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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Document

1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared as part of the proposed West Burton Solar Project Development Consent Order (the Application) made by West Burton Solar Project Ltd (The Applicant) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero (the Secretary of State) pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008).

1.1.2 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the Application documents. All documents are available in the deposit locations and/or the Planning Inspectorate website.

1.1.3 This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority (ExA) where agreement has been reached between the parties, and where agreement has not (yet) been reached. SoCGs are an established means in the planning process of allowing all parties to identify and focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination.

1.2 Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) West Burton Solar Project Ltd. as the Applicant and (2) Nottinghamshire County Council, and Bassetlaw District Council (who are entering into a joint SoCG). Nottinghamshire County Council and Bassetlaw District Council are host authorities for the point of connection at the West Burton Power Station and part of the cable route which is located within Bassetlaw District.

1.2.2 Collectively, West Burton Solar Project Ltd., Nottinghamshire County Council, and Bassetlaw District Council are referred to as 'the parties'.

1.3 Terminology

1.3.1 In the tables in **Sections 3 - 5** of this SoCG:

- "Agreed" indicates where the issue has been resolved.
- "Not Agreed" indicates a final position, and
- "Under discussion" indicates where these points will be the subject of ongoing discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties.

1.4 Topic Referencing for All Matters

1.4.1 All matters agreed, under discussion and not agreed have been given unique references which relate to the topic matter. The referencing system is defined as follows:

Table 1.1: Topic Referencing

Topic	Unique Identifying Code
Air Quality	AIR-xx
Alternatives and Design Evolution	ALT-xx
Climate Change	CLI-xx
Cultural Heritage	CUL-xx
Ecology and Biodiversity	ECO-xx
Energy Need	ENE-xx
Glint and Glare	GLI-xx
Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage	HFD-xx
Landscape and Visual Impact	LAN-xx
Minerals	MIN-xx
Noise and Vibration	NOI-xx
Other Environmental Matters	OEM-xx
Planning History	PHI-xx
Planning Policy	PPO-xx
Principle of Development	PRI-xx
Scheme Description	SCH-xx
Socio-economics, Tourism and Recreation	STR-xx
Soils and Agriculture	SOI-xx
Transport and Access	TRA-xx
Waste	WAS-

2 Record of Engagement

2.1 Summary of Consultation

2.1.1 The parties have been engaged in consultation since September 2021. A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between West Burton Solar Project and Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) & Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) in relation to the Application is outlined in **Table 2.1**.

Table 2.1: Record of Engagement

Date	Form of Correspondence	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
Principle of Development/General		
9 th September 2021	Initial Project kick off meeting Bassetlaw	The range of topics addressed in the SoCG.
22 nd September 2021	Joint presentation to West Lindsey and Bassetlaw members	The range of topics addressed in the SoCG.
23 rd September 2021	Initial Project kick off meeting Notts CC	The range of topics addressed in the SoCG.
Since Feb. 2022	Monthly meetings with Planning Officers.	The range of topics addressed in the SoCG.
Landscape and Visual Impact (Nottinghamshire County Council)		
8th March 2022	Initial LVIA Kick Off/Briefing Meeting with Nottinghamshire County Council (Nottinghamshire CC) and Lincolnshire County Council (Lincolnshire CC).	Representatives present at this meeting were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nottinghamshire CC (VIA East Midlands) Landscape Architects Lincolnshire CC (Head of Planning) Lincolnshire CC (AAH Planning Consultants) Landscape Architect

Date	Form of Correspondence	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lanpro Director of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture • Lanpro Associate Director of Landscape Architecture • Lanpro Senior Landscape Architect • Liz Lake Associates Senior and Chartered Landscape Architect <p>Key topics discussed were: Introductions to the project team. Project background. Progress to date. Identification of additional matters on scoping. Consultation feedback. Site visits. Projected timescales/next steps; and Process for future meetings and workshops.</p> <p>See minutes of meeting 6.3.8.4 Environmental Statement - Appendix 8.4 Consultation [APP-075].</p>
7th April 2022	LVIA Workshop 2	<p>Representatives present at this meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nottinghamshire CC (VIA East Midlands) Landscape Architects • Bassetlaw DC (Heritage Officer) • Archaeological Research Services (Heritage Lead)

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		<p>Lincolnshire CC (AAH Planning Consultants) Landscape Architect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lanpro Associate Director of Landscape Architecture • Lanpro Senior Landscape Architect • Liz Lake Associates Senior and Chartered Landscape Architect <p>Key Topics discussed were:</p> <p>Presentation of LVIA Workshop Questionnaires for Nottinghamshire CC input.</p> <p>Discussion of Study Area/Scope of Assessment.</p> <p>Discussion of landscape character assessments to be relied upon for the baseline.</p> <p>Discussion of approach to embedded and additional mitigation.</p> <p>NCC had visited Site to assist with review of assessment viewpoints for West Burton 1, 2 and 3.</p> <p>Clarification and discussion of additional viewpoints requested by Nottinghamshire CC, Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) and Lincolnshire CC. These viewpoints were referenced as VL_VP1 to VL_VP6 for NCC and BH_VP1 to BH_VP4 for BDC and LCC-VP-A to LCC-VP-O for LCC. Draft Viewpoint Review Sheets were updated during the workshop.</p> <p>Workshop Viewpoint Review Sheets with the initial viewpoints and additional viewpoints issued to NCC, BDC and LCC for comment and review.</p> <p>Lanpro agreed to provide verified photography of the additional viewpoints, subject to client approval.</p>

