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Dear Sir / Madam

Thank for you for your rule 6 letter dated 6 October 2026 regarding the Whitestone Solar Farm NSIP.

I welcome the blended approach to the examination and write to confirm that as a representative of North East Derbyshire District Council (NEDDC) as Local Planning Authority (LPA) I would like to register to attend the Preliminary meeting on 10 November 2026. Whilst it is intended to observe the preliminary meeting, I reserve my right to speak and participate at the meeting if required.

I have completed the Preliminary Meeting and Hearings Event Participation Form and registered to attend (virtually) and speak at the issue specific hearings (ISH1 and ISH2); relating to environmental matters. Once the agendas for those hearings have been finalised and published, if required I will notify you of any changes to my registration, in case my attendance is not necessary.

The LPA will produce a Local Impact Report (LIR) for the required deadline.

I note the request for the submission of a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) and will actively engage with the applicant to agree a SoCG.

A draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) has been included in the submission. In the event that the proposed project, be consented I would like to ensure that the DCO is appropriately worded and that any relevant mitigation and enhancement is secured. It is noted that one week is reserved for hearings, I confirm that a representative from NEDDC would like to attend a dDCO issue specific hearing should a hearing be arranged.

I will continue to engage with the applicant throughout the examination to ensure any relevant issues are progressed and wherever possible resolved.

If you have any queries or require any further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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