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1. Introduction

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared to accompany an application made to the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for a Development Consent Order (the Application) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008). The Application seeks consent for the proposed Gate Burton Energy Park (hereafter referred to as the Scheme).
- 1.1.2 The Application is submitted by Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd (the Applicant) which is a subsidiary of Low Carbon Ltd ('Low Carbon'). Low Carbon is a privately-owned UK investment and asset management company specialising in renewable energy. The Funding Statement [EN010131/APP/6.7] provides further information on the Applicant and Low Carbon.
- 1.1.3 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd as the Applicant, (2) Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) and (3) Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) (the parties).
- 1.1.4 BDC and NCC are the local planning authorities for the majority of the area within the Grid Connection Corridor to the west of the River Trent, including the point of connection at Cottam Power Station. The section of cable route and the Solar and Energy Storage Park located to the east of the River Trent lie in the area covered by West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) and Lincolnshire County Council (LCC). Given the different extent and nature of works in the adjoining area, these host authorities are covered by separate SoCGs. Figure 1 shows the boundaries of the host Local Planning Authorities alongside the Order limits.
- 1.1.5 This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority where agreement has been reached between the parties, where agreement has not been reached (and that is the parties' final position) and where discussions are still ongoing.
- 1.1.6 This version has been prepared by the Applicant for submission with the Application to document discussions between the parties to date. Therefore, this version does not yet incorporate comments from Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. A draft version was issued to BDC and NCC for comment on 24 January 2023. The document will continue to be revised and updated as discussions progress during the Pre-Examination and Examination periods.**

1.2 The Scheme

- 1.1.7 Gate Burton Energy Park is a proposed solar photovoltaic electricity generating facility. The Application is for development consent to construct, operate, maintain and decommission ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays, on-site battery storage and associated infrastructure. Associated infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, access provision and an underground 400kV electrical connection of approximately 7.5km to the National Grid Substation at Cottam Power Station. A detailed description of the Scheme is included in **Chapter 2: The Scheme of the Environmental Statement [EN010131/APP/3.1]**.
- 1.1.8 The land within the Order Limits is wholly contained within one site and will comprise of two distinct areas, based on the elements of the Scheme that are proposed in each:
- The **Solar and Energy Storage Park**: is the main area for the Scheme, including the area where the solar panels, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and on-site substation would be located. This is an area of 652 hectares.
 - The **Grid Connection Corridor**: this comprises of land between the Solar and Energy Storage Park and Cottam Substation for grid connection works. This is an area of 172 hectares.
- 1.1.9 These areas are shown in Figure 1.

1.3 Format of Document and Terminology

- 1.1.10 Section 2 summarises the issues that are 'agreed', 'not agreed' or are 'under discussion'. 'Not Agreed' indicates a final position where the parties have agreed to disagree, 'Agreed' indicates where the issue has been resolved.
- 1.1.11 This SoCG is supported by Appendix A, which details the full record of engagement between the parties. Appendix B lists relevant local planning policy documents.

2. Areas of Discussion between the Parties

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1. General Principles of the Scheme and Relevant Planning Policy						
1.1		In principle support for solar development			There is support for the principle of solar development in existing and emerging national government energy and planning policy. Solar development can make a significant contribution to achieving the UK's renewable energy and carbon reduction targets. Action to achieve the UK's renewable and carbon reduction targets is necessary and urgent.	Under discussion
1.2		Sustainable development			The Scheme comprises 'sustainable development' in the context of the presumption in favour of sustainable development in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (Ref 1-1).	Under discussion
1.3		Relevant Planning Policy			The Applicant has identified the planning policy documents listed in Appendix B as being relevant to BDC and NCC.	Under discussion
1.4		Policy and the principle of the Scheme			The Scheme is supported by local planning policy. Policy DM10 of the BDC Core Strategy states the Council will be supportive of proposals that seek to utilise renewable and low carbon energy provided that they demonstrate they are: compatible with policies to safeguard the built	Under discussion

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					<p>and natural environment; not lead to the loss or damage of high-grade agricultural land; are compatible with tourism and recreational facilities; will not result in unacceptable landscape and visual impacts and will not result in unacceptable cumulative impacts. The Applicant considers that the Scheme complies with this policy.</p> <p>Policy ST51 of the BDC Draft Local Plan 2020-2038 makes provision for development that generates, shares, transmits and/or stores zero carbon and/or low carbon renewable energy outside of the identified Area of Best Fit provided it is demonstrated there is an operational and/or economic need for the development in that location, and the satisfactory resolution of all relevant site specific and cumulative impacts that the scheme could have on the area. The Applicant considers that the Scheme complies with this policy.</p>	
1.5		Compliance with local planning policy			The Applicant considers it has complied with relevant local planning policy as set out in Appendix B of the Planning, Design and Access Statement [EN010131/APP/2.2] .	Under discussion