Date	Form of Correspondence	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
		See minutes of meeting 6.3.8.4 Environmental Statement - Appendix 8.4 Consultation [APP-075] .
11th August 2022	LVIA Design Update Meeting	<p>Representatives present at this meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nottinghamshire CC (VIA East Midlands) Landscape Architects • Lincolnshire CC (AAH Planning Consultants) Landscape Architect • Lanpro Associate Director of Landscape Architecture • Lanpro Senior Landscape Architect • Liz Lake Associates Senior and Chartered Landscape Architect <p>Key Topics discussed were:</p> <p>Design updates, including the crossing over the River Trent and topic overlaps between ecology and landscape.</p> <p>Discussion over draft landscape mitigation plans, and how they will be tied with the planning process and carried forward within any consent.</p> <p>Discussion of approach to the Landscape Assessment Tables.</p> <p>Discussion over use of 360-degree viewer for verified viewpoint photography.</p> <p>Discussion of approach to cumulative matters; and</p> <p>Discussion of approach to cable route corridor.</p> <p>See minutes of meeting 6.3.8.4 Environmental Statement - Appendix 8.4 Consultation [APP-075].</p>

Date	Form of Correspondence	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
29th September 2022	LVIA Workshop 3	<p>Representatives present at this meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nottingham CC (VIA East Midlands) Landscape Architects • Lincolnshire CC (AAH Planning Consultants) Landscape Architect • Lanpro Associate Director of Landscape Architecture • Lanpro Senior Landscape Architect • Liz Lake Associates Senior and Chartered Landscape Architect <p>Key Topics discussed were:</p> <p>Presentation of LVIA Workshop Questionnaires for Lincolnshire CC input.</p> <p>LCC approval of cumulative matters yet to be provided.</p> <p>LCC approval of cumulative matters needed in order to run the Cumulative ZTVs.</p> <p>Discussion of assessment viewpoints to be scoped out for West Burton 1, 2 and 3 and also including the additional viewpoints from NCC and BDC.</p> <p>Discussion of presentation of Accurate Visual Representations (AVRs).</p> <p>Discussion of approach to finer grained assessment.</p> <p>Discussion of LCC preference for succinct chapter text backed up with detailed technical appendices.</p> <p>Discussion over use of 360-degree viewer for verified viewpoint photography; and</p> <p>Presentation of draft landscape mitigation plans and LCC agreement that they show the right scale of detail with a good balance between ecology and landscape.</p>

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		See minutes of meeting 6.3.8.4 Environmental Statement - Appendix 8.4 Consultation [APP-075].
4th October 2022	Email from Lincolnshire CC (AAH Planning Consultants) Landscape Architect to Lanpro Associate Director of Landscape Architecture	Lincolnshire CC (AAH Planning Consultants) Landscape Architect confirmed with the Applicant's Associate Landscape Architect the following documents were acceptable to be taken forward to the ES (refer to 6.3.8.1 Environmental Statement - Appendix 8.1 LVIA Methodology [APP-072]): 8.1.1 LVIA Methodology 8.1.2 Visual assessment of residential properties methodology 8.1.3 Cumulative assessment methodology 8.1.4 Zone of Theoretical Visibility methodology
Hydrology (Bassetlaw District Council)		
22 nd July 2022	Section 42 Consultation response	Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy [APP-089] and Hydrology Chapter [APP-048] Bassetlaw District Council stated that Flood Risk Assessments (FRA) and Hydrology Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter should consider areas of the Sites within Flood Zones 2 and 3. Groundwater flooding should also be considered The cable route should be suitably robust to flooding.
Hydrology (Nottinghamshire County Council)		
29 th April 2022	Meeting – Scott Stone - Principal Officer - Flood Risk Management Highways and Transport	Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy [APP-89] and ES Chapter 10: Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage [APP-048]. Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) representative considered the proposed design satisfactory.

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		Comments: No expectation for additional attenuation to be created for solar panels.
27 th July 2022	Section 42 Consultation response	<p>Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy [APP-089] and ES Chapter 10: Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage [APP-048].</p> <p>The LLFA state that they are disappointed that the Natural Flood Management measures proposed in the area between Gringley and Clayworth are not mentioned.</p> <p>The area in question relates to the parcel formerly known as West Burton 4 which has been removed from the application and therefore is not considered further. The works undertaken up to the point when the parcel was removed were provided to local interested parties.</p>
Minerals (Nottinghamshire County Council)		
14 th April 2022	Meeting with Nottinghamshire County Council Minerals Planning	<p>Representatives of NCC present were:</p> <p>Jonathan Smith – Minerals Officer</p> <p>Discussion over Study Area/scope of Minerals Assessment.</p> <p>Acknowledgement that safeguarded mineral deposits would be affected.</p> <p>Although the cabling options for connection to the national grid, west of River Trent are within a Sand and Gravel Mineral Safeguarding Area, no specific concerns were expressed given the relatively small land take. However, concerns were expressed that one cabling route option had the potential to affect the permitted sand and gravel site at Sturton Le Steeple quarry.</p> <p>Where possible consideration should be given to cable routes following existing infrastructure corridors or alternatively follow the edge of significant</p>

