



**Application by Gate Burton Energy Park Limited for Gate Burton Energy Park  
The Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ2)  
Issued on Tuesday 12 September 2023**

The following table sets out the Examining Authority's (ExA's) further written questions and requests for information – ExQ2.

Questions are set out using an issues-based framework derived from the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues provided as Annexe B to the Rule 6 letter of 31 May 2023. Questions have been added to the framework of issues set out there as they have arisen from representations and to address the assessment of the application against relevant policies.

Column 2 of the table indicates which Interested Parties (IPs) and other persons each question is directed to. The ExA would be grateful if all persons named could answer all questions directed to them, providing a substantive response, or indicating that the question is not relevant to them for a reason. This does not prevent an answer being provided to a question by a person to whom it is not directed, should the question be relevant to their interests.

Each question has a unique reference number which starts with 2 (indicating that it is from ExQ2) and then has an issue number and a question number. For example, the first question on the 'Principle and nature of development' issue is identified as Q2.1.1, as this is the first question, relates to the first issue, and is part of this set of further written questions by the ExA. When you are answering a question, please start your answer by quoting the unique reference number.

If you are responding to a small number of questions, answers in a letter will suffice. If you are answering a larger number of questions, it will assist the ExA if you use a table based on this one to set out your responses. An editable version of this table in Microsoft Word is available on request from the case team: please contact 'GateBurtonSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk' and include 'EN010131 - Gate Burton Energy Park' in the subject line of your email.

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**Abbreviations used:**

<b>PA2008</b>	The Planning Act 2008	<b>LoNI</b>	Letter of No Impediment
<b>AC</b>	Alternating Current	<b>LPA</b>	Local planning authority
<b>ALA 1981</b>	Acquisition of Land Act 1981	<b>MMO</b>	Marine Management Organisation
<b>Art</b>	Article	<b>MP</b>	Model Provision (in the MP Order)
<b>AS</b>	Additional Submissions	<b>MW</b>	Mega Watts
<b>BDC</b>	Bassetlaw District Council	<b>NCC</b>	Nottinghamshire County Council
<b>BESS</b>	Battery Energy Storage System	<b>NE</b>	Natural England
<b>BMV</b>	Best and Most Versatile land	<b>NGED</b>	National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) Plc
<b>BoR</b>	Book of Reference	<b>NPPF</b>	National Planning Policy Framework
<b>CA</b>	Compulsory Acquisition	<b>NPS</b>	National Policy Statement
<b>CPO</b>	Compulsory purchase order	<b>NRMM</b>	Non-Road Mobile Machinery
<b>CTMP</b>	Construction Traffic Management Plan	<b>NSIP</b>	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
<b>dB</b>	Decibels	<b>OLEMP</b>	Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan
<b>dDCO</b>	Draft DCO	<b>PoC</b>	Point of Connection
<b>EA</b>	Environment Agency	<b>PSED</b>	Public Sector Equality Duty
<b>EM</b>	Explanatory Memorandum	<b>PV</b>	Photovoltaics
<b>EMF</b>	Electro Magnetic Field	<b>R</b>	Requirement
<b>ERP</b>	Emergency Response Plan	<b>RR</b>	Relevant Representation
<b>ES</b>	Environmental Statement	<b>SI</b>	Statutory Instrument
<b>ExA</b>	Examining authority	<b>SOAEL</b>	Significant Observed Adverse Effect Level



<b>fCEMP</b>	Framework Construction Management Plan	<b>SoR</b>	Statement of Reasons
<b>foEMP</b>	Framework Operational Environmental Management Plan	<b>SoS</b>	Secretary of State
<b>Ha</b>	Hectares	<b>TA</b>	Transport Assessment
<b>HE</b>	Historic England	<b>TP</b>	Temporary Possession
<b>HSE</b>	Health and Safety Executive	<b>TPO</b>	Tree Preservation Order
<b>Kv</b>	Kilo Volt	<b>WFD</b>	Water Framework Directive
<b>LCC</b>	Lincolnshire County Council	<b>WLDC</b>	West Lindsey District Council
<b>LIR</b>	Local Impact Report		

### The Examination Library

References in these questions set out in square brackets (eg [REP3-023]) are to documents catalogued in the Examination Library. The Examination Library can be obtained from the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010131/EN010131-000454-Examination%20Library.pdf>

It will be updated as the examination progresses.