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2. Alternatives and Scheme design						
2.1	BDC Stat Con response	Grid Connection Corridor Route	BDC state that the cabling route should follow the least sensitive route and avoid statutory and non-statutory designations unless absolutely necessary.		ES Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Evolution [EN010131/APP/3.1] outlines the optioneering process to identify the cable route corridors for the Scheme to connect to existing Cottam Substation. The options appraisal report is included in ES Volume 3: Appendix 3-A [EN010131/APP/3.3] . The options appraisal resulted in Corridor C1 was identified as providing the best balance of minimising impacts on the environment and the local community whilst meeting the technical and constructability feasibility requirements.	Under discussion
2.2	BDC Stat Con response	PV panel height	BDC state the lower height of the solar panels (3.5 metres) in relation to other schemes will reduce the visual impact of the development.		The Applicant has committed to a maximum panel height of 3.5 metres and has included this maximum in the Outline Design Principles document [EN010131/APP/2.3] submitted with the Application. Requirement 5 in the draft DCO [EN010131/APP/2.3] requires that detailed design must accord with the Outline Design Principles.	Agreed
2.3	BDC Stat Con response	Alternatives	BDC state their most preferred option regarding consideration of alternatives would be a chapter within the ES to fully justify why other potential site were less preferable.		In line with this request, the alternatives considered by the Applicant are set out in ES Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Evolution [EN010131/APP/3.1] explains the Applicant's site selection process. The Applicant considers that the	Under discussion

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					approach taken to consideration of alternatives complies with requirements set out in National Policy Statements EN-1 And EN3; and their Revised Draft versions published in September 2021.	
3. Cumulative development						
3.1	BDC Stat Con response	Cumulative impacts	BDC state that the ES should consider the Tillbridge Solar Farm DCO application when it is submitted for examination.		Tillbridge Solar Farm is included within the Cumulative Effects Assessment presented in Chapter 16 of the ES [EN010131/APP/3.1]. At the point of submission the Tillbridge project has not yet presented any initial assessment of the potential significant effects arising from the Scheme as the project had not yet reached statutory consultation (so no Preliminary Environmental Information Report was available). Given the lack of information on the effects arising from Tillbridge, there are limitations to what can be carried out in terms of a cumulative assessment. However, cumulative effects have been considered as far as possible at this stage. The Applicant is engaged with the developers of Tillbridge (and West Burton/ Cottam) to identify ways to minimise cumulative impacts through discussions on a potential shared grid connection corridor, design and traffic.	Agreed

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					The draft Cumulative Development longlist was shared with NCC and BDC on 19/10/2022. No comment or amendments were received.	
4. Climate change and GHG emissions						
4.1	BDC Stat Con response	Carbon emissions	BDC confirm the view that the proposed development will reduce carbon emissions in excess of 100,000 tonne per annum.		As set out in ES Chapter 6: Climate Change [EN010131/APP/3.1], the overall carbon reduction when the BESS is used for a daily charge-discharge cycle is around 10.3 million tonnes CO ₂ e, or over 1.1 million tonnes CO ₂ e higher than if the entire output of the Scheme is supplied to the grid without the use of a BESS.	Agreed
5. Cultural heritage						
5.1	BDC Stat Con response	Relevant planning policy	BDC request a more detailed planning policy assessment is included in the final ES in relation to cultural heritage		All relevant planning policies have been referenced in Chapter 7: Cultural Heritage [EN010131/APP/3.1] of the ES. A full assessment of the Scheme compliance with planning policy is presented in the Planning, Design and Access Statement [EN010131/APP/2.2] .	Agreed
5.2	BDC Stat Con response	Archaeologica l field evaluation	BDC confirm the approach taken in undertaking sufficient archaeological field evaluation is reasonable.		Evaluation surveys have been undertaken within the Grid Connection Corridor, the scope of which have been agreed with the Local Authority Archaeological Advisors.	Agreed
5.3	BDC Stat Con response	Study Area Size	BDC state the study area should be at least 1km to maximize the potential for known archaeology.		The study area for the collation of information on non-designated heritage assets has been defined as	Under discussion

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					<p>1km radius from the boundary of the Solar and Energy Storage Park (ES Volume 2: Figure 7-2 [EN010131/APP/3.2]), which has been judged as appropriate to identify known archaeological assets and assess the potential for the survival of archaeological remains within the Solar and Energy Storage Park given the Scheme's nature, size and location. The 1km study area also includes the Grid Connection Corridor where it falls within the study area.</p> <p>Where the Grid Connection Corridor is located beyond the 1km study area, a 500m study area has been applied from the boundary of the Grid Connection Corridor. This 500m study area is considered appropriate to the works due to the linear nature of the corridor. In addition, the results of the geophysical survey and trial trench evaluation have been incorporated into the baseline information in order to understand the archaeological potential of the development area and are presented in ES Appendix 7-D and 7-E [EN010131/APP/3.3] and are summarised in the Desk-based Assessment (Appendix 7-A to the ES) [EN010131/APP/3.3].</p>	

