



CLEVE HILL SOLAR PARK

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1 INTRODUCTION

This Navigation Document summarises the structure of Cleve Hill Solar Park Ltd's (the Applicant's) application for a Development Consent Order (DCO)(the Application) for Cleve Hill Solar Park (the Development) to the Planning Inspectorate.

Its purpose is to provide the reader with a clear understanding of the structure of the Application.

2 DOCUMENT CATEGORIES

The Application includes seven categories of documents:

- 1: Application Forms
- 2: Plans
- 3: Development Consent Order
- 4: Compulsory Acquisition Information
- 5: Reports and Statements
- 6: Environmental Statement
- 7: Other Documents

Referencing has been used throughout, with each document having its own individual reference number to help navigate the reader through the various documentation submitted.

All document references can be found in the Guide to the Application document (DCO Document Reference 1.3).

The information below summarises the contents of each category.

2.1 Application Forms

This category contains the Application Cover Letter, the Application Form, the Section 55 checklist, the Guide to the Application, and this Navigation document.

2.2 Plans

This category contains the various plans provided to accompany the Application.

The following plans form part of the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) as they identify the order limits, the location of the works for which development consent is sought or are related to powers sought in the DCO:

- Land Plan
- Works Plan
- Rights of Way Plan
- Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Designations Plan
- Water Bodies in a River Basin Management Plan, Plan
- Statutory and Non-Statutory Historic Environment Designations Plan
- Crown Land Plan
- Streets and Access Plan
- Location, Order Limits and Grid Coordinates
- Special Category Land Plan – Open Space

2.3 Development Consent Order

This category contains the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) and the Explanatory Memorandum which set out the consents, licences and powers sought through the Application. The following documents are included:

- The draft DCO

- The Stationary Office Validation Confirmation
- The Explanatory Memorandum

2.4 Compulsory Acquisition Information

This category contains compulsory acquisition information comprising the Statement of Reasons, the Funding Statement and the Book of Reference.

Compulsory acquisition is required because powers of compulsory acquisition of land, interests and/or rights are being sought in the Application.

The following documents are included:

- The Statement of Reasons, which explains why it is necessary, proportionate and justifiable for the Application to include compulsory acquisition powers, and why there is a compelling case in the public interest for the Applicant to be granted these powers.
- The Funding Statement, which indicates how the DCO containing the powers sought is proposed to be funded.
- The Book of Reference, which lists the plots of land over which the Applicant is seeking powers of compulsory acquisition of land and compulsory acquisition of rights (including restrictions) and powers of temporary possession in the Application.

2.5 Reports and Statements

This category contains reports and statements that are required for development consent:

- The Consultation report and appendices details the consultation activities that the Applicant has carried out in relation to the Application, the responses to these consultation activities and how the responses have been considered
- The Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment which provides information to facilitate an assessment under the Habitats Regulations (the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017). Under the terms of this legislation, a HRA is required before a project which may affect a European Site can be lawfully undertaken or authorised.
- Statement in Respect of Statutory Nuisance, which describes whether the proposal engages one or more of the matters set out in section 79(1) (statutory nuisances and inspections therefore) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- Grid Connection Statement, which sets out who will be responsible for designing and building the connection to the electricity grid.

2.6 Environmental Statement

This category contains the Environmental Statement (ES) including a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the ES.

The ES sets out the assessment of likely significant effects associated with the construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning of Cleve Hill Solar Park.

The ES is divided into 4 volumes:

- Volume 1 contains the written chapters.
- Volume 2 contains figures to support the written chapters.
- Volume 3 contains visualisations in support of Chapter 7: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment.
- Volume 4 contains technical appendices to support the chapters.

The NTS provides a full summary of the ES in non-technical language. An ES contents, reference list and glossary of acronyms is also provided.

2.7 Other Documents

This category contains other documents which the Applicant has chosen to submit in support of its application.

- Outline Design Principles, which sets out the broad design principles within which the Development will be constructed and operated.
- The Mitigation Schedule summarises the mitigation measures outlined within the ES.
- The Statement of Need, which sets out why solar is an important generation technology to include within the future GB generation mix; why it makes sense to operate batteries alongside solar assets; and provides an economic evaluation of different sizes of solar generation asset at Cleve Hill.
- Planning Statement, which provides an assessment of the Development against planning policy.
- Consents and Licences Under Other Legislation, which details other consents and licences which may be required to facilitate the Development but are not sought explicitly through the DCO.
- A Statement of Common Ground with Natural England, which sets out the progress to date in reaching agreement with Natural England.
- The Heritage Statement, which provides an assessment of the Development against heritage related planning policy and legislation



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