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Hi

This is OBJ15,

Thanks.



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For the attention of **Security and Net Zero**, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero: Objection from Driffield Solar and Storage Ltd to the National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (Scotland to England Green Link 2) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023

Driffield Solar and Storage Limited (DSSL) has received notification of The National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (Scotland to England Green Link 2) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023 (the CPO), dated 11th September 2023. The notification was issued to DSSL as a company with an interest in land included within the CPO area.

The area of land which DSSL has interests in relates to Driffield Solar and Storage Farm, originally consented by East Riding of Yorkshire Council in October 2020 under reference 20/01962/STPLF, and subject to approved variations including 21/03189/STVAR and 22/40138/NONMAT. Consented variation 21/03189/STVAR was implemented in August 2023, and construction of the 46 MWp solar farm is underway. Construction is due to be completed in 2024.

Sheet 34 of the CPO Plans shows the interaction of the CPO with land under the control of DSSL. From inspection of Sheet 34, the CPO appears to encroach within the red line boundary of Driffield Solar and Storage Farm, and cross the sole site access into Driffield Solar and Storage Farm. Specifically, plots 34/968, 34/965f, 34/965d, 34/965c and 34/965 appear to impact Driffield Solar and Storage Farm. This poses significant risks to: 1) access into the constructed solar farm, 2) the delivery of our planning obligations related to landscaping on site and 3) potential construction impacts from the NGET project on the operational solar scheme, such as dust generation. With careful design and appropriate commitments on maintaining access, we expect that the CPO can avoid impacts to Driffield Solar and Storage Farm however, whilst we are aware of dialogue between National Grid Electricity Transmission plc and the main landowner, there has been no recent dialogue with DSSL to provide assurances that operation of the solar farm will not be adversely affected.

Therefore, in the absence of clarity as to how access to the solar farm is maintained and with no confirmation that the delivery of our planning obligations will not be affected, Driffield Solar and Storage Limited **objects** to The National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (Scotland to England Green Link 2) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023 (the CPO) made on the 5th September.

Could you please confirm receipt of this objection?

<u>Regar</u>ds,

On behalf of Driffield Solar & Storage Limited

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