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5.4	BDC Stat Con response	Future Baseline	BDC disagrees that there will be not change to the future baselines and states the future baseline will change following the results of the geophysical survey and trial trenching.		The results of the geophysical survey and trial trench evaluation have been incorporated into the existing baseline presented in ES Appendix 7-A [EN010131/APP/3.3] .	Under discussion
5.5	BDC Stat Con response	Permanent construction impacts	BDC state that permanent construction impacts on the Historic Environment, regarding earthworks excavation, will need to be subject to a programme of recording prior to any works whatsoever and a programme of restoration following completion of the works.		Earthwork remains of ridge and furrow which have been excavated during the trial trench evaluation have been restored following completion of the survey works. Earthwork remains of post-medieval flood defences within the Grid Connection Corridor will be subject to re-instatement following construction as set out in the Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [EN010131/APP7.6] .	Under discussion
5.6	BDC Stat Con response	Decommissioning impacts	BDC states that further consideration should be given to both embedded mitigation and practical on-site solutions of the potential decommissioning impacts of the Historic Environment, to ensure there is no potential compaction or tracking across any preserved in situ archaeological areas across the site.		The selected method of decommissioning would have due regard to health and safety, environmental impact and benefits, and economic aspects which will be set out in a Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan, which will be developed to be substantially in accordance with the Framework Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan submitted with the Application [EN010131/APP/7.5] . Any future maintenance, decommissioning and / or reinstatement works would be subject to prevailing legislation, guidance and permitting regimes.	Under discussion

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					Landscape restoration and remediation to suitable surfaces would be undertaken. This will result in the restoration of the rural landscape. A well-designed decommissioning scheme would not have any impact beyond the already-disturbed footprint of the Scheme and will take into account areas of archaeological deposits that have been preserved in situ.	
5.7	BDC Stat Con response	Archaeological mitigation	<p>BDC state that a staged programme of archaeological investigation and recording should not be referred to as 'additional mitigation' as it is a core aspect of effective archaeological mitigation strategy.</p> <p>BDC confirm approach to assessment, evaluation, and proposed mitigation of Cultural Heritage impacts is reasonable. BDC understand that further work will be undertaken on mitigation programme strategy which will be submitted as part of the Environment Statement with the DCO application.</p>		<p>An assessment of likely impacts and effects of the Scheme on heritage assets and their setting is presented in Chapter 7 Cultural Heritage. Mitigation strategies are outlined in Chapter 7 Cultural Heritage [EN010131/APP/3.1] and a Mitigation Schedule [EN010131/APP/2.5] has been produced to accompany the DCO Application.</p> <p>An Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [EN010131/APP7.6] which is secured by requirement 11 on the draft DCO [EN010131/APP/6.1] sets out the approach to mitigation.</p>	Agreed
5.8	BDC Stat Con response	PAS Data	BDC require Portable Antiquities (PAS) Data.		A review of the PAS online portal has been undertaken and the data has been incorporated into the baseline presented in Appendix 7-A of Chapter 7 of the ES [EN010131/APP/3.3] .	Agreed

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5.9	Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for Geophysical Survey (email)	Archaeological evaluation methodology	BDC provided comments on the draft WSI for geophysical survey and confirmed acceptance of the final WSI via email.		The WSI for geophysical survey was submitted to BDC via email. Comments were received from LCC who are acting archaeological advisors on behalf of BDC on the first draft of the WSI. BDC confirmed acceptance of the final WSI via email.	Agreed
5.10	Scope of Works for trial trench evaluation (email)	Archaeological evaluation methodology	BDC provided comments on the draft Scope of Works and agreed the design of the trial trench layout		The Scope of Works for trial trench evaluation was submitted to BDC via email. BDC provided comments on the draft Scope of Works and the final trench layout design was approved by BDC.	Agreed
5.11	WSI for trial trench evaluation (email)	Archaeological evaluation methodology	BDC provided comments to be incorporated into the archaeological contractors WSI. BDC confirmed acceptance of the final WSI via email.		The WSI for trial trench evaluation was submitted to BDC via email. BDC confirmed acceptance of the final WSI via email.	Agreed
5.12	Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (AMS)	Archaeological mitigation strategies	BDC provided comments to be incorporated into the draft AMS and confirmed acceptance of the final AMS via email.		Agreed with thanks. The AMS was submitted to BDC on 17/01/2023. BDC provided comments on the AMS during a meeting held on 19/01/2023. BDC confirmed acceptance of the final AMS via email on 23/01/2023.	Agreed
6. Ecology and Nature Conservation						
6.1	BDC State Con response	Planning Policy context and guidance	BDC state that Rampton & Woodbeck Neighbourhood Plan Policy 10 and Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan Policies 2a and 2b should be explicitly referenced in the ES.		References to the following Neighbourhood Plan policies have been included within Chapter 8: Ecology and Nature Conservation [EN010131/APP/3.1] . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rampton & Woodbeck Neighbourhood Plan Policy 	Agreed

