

RWE – HIGH GROVE SOLAR – 7TH July 2026

Good morning,

I hope you are well.

I'm writing to provide an update on progress with High Grove Solar – in particular, we want to share an update on our intended DCO application date, in light of National Grid's ongoing work to identify a preferred site for the 400kV substation that will be required to connect High Grove and other projects in the area into the existing transmission network.

At this stage National Grid's substation siting selection study is ongoing. While a final date for confirming the preferred location of the new substation cannot yet be confirmed, National Grid have informed us that they hope to conclude their work by late Summer/early Autumn this year.

You will recall from our previous correspondence and project website that we deferred the submission of the DCO application for High Grove from Spring this year to allow additional time for National Grid's work to conclude. In light of National Grid's updated timeline, we can now confirm our intention to submit the DCO application in late Q1/early Q2 2027.

At this stage our design work for High Grove has paused while we await the outcome of National Grid's work, as the location of the substation may have knock-on implications for the design of High Grove. However, we would like to reassure you that we remain committed to offering the meetings we set out earlier in the year – ensuring there is an opportunity to see an updated design for High Grove and discuss how your previous comments have been considered prior to the DCO application being submitted. Based on National Grid's timescales, we expect to be in a position to schedule these meetings for Q4 of this year.

Thank you for your patience while we await the substation location. We remain contactable via email (info@highgrovesolar.co.uk) and phone (01362 350 063) should you wish to raise any questions or comments in the interim.

Kind regards,

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