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		landscape features to avoid creating a further obstruction to future mineral resource exploitation.
Cultural Heritage (Bassetlaw District Council)		
May 2022 – December 2022	Online meetings, emails and site visits with Lincolnshire Historic Places Team (LHPT), who provide archaeological advice for the Bassetlaw district, The Gate Burton Scheme, The Cottam Scheme and the Applicant.	Discussions relating to the archaeological assessment works.
23 rd January 2023	Online meeting with LHPT, The Gate Burton Scheme, The Cottam Solar Project and the Applicant.	<p>Meeting to discuss the archaeological assessment works undertaken for the shared cable route corridor—which runs between Stow Park Road and land to the west of the River Trent, and is proposed for the Cottam, Gate Burton and West Burton Schemes —and agree mitigation strategy between all attendees.</p> <p>LHPT agreed that the scope and extent of archaeological assessment works were sufficient, and that the proposed mitigation strategy was appropriate to safeguard buried archaeological remains.</p>
22 nd March 2023	Online meeting with Historic England (HE), LHPT and the Applicant for the Cottam Solar Project.	<p>Meeting to establish a SoCG between LHPT and the Applicant for the Cottam Solar Project. As the same methodology has been adopted in accruing baseline information and formulating a mitigation strategy for the Cottam and West Burton Schemes, topics discussed in the meeting are considered by the Applicant to be relevant to reaching common ground on the West Burton scheme.</p> <p>LPHT and HE in agreement that the archaeological evaluation undertaken and the proposed mitigation for the 'shared cable corridor', proposed to be</p>

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		<p>used for the Cottam Solar Project, Gate Burton Energy Park and West Burton Solar Project, in Nottinghamshire is sufficient.</p> <p>LHPT concerned by the lack of evaluation trial trenching undertaken within the Cottam Scheme. LHPT believed that a mitigation strategy could not be prepared for areas within the Cottam Scheme that have not been subject to evaluation trial trenching.</p>
27 th March 2023 – 5 th April 2023	Email exchange between Historic England, LHPT and the Applicant for the Cottam Solar Project	<p>Email exchange following the meeting to establish the SoCG for the Cottam Solar Project on the 22.03.2023. As the same methodology has been adopted in accruing baseline information and formulating a mitigation strategy for the Cottam and West Burton Schemes, points raised in the following email discussion are considered by the Applicant to be relevant to reaching common ground on the West Burton scheme.</p> <p>In line with comments from Historic England, the Applicant for the Cottam Solar Project proposed a programme of post-determination trenching with a 1% sample in an email dated 27.03.2023 to LHPT and Historic England.</p> <p>No objections were raised from Historic England, who recommended that subsequent trenching for the Cottam Scheme should be discussed with the LHPT (email dated 30.03.2023).</p> <p>In an email dated 03.04.2023 LHPT rejected the proposal for a programme of post-determination trenching on the Cottam Scheme. They believed there was insufficient baseline information to identify and assess the impact on known and potential heritage assets as required by Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, and that it was necessary that the whole scheme, including the cable route, was evaluated using trial trenching pre-determination with a 2% sample (plus 2% contingency).</p>

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		<p>In an email dated 04.04.2023 the Cottam Solar Project Applicant requested further information to clarify LHPT’s refusal for post-determination trenching at a 1% sample rate in areas where no evaluation trenching had been undertaken. Specifically the Applicant requested LHPT to clarify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • their position on post-determination trenching as it was in discord with the opinions of the Planning Inspectorate (meeting note dated 09.06.2022), Historic England (meeting dated 22.04.2023), as well as other Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in the East and North of England (the Applicant has identified case studies of schemes in Nottinghamshire, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, North Yorkshire, East Riding of Yorkshire and County Durham). • the inconsistency in trench sample they have required for other proposed solar DCOs. The Applicant highlighted that the Gate Burton Scheme, which lies in close proximity to the Cottam Scheme [and West Burton Solar Project], and was referenced by LHPT in the meeting on 22.03.23, undertook an evaluation trial trenching sample of 1.07%, which is significantly lower than the 2% sample (plus 2% contingency) requested for the Cottam Scheme. <p>In their response (email dated 05.04.2023) LHPT stated that sufficient pre-determination evaluation was required for the Cottam Scheme and has been a principle of the archaeological process since Planning Policy Guidance 16: Archaeology and Planning was published. Consequently, LHPT will only agree proposed mitigation in areas where evaluation trial trenching has been undertaken for the Cottam Scheme. Although they were unable to address specific questions relating to other schemes, LHPT stated the Gate Burton Scheme contained significant areas of woodland (estimated by the Applicant to total c.23ha or c.3.2% of the Scheme) and exclusion areas</p>

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		<p>(estimated by the Applicant to total c.33ha or c.4.6% of the Scheme) that were not required to be trenched (the Applicant estimates that with omission of woodland and exclusion zones not trenched the evaluation trial trenching for the Gate Burton Scheme totalled 1.16% of its area). LHPT also stated that they had more confidence in the Gate Burton Scheme undertaking evaluation works as determined reasonable by LHPT. LHPT concluded that they had originally asked for a sample of 3% (with a 1% contingency) and <i>"in the spirit of cooperation following the Planning Inspectorate meeting"</i> agreed to a reduction of 2% trenching with a 2% contingency, which they did not believe to be a high sample.</p>
30 th June 2023	Email from the Applicant to LHPT	<p>Email from the Applicant to LHPT to confirm if the approach required by LHPT would be in line with that required for the nearby Cottam Scheme (See communications above between LHPT and the Applicant for the Cottam Solar Project; online meeting on the 22nd March and email exchange between 27th March and 5th April 2023).</p> <p>In summary the Applicant requested confirmation that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LHPT required evaluation trial trench evaluation with a 2% sample (plus 2% contingency) pre-determination across all areas within the scheme • as agreed in a meeting on the 23.01.2023 LHPT were still in agreement with the proposed mitigation for the Shared Cable Route running between Stow Park Road and land to the west of the River Trent • LHPT agreed with mitigation in the form of 'strip, map and sample' where geophysical survey has identified concentrations of archaeological remains along the cable route for the West Burton