### Citation of Questions

Questions in this table should be cited as follows:

Question reference: Written Question series: issue reference: question number, eg Q2.1.1 – refers to question 1 on issue 1 in this table.



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ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
<b>1 Principle and nature of development</b>		
Q2.1.1	The Applicant, Lincolnshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, West Lindsey District Council Basset law District Council	<p><b>Overall Policy Background</b></p> <p>An updated version of the National Planning Policy Framework was published on 5 September 2023 can all parties comment on the implications for their case, if any.</p>
Q2.1.2	The Applicant	<p><b>Equalities Impact Assessment</b></p> <p>Do any of the mitigation measures identified in the Equalities Impact Assessment REP3-023 need to be secured in the Development Consent Order or associated documentation or are they already so secured?</p> <p>If already secured please signpost where and how they are secured or if not how they can be.</p>
Q2.1.3	The Applicant	<p><b>Connections across Railway line:</b></p> <p>a) Confirm the proposed intentions regarding the method of connecting the Solar panel arrays on the east side of the railway line with the Substation, BoSS and BESS compound area on the western side of the railway line.</p> <p>b) Given the Railway varies between being in cuttings, at grade and bridged structures on or around the site will this require HDD or overhead cabling. How many crossings are anticipated, have potential crossing locations been identified? Have these been considered in the relevant chapters of the ES including construction effects on nearby residential properties (if HDD is proposed), visual impacts (if overhead cabling proposed) etc.</p> <p>c) Would the construction of the crossings have any effect on the operation of the rail line? Have Network Rail proposed any particular restrictions which would affect the siting and crossing construction methodology?</p> <p>d) Are there any proposed mitigation or construction methods that are to be secured and detailed in the Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan in respect of any anticipated effects.</p>

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<b>ExQ2</b>	<b>Question to:</b>	<b>Question:</b>
Q2.1.4	The Applicant	<p><b>Battery Energy Storage System:</b></p> <p>At Deadline 3 the Outline Design Principles were updated and which included a change to the number of battery storage containers from 156 to 240, identified as an error. However, Chapter 2 of the ES: The Scheme, includes reference to a maximum of 156 individual enclosures at 2.4.25. Furthermore, document APP-133 – BESS and Substation Description at paragraph 1.2.1 states the BESS will comprise up to 256 individual battery modules/ containers. As Chapter 2 is the basis on which all of the individual chapter assessments in the ES have been undertaken can you confirm:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>On what basis All the assessments were undertaken having regard to the BESS ie with 156, 240 or 256 battery containers as the worst case scenario.</li><li>On what basis the area identified on the works plans is sized? is it having regard to the need to accommodate 156, 240 or 256 battery storage units.</li><li>On what basis the indicative site layout plan was designed? is this with regard to 156, 240 or 256 battery storage units.</li><li>On what basis the Unplanned Atmospheric Emissions from Battery Energy Storage Systems [APP-172] was undertaken and any suggested mitigation measures or control needs, including water volumes.</li></ol> <p>The ES chapter 2 description and any other documents that reference the number of battery enclosures should be amended to ensure consistency across the documentation.</p>
Q2.1.5	The Applicant	<p><b>Battery Energy Storage System:</b></p> <p>Comment on changes to the National Planning Policy Guidance - Renewable and Low Carbon Energy - Battery Energy Storage Systems, paragraph 33 which encourages applicants to consider the guidance produced by the National Fire Chiefs Council. Explaining whether this has any implications for the scheme, if it has been taken into account, and the weight that should be given to the advice.</p>
Q2.1.6	The Applicant	<p><b>Cumulative assessment Environmental Statement</b></p> <p>In the Environmental Statement Chapter 5 – EIA methodology at 5.8.12 it states 'The long list of cumulative schemes (<b>ES Volume 2: Appendix 16-B [EN010131/APP/3.3]</b>) has informed the short list presented with each chapter'. At paragraph 5.8.13 it states 'A short list of cumulative developments is presented in <b>ES Volume 3: Appendix 16-B [EN010131/APP/3.3]</b> of this ES. These are the same reference and identify different</p>

