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The Planning Inspectorate

Dear All,

Reference: Application: S62A/22/0006**We are writing to inform the Planning Inspectorate of our intent to submit an Environmental Statement for Application Ref: S62A/22/0006.**

Statera Energy submitted a Screening Request to Uttlesford District Council in July 2021. Uttlesford District Council responded on the 14th October 2021, concluding that the proposal would not give rise to significant adverse effects and that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) would not be required.

However, following further survey work, our Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment submitted with the application has concluded that there is the potential for significant visual impact effects along Public Rights of Way (PRoW) which pass through the development. In the interests of transparency and proper planning, and having consulted with the Planning Inspectorate, the applicant now intends to submit an Environmental Statement (ES) as part of this application.

The development's visual impact is the only environmental topic considered to have the potential to have adverse effects on the environment of a likely significance that merits EIA. These effects will be confined to those using the PRoW network that passes through the development. None of the remaining reports comprised within the submitted application that relate to other environmental topics have concluded that the development has the potential to have adverse effects on the environment whose significance would merit EIA. All other such topics have therefore been excluded from the proposed ES.

Given that significant beneficial effects are capable of meriting EIA, the applicant has also chosen to include climate change to the ES, given the likely significant beneficial effects the development will have on reducing GHG emissions.

This letter outlines our intent to exclude from the ES all environmental topics other than Landscape and Visual and Climate Change. We would be grateful if the Planning Inspectorate could advise if they are satisfied with this approach within 10 working days. If we do not receive a response within that timescale, we will presume the above approach is satisfactory.

This letter is also being sent to Uttlesford District Council for their comment.

Yours sincerely

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