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		scheme (i.e. external to the cable route shared with the Gate Burton and Cottam Schemes)
3 rd July 2023	Email from LHPT to the Applicant	<p>In response to the Applicant’s email dated 30th June 2023, LHPT stated:</p> <p><i>“Regarding Baseline Information/Evaluation these questions have all been answered in all our previous responses and discussions, and we will continue to ask for the same.</i></p> <p><i>In relation to Mitigation we will be able to discuss appropriate methodologies once an appropriate level of baseline evaluation across the redline boundary can provide the basis for meaningful discussion.</i></p> <p><i>If you wish to put forward site-specific mitigation proposals for those areas which have been sufficiently evaluated we would be pleased to discuss this.</i></p> <p><i>We maintain our position on those areas which have not been sufficiently evaluated.”</i></p>
Transport and Access (Nottinghamshire County Council - Highways)		
22/02/22	Scoping Opinion	Scoping of 6.2.14 Environmental Statement - Chapter 14_Transport and Access [APP-052] , 6.3.14.1 Environmental Statement - Appendix 14.1 Transport Assessment [APP-126] , and 6.3.14.2 Environmental Statement - Appendix 14.2 Construction Traffic Management Plan [APP-127] .
08/03/22	Email Exchange in relation to Scoping Opinion	Scoping of 6.2.14 Environmental Statement - Chapter 14_Transport and Access [APP-052] , 6.3.14.1 Environmental Statement - Appendix 14.1

Date	Form of Correspondence	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
		Transport Assessment [APP-126], and 6.3.14.2 Environmental Statement - Appendix 14.2 Construction Traffic Management Plan [APP-127].
Noise & Vibration (Bassetlaw District Council)		
19/07/2022	Email exchange between Tetra Tech (noise and vibration consultants) to Bassetlaw District Council	Tetra Tech contacted Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) to discuss the assessment methodology for the assessment. Tetra Tech discussed use of absolute noise levels when existing background noise levels are very low. BDC agreed with methodology proposed.

2.1.2 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the key meetings and consultation undertaken between (1) West Burton Solar Project Ltd. and (2) Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) & Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

3 Matters Agreed

Tables 3.1 to 3.17 below detail by topic the matters agreed with Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) & Bassetlaw District Council (BDC).

3.1 Matters Agreed (Air Quality)

Table 3.1

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
AIR-01 Air Quality	Baseline Conditions	The baseline conditions which are detailed in Section 17.5 of 6.2.17 Environmental Statement - Chapter 17_Air Quality [APP-055] are representative of the site conditions within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County.
AIR-02 Air Quality	Methodology and Assessment	The methodology adopted in the Air Quality assessment [APP-133 to APP-136] has been derived from the information obtained through consultation with stakeholders and by reviewing any relevant guidance and studies. The assessment methodology is detailed within Section 17.4 of 6.2.17 Environmental Statement - Chapter 17_Air Quality [APP-055] and is considered acceptable.
AIR-03 Air Quality	Methodology and Assessment (Construction Vehicles)	As detailed within the Air Quality assessment [APP-133 to APP-135] the proposed construction vehicle numbers will not exceed the relevant IAQM/EPUK thresholds e.g. 100 HGV Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT), therefore there is no requirement for detailed construction air quality modelling and assessment has been scoped out of 6.2.17 Environmental Statement - Chapter 17_Air Quality [APP-055] . This approach is considered acceptable.
AIR-04 Air Quality	Methodology and Assessment (Operational Vehicles)	As detailed within the Air Quality assessment [APP-133 to APP-135] the proposed operational vehicle numbers will be limited and will not exceed the relevant IAQM/EPUK thresholds (e.g. 100 HGV Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT), therefore there is no requirement for detailed air quality modelling and assessment has been scoped out of 6.2.17 Environmental Statement - Chapter 17_Air Quality [APP-055] . This approach is considered acceptable.

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
AIR-05 Air Quality	Mitigation	The proposed mitigation measures set out within Section 17.8 of 6.2.17 Environmental Statement - Chapter 17_Air Quality [APP-055] are acceptable in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County.

3.2 Matters Agreed (Alternatives and Design Evolution)

Table 3.2

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
ALT-01 Alternatives and Design Evolution	Site Selection Assessment	The methodology used in 6.3.5.1 Environmental Statement - Appendix 5.1 Site Selection Assessment [APP-071] is appropriate given that there is no standard methodology for the site selection of solar farms and NPS EN-1 4.4.3 states <i>"the consideration of alternatives in order to comply with policy requirements should be carried out in a proportionate manner"</i> .
ALT-02 Alternatives and Design Evolution	ES Chapter 5: Alternatives and Design Evolution	The scope of 6.2.5 Environmental Statement - Chapter 5 Alternatives and Design Evolution [APP-043] including the assessment of alternatives and description of design evolution has been carried out in a proportionate manner and is considered acceptable.