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		<p>lists for the same reference and the reference is actually to a different matrix. Can these references be corrected. In Chapter 8 at section 8.13 reference is made to a short list by reference to appendix 5-A, such an appendix has not been provided.</p> <p>Can the referencing of the long and short lists be updated and corrected throughout the ES where necessary. Please also see following questions.</p>
Q2.1.7	The Applicant	<p><b>Cumulative assessment Environmental Statement</b></p> <p>At deadlines 2 and 3, West Lindsey and Bassetlaw Councils identify additional cumulative schemes that have not been included in the cumulative assessment. It is also unclear from the ES cumulative assessments, see above, what the short list of developments are that have been assessed and whether these have been agreed with the local authorities. An overall short list is provided at Appendix 16 A, however it is not clear what the short list of developments are for each of the relevant cumulative assessments and why the list is appropriate for that particular assessment, please explain and clarify. Where additional schemes require assessment, including those referenced by the Host Authorities, the relevant cumulative assessment and summary of significant effects in ES Chapter 16 – assessment of cumulative effects and interactions, should be updated to reflect this.</p>
Q2.1.8	The Applicant	<p><b>Cumulative Assessment</b></p> <p>The West Burton and Cottam Schemes have been accepted for examination with the Cottam scheme Examination commencing recently. Given that the Environmental Information submitted in respect of these schemes is now in the public domain please review your cumulative assessments in respect Gate Burton to ensure that the baseline figures and information used is as up to date and correct as possible. Where there are differences between the figures in the Gate Burton Environmental Statement cumulative assessment and the latest figures from the other schemes please update these in the ES as necessary and comment on any impact this may have on the conclusions reached (see also Q2.14.1 and Q2.14.2 below).</p>
Q2.1.9	Lincolnshire County Council	<p><b>Cumulative Assessment</b></p> <p>At paragraph 2 of your written summary of your oral submissions you state suggest a joint hearing on cumulative effects and reference the commencement of Cottam and West Burton examinations. You will be aware that West Burton PM was adjourned and that the examination has therefore not begun. You will also be aware of the restrictions of the Planning Act 2008 in respect of examinations and that there is not an opportunity to hold</p>

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		<p>combined hearings. Notwithstanding these points you state in respect of your suggestion that a hearing on cumulative effects would be beneficial and you state <i>"The benefit of such a joint hearing was demonstrated during the discussions under Items 3 and 7 of Issue Specific Hearing 3 when the cumulative impacts of landscape and construction traffic were discussed and it was clear that the discussion would have benefited from the other developers being present to provide responses from their perspective"</i>.</p> <p>Can you specifically detail what the benefits are that you are alluding to and what the 'other developers' responses are that you suggest would add to the information before this examination?</p> <p>As noted in your submissions the cumulative effects of landscape and traffic were discussed and there was an opportunity for you or other interested parties to raise any other matters on these issues should they have wished to do so. However if there remain matters specifically in respect of cumulative effects that you wish to add to in terms of your LIR, Written Representations, Responses to Written Questions, responses to the applicants answers to other written questions and your contributions to the various Issue Specific Hearings already before the ExA please provide your response by deadline 4 and detail what other effects or impacts may arise from the development in combination with other schemes that you have not previously raised.</p>
Q2.1.10	The Applicant	<p><b>Cumulative effects</b></p> <p>Comment on West Lindsey Districts Council suggestion in REP3-044 that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The Cumulative assessment in the Environmental Statement should assess the different potential combinations of various schemes to provide environmental information on what the likely significant effects would be; and</li><li>b) The Environmental Statement has not been updated and needs to be updated to assess the cumulative effects of Tillbridge, but also by implication any new or updated environmental information that has come forward on other schemes that may now be available.</li></ul>
<b>2 Air Quality and Emissions</b>		
Q2.2.1	No further questions at this time	



