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Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010126-000013-220621

Date: 21 June 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) – Regulations 10 and 11

Application by Ridge Clean Energy (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Temple Oaks Renewable Energy Park (the Proposed Development)

Scoping consultation and notification of the Applicant's contact details and duty to make available information to the Applicant if requested

The Applicant has asked the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for its opinion (a Scoping Opinion) as to the information to be provided in an Environmental Statement (ES) relating to the Proposed Development.

You can access the report accompanying the request for a Scoping Opinion via our website:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can use the following direct link:

http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010126-000016

The Planning Inspectorate has identified you as a consultation body which must be consulted before adopting its Scoping Opinion. The Planning Inspectorate would be grateful therefore if you would:

• Inform the Planning Inspectorate of the information you consider should be provided in the ES; or



• Confirm that you do not have any comments.

If you consider that you are not a consultation body as defined in the EIA Regulations please let us know.

The Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS is entitled to assume under Regulation 10(11) of the EIA Regulations that you do not have any comments to make on the information to be provided in the ES, if you have not responded to this letter by 19 July 2022. The deadline for consultation responses is a statutory requirement and cannot be extended. Please note that your response will be appended to the Scoping Opinion and published on our website consistent with our openness policy. Any consultation response received after 19 July 2022 will not be included within the Scoping Opinion but will be forwarded to the Applicant for information and will be published on our website as a late response.

In order to support the smooth facilitation of our service, we strongly advise that any responses are issued via the email identified below rather than by post. Responses to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Scoping Report should be sent by email to templeoaksolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Once complete, you will be able to access the Scoping Opinion via our website, using the following link:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk

As the Planning Inspectorate has been notified by the Applicant that it intends to prepare an ES, we are also informing you of the Applicant's name and address:

Ridge Clean Energy Noah's Ark Market Street Charlbury Oxfordshire OX7 3PL

You should also be aware of your duty under Regulation 11(3) of the EIA Regulations, if so requested by the Applicant, to make available information in your possession which is considered relevant to the preparation of the ES.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Karen Wilkinson

Karen Wilkinson Environmental Services Advisor on behalf of the Secretary of State

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