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Subject: RE: APP/D3505/W/25/3370515 Grove Farm Solar, Bentley

Dear Jasmine,

We have provided all we can at the current time on this. The redacted grid offer we provided is the relevant grid offer, the connection date within which remains valid.

If you cannot agree this on the basis of what we have provided then this will unfortunately have to be moved to an agree of disagreement and become a matter for evidence.

Kind regards

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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your email.

In respect of 8.19 of the SOCG, we cannot accept this until an unredacted UKPN letter has been provided. We understand the need to keep genuinely sensitive financial/commercial information redacted but we need to be clear on what the key milestones of the offer were/ are.

Kind regards,

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Dear Jasmine,

Firstly, on the ASA, thank you for your comments dated Wednesday 26th November. Following our careful consideration of this response, we consider that it is not going to be possible to agree Points 1, 5 and 6 within the tight timescale required and therefore we stand by the response we issued on Wednesday 19th November in respect of these points. As such, given the submission deadline of Friday 12th December for this that was set out in the CMC (in advance of proofs), we are commencing work on the document on the basis of our proposed scope dated 19th November. The ASA will include a ‘Scope’ section which will summarise the views of the main parties and explain why the Appellant has taken the position they have in undertaking this study. Points of disagreement on this will thereafter be a matter for evidence.

The SoCG is attached. Just to note, I have accepted 8.12. Your comments at 8.15 I have added a sentence to and created a new para at 8.16.

In terms of 8.18 (now 8.19) I have deleted and re-worded as previously this did not make a great deal of sense. Just to clarify, Gate 2 in no way means the original offer no longer stands – it absolutely still stands. Gate 2 adds to this, makes it more secure and potentially brings it forward, but it doesn’t replace the existing grid offer.

Happy for all these to be accepted if you agree. I have also accepted the additional point of disagreement, so it’s just the above two points (and BNG) left.

On the final two points, please see attached a first draft of the Core Documents List. We’ll be adding to this as the proofs evolve and I’m sure you will as well – all I’d ask is that when you add documents, you send me an updated list as soon as possible so we can keep up to date with referencing, I shall do the same.

We haven’t yet had the chance to review the conditions but shall do so asap.

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Dear Michael

Further to my email of 26th November, we are concerned about the timing for the ASA where a scope needs to be agreed and the assessment produced in good time for the production of proofs and to assist the Inspector. We have twice previously offered to meet in order to settle matters. As a matter of urgency, can you please come back to our recent reply so that the scope for the ASA can be agreed.

In relation to the general SoCG, please find attached an updated version. For the avoidance of doubt, paras. 8.12-8.15 have been slightly amended to reflect your new point regarding how LP25, and how it is to be applied. This is recorded factually and then set out under matters not agreed.

Para 8.18 is capable of being settled very quickly but this relies on you coming back to us on the points raised in the ASA scoping reply previously sent; noting, for example, the almost entirely redacted grid connection offer from UKPN. Given how the wording has evolved in the SoCG and in comparison with your Statement of Case, one might assume that this offer no longer stands and that you are now instead relying on the Gate 2 offer from NESO. Again, your clarity on this matter would be appreciated so that we can finally settle the SoCG.

I will revert on the BNG paragraphs as soon as possible and have chased our ecologist, noting that the uplifted calculations are apparently reliant upon the amended plans, and we do not know whether they will be accepted or not.

We are also awaiting commentary on the schedule of conditions previously sent, and the CD Library which we had understood you would be taking a lead on?

I am also copying in the R6 Party because we need to not only agree the ASA scope as a matter of urgency, but they will need to be able to see the SoCG in order to respond as per the post-CMC note.

We look forward to your cooperation.

Kind regards,

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