

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write on behalf of Manston Thorne Limited to provide a further representation for the Examination of the Sea Link Development Consent Order (DCO). This submission follows and supplements the Relevant Representation previously submitted during the pre-examination phase.

Since submitting that representation, Manston Thorne Limited has undertaken further review of the application documents and corresponded positively with the Applicant's team. This representation provides an update on the current position and sets out the remaining matters requiring clarification during the Examination.

#### 1. Clarification of Whether Land Rights Will Be Interfered With

We understand that the underground cable serving Manston Thorne Solar Farm is adopted by UKPN along the route of an easement granted to Manston Thorne Limited.

In our earlier representation, we identified uncertainty surrounding the treatment of apparatus and Manston Thorne Limited's registered easement. The Book of Reference identifies relevant plots, but there is still no clear statement within the DCO documentation confirming:

- Whether any part of Manston Thorne Limited's easement or land interests is intended to be acquired, interfered with or overridden;
- The scope of works proposed within or adjacent to the easement corridor; and
- Whether temporary or permanent occupation powers will be exercised in this area.

To provide certainty, we request confirmation of:

1. Whether Manston Thorne Limited's registered easement or associated land rights are intended to be subject to acquisition, override or interference;
2. The extent and nature of any works proposed within or impacting the easement corridor; and
3. The process through which Manston Thorne Limited will be consulted should any such works be proposed.

#### 2. Requirement for Direct Engagement with Manston Thorne Limited

UKPN is responsible for the apparatus itself, but it is Manston Thorne Limited who holds the commercial and operational interests connected to the continuity of generation and export. To ensure that any works within or affecting the cable area are technically appropriate for the ongoing operation of the solar farm, direct engagement with Manston Thorne Limited is required.

For this reason, Manston Thorne Limited requests that the Applicant engages directly with it wherever works are proposed in the cable corridor or where there is potential to affect the easement or export arrangements.

This will help ensure:

- Timely understanding of proposed works;
- Technical review of any diversions or temporary arrangements; and
- Collaborative planning to avoid interruption to renewable electricity generation.

#### 3. Business Continuity and Compensation

Any interference with the existing connection, temporary or otherwise, has the potential to disrupt the export of renewable electricity. Although the protective provisions require UKPN to be satisfied with any alternative apparatus, there is no mechanism ensuring that any proposed arrangements support the uninterrupted operation of the solar farm. In the event that UKPN and National Grid mutually agreed to deviate from the protective provisions in Schedule 15 of the DCO, Manston Thorne Limited would be exposed.

Manston Thorne Limited therefore seeks confirmation that:

- Any interruption or reduction in export capability will be indemnified; and
- Compensation will be payable for any interference with land rights or business continuity.


#### 4. Summary and Outstanding Matters

Manston Thorne Limited supports the delivery of nationally significant grid infrastructure in principle. However, to ensure its operational rights and continuity of renewable electricity generation are not compromised, the following matters require resolution:

1. Confirmation of whether the apparatus and associated easement or related land rights will be affected by the DCO.
2. A clear commitment to directly engage with Manston Thorne Limited regarding any works in the cable area.
3. Appropriate indemnity and compensation arrangements for any interruption to solar export or interference with land rights.
4. Assurance that project utility information and construction planning will accurately reflect the adopted cable.

Manston Thorne Limited reserves the right to submit further representations during the Examination as additional information becomes available.

Yours faithfully,

  
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