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<b>3 Biodiversity, Ecology and Natural Environment (including Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA))</b>		
Q2.3.1	The Environment Agency	<p><b>Electro-magnetic fields and Ecology</b></p> <p>At Deadline 3 the Environment Agency confirmed that it would review the EMF effects in respect of Ecology and provide any additional comments by deadline 4. Provide any further comments alongside any notes that may be included in the Statement of Common Ground with the Applicant.</p>
<b>4 Climate Change</b>		
Q2.4.1	No further comments at this time.	
<b>5 Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession and Other Land or Rights Considerations</b>		
Q2.5.1	The Applicant	<p><b>Updated schedule of Negotiations and Powers sought (clean) REP3-0010:</b></p> <p>Provide a tracked changed version of the Updated schedule of Negotiations and Powers sought as only a clean copy has been provided. Ensure that clean and tracked changed versions of each document is submitted at each deadline.</p>
Q2.5.2	The Applicant, Severn Trent Water	<p><b>Severn Trent water Protective Provisions</b></p> <p>A copy of the letter/ communication from Severn Trent Water to confirm that it is satisfied to rely on its statutory rights and therefore the standard protective provisions are satisfactory and no further updates are necessary. STW should confirm they have no objections to the scheme</p>
Q2.5.3	The Applicant	<p><b>Legal Pro forma land agreements with existing landowners</b></p> <p>It was requested that a copy of the draft private agreements or basic proforma of the agreements agreed by the private landowners was to be submitted to further the understanding of the nature of the agreements that applicant has in place without revealing the actual agreements. This would be a useful addition to the information already submitted.</p>
Q2.5.4	The Applicant Lincolnshire County Council	<p><b>Other licences and Agreements</b></p> <p>Lincolnshire County Council during the recent hearings requested that a financial contribution be secured through a section 106 agreement to support the Lincolnshire Fire</p>

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<b>ExQ2</b>	<b>Question to:</b>	<b>Question:</b>
		<p>Service in undertaking its consideration assessment and monitoring of any Battery safety management regime. See item 8 paragraphs 20-26 of REP3-037.</p> <p>Whilst some attempt has been made to consider the requests against the tests no detail is provided on the scale of the amount that is suggested the contribution should make and to detail the nature of the service it would pay for. Can LCC please add to their submission to confirm the level of contribution sought, whether it is a lump sum one off payment or ongoing commitment. How the figure is calculated and the detail of the service that would be provided for the contribution.</p> <p>Can the applicant consider the principle and initially set out whether such an agreement may be acceptable and can both parties comment on whether such an agreement could be reached within the time frame of the close of the examination.</p>
Q2.5.5	Mr Ash	<p><b>Comments on Compulsory Acquisition in respect of Mr Ash's land interests</b></p> <p>Confirm the Applicants summary of the current position as set out in its Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral submissions at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH 1) and the post hearing submission found at REP3-024 10.1.1 to 10.1.4 on page 21 is an accurate reflection of your understanding of the situation and whether you will or are proposing to withdraw your objection. If it is not please confirm your understanding and provide any further comments in relation to the CA of your land interests.</p>
Q2.5.6	Mr and Ms Hill	<p><b>Comments on Compulsory Acquisition in respect of Mr Hill and Ms Hill's land interests</b></p> <p>Confirm the Applicants summary of the current position as set out in its Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral submissions at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH 1) and the post hearing submission found at REP3-024 10.2.1 to 10.2.4 on page 21 is an accurate reflection of your understanding of the situation and whether you will or are proposing to withdraw your objection. If it is not please confirm your understanding and provide any further comments in relation to the CA of your land interests.</p>
Q2.5.7	Emma Kimberley and Shaun Kimberley	<p><b>Comments on Compulsory Acquisition in respect of Emma Kimberley and Shaun Kimberley's land interests</b></p> <p>Confirm the Applicants summary of the current position as set out in its Schedule of negotiations and Powers sought document REP3-010 page 11 is an accurate reflection of your understanding of the situation and whether you will or are proposing to withdraw</p>