3.3 Matters Agreed (Climate Change)

Table 3.3

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Under Discussion
CLI-01 Climate Change	ES Chapter 7: Baseline Conditions	Whether or not the baseline conditions detailed in Section 7.6 of 6.2.7 Environmental Statement - Chapter 7_Climate Change [APP-045] are representative of the baseline site conditions.
CLI-02 Climate Change	ES Chapter 7: Methodology and Assessment	Whether or not the assessment methodology detailed in Section 7.4 of 6.2.7 Environmental Statement - Chapter 7_Climate Change [APP-045] is considered acceptable.
CLI-03 Climate Change	ES Chapter 7: Mitigation	Section 7.9 of 6.2.7 Environmental Statement - Chapter 7_Climate Change [APP-045] has not identified the need for any additional mitigation or enhancement measures

3.4 Matters Agreed (Cultural Heritage)

Table 3.4

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Under Discussion
Cultural Heritage		Please refer to the Cultural Heritage Position Statement, included as an appendix to the SoCG with Lincolnshire County Council [EX5/WB8.3.1_A] for the position on cultural heritage, which is shared by the Councils.

3.5 Matters Agreed (Ecology and Biodiversity)

Table 3.5

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
ECO-01 Ecology and Biodiversity	Methodology	The methodology adopted within Section 9.4 of 6.2.9 Environmental Statement - Chapter 9_Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-047] has been derived from the information obtained through consultation with stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable in so far as it relates to those elements of the Scheme within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County.
ECO-02 Ecology and Biodiversity	Baseline Assessment	The baseline conditions which are detailed in Section 9.5 of 6.2.9 Environmental Statement - Chapter 9_Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-047] are representative of the baseline site conditions in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County.
ECO-03 Ecology and Biodiversity	Mitigation	The proposed mitigation measures set out within Section 9.6 of 6.2.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9: Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-047] are acceptable in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County.

3.6 Matters Agreed (Principle)

Table 3.6

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
PD-01 Principle of Development	Site Description	The Site description set out at ES Chapter 4: The Development Site [APP-042] is accurate.
PD-02	Planning History	The relevant planning history for the Scheme insofar as it relates to land within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County is set out at 7.5_B Planning Statement Revision B [REP4-

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
Principle of Development		048] through Appendix A: Planning Application History Search West Burton Sites (pg.156-164) and Appendix B: Planning Application History Search Cable Route Corridor (pg.165-171) respectively.
PD-03 Principle of Development	Legislation and Policy	<p>The Scheme should be considered under Section 105 of the Planning Act 2008.</p> <p>National Policy Statement (NPS) EN-1, NPS EN-3, NPS EN-5, and in the light of the Government's pronouncements in respect of transitional effects of the draft NPSs, draft NPS EN-1, Draft NPS EN-3 and Draft NPS EN-5 should be important and relevant considerations for the purposes of S105(2) of the Planning Act 2008.</p> <p>Draft NPS EN-3 contains technology specific policy relating to large scale solar development.</p> <p>The Scheme has been assessed against the relevant and up to date Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council planning policies as set out within Section 6 of 7.5_B Planning Statement Revision B [REP4-048].</p>
PD-04 Principle of Development	Need for Large Scale Solar	<p>The principle of the need for large scale solar projects is established in national planning policy, as detailed in Section 4 of 7.5_B Planning Statement Revision B [REP4-048] and 7.11 Statement of Need [APP-320]; and the principle that large scale solar is an essential part of the UK's generation mix which will bring benefits to national decarbonisation and energy security agendas as well as support the affordability of clean electricity is supported by all stakeholders.</p>
PD-05 Principle of Development	Project Components	<p>Whether the siting of the individual project components, as set out in 3.1_F Draft Development Consent Order Revision F [EX5/WB3.1_F] and 7.6 Design and Access Statement [APP-314 to APP-315], are acceptable.</p> <p>The County Council notes that the components of the Scheme within Bassetlaw consist of the underground Cable Route Corridor, and following construction this is unlikely to have significant impacts. The scheme amendments to support a Shared Cable Route Corridor with the other</p>

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
		NSIPs in the local area are supported. The County Council considers that the Scheme components, insofar as they apply to Nottinghamshire, are acceptable.

3.7 Matters Agreed (Glint and Glare)

Table 3.7

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
GLI-01 Glint and Glare	Baseline Conditions	As agreed with Nottinghamshire CC and Bassetlaw DC, the assessment methodology adopted within Section 16.4 of 6.2.16 Environmental Statement - Chapter 16_Glint and Glare [APP-054] and within Appendix A of 6.3.16.1 Environmental Statement - Appendix 16.1 Solar Photovoltaic Glint and Glare Study [APP-132] has been derived from the information obtained through consultation with stakeholders and by reviewing any relevant guidance and studies. The assessment methodology is considered acceptable.
GLI-02 Glint and Glare	Methodology and Assessment	As agreed with Nottinghamshire CC and Bassetlaw DC, the baseline conditions which are detailed in Section 16.5 of 6.2.16 Environmental Statement - Chapter 16_Glint and Glare [APP-054] and within Section 5 of 6.3.16.1 Environmental Statement - Appendix 16.1 Solar Photovoltaic Glint and Glare Study [APP-132] are representative of the baseline site conditions within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County.
GLI-03 Glint and Glare	Mitigation Measures	As agreed with Nottinghamshire CC and Bassetlaw DC, the proposed mitigation measures set out within Section 16.9 of 6.2.16 Environmental Statement - Chapter 16_Glint and Glare [APP-054] are acceptable in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County.
GLI-04 Glint and Glare	Significance of Impacts	No significant impacts upon identified receptors are predicted because the Scheme components within the County and the District consist of underground cable connections and works at West Burton Power Station.