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					10 (The Protection of the Parish Landscape); and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan (Review): Policies 2a (Protecting the landscape character, significant green gaps and key views) and 2b (Enhancing biodiversity). 	
6.2	BDC Stat Con response	Local Wildlife Site mitigation	Nottingham Wildlife Trust (NWT) on behalf of BDC states they are disappointed with the loss and fragmentation of habitat within Cow Pasture Lane Drains Local Wildlife Site (LWS 2/470), due to the site being within the footprint of the Grid Connection Route. NWT states that No reference is made to the mitigation hierarchy in relation to the LWS and so it is not clear whether consideration was given to an alternative route to avoid negative impacts on the LWS.		Whilst the comments from Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust are correct in terms of Corridor C1 being selected from PEIR stage, the Scheme has evolved and, in consideration of the avoidance of LWS's and mitigation hierarchy, the Grid Connection Corridor will cross Cow Pasture Lane Drains LWS via non-intrusive methods to avoid direct and indirect impacts to this Site. Therefore, there will be no loss of habitat and no fragmentation of habitats within the LWS. All construction methods are presented within the Framework CEMP [EN010131/APP/7.3] secured through the DCO.	Under discussion
6.3	BDC Stat Con response	LWS surveys	BDC states that they would expect to see the whole of the LWS to be surveyed, not just the development footprint in assessing its overall condition.		Surveys of riparian mammals within the LWS have covered the entire LWS (due to the transient nature of these species) whereas surveys for flora have concentrated on areas within the Order limits only, although as acknowledged above, there will be no direct or indirect impact to the LWS within or outside the Order	Under discussion

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					limits. More detail is provided in Chapter 8: Ecology and Nature Conservation [EN010131/APP/3.1] and within the relevant technical appendices [EN010131/APP/3.3] .	
6.4	BDC Stat Con response	Construction methods	BDC states that they expect every effort to be made to ensure impacts on the LWS are minimal by implementing suitable methods of working that would not directly impact upon habitats within the LWS. Once the exact route and construction methods are defined, measures to remove or reduce impacts such as construction lighting on the LWS should be included within the CEMP submitted with the ES as part of the DCO submission.		Any lighting used during construction will be directional and task-specific to avoid light-spill into adjacent habitats, including the LWS. These measures are formalised in the Framework CEMP [EN010131/APP/7.3] and more details are included within Chapter 8: Ecology and Nature Conservation [EN010131/APP/3.1] .	Under discussion
6.5	BDC Stat Con response	Cable installation	BDC states that following the installation of the cable, the working area should be restored to a high standard.		All construction methods will be presented in more detail within the Framework CEMP [EN010131/APP/7.3] , secured through the DCO. Following the installation of the cable the working area will be restored to its original condition.	Under discussion
6.6	BDC Stat Con response	Cow Pasture Lane Drains Survey	BDC state that the survey of Cow Pasture Lane Drains should be used to identify areas where the applicant and their ecologists can implement additional habitat management work to ensure Biodiversity Net Gain.		The Scheme will achieve significant biodiversity net gain with an estimate of the net gain that could be achieved based on the current layout presented in the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Assessment [EN010131/APP/7.9] submitted with	Under discussion

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					the Application. Cow Pasture Lane Drains has been considered in the BNG Report.	
6.7	BDC Stat Con response	Cabling Operations	BDC states that cabling operations should be carried out according to a Precautionary Method of Working (PMW) or Ecological Method Statement in the presence of an Ecological Clerk of Works to supervise and advise during the process to avoid direct impacts upon protected and notable species.		Mitigation measures to avoid impacts to protected and notable species are included within the Framework CEMP [EN010131/APP/7.3] . This includes the presence of an Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) during construction.	Under discussion
6.8	BDC Stat Con response	Biodiversity Net Gain	BDC states that it would be beneficial to see some indications of the level of Net Gain that may be possible to secure.		The Applicant has provided a BNG report as part of the DCO Application [EN010131/APP/7.9] .	Agreed
7. Water Environment						
7.1	BDC Stat Con response	Neighbourhood Plan Policies	BDC states the Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan (Review): Policy 4 (Reducing the risk of flooding) should be referenced in the ES.		A reference to Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan (Review): Policy 4 (Reducing the risk of flooding) has been included within Chapter 9: Water Environment of the ES [EN010131/APP/3.1] .	Agreed
7.2	BDC and NCC Stat Con response	Flood risk	BDC states that due to the design of solar development, the completed cable route being underground and mitigation returning ground levels to their original baseline, it is acceptable for some of the Proposed Development to be in Flood Zones 2 and 3.	NCC states that given that this site falls outside of the county boundary (Notably on the eastern side of the Trent, and also due to the nature of the proposals, the Flood Team have no comment to make.	Given that the grid connection point is located within and surrounded by areas in Flood Zone 2 and 3 any grid connection corridor would pass through these areas. The connection would also be underground with the land restored after installation. Locating the grid connection through areas of elevated flood risk is acceptable in this context.	Agreed