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		your objection. If it is not please confirm your understanding and provide any further comments in relation to the CA of your land interests.
<b>6 draft Development Consent Order (DCO)</b>		
Q2.6.1	The Applicant	<p><b>Draft Development Consent Order version 4</b></p> <p>Provide a tracked changed version of draft Development Consent Order v4 to show the tracked changes between version 3 and version 4, a clean copy only was provided at deadline 3 REP3-006.</p> <p>Ensure that you provide clean and tracked changes versions at each deadline.</p>
Q2.6.2	The Applicant	<p><b>Explanatory Memorandum</b></p> <p>A clean copy of the explanatory memorandum was not provided at deadline 3 with only a tracked changed version REP3-007 being provided. Provide a clean copy and ensure that clean and tracked changed versions of each document is submitted at each deadline.</p>
Q2.6.3	Marine Management Organisation	<p><b>Article 44 and schedule 9 Draft Marine Licence:</b></p> <p>Provide without prejudice comments on the draft Marine Licence included at Schedule 9, in the event that the Secretary of State considers it appropriate to include such in any Development Consent Order should one be forth coming, so that I can be best placed to provide the most appropriate Licence in those circumstances.</p> <p>Detail why you consider it is not appropriate to provide for a dML in a scenario where it only becomes effective if particular circumstances arise and which seeks to afford certainty for a NSIP scheme?</p>
Q2.6.4	Applicant	<p><b>Article 44 and schedule 9 Draft Marine Licence:</b></p> <p>The MMO at deadline 3 REP3-046 reiterate their position that an assessment of marine impacts is necessary to inform the need for any specific conditions to be included in any dML so that any licensed activities are suitably controlled. Provide any further appropriate sign posting to locate any such assessment, provide a proportionate assessment or detail why such an assessment is not required and identify the information upon which an assessment of the necessary conditions could be undertaken.</p>
Q2.6.5	Lincolnshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, West Lindsey District	<b>Article 46 and Schedule 16</b>

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	Council Basset law District Council	<p>The Applicant made changes to the draft DCO at deadline 3 see dDCO REP3-006 and Explanatory Memorandum REP3-007 in respect of a number of matters but which included changes to Article 46 and schedule 16 and made changes to certain timescales.</p> <p>Can the host Authorities comment on the nature of the changes and whether these address their concerns previously raised.</p> <p>If not identify specific points which remain of concern, state the required amendment considered necessary to make the Article or schedule acceptable and explain the reason and necessity for the proposed changes.</p> <p>Reference has been made to not adopting a one size fits all for the time scales; in which case the reasoning and justification should identify what timescale is appropriate for which requirement.</p>
Q2.6.6	Commissioners for Crown Estate	<p><b>Article 49 Crown land:</b></p> <p>Provide an update into the examination to give some anticipated expectation for conclusion of ongoing discussions including a potential outcome and timetable including key milestones and whether this will be concluded within the timeframe of the Examination.</p>
Q2.6.7	The Applicant	<p><b>Schedule 2 Requirements – Additional Requirement</b></p> <p>In NCC's post hearing written submission REP3-038 a detailed additional requirement in relation to traffic associated with cable laying was proposed. Provide a response by way of including the proposed additional requirement, an amended version addressing similar matters or explain why such a requirement does not meet the tests and is not necessary.</p>
<b>7 Historic Environment</b>		
Q2.7.1	Nottinghamshire County Council, Lincolnshire County Council The Applicant	<p><b>Updated Archaeological Method Statement</b></p> <p>Confirm that the suggested amendments to the AMS satisfactorily address the issues previously raised.</p>
Q2.7.2	The Applicant	<p>In Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 a note of action points identified at Action 2 an action for the Applicant to provide a 'Description and explanation of the necessity to retain land within the Order Lands where no development is taking place including the Heritage Buffer and land around Knaith Park.' In the Applicants Post hearing submission on CAH1 at 11.1.1 and 5.6.9 only the land at Knaith Park is directly referenced.</p>

