

Little Crow Solar Park, Scunthorpe

APPLICANT'S INTRODUCTION TO DEADLINE 7 SUBMISSION (COVER LETTER)

DEADLINE 7

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Dear Louise

<u>Planning Act 2008 – Application for Development Consent Order</u>

<u>Application by INRG Solar (Little Crow) Limited ("the Applicant") for an Order</u>

<u>Granting Development Consent for the Little Crow Solar Park Order</u>

Deadline 7 Submission

We refer to the updated Examination Timetable and procedure letter (Rule 8(3)) issued by the Examining Authority on 7 September 2021. In accordance with the examination timetable, we submit the following documentation for the Applicant for Deadline 7: -

- 1. Applicant's Introduction to Deadline 7 Submission (this cover letter)
 - (Document Reference 9.46 LC OTH)
- 2. Application Index
 - (Document Reference 1.2I LC APP Revision I)
- 3. Draft Development Consent Order¹
 - (Document Reference 3.1G LC DCO Revision G) (Clean and Tracked Versions)
- 4. Explanatory Memorandum
 - (Document Reference 3.2D LC DCO Revision D) (Clean and Tracked Versions)

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¹ Please note that we have sought to validate the DCO throughout the day today but the system has not been responding. We have raised the issue with the customer service team and requested that they look into this. A copy of the validation will be forwarded as soon as the system responds.

- 5. DCO Changes Tracker
 - (Document Reference 3.5F LC DCO Revision F)
- 6. Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground
 - (Document Reference 9.22E LC OTH Revision E)
- 7. Applicant's Response to Examining Authority Questions ExQ4
 - (Document Reference 9.43 LC OTH)
- 8. Statement of Common Ground with Northern Powergrid
 - (Document Reference 9.12A LC OTH)
- 9. Applicant's response to the schedule of the Examining Authority's recommended amendments to the Applicant's draft development consent order
 - o (Document Reference 9.48 LC OTH)

Updated Application Index

All the above documents are referenced in the accompanying updated Application Index (Document Reference 1.2I LC APP – Revision I). Within the updated Application Index, new or updated documents submitted at Deadline 6 are shown in red. Superseded documents are identified with a strikethrough (strikethrough).

Applicant's response to Other Parties' Response to ExQ3

The Applicant acknowledges NCL's response to ExQ3 (PINS reference REP6-022) and no further comment is required. Turning to Natural England's response (PINS reference REP6-023), the Applicant notes that in part a), NE have again confirmed that they agree with the Applicant's position that there would be no likely significant effects on the Humber Estuary designated site. Part b) sets out at how NE consider bird species of the Humber waterbird assemblage qualifying feature should be taken into account as part of HRA. Less than 1% of the Humber Estuary lapwing numbers were recorded at Little Crow at any one time, and that no other species of the waterbird assemblage (e.g. curlew) were found at Little Crow. This therefore would not meet the threshold at which point NE identify that an Appropriate Assessment is required.

Report on the Implications for European Sites (REIS) (PINS Ref PD-015)

The Applicant notes that the matrix set out in the REIS is consistent with the Applicant's matrix set out in the NSER (Document reference 7.29B LC TA7.9, PINS reference REP-015), with additional comments/discussions around lapwing and the Keadby and AMEP project, but there has been no change in overall outcomes.

Statement of Common Ground with Northern Powergrid

Deadline 7 is supported by an agreed but unsigned SoCG with Northern Powergrid (Document reference 9.12A LC OTH). The document was agreed by both parties on Monday 20 September 2021 and a signed copy will be forwarded shortly. It is respectfully requested that the Examining Authority exercises its discretion towards accepting the signed SoCG as a late Deadline 7 submission.

Yours sincerely

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