3.8 Matters Agreed (Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage)

Table 3.8

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
HFD-01 Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage	Methodology	The methodology adopted within Section 10.4 of 6.2.10 Environmental Statement - Chapter 10_Hydrology Flood Risk and Drainage [APP-049] has been derived from the information obtained through consultation with stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable.
HFD-02 Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage	Baseline Assessment	The baseline conditions which are detailed in Section 10.5 of 6.2.10 Environmental Statement - Chapter 10_Hydrology Flood Risk and Drainage [APP-049] are representative of the baseline site conditions in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County Council.
HFD-03 Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage	Mitigation	The proposed mitigation measures set out within Section 10.8 of 6.2.10 Environmental Statement - Chapter 10_Hydrology Flood Risk and Drainage [APP-049] are acceptable in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County Council.
HFD-04 Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage	Runoff Rates	As stated in paragraph 10.8.1 of 6.2.10 Environmental Statement - Chapter 10_Hydrology Flood Risk and Drainage [APP-049] maintaining the existing surface water run-off regime by utilising permeable surfacing for the Site access, linear infiltration trenches around any proposed infrastructure (substations and batteries) and wildflower planting at the leeward edge of solar panels will ensure that the Scheme is unlikely to generate surface water runoff rates beyond the baseline scenario.

3.9 Matters Agreed (Landscape and Visual Impact)

Table 3.9

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
LAN-01 Landscape and Visual Impact	Methodology	The methodology adopted within Section 8.4 of 6.2.8 Environmental Statement - Chapter 8_Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment [APP-046] has been derived from the information obtained through consultation and engagement with stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable in so far as it relates to those elements of the Scheme within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County.
LAN-02 Landscape and Visual Impact	Baseline Conditions	The baseline conditions which are detailed in Section 8.5 of 6.2.8 Environmental Statement - Chapter 8_Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment [APP-046] and 6.3.8.2 Environmental Statement - Appendix 8.2 Assessment of Potential Landscape Effects [APP-073] and 6.3.8.3 Environmental Statement - Appendix 8.3 Assessment of Potential Visual Effects [APP-074] are representative of the baseline site conditions in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County.
LAN-03 Landscape and Visual Impact	Embedded Design Mitigation	The approach and proposals to mitigation are set out within Section 8.6 of 6.2.8 Environmental Statement - Chapter 8_Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment [APP-046] and 6.3.8.2 Environmental Statement - Appendix 8.2 Assessment of Potential Landscape Effects [APP-073] and 6.3.8.3 Environmental Statement - Appendix 8.3 Assessment of Potential Visual Effects [APP-074] , are acceptable in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County.

3.10 Matters Agreed (Minerals)

Table 3.10

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
MIN-01 Minerals	Legislation and Planning Policy	The summary of relevant legislation and planning policy set out within the Section 12.3 of 6.2.12 Environmental Statement - Chapter 12_Minerals [APP-050] , is relevant to the Minerals Assessment and is up to date and complete for the purposes of the decision making process.
MIN-02 Minerals	Assessment Methodology and Significance Criteria	The assessment methodology and significance criteria set out within the Section 12.4 of 6.2.12 Environmental Statement - Chapter 12_Minerals [APP-050] provides an appropriate approach to assessing the potential likely significant effects on mineral resources.
MIN-03 Minerals	Study Area/ Identification of Known Resources	The extent of the Study Area/ identification of known resources set out within Section 12.5 of 6.2.12 Environmental Statement - Chapter 12_Minerals [APP-050] are sufficient to inform the Minerals assessment.
MIN-04 Minerals	Identification and Evaluation of Likely Significant Effects: Assessment of Impact on Mineral Resources (sand and gravel)	The conclusion set out within Section 12.7 of 6.2.12 Environmental Statement - Chapter 12_Minerals [APP-050] that the Scheme only impacts on a small part of the safeguarded mineral resources, which include isolated and constrained deposits. Given the nature and characteristics of the Scheme there would be minimal impact in terms of any sterilisation of mineral resources. The proposed cable route crosses the Sturton Le Steeple quarry access road; it does not affect the permitted area of mineral working.
MIN-05 Minerals	Mitigation Measures: Cable route	The mitigation set out within Section 12.8 of 6.2.12 Environmental Statement - Chapter 12_Minerals [APP-050] the impact on the Safeguarded Mineral Resource in the Trent Valley the Cable Route Corridor should wherever possible cable routes follow existing infrastructure corridors or alternatively follow the edge of significant landscape features rather than directly crossing open fields to avoid creating further obstructions to future mineral exploitation.

3.11 Matters Agreed (Noise and Vibration)

Table 3.11

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
NOI-01 Noise and Vibration	Baseline Monitoring	The baseline noise monitoring detailed within Section 15.5 of 6.2.15 Environmental Statement - Chapter 15_Noise and Vibration [APP-053] and 6.3.15.1 Environmental Statement - Appendix 15.1 Noise Survey Information [APP-129] is representative of the sound levels in the vicinity of the site and experienced by nearby sensitive receptors.
NOI-02 Noise and Vibration	Methodology and Assessment	The methodology detailed in Section 15.4 and the assessments in Sections 15.7, 15.8 and 15.9 of 6.2.15 Environmental Statement - Chapter 15_Noise and Vibration [APP-053] and 6.3.15.3 Environmental Statement - Appendix 15.3 Assessment of Key Effects [APP-131] for noise and vibration associated with both the construction and operational phases of the Scheme are acceptable.
NOI-03 Noise and Vibration	Assessment Outcomes	The effects of noise and vibration detailed in 6.2.15 Environmental Statement - Chapter 15_Noise and Vibration [APP-053] and 6.3.15.3 Environmental Statement - Appendix 15.3 Assessment of Key Effects [APP-131] from the construction and operational phases of the Scheme do not result in a significant impact and are acceptable.
NOI-04 Noise and Vibration	Cumulative Impacts	Whether or not the cumulative impacts detailed in 6.2.15 Environmental Statement - Chapter 15_Noise and Vibration [APP-053] are considered acceptable.