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8. Landscape and Visual						
8.1	BDC Stat Con Response	Neighbourhood Plan Policies	BDC states the Rampton & Woodbeck Neighbourhood Plan: Character Assessment and Policy 10 (The Protection of the Parish Landscape), the Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan (Review): Design Code and Policy 2a (Protecting the landscape character, significant green gaps and key views) and the Treswall & Cottam Neighbourhood Plan: Character Assessment and Policy 2 (Design principles) should be explicitly referenced.		References to the following Neighbourhood Plan policies will be included within Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual Amenity [EN010131/APP/3.1] : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rampton & Woodbeck Neighbourhood Plan: Character Assessment • Rampton & Woodbeck Neighbourhood Plan: Policy 10 (The Protection of the Parish Landscape) • Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan (Review) (Ref 1-9): Design Code • Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan (Review): Policy 2a (Protecting the landscape character, significant green gaps and key views) • Treswell & Cottam Neighbourhood Plan: Character Assessment • Treswell & Cottam Neighbourhood Plan: Policy 2 (Design principles) 	Agreed
8.2	BDC and NCC Stat Con response	Engagement	BDC recommends early engagement with the council once the form of the proposed cabling has been determined to set out how the how the landscape and visual assessment chapter will be	NCC request to continue to be involved in the discussions about the location of the cable route corridor, the crossing of the River Trent and any new buildings/substations at or	As set out in the Consultation Report [EN010131/APP/4.1] the Applicant has undertaken a multi-stage consultation process and frequently sought the views of local authorities at each stage on matters including	Under discussion

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			developed, and the proposed viewpoints should be agreed with the local authorities prior to commencement of the ES.	around the existing Cottam Power Station.	<p>the proposed route of the Grid Connection Corridor (GCC). Initial early engagement sought feedback on the emerging plans. This was followed by the Stage 1 Non-Statutory Consultation where the Applicant sought views on the broad route corridor identified. This resulted in refinement to the Grid Connection Corridor, with a single route selected from the original four presented in the EIA Scoping Report. Further information on the routes considered and the reasons behind the route selection is provided in Chapter 3 of the ES [EN010131/APP/3.1] and ES Appendix 3-A [EN010131/APP/3.3].</p> <p>Feedback resulting from the Stage 2 Statutory Consultation which included local authorities as consultees under s42(1)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 (Ref 1-10) led to reduction of the grid connection areas as far as practicable in order to reduce the overall environmental and social effects, including reducing effects on known ecological and archaeologically sensitive areas and minimise the sterilisation of mineral resources.</p> <p>Where the Scheme, crosses the River Trent, the cable will be installed via trenchless techniques in this</p>	

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					location i.e. using Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD). There will be minor modification work within the footprint of the existing substation	
8.3	BDC Stat Con response	Bassetlaw Local Plan	BDC states that no specific policies in relation to landscape and visual amenity have been referenced.		PEIR Appendix 10-A: Legislation and Planning Policy, refers to Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2037 with specific reference to Chapter 8. It also considers Policies ST35, ST37, ST39, ST41 and ST51 in relation to landscape character and visual amenities. Those references will again feature in the ES.	Under discussion
8.4	NCC Stat Con response	Response to previous comments		NCC confirmed they are satisfied that their previous comments regarding Landscape and Visual Impact have been addressed.	Comments noted	Agreed
8.5	NCC Stat Con response	Landscape and visual impacts		NCC confirm they do not expect any visual impact from the solar panel site in Nottinghamshire and only foresee potential impact from the cable connections and new buildings/substations at or around the existing Cottam Power station.	As set out in ES Chapter 10: landscape and Visual Amenity [EN010131/APP/3.1] there are no significant effects as a result of the Scheme in Nottinghamshire.	Agreed
8.6	NCC response to LVIA meeting 01/03/2022	Viewpoints		NCC confirm no additional viewpoints are required other than those presented at the meeting.	Viewpoints agreed.	Agreed

9. Noise and Vibration

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9.1	BDC Stat Con response	Cabling corridors	BDC requests that developers liaise and agree to share cabling corridors where possible.		As stated in para 3.7.2 of the PEIR opportunities to combine the connection corridor areas have been explored and have resulted in the identification of a shared grid connection corridor area.	Agreed
10. Minerals and waste						
10.1	NCC Stat Con response	Minerals		NCC state that the northern cabling route option runs very close to the permitted sand and gravel site at Sturton Le Steeple. NCC state that as the site is not presently active, it may not have been picked up as part of the initial scoping exercise.	Following engagement with the council, statutory consultees and the local community, the northern cabling route was not selected as the preferred route for the GCC. The Adopted Minerals Local Plan March 2021 (Policy MP2c) and Policies Map Inset 4 has been considered within the ES and Local Policy Accordance Tables within Appendix B of the Planning, Design and Access Statement [EN010131/APP/2.2] . The separation distance between the permitted sand and gravel site at Sturton Le Steeple and the Order limits is approximately 4.5km therefore the site will not be impacted.	Under discussion
10.2	NCC Stat Con response	Waste		NCC confirm there are no exiting waste sites within the vicinity of the site where the proposed development could cause an issue in terms of safeguarding existing waste management facilities.	Agreed	Agreed.

