West Burton Solar Project

The Applicant's Cover Letter for Deadline 3 Submissions

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Dear Louise,

West Burton Solar Project - Deadline 3 Submissions Application Ref: EN010132

This letter sets out the documents which are submitted by West Burton Solar Project Limited ('the Applicant') for Deadline 3 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 **[EX3 WB8.1.8]** referred to below.



Submitted Documents

<u>Revised Documents - Clean and Tracked Changes Version of Each</u>

Ref or plan/	Document Title	
drawing number		
Application Information		
EX3/WB1.3_D	Guide to the Application (Revision D)	
Plans and Drawings		
EX3/WB2.4_A	Public Rights of Way Plan (Revision A)	
Draft Development Consent Order		
EX3/WB3.1_C	Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C)	
Environmental Statement		
EX3/WB6.2.23_B	Environmental Statement Chapter 23: Summary of Significant Effects (Revision B)	
Environmental Statement Appendices		
EX3/WB6.3.14.2_B	ES Appendix 14.2 Construction Traffic Management Plan (Revision B)	
EX3/WB6.3.14.3_B	ES Appendix 14.3 Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (Revision B)	
EX3/WB6.3.19.2_A	ES Appendix 19.2 Outline Soil Management Plan (Revision A)	
Other Documents		
EX3/WB7.1_B	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Revision B)	
EX3/WB7.2_A	Outline Decommissioning Statement (Revision A)	
EX3/WB7.3_B	Outline Landscape and Ecological Mitigation Plan (Revision B)	
EX3/WB7.5_A	Planning Statement (Revision A)	
EX3/WB7.9_A	Outline Battery Storage Safety Management Plan (Revision A)	
EX3/WB7.13_B	Concept Design Parameters and Principles (Revision B)	
EX3/WB7.14_B	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (Revision B)	
EX3/WB7.18_A	Information to Support a Habitats Regulations Assessment (Revision A)	
Examination Submissions		
Core Submissions		
EX3/WB8.1.8_B	Schedule of Changes (Revision B)	



Additional Documents

Examination Submissions	
Core Submissions	
EX3/WB8.1.17	The Applicant's Responses to Written Representations at Deadline 1: Part 1
EX3/WB8.1.18	The Applicant's Responses to Written Representations at Deadline 1: Part 2
EX3/WB8.1.19	The Applicant's Responses to Written Representations at Deadline 1: Part 3
EX3/WB8.1.20	The Applicant's Responses to Local Impact Reports
EX3/WB8.1.21	The Applicant's Responses to the First Written Questions
EX3/WB8.1.22	The Applicant's Cover letter for Deadline 3 submission
Environmental Statement Addenda	
EX3/WB8.4.17.1	ES Addendum: Air Quality Impact Assessment of BESS Fire

Schedule of changes to submitted documents

A new Schedule of Changes **[EN010132/EX3/WB8.1.8_B]** sets out revisions made to previously submitted documents and the reasons for those changes.

Detailed schedules of changes to the draft Development Consent Order

The Schedule of Changes **[EN010132/EX3/WB8.1.8_B]** contains detailed schedules setting out all changes to the draft Development Consent Order.

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 has reviewed these versions and updated the Planning Statement at Deadline 3 to reflect this. This updated version also includes the adopted Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2023.

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.

At this deadline **WB8.4.17.1** Air Quality Impact Assessment of BESS Fire [EN010132/EX3/WB8.4.17.1] is being submitted as an addendum to ES Chapter 17: Air Quality [APP-055].

The Applicant has submitted an updated version of the Summary of Significant Effects at WB6.2.23_B ES Chapter 23 Summary of Significant Effects Revision B [EN010132/EX3/WB6.2.23_B]. This revision includes summaries of significant cumulative effects for each ES topic, as requested by the Examining Authority at question 1.1.8 of The Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ1) [PD-009].



Furthermore, in response to ExQ1 1.8.8 [PD-009], the Applicant has reviewed the distance between jointing bays, and fibre bays as described in WB7.13_B Concept Design Parameters and Principles Revision B [EN010132/EX3/WB7.13_B] (CDPP) and 6.2.4 Environmental Statement - Chapter 4 Scheme Description [APP-042]. The minimum distance between jointing bays of 150m stated in the CDPP is correct; the distance of 500m stated in Chapter 4 is incorrect. The Applicant can confirm that the environmental assessments were carried out on the basis of the parameters set out in the CDPP and the correct distances were therefore used. Conversely, the maximum distance between fibre bays of 1,000m stated in the CDPP is incorrect; the distance of 2,000m stated in Chapter 4 is correct. Whilst the Applicant can confirm that the environmental assessments were carried out on the basis of the parameters set out in the CDPP, the Applicant considers that an increase to the maximum parameter would have no greater level of impact on environmental receptors, as the number of instances of fibre bays needing to be installed would not be greater.

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

Yours sincerely,



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