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By email only

Dear Mr Gannon

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 51

Application by INRG Solar for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Little Crow Solar Park Project

Advice following issue of decision to accept the application for examination

On 23 December 2020 the Secretary of State decided that the application for the above project satisfied the acceptance tests under section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). The Planning Inspectorate's acceptance checklist and the application documents have been published and made available on the project page of our website.

In undertaking checks at the acceptance stage, the Inspectorate has made some initial observations in relation to the application. This letter comprises advice to the Applicant provided under section 51 of the PA2008 in respect of these initial observations. The Applicant should pay attention to its content and consider how appropriate action might be taken in response.

Generating capacity for the proposed development

At paragraph 4.3.3 of Chapter 4 of the Environmental Statement (ES) [Doc Ref 6.4 LC ES CH4; paragraph 3.4 of the ES Non-technical Summary [Doc Ref 5.1 LC ES NTS]; and paragraph 3.7 of the Planning Statement [Doc Ref 9.1 LC OTH]; the generating capacity for the proposed development has been referred to as being the potential maximum range of between 150 megawatts peak (MWp) and 200MWp.

With the exception of the draft Statement of Common Ground with Highways England, in section 2 of the remaining nine draft Statements of Common Ground that have been submitted, the 'maximum design capacity' for the development has been identified as being 150MWp.

In the draft Development Consent Order [Doc Ref 3.1 LC DCO], the Explanatory Memorandum [Doc Ref 3.2 LC DCO] and the Grid Connection Statement [Doc Ref 4.4

LC REP] the phrase ‘... intended design capacity of over 50MWp ...’ has been used when the proposed development is being described in for example Work No.1.

In the consultation documentation issued for the purposes of Part 5, Chapter 2 of the PA2008 and included in Doc Ref 4.2, the development was described as having a ‘maximum design capacity of 150MWp’ or ‘a maximum design capacity of up to 150MWp’.

Please clarify what the maximum design capacity for the proposed development is and explain why different maximum generating capacity figures have been used in the draft DCO, Consultation Report (consultation materials) and Environmental Statement.

Book of Reference (BoR) (3.3)

Part 3 (Easements, or other private rights proposed to be interfered with, suspended or extinguished) of the Book of Reference (Doc 3.3) includes landowner information in plots 1/12 and 1/14, however it is stated in Parts 1 and 2: ‘*number not used*’. Those two plots are also not included in the Land Plans.

The Land Plans appended to the BoR also do not include the hatched area in the top righthand side of the boundary that is identified as being ‘*excluded from the Order limits*’ in the other plans included in the application.

Please provide clarification on the above or updated versions of the documents with corrections provided.

Confidentiality Statement

7.4 LC TA3.2 Phase 1 Ground Conditions Desk Study and 7.5 LC TA3.3 Geotechnical and Phase II Contamination Report

Both documents referred to above include a confidentiality statement on page 3 which states that the report has been prepared by Integrale Limited for the sole use of INRG Solar (Little Crow) Limited, and that any parties wishing to use or rely upon the contents must seek written approval from Integrale Limited. Before they can be published on our website, we will require written confirmation from yourselves that you have permission to use these documents, and that they can be published as part of the application. Please refer to paragraph 15 of our [Advice Note 6](#) (revised November 2020) which states that Applicants must ensure they have permission to include all documents, plans and drawings in their application.

Please submit this to us by no later than midday on 11 January 2021. We will publish placeholder ‘cover sheets’ in place of the documents, which will be replaced once we have received confirmation.

Other discrepancies

In addition to the above advice, we have also noted additional discrepancies within the Consultation Report, Environmental Statement, Development Consent Order and Plans; please refer to the S55 Checklist for details of these. Further clarification will be sought if required during Pre-Examination and/or Examination stages.

Please pay close attention to the advice set out in this letter and act on it accordingly. Responses to the matters raised above are requested by **midday on 11 January 2021**. This will contribute towards a more efficient examination and give any future Examining Authority comfort that the documentation is complete and accurate.

We trust you find this advice helpful, however if you have any queries on these matters please do not hesitate to contact our office using the contact details at the head of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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