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Dear Louise

Planning Act 2008 - Application for Development Consent INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd
The Proposed Little Crow Solar Park Order
Application Reference - EN010101

We duly submit an application for an order granting development consent (the "Application") pursuant to section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "2008 Act") on behalf of INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd (the "Applicant").

1. The Applicant

Founded in 2009, INRG Solar Ltd has established itself as one of the largest developers of solar parks in the UK. As an independent developer, INRG Solar have experience of a variety of energy projects including solar, batteries and peaking plants. INRG Solar have a proven track record in delivering projects and have developed and sold numerous ground mounted solar schemes ranging between 5MW to 50MW.

2. Application Proposal

The development proposal relates to the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of Little Crow Solar Park, a renewable led energy scheme. The main elements of the development will be the installation of a ground mounted solar park with an intended design capacity of over 50MWp (megawatts peak) with associated development. There will also be electrical connection infrastructure and the point of connection into the local electricity grid is to the 132KV underground cable located within the site.

By virtue of its potential generating capacity, which stands at over 50MW, this project constitutes a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ("NSIP"). Accordingly, the application for development consent order is presented to the Planning Inspectorate who is working on behalf made to the Secretary of State (SoS) for department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ("BEIS").

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3. Documents and Application Fee

The application documentation is hereby submitted via electronic file transfer. The transfer includes all the documentation listed in the Application Guide & Application Index (Document Ref 1.2 LC APP). All documentation is provided in PDF format with the exception of the GIS shapefiles (Document Ref 2.37 LC DRW).

The accompanying submission fee of £7,227.00 was paid on the 24 November 2020 by BACS transfer.

4. Pre-application consultation

The Applicant has carried out comprehensive pre-application consultation on the Little Crow Solar Park pursuant to the 2008 Act. The consultation has met and exceeded the requirements of the 2008 Act and has taken into account the relevant advice and guidance published by the Planning Inspectorate and UK Government.

Consultation Report (Document Ref 4.1 LC REP & its appendices Document Ref 4.2 LC REP) provides details of the Applicant's compliance with sections 42, 47, 48 and 49 of the 2008 Act. The responses to consultation are listed and summarised in the Consultation Report and these have informed the evolution of the Application. Following on from the formal pre-application consultation phase, the Applicant has continued to engage with local stakeholders and prescribed consultees.

5. Habitat Regulations

The Application documents include Information to Support the Appropriate Assessment Report, namely the Habitats Regulation Statement – No Significant Effects Report (Document Ref 7.29 LC TA7.9), as required by Regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP Regulations. The No Significant Effects Report undertook an assessment of likely significant effects of the scheme applied to three identified international sites, namely the Humber Estuary SAC, the Humber Estuary Ramsar and the Humber Estuary SPA. The assessment concluded that the scheme will have no significant effects on any of the designated international sites identified.

6. Compulsory Acquisition

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The applicant has worked on the project with the agreement of all named landowners and as such compulsory acquisition is not required to deliver the scheme.

I look forward to hearing from you in relation to the formal acceptance of the Application. If you require any additional information or clarification of any matter referred to above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your faithfully

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