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		<p>The review of the rights sought for Knaith Park and any necessary updates or amendments will be provided at deadline 4 is welcomed.</p> <p>However, the point also covered land within or identified as Heritage Buffer. It was suggested CA was necessary to retain control over the land and to ensure it was managed to support the heritage function and in effect ensure the land continued to contribute to the setting of the historic assets. It was suggested this would be further explained including that this would be required to prevent the erection of buildings, ensure the land remains open etc. This further explanation and mitigation is not directly set out in the statement of reasons or secured within any of the documents. Can the mitigation and management of these areas be clearly set out and shown where and how it is secured and therefore why it is necessary to be the subject of CA and the necessary documentation updated.</p>
<b>8 Human Health and Wellbeing</b>		
Q2.8.1	West Lindsey District Council	<p><b>Cumulative Health and wellbeing effects:</b></p> <p>Expand and explain what the 'wider implications of the Gate Burton scheme cumulatively with the other projects that may occur that are not fully understood', as referenced in your recent submissions. Clearly identify what areas you consider have not been assessed and are not understood and why.</p>
Q2.8.2	UK Health Security Agency	<p><b>Electro magnetic effects on human health</b></p> <p>Confirm whether the explanation provide by the Applicant in EL document REP3-029, page 20, 'Applicant Response to Interested Party Deadline 2 submissions in relation to your response to ExQ1.8.6 satisfactorily addresses your concern and if not explain why not.</p>
<b>9 Landscape and Visual</b>		
Q2.9.1	The Applicant	<p><b>Details of Woodland</b></p> <p>Provide a rough general height of the woodland blocks close to the Substation and BESS compound to include Burton Wood, Quilter's Wood and Long Nursery</p>
Q2.9.2	The Applicant	<b>General site dimensions</b>

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		<p>Provide approximate dimensions of the maximum width and length of the site and from the site boundaries to the railway line to include the following (I have used the base plan submitted with the draft site inspection itinerary to identify the approximate points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West-East: From the Western boundary starting at a point at the 'Rookery' eastward to Marton Road;</li> <li>• North-south: From the southern boundary where Willingham Road crosses the railway line north to approximately where the base plan has the number 16 on it, and</li> <li>• To the railway line from the main western boundary at the construction compound to the private level crossing.</li> </ul>
Q2.9.3	The Applicant	<p><b>Cumulative assessment – general dimensions</b></p> <p>Provide a plan identifying the location of each of the other National Strategic Infrastructure Project schemes considered in the cumulative assessments with marked dimensions to provide minimum distances (direct line/ as crow flies rather than by road) between the Gate Burton Solar array site area and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cottam (each of the elements of the solar array sites)</li> <li>• West Burton</li> <li>• Tillbridge</li> </ul> <p>A direct line should be drawn on the plan between the closest point of the Gate Burton solar array site and each of the other sites with the end points marked at each end and a measured distance between the two points provided, to demonstrate the degree of separation between the schemes and Gate Burton.</p>
<b>10 Major accidents and Disasters</b>		
Q2.10.1	No further questions at this time	
<b>11 Noise</b>		
Q2.11.1	7000 acres	<p>In your recent submission following ISH2 REP3-049 you suggest that the ExA should consider placing limits on Noise and other and other emission, but give no indication as to what the figures for these limits should be. Set out the limits that you would suggest would be appropriate and the reasoning to justify the figures you have provided.</p>

