

West Burton Solar Project

The Applicant's Cover Letter for Deadline 1 Submissions

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Dear Louise,

West Burton Solar Project - Deadline 1 Submissions
Application Ref: EN010132

This letter sets out the documents which are submitted by West Burton Solar Project Limited ('the Applicant') for Deadline 1 of the Examination of West Burton Solar Project.

These documents have been provided in response to the requests made in the Rule 8 Letter of 16 November 2023 and made at the Open Floor Hearing of 8 November 2023 and at the Issue-Specific Hearing of 9 November 2023.

In addition, these submissions provide a number of minor clarifications and corrections. Further details can be found in the Schedule of Changes **[EN010132/EX1/WB8.1.8]** referred to below.

Submitted Documents

Revised Documents – Clean and Tracked Changes Version of Each

Ref or plan/ drawing number	Document Title
Application Information	
EX1/WB1.3_B	Guide to the Application (Revision B)

Plans and Drawings	
EX1/WB.3_B	Works Plan (Revision B)
EX1/WB2.11_A	Streets Plan (Revision A)
Draft Development Consent Order	
EX1/WB3.1_A	Draft Development Consent Order (Revision A)
Compulsory Acquisition Information	
EX1/WB4.3_A	Book of Reference (Revision A)
Environmental Statement	
EX1/WB6.2.7_A	Environmental Statement Chapter 7: Climate Change (Revision A)
EX1/WB6.2.23_A	Environmental Statement Chapter 23: Summary of Significant Effects (Revision A)
Environmental Statement Appendices	
EX1/WB6.3.9.7_A	ES Appendix 9.7 Great Crested Newt Survey Report (Revision A)
EX1/WB6.3.14.1_A	ES Appendix 14.1 Transport Assessment (Revision A)
EX1/WB6.3.14.2_A	ES Appendix 14.2 Construction Traffic Management Plan (Revision A)
EX1/WB6.3.14.3_A	ES Appendix 14.3 Public Rights of Way Management Plan (Revision A)
Environment Statement Figures	
EX1/WB6.4.4.1_A	ES Figure 4.1 Illustrative Site Layout Plan West Burton 1 (Revision A)
EX1/WB6.4.4.2_A	ES Figure 4.1 Illustrative Site Layout Plan West Burton 2 (Revision A)
EX1/WB6.4.8.18.1_A	Figure 8.18.1 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Measures - West Burton 1 (Revision A)
EX1/WB6.4.8.18.2_A	Figure 8.18.2 - Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Measures - West Burton 2 (Revision A)
EX1/WB6.4.8.18.3_A	Figure 8.18.3 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Measures - West Burton 3 (Revision A)
EX1/WB6.5_A	Environmental Statement Volume 4: Non-Technical Summary (Revision A)
Other Documents	
EX1/WB7.1_A	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Revision A)
EX1/WB7.3_A	Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Revision A)
EX1/WB7.13_A	Concept Design Parameters and Principles (Revision A)
EX1/WB7.14_A	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (Revision A)
EX1/WB7.19_A	Water Framework Directive Assessment (Revision A)

EX1/WB8.1.9_A	Report on the Interrelationship with other NSIPs (Revision A)
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Additional Documents

Examination Submissions	
Core Submissions	
EX1/WB8.1.2	The Applicant's Responses to Relevant Representations
EX1/WB8.1.5	Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at the Open Floor Hearing
EX1/WB8.1.6	Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at the Issue Specific Hearing 1
EX1/WB8.1.7	Applicant's Proposed Viewpoint Locations for an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) and draft itinerary
EX1/WB8.1.8	Schedule of Changes
EX1/WB8.1.10	The Applicant's Responses to Procedural Deadlines A, B and Additional Submissions
EX1/WB8.1.11	Statement of Commonality
EX1/WB8.1.12	Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight
EX1/WB8.1.13	Schedule of Negotiations
EX1/WB8.1.14	Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers
EX1/WB8.1.14	The Applicant's Cover Letter for Deadline 1 Submission
Supplementary Information	
EX1/WB8.2.1	Supplementary Landscape Effects Tables
EX1/WB8.2.2	Supplementary Visual Effects Tables
EX1/WB8.2.3	Review of Likely Significant Effects at 60 Years
Statements of Common Ground	
EX1/WB8.3.1	Lincolnshire County Council SoCG (Draft)
EX1/WB8.3.2	West Lindsey District Council SoCG (Draft)
EX1/WB8.3.3	Historic England SoCG (Draft)
EX1/WB8.3.4	National Highways (Final)
EX1/WB8.3.5	The Environment Agency SoCG (Draft)
EX1/WB8.3.6	Network Rail SoCG (Draft)
EX1/WB8.3.7	Natural England SoCG (Draft)