3.12 Matters Agreed (Other Environmental Matters)

Table 3.12

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
OEM-01	Electromagnetic Fields	The technical reporting in paragraphs 21.2.3 to 21.2.8 in 6.2.21 Environmental Statement - Chapter 21_Other Environmental Matters [APP-059] is sufficient to demonstrate there are no adverse impacts to human health from electromagnetic fields.

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
Other Environmental Matters		
OEM-02 Other Environmental Matters	Telecommunications, Utilities and Television Receptors	The information provided within Section 21.3 of 6.2.21 Environmental Statement - Chapter 21_Other Environmental Matters [APP-059] is sufficient, and the protective mitigation measures set out in 7.1 Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [APP-309] ; 7.14 Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [APP-323] and 7.15 Crossing Schedule [APP-324] are appropriate and therefore acceptable.
OEM-03 Other Environmental Matters	Major Accidents and Disasters	The scope and methodology of the assessment undertaken throughout the ES and signposted within Section 21.6 of 6.2.21 Environmental Statement - Chapter 21_Other Environmental Matters [APP-059] including the identification of likely significant effects and likely significant cumulative effects has been carried out in a robust and proportionate manner and is considered acceptable.
OEM-04 Other Environmental Matters	Human Health	The scope and methodology of the assessment undertaken throughout the ES, and signposted in Section 21.5 of 6.2.21 Environmental Statement - Chapter 21_Other Environmental Matters [APP-059] including the identification of likely significant effects and likely significant cumulative effects has been carried out in a robust and proportionate manner and is considered acceptable.

3.13 Matters Agreed (Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation)

Table 3.13

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
STR-01 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation	Methodology	The methodology used in the assessment of socio-economic, tourism and recreation impacts as set out within Section 18.4 of 6.2.18 Environmental Statement - Chapter 18 Socio Economics Tourism and Recreation [APP-056] is appropriate, given that there is no standard methodology for the assessment of socio-economic and associated impacts for EIA.
STR-02 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation	Assessment scope	The scope of the assessment undertaken within Sections 18.7, 18.9, and 18.10 of 6.2.18 Environmental Statement - Chapter 18 Socio Economics Tourism and Recreation [APP-056] including the identification of likely significant effects and likely significant cumulative effects has been carried out in a robust and proportionate manner and is considered acceptable.
STR-03 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation	Proposed Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	The proposed embedded and additional mitigation and enhancement measures as set out within Sections 18.6 and 18.9 of 6.2.18 Environmental Statement - Chapter 18 Socio Economics Tourism and Recreation [APP-056] are considered proportionate and acceptable.

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
STR-04 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation	Public Rights of Way	Works that may cause disruption to public rights of way, including diversions and temporary closures where necessary, are controlled through the measures set out in 6.3.14.3 Environmental Statement - Appendix 14.3 Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [APP-128] .

3.14 Matters Agreed (Soils and Agriculture)

Table 3.14

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
SOI-01 Soils and Agriculture	Baseline Conditions	The baseline conditions detailed at Section 19.8 of 6.2.19 Environmental Statement - Chapter 19_Soils and Agriculture [APP-057] and within 6.3.19.1 Environmental Statement - Appendix 19.1 Agricultural Land Quality, Soil Resources and Farming Circumstances Report [APP-137] are representative of the baseline site conditions within Bassetlaw District.
SOI-02 Soils and Agriculture	Methodology and Assessment	The assessment methodology detailed within Section 19.6 of 6.2.19 Environmental Statement - Chapter 19_Soils and Agriculture [APP-057] is considered acceptable.
SOI-03 Soils and Agriculture	Proposed Mitigation	The proposed mitigation measures set out within Section 19.10 of 6.2.19 Environmental Statement - Chapter 19_Soils and Agriculture [APP-057] are acceptable.
SOI-04 Soils and Agriculture	Assessment Outcomes – impacts to ALC graded land and soil quality	Natural England document Agricultural Land Classification: protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land (TIN049) https://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/35012 explains the Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) system and its use in informing land use planning decisions for agricultural land. The applicant has submitted an ALC assessment for agricultural land within the Sites showing it is predominantly ALC Grade 3b, not best and most versatile agricultural land.

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
		<p>The Scheme is unlikely to result in loss of best and most versatile (BMV) agricultural land because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Scheme will be decommissioned at the end of its operational life; • Land will retain its existing Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) grade baseline after decommissioning of the Scheme as set out at Section 19.10 of 6.2.19 Environmental Statement - Chapter 19_Soils and Agriculture [APP-057]; • The Scheme will have minimal impact on soil quality as set out at Section 19.10 [APP-057]; and <p>A Soil Management Plan (SMP) will be included within the agreed Construction, Operational and Decommissioning Environmental Management Plans (CEMP, OEMP, DEMP) with the aim of conserving the soil resource and its functional capacity for support of agricultural production as set out at paragraph 19.10.1 of 6.2.19 Environmental Statement - Chapter 19_Soils and Agriculture [APP-057].</p>
SOI-05 Soils and Agriculture	Cumulative Impacts	Whether or not the cumulative impacts detailed in Section 19.11 of 6.2.19 Environmental Statement - Chapter 19_Soils and Agriculture [APP-057] are considered acceptable.