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10.3	Minerals discussion meeting 18/05/2022	Mineral Safeguarding Assessment		NCC confirm a Mineral Safeguarding Assessment will not be required.	Agreed with thanks. It was confirmed with NCC and LCC that there is not a need for a standalone Mineral Safeguarding Assessment to accompany the DCO Application. Policies relevant to mineral safeguarding will be referenced and afforded the appropriate weight in the Planning, Design and Access Statement [EN010131/APP/2.2] .	Agreed.
11. Rights of Way						
11.1	NCC Stat Con response	Construction impact		NCC states that the preferred grid corridor would impact upon 6 Public Right of Ways (PRoWs). NCC states that the trenching of the underground cable would affect the PRoWs in the short term and request closures are employed sensitively to optimise the connectivity of the wider PROW network and any works that affect the safe use of the PROW should be closed temporarily under a formal Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO).	There will be no PRoW permanent closures as a result of the Scheme. All temporary closures are accompanied by diversions to maintain continuity of the PRoW during construction, A PRoW Management Plan [EN010131/APP/7.8] has been prepared in support of the DCO Application to demonstrate how PRoW will be managed safely during the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning phases.	Under discussion
12, Transport and access						
12.1	BDC Scoping Opinion response	Construction Traffic Management Plan	Construction Traffic Management Plan should include the construction of Grid Connection Corridor (GCC).	NCC states they expect the CTMP to give provision for; parking of site operatives and visitors; loading and unloading of plant and materials; and the storage of plant, materials, and	Comment noted and these details are set out within Appendix 13-E: Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN010131/APP/3.3] .	Agreed

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				waste associated with the construction of the grid connection corridor.		
12.2	BDC Scoping Opinion response	Transport Assessment	BDC state that the Transport Assessment should include a chapter on the impact of construction traffic associated with the GCC.	NCC states that the Transport Assessment should include a chapter on the impact of construction traffic associated with the GCC.	Details relating to the Solar and Energy Storage Park and the Grid Connection Corridor are covered in separate sub-sections of the Appendix 13-D: Transport Assessment [EN010131/APP/3.3] where appropriate e.g. study area, baseline conditions, scheme summary, proposed accesses, vehicle routing and trip attraction. The TA also includes a combined assessment of the Solar and Energy Storage Park and the Grid Connection Corridor (within a single chapter), to identify the additional 'cumulative' trips on the surrounding highway network as a result of the overall Scheme. The areas of the highway network within Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire are identified based on the traffic surveys and are set out within summary tables for the entire study area.	Agreed
12.3	BDC Scoping Opinion response	Grid Connection Corridor access	BDC states that the Transport Assessment should cover the new proposed accesses to the GCC works near the power station and explain why it is necessary to construct new accesses over the existing power station accesses.		Following design development since the publication of the Scoping Report, the Grid Connection Corridor is now confirmed and is shown in Chapter 2: The Scheme [EN010131/APP/3.1] . The selection of the corridor is set out within Chapter 3: Alternatives [EN010131/APP/3.1] and was based	Under discussion

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					<p>on an environmental and social comparison of the corridor options along with feedback from the February 2022 non statutory consultation. Chapter 13: Transport and Access [EN010131/APP/3.1] outlines the access arrangement for the Grid Connection Corridor. Section 5.4 of the Planning, Design and Access Statement [EN010131/APP/2.2] also summarises these access locations and their design.</p> <p>Whilst access to the substation could utilise the power station access/ junction there is also need for a cable route construction access junction which would need to be on the northern side of Cottam Road. An indication of construction vehicle numbers relating to the Grid Connection Corridor is provided within the Chapter 13: Transport and Access [EN010131/APP/3.1].</p>	

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Appendix A: Record of Engagement

Date	Correspondence	Topics discussed and outcomes
15/09/2021	NCC HER	Data order email
15/09/2021	NCC HER	Data order email update
15/10/2022	Meeting with NCC, BDC, LC, CAM and AECOM	PowerPoint presentation on Scheme. Q&A session documented in minutes.
15/10/2021	Meeting with LCC, CAM, AECOM, LW	(Nb the archaeological advisors for BDS are LCC so correspondence with LCC is included here). AECOM provide introduction to Applicant and project team, overview of Scheme, programme, and consultation process. LCC advise initial engagement with Officers including Heritage, Sustainability and LLFA officers.
19/10/2021	LCC (FT) and AECOM (JW)	Request for contact detail for the appropriate archaeological advisor for LCC. Advised - Ian Marshman
20/10/2021	AECOM (JW) and LCC (IM)	Email to introduce heritage lead and discuss approach to consultation. Response stating that LCC were determining who would be assigned to the project.
27/10/2021	LCC (IG) and AECOM (JW) phone call	Email requesting that initial contact be made with Ian George until projects assigned.
05/11/2021	LCC (IG) and AECOM (JW) phone call	Initial conversation to discuss approach to consultation and archaeological evaluation.
08/11/2021	LCC (IG) and AECOM (JW) email	Sent WSI for geophysical survey for comment.
23/11/2021	LCC (IG) and AECOM (JW) email	Email from Ian saying that Jan Allen and Matt Adams will be overseeing the project on behalf of LCC. In addition, Matt Adams will be representing Bassetlaw District Council / NCC.
03/12/2021	LCC, BDC (JA and MA) and AECOM (JW) email	Email received with comments on geophysical survey WSI
08/12/2021	Meeting with LC, BDC, LCC and AECOM	Meeting to discuss heritage, need for geophysics survey, engagement with LCC and BDC/NCC, and scoping report.