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<b>12 Socio-economic Effects and Land Use (including Agricultural land and BMV)</b>		
Q2.12.1	The Applicant	<p><b>Agricultural use of land</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 12 – Socio- economic and land use concludes in paragraph 12.10.4 that impacts to agricultural land would be minor and not significant. This is based on the assumption that sheep farming would continue agricultural use of the site underneath the panels as described in paragraph 12.10.3. However, the OLEMP states in paragraph 3.6.10 that the grass beneath the panels will be mowed and the arisings will be sent to green waste as part of the long term management. Furthermore, it was confirmed at the recent ISH3 hearing session one on landscape and land use matters that continued agricultural use of the land beneath the panels by way of sheep grazing is not secured in the application and therefore the conclusions of the assessment to agricultural land are not robust as they rely in part on this mitigation. Can the Applicant update the ES accordingly.</p>
Q2.12.2	Lincolnshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, West Lindsey District Council, Basset Law District Council, Natural England	<p><b>Best and Most Versatile land</b></p> <p>Do the amendments to the Outline Soil Management Plan REP3-013 and REP3-014 provide confidence for Natural England and the Host Authorities to ensure the correct Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) will be identified and the soil managed to ensure that any disturbed land will be restored to a similar ALC grade. If not please explain why not.</p>
Q2.12.3	The Applicant, Lincolnshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, West Lindsey District Council, Basset Law District Council, Natural England	<p><b>Written Ministerial Statement 25 March 2015</b></p> <p>Comment on the extent to which the Written Ministerial Statement of 25 March 2015 in relation to BMV is relevant and important to the consideration of the effects of the development on BMV in this case.</p>
<b>13 Transportation and Traffic</b>		
Q2.13.1	The Applicant	<p><b>Cumulative Assessment – Construction Traffic</b></p> <p>The cumulative assessment in Chapter 13 – Transport identifies the worst case scenario of sequential construction over a five year period. However, when considering the proposed construction periods if they were to be construction sequentially (2 years for West Burton,</p>

**ExQ2: Tuesday 12 September 2023****Responses due by Deadline 4: Tuesday 3 October 2023**

<b>ExQ2</b>	<b>Question to:</b>	<b>Question:</b>
		<p>2 years for Cottam and 36 months for Gate Burton) this would equate to 7 years as a temporal worst-case scenario.</p> <p>Please explain why this scenario has not been tested and why it is not a temporal worst case.</p>
Q2.13.2	The Applicant	<p><b>Cumulative assessment</b></p> <p>The cumulative transport assessment identifies the average daily traffic for HGVs and LGVs for West Burton and Cottam in ES Appendix 13-D, Tables 10 and 11. These do not include the construction traffic serving the cable corridor without explanation why, and the figures do not align with those reported in the Cottam and West Burton Transport Assessments. Can the Applicant explain why the figures for the cable route have been omitted from the cumulative assessment and why figures differ between the different project reports or else update the report appropriately.</p>
Q2.13.3	The Applicant	<p><b>Effects on tourism</b></p> <p>In terms of 'Tourism' being scoped out of the ES, given the cumulative effects and potential for effects on landscape which may impact visitor numbers what is the Applicants assessment of the effects of the Scheme in combination with other Nationally Significant Solar schemes on the general tourist economy of the wider area and the concerns expressed by the host authorities. Not just on specific individual operators within the immediate locality.</p>
<b>14</b>	<b>Water Environment (including flooding)</b>	
Q2.14.1	No further questions at this stage	