Sequential Assessment	1	To provide the Applicant's Public Rights of Way Sequential Assessment.