02/02/2022	BDC (MA) and AECOM (JW) phone call	Call to discuss the potential embedded design strategies that could be deployed to avoid impacts to archaeological deposits within the Grid Connection Corridor
15/02/2022	Meeting with LCC, BDC, LC and AECOM	Overview of concept masterplan and design development to date in relation to cultural heritage
22/02/2022	Email from GB to JN (BDC)	Email offering meeting between Low Carbon and BDC.
1/03/2022	Meeting with BDC, LCC, WLDC, NCC, LC, and AECOM	Meeting to discuss proposed landscape viewpoints
08/03/2022	Email with NCC and AECOM	Response received from Nottinghamshire CC following the meeting to discuss proposed landscape viewpoints.
22/03/2022	Meeting with LCC, BDC, NCC, LC and AECOM	Transport Scoping Discussion
11/04/2022	BDC Members Briefing	PowerPoint presentation on overview of NSIPS and the Scheme.
11/04/2022	Email from AB (AECOM) to BDC	Request for comments on draft SoCC.
12/05/2022	Draft SoCC response from BDC	Response to draft SoCC.
16/05/2022	Email from BM (CAM) to NCC	Follow up email requesting comments on draft SoCC.
16/05/2022	Email from NCC to BM (CAM)	Confirming no comments on draft SoCC and agree locations for events.
18/05/2022	Meeting with AECOM, LCC and NCC.	Meeting to discuss approach to Mineral Safeguarding Assessment.
21/06/2022	Email between LCC, BDC (JA and MA) and AECOM	Scope of Works for trial trench evaluation submitted to LCC and BDC via email detailing the approach to evaluation trenching within the Site.
21/06/2022	Email with LCC (JA) and AECOM	Email received from LCC on behalf of BDC providing guidance on the requirements of the WSI.
19/07/2022	Email from NCC to GB	Attaching comments in relation to Scheme.
22/07/2022	Email from GB to BDC	Requesting that BDC display consultation materials on social media or public noticeboards.
22/07/2022	Email from BDC to GB	Confirming that BDC will distribute consultation material to members and local parish councils.

27/07/2022	Email between LCC (JA) and AECOM	Call received to request permission to share Gate Burton heritage baseline reports with external projects as examples of good practice.
05/08/2022	Email from BDC to GB	Attaching response to phase 2 statutory consultation PEIR document.
05/08/2022	Meeting with LCC, BDC (JA and MA) and AECOM	Meeting to discuss the results of the geophysical survey within the connection corridor and present methodology for trial trench evaluation within corridor. Provide update on the trial trenching within the main site and organise site monitoring visit. Follow up email received confirming acceptance of trial trenching WSI.
16/08/2022	Meeting with LCC, BDC (JA and MA) and AECOM	On-site monitoring visit to review progress of trial trenching.
09/09/2022	Email between LCC (JA) and AECOM	Email from LCC on behalf of BDC agreeing design of trial trenching within Grid Connection Corridor.
28/09/2022	NCC Email	Update of HER data after 12-month review
17/10/2022	Meeting with BDC, NCC and AECOM	Project update meeting discussing changes to the scheme layout, changes to the order limits and PPA
19/10/2022	Email from EM (AECOM) to B AS and CC (BDC) and JS and SP (NCC)	Email to request comments on the Cumulative Development Longlist.
19/10/2022	Email with LCC, BDC (JA, MA) and AECOM (JW)	Draft Cultural Heritage Desk-based Assessment, Gazetteer of known heritage assets, Aerial Photo and LiDAR Analysis report and Geophysical Survey report submitted to LCC and BDC for information
03/01/2023	Email with LCC, BDC (JA, MA) and AECOM (JW)	Draft fieldwork report for trial trench evaluation and geoarchaeological assessment report sent to LCC and BDC
12/01/2023	Meeting with LCC, BDC (JA, MA) and AECOM (JW)	Engagement meeting to discuss the proposed archaeological mitigation strategies for the Grid Connection Corridor
17/01/2023	Email from AECOM (JW) to LCC and BDC (JA, MA)	Email from AECOM providing a copy of the draft Archaeological Mitigation Strategy.
19/01/2023	Meeting with JW (AECOM), LCC and BDC (JA, MA)	Engagement meeting with BDC to review the draft AMS. LCC and BDC provided comments on the draft AMS.
23/01/2023	Meeting with JW (AECOM) LCC,	Engagement meeting to confirm the final Archaeological Mitigation Strategy including

	and BDC (JA, MA) and follow up email from LCC	amendments following comments from LCC and BDC. Confirmation of acceptance of the final Archaeological Mitigation Strategy received via email from LCC on behalf of LCC and BDC.
24/01/2023	Email from EM (AECOM) to CC, BA-S (BDC), JS and SP (NCC)	Email to issue BDC and NCC with the draft SoCG requesting BDC's and NCC's comments.