3.15 Matters Agreed (Transport and Access)

Table 3.15

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
TRA-01 Transport and Access	Methodology	The methodology adopted within Section 14.4 of 6.2.14 Environmental Statement - Chapter 14_Transport and Access [APP-052] has been derived from the information obtained through consultation with stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable.

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
TRA-02 Transport and Access	Baseline Assessment	The baseline conditions which are detailed in Section 14.5 of 6.2.14 Environmental Statement - Chapter 14_Transport and Access [APP-052] are representative of the baseline site conditions in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County .
TRA-03 Transport and Access	Mitigation	The proposed mitigation measures set out within Section 14.6 of 6.2.14 Environmental Statement - Chapter 14_Transport and Access [APP-052] are acceptable in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County.
TRA-04 Transport and Access	Transport Assessment and Construction Traffic Management Plan: Construction Vehicle (HGV Route)	All HGVs associated with the construction phase of the Scheme will follow the designated routes as illustrated in the following figures set out in 6.3.14.1_C Environmental Statement - Appendix 14.1 Transport Assessment Revision C [REP4-036] . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Figure 6.1: Construction Vehicle Route – West Burton 1 • Figure 6.2: Construction Vehicle Route – West Burton 2 • Figure 6.3: Construction Vehicle Route – West Burton 3 • Figure 6.4: Construction Vehicle Route – Cable Route Corridor Construction Vehicle Route • Figure 7.1: Construction Vehicle Route – Abnormal Loads
TRA-05 Transport and Access	Vehicle Movements: Trip Generation	The forecast number of construction vehicles set out at Table 5.1 (HGV deliveries), Table 5.2 (construction worker vehicle movements) and paragraph 5.17 (cable route corridor vehicle movements) of 6.3.14.1_C Environmental Statement - Appendix 14.1 Transport Assessment Revision C [REP4-036] is accepted and will not have a material impact upon the capacity, operation, and safety of the Local Highway Network.
TRA-06 Transport and Access	Abnormal indivisible Loads	The routes identified for the delivery of abnormal loads, as set out in Figure 7.1 and described at paragraph 7.10 of 6.3.14.1_C Environmental Statement - Appendix 14.1 Transport Assessment Revision C [REP4-036] , are acceptable.

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
TRA-07 Transport and Access	Construction Traffic Management Measures	<p>The location of construction compounds are indicated on 2.3_E Works Plan Revision E [EX5/WB2.3_E] and maximum dimensions are included within 7.13_D Concept Design Parameters Revision D [EX5/WB7.13_D].</p> <p>The Scheme, through 3.1_F Draft Development Consent Order Revision F [EX5/WB3.1_F], has secured by Requirement 15 of Schedule 2 that “No part of the authorised development may commence until a construction traffic management plan for that part must be submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority.”</p> <p>Detail of the access arrangements to construction compounds can be included within the Construction Traffic Management Plan, which will be in line with the Outline CTMP (6.3.14.2_C Environmental Statement - Appendix 14.2 Construction Traffic Management Plan Revision C [REP4-038]) submitted as part of the DCO application.</p>
TRA-08 Transport and Access	Cumulative Effects	Whether or not the cumulative impacts detailed in Section 14.9 of 6.2.14 Environmental Statement - Chapter 14_Transport and Access [APP-052] are acceptable.

3.16 Matters Agreed (Waste)

Table 3.16

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
WAS-01 Waste	Waste Policy	Applicable waste policy is set out within Section 20.3 of 6.2.20 Environmental Statement - Chapter 20_Waste [APP-058] and is therefore considered acceptable.
WAS-02 Waste	Waste Site Safeguarding	The Order limits as set out in 2.1_B Location Plan Revision B [REP4-004] confirm no existing or safeguarded proposed waste sites are impacted by the location of the Scheme.

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
WAS-03 Waste	Assessment scope	The scope of the assessment undertaken in Sections 20.7, 20.9, and 20.10 of 6.2.20 Environmental Statement - Chapter 20_Waste [APP-058] including the identification of likely significant effects and likely significant cumulative effects has been carried out in a robust and proportionate manner and is considered acceptable.
WAS-04 Waste	Proposed Mitigation	The proposed embedded and additional mitigation measures as set out in Section 20.6 and 20.9 of 6.2.20 Environmental Statement - Chapter 20_Waste [APP-058] are considered proportionate and acceptable.

3.17 Matters Agreed (Draft DCO)

Table 3.17

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
Draft DCO	Schedule 2 – Requirements	The drafting of the requirements in schedule 2 to the draft DCO [EX5/WB3.1_F] is acceptable.

4 Matters Under Discussion

There are no matters under discussion with Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) & Bassetlaw District Council (BDC).

5 Matters Not Agreed

5.1 Matters Not Agreed (Cultural Heritage)

Table 5.1

Main Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Under Discussion
Cultural Heritage		Please refer to the Cultural Heritage Position Statement, included as an appendix to the SoCG with Lincolnshire County Council [EX5/WB8.3.1_A] for the position on cultural heritage, which is shared by the Councils.

6 Signatories

6.1.1 The above SoCG is agreed between West Burton Solar Project Ltd. (the Applicant) and **Nottinghamshire County Council and Bassetlaw District Council**, as specified below.

Duly authorised for and on
behalf of **West Burton Solar
Project Ltd.**

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Date:	
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Duly authorised for and on
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County Council.**

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Duly authorised for and on
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Council.**

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