



WEST BURTON SOLAR PROJECT – EN-010132

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL – 200338501

**ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARING 4 – ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS- GENERAL**

**THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**SUMMARY OF HEARING**

<b>ITEM</b>	
<b>3. CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>	
<p>Cultural Heritage – this will be kept to a brief update with the matters below to be postponed and dealt with at a later date</p>	<p>WLDC notes the applicant’s update and that this matter is to be considered at a future Issue Specific Hearing.</p> <p>WLDC maintains a strong objection to the scheme due to the substantial harm caused to the Medieval bishop’s palace and deer park, Stow Park Scheduled Monument.</p> <p>WLDC notes that Historic England, Lincolnshire County Council and Nottinghamshire County Council all also maintain strong objections to the project on cultural heritage grounds.</p>
<b>4. TRANSPORT, NOISE AND AIR QUALITY</b>	
<p>a. Consideration of alternative routes including any routes within other schemes, combined construction traffic management plan (CTMP),</p>	<p>WLDC maintain their request for a proposed approach to require co-ordinated joint working between developers in the event that two or more projects are constructed concurrently.</p>

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	<p>and parking standards for employment.</p> <p>b. Noise and Air Quality survey methodological considerations.</p>	<p>WLDC has provided under a separate cover at this deadline, a suggested framework for a co-ordinated management document for discussion. If agreed, the framework could be appended to the oCTMP.</p> <p>WLDC has provided the applicant with a response to the outstanding noise issues to be reflected in the forthcoming SoCG.</p>

**5. SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND HEALTH**

	<p>a. Consideration of the health impacts of the proposal, including the interrelationship with other projects, and how these have been assessed.</p> <p>b. Health equality and variable impact on different communities.</p> <p>c. The impact of the proposal on the Local Industrial Strategy and other economic objectives</p>	<p>WLDCs raises the following issues with regard to the consideration of health impacts.</p> <p>The 500m buffer area failing to capture the wider community that will experience the impacts of the project during construction, operation and decommissioning.</p> <p>The requirement for a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Report to be produced alongside the EIA chapter. A HIA is separate from an EIA assessment.</p> <p>The EIA assessment follows the IEMA guidance and constraints itself by defining its scope by other EIA assessment topics. WLDC consider that a HIA should consider the impacts in an unconstrained manner and should feed back its own consideration into other topic areas.</p> <p>The impacts on health should also not simply be those considered as ‘likely significant’ effects as required by the EIA regulations. The scope should be wider to capture impacts that, although may be calibrated as being under the ‘significant’ threshold, will still be impacts that should be identified and mitigated. The role of a stand-alone (non-EIA) HIA would be to capture all impacts and demonstrate policy compliance in the context of the planning balance. The reliance on an EIA to remove the requirement of a HIA is flawed, unless it can be demonstrated that a precautionary approach has been taken and that all impacts have been identified, assessed and mitigated.</p>
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**6. CUMULATIVE IMPACTS**

	<p>Cumulative Impacts –this will be kept to a brief update with the matters below to be postponed and dealt with at a later date a. Overview of the approach to the consideration of cumulative effects:</p>	<p>Matter not discussed. To be rescheduled for a later Issue Specific Hearing.</p>
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## ACTION POINTS

No.	Party	Action	Comment
1	West Lindsey District Council & Applicant	To work through WLDC concerns regarding Noise Survey methodology (approx. 12 concerns set out in WLDC Local Impact Report and elsewhere).	<p>The applicant has provided WLDC with additional information and have met to discuss the matter.</p> <p>Progress has been made to resolving many of the matters and these will be presented in the next version of the Statement of Common Ground.</p>
2	West Lindsey District Council / Other interested parties.	To provide wording for consideration by the Applicant within various Management Plans	<p>WLDC have produced an indicative structure for a proposed co-ordinated approach to the management of construction traffic.</p> <p>This has been submitted at Deadline 4.</p> <p>WLDC will continue to discuss with the applicant to seek agreement on an approach to be included in the oCTMP.</p>