Appendix B: Relevant Local Planning Policy Documents

- Bassetlaw District Council Core Strategy (BCS) and Development Management Policies DPD, adopted 22 December 2011 (Ref 1-2);
- Bassetlaw District Council Draft Local Plan (Draft BLP) 2020-2038 (Ref 1-3);
- Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan, adopted March 2021 (Ref 1-4);
- Nottinghamshire Waste Local Plan, adopted 2002 (Ref 1-5);
- Nottinghamshire Waste Core Strategy, adopted 2013 (Ref 1-6);
- Treswell and Cottam Neighbourhood Plan, made February 2019 (Ref 1-7);
- Rampton and Woodbeck Neighbourhood Plan, made May 2021 (Ref 1-8); and
- Sturton by Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Development Plan made July 2022.

Appendix C: Figure 1 – The Order Limits and Local Authority Boundaries

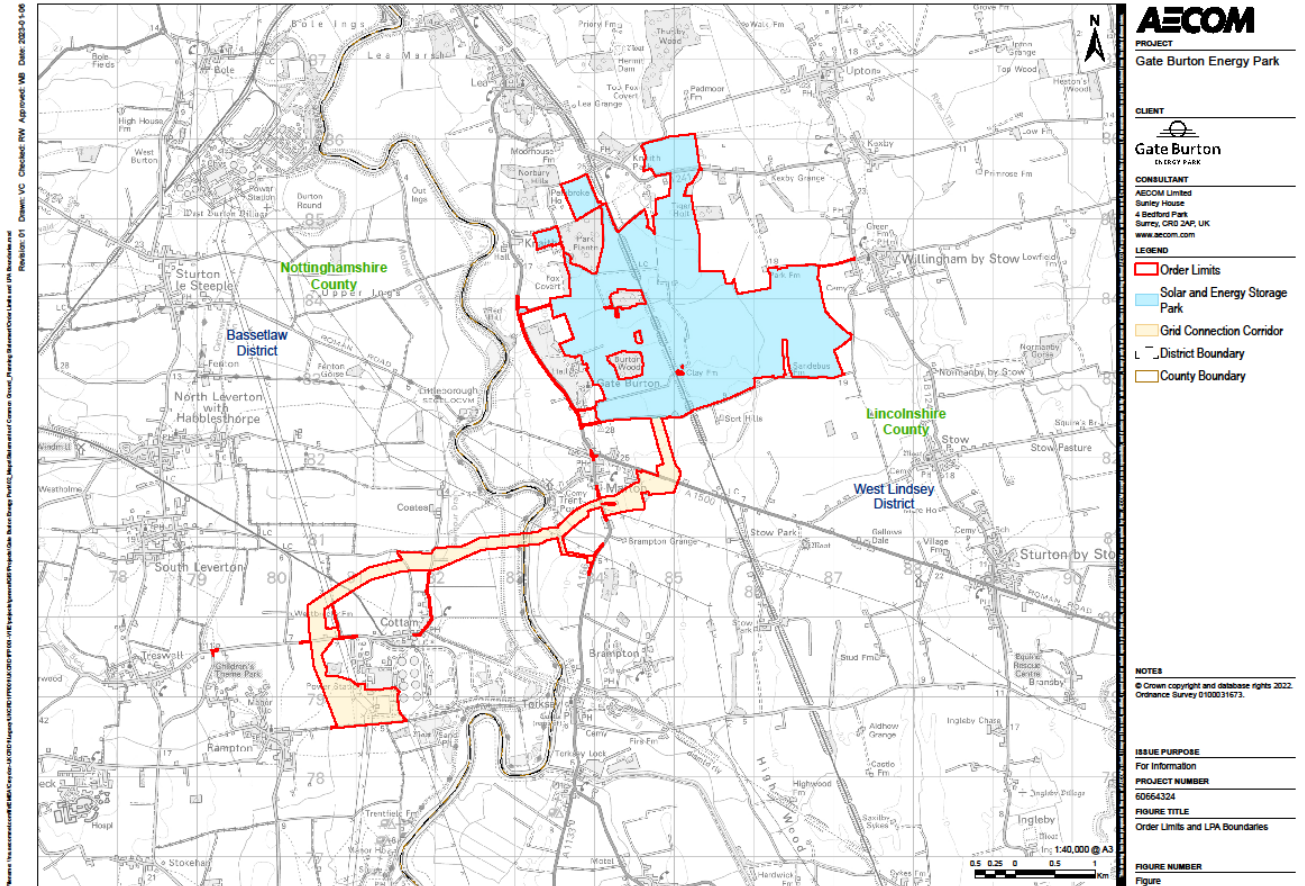


Figure 1 - The Order Limits and Local Authority Boundaries