EX1/WB8.3.8	Nottinghamshire County Council and Bassetlaw District Council SoCG (Draft)
EX1/WB8.3.9	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust SoCG (Draft)
EX1/WB8.3.10	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust SoCG (Final)
EX1/WB8.3.11	Gate Burton Energy Park, Tillbridge Solar Project and West Burton Solar Project SoCG (Draft)
EX1/WB8.3.12	Anglian Water SoCG (Draft)
Environmental Statement Addenda	
EX1/WB8.4.10.1	ES Addendum: Chapter 10: Flood Risk, Hydrology and Drainage
EX1/WB8.4.14.1	ES Addendum: Chapter 14: Transport and Access

Schedule of changes to submitted documents

A new Schedule of Changes **[EN010132/EX1/WB8.1.8]** sets out revisions made to previously submitted documents and the reasons for those changes.

Detailed schedules of changes to the draft Development Consent Order and the Land Plan

The Schedule of Changes **[EN010132/EX1/WB8.1.8]** contains detailed schedules setting out all changes to the draft Development Consent Order and to the Land Plan.

Planning Statement

On 22 November 2023, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero published a suite of revised Energy National Policy statements. The Applicant is reviewing these versions and will update the Planning Statement at Deadline 2 to reflect this. This updated version will also include the adopted Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2023. It is noted that the documents being submitted at this deadline still refer to the draft NPSs that were published in March 2023.

Schedules of progress

As requested in the Rule 8 letter, the Applicant is submitting a Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight **[EN010132/EX1/WB8.1.12]** and a Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers **[EN010132/EX1WB8.1.14]**.

Section 1.5 ('Other consents and licences') of the Consents and Agreements Position Statement **[EN010132/APP/WB7.4]** has not been updated at this Deadline 1 as there have been no changes of note to report. The Applicant notes that, at present, as a result of baseline surveys and sensitive development design, the potential for impacts on the listed protected species is low and no clear need for protected species licensing has been identified at this stage. The Applicant's ecological consultants are keeping under review the potential need to

seek a protected species licence, and will apply for a licence in the usual way should it become necessary to do so. This approach is agreed with Natural England, as set out in response ECO-09 within the Statement of Common Ground with Natural England **[EX1/WB8.3.7]**.

Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects

As requested in the Rule 8 letter, the Applicant is submitting an interrelationships report **[EN010132/EX1/WB8.1.9_A]** between the Scheme and three other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, Gate Burton Energy Park, West Burton Solar Project and Tillbridge Solar. The report has been prepared jointly with the applicants for the other schemes. It provides text and plans showing how the schemes relate to one another. The report sets out the approaches taken by the four developers to coordinate applications and reduce cumulative effects. It also explains the approach taken to the shared grid connection corridor, shared mitigation measures and an update on the assessment of cumulative impacts. As mentioned at ISH1, this is a live document and will be updated throughout the Examination to ensure that it takes into account the most up to date information.

Statements of Common Ground

The status of the Statements of Common Ground being agreed by the Applicant and other bodies is summarised in the Statement of Commonality **[EN010132/EX1/WB8.1.11]**.

Environmental impacts of a 60-year operational lifetime

The draft Development Consent Order has been updated to set the maximum operational lifetime of the Scheme at 60 years. At ISH1 on 9 November, the Examining Authority requested the Applicant to review the assessments made in the Environmental Statement. For each topic, a review of the potential significant effects has been carried out. The results are set out within a revised version of ES Chapter 23: Summary of Significant Effects (Revision A) **[EN010133/EX2/WB6.2.23_A]** and explained in the Review of Likely Significant Effects at 60 Years **[EN010133/EX2/WB8.2.3]**.

Environmental Statement Addenda

Where information that is additional or supplementary to the Environmental Statement has been requested or provided, addenda to the Environmental Statement are being submitted as new documents.

The Applicant has submitted updated versions of some Environmental Statement chapters, where errors in the chapters originally submitted have been identified that needed to be updated.

Withdrawal of document

The Outline Soil Management Plan was submitted as two identical documents, one as Appendix 2 to Chapter 19 of the Environmental Statement **[APP-138]** and one as a stand-alone document, 7.16 **[APP-325]**. The Applicant wishes to withdraw the stand-alone version of the document **[APP-325]**.

The updated version of Schedule 14 – Documents and Plans to be Certified of the Draft Development Consent Order submitted at Deadline 1 **[EN010132/EX1/WB3.1_A]**, now refers to Appendix 2 to Chapter 19 of the Environmental Statement **[APP-138]**.

Please do not hesitate to contact us using the details provided below if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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