

STURTON BY STOW PARISH COUNCIL

COTTAM – DEADLINE 1 SUBMISSION

Sturton by Stow Parish Council understand the applicant would prefer virtual hearings; it must be noted that on 7th September there was an area wide internet outage which was not able to be rectified for several days. Whilst this is unusual in scale, our village and surrounding areas have poor internet connection at times and we request virtual only hearings be avoided.

Breeding Bird Survey; Appendix 9.8 Breeding Bird Survey Report - APP C6.3.9.8

It is disappointing to note that Swans were only recorded as possibly breeding. This year Swans in the Cottam 1 area hatched 12 Cygnets.

What mitigation will be expected to prevent swans mistaking PV panels for water and stranding themselves within a fenced off field?

Environment Statement Chapter 4; Scheme Description APP C6.2.4

4.2.3 States the anticipated operational life of the scheme is 40 years.

Why does the applicant not wish this to be in the dDCO?

4.3.1 – Design flexibility is expressed via the ‘Rochdale Envelope’.

If the applicant was serious regarding the ‘urgency’ of the scheme, in order to expedite the process finalised drawings should be submitted for scrutiny.

The onus of granting permission for final design will ultimately lay with Lincolnshire County Council and West Lindsey District Council. The concurrent burden of Gate Burton and West Burton is more than unfortunate and brings unnecessary pressure.

Please note there are further applications; Tillbridge Solar, Luminous Energy (Stow Park) and One Earth Solar Farm. These are all in the immediate vicinity.

The DCO should have restriction for generation capacity. There is precedence. See DCO for Burbo Bank Extension Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014.

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There is mention of impermeable bunded water area. There is no mention of a leak detection system to detect leachate. This is a requirement.

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The lagoon for run off contaminated water has no mention of leak detection system. This is a requirement.

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There is no mention of noise bunding or mitigation.

4.5.61 Lighting

There could be use of PIR or timed lighting switches to avoid inadvertent light pollution for extended periods.

4.8 Decommissioning

Since the 'Rochdale Envelope' is being used to allow for outline and illustrative purposes for construction, it makes sense to use the technological knowledge available at present to define the 'worst case scenario' regarding decommissioning. Since the applicant expects improvements to the way PV panels et al will be recycled or sent to waste facilities in the future, the use of common practice as of now will be a valuable baseline to calculate how decommissioning should occur.

There is a clause within Burbo Bank and multiple offshore renewable energy DCO's for the inclusion of abatement of works abandoned or decayed. This would prevent inoperable solar sites becoming derelict prior to the expected decommissioning date.

Abatement of works abandoned or decayed

8.—(1) Where Work No. 1(a) and Work No. 2 or any part of them are abandoned or allowed to fall into decay, the Secretary of State may, following consultation with the undertaker, issue a written notice requiring the undertaker at its own expense to repair and restore or remove Work No. 1(a) and Work No. 2 or any relevant part of them, without prejudice to any notice served under section 105(2) of the 2004 Act.

(2) The notice may also require the restoration of the site of the relevant part(s) of Work No. 1(a) and Work No. 2 to a safe and proper condition within an area and to such an extent as may be specified in the notice.

(3) If the undertaker fails to comply in any respect with a notice served under this article within the period of 30 days beginning with the date of service of the notice, the Secretary of State may take whatever steps the Secretary of State considers appropriate to achieve the result required by the notice, and any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in doing so shall be recoverable from the undertaker.

Construction Traffic Management Plan C6.3.14

Figure 5.3 Cottam 1 West Construction Route

Please note that Stow Road is actually High Street when turning off A1500 on B1241 at Sturton by Stow. (High Street becomes Stow Road after School Lane) This is a staggered junction A1500/B1241. High Street has a layby adjacent to the junction used to park cars for local businesses. There is currently a pedestrian refuge in the centre of B1241 at the junction. A pedestrian crossing is installed across A1500 near the same junction.

B1241 - Due to local shops, village hall and playpark there are vehicles parked on the road. There are also two bus stops.

The pavements along High Street and Stow Road are narrow in places.

There seems to be no mention of the Primary School located on School Lane and the Cemetery – Stow Road. Stow Road is regularly used by parents to park and the Cemetery does not have a carpark. These must be addressed within the traffic management plan.

There is cause for concern regarding HGV's and abnormal loads using this route to Stow and Willingham.

Access 13, 109-113 all use A1500. Access 114 + 115 both use A1500 and B1241.

Drawing number Figure 4.3 incorrectly labels High Street (B1241 at Sturton by Stow) as Stow Road. This is High Street. Stow Road does not appear until after School Lane, Sturton by Stow.

Please correct the maps and route plans.

There is potential for damage to The Plough which is located on the corner of Tillbridge Road (A1500) and Saxilby Road (B1241). When turning off Tillbridge Road onto Saxilby Road – the corner is extremely tight and the building has been hit regularly mainly by HGV's. Perhaps this particular manoeuvre could be written into the travel plan?

Appendix 10.1: Annex E 10.1.4 Cottam 1 South: APP C6.3.10.5

The applicant may wish to note that Sturton by Stow was chosen to pilot the 'Riparian Project' with Lincolnshire County Council.

Sturton by Stow has and does flood regularly – hence the involvement with the project. It is suggested that LCC would be useful regarding flooding in the location for Sturton by Stow. In 2019 the village was severed and parts completely cut off due to flooding within and without the village. B1241 floods in the centre of Sturton by Stow, especially near School Lane, and Fleets Road, Fleets Lane, Thorpe Lane can all experience closure in places due to flood water.

B1241 at Bransby crossroads also experiences flooding. Bransby is part of the River Till washlands. These areas must not be delegated as 'negligible' in terms of flooding.

C6.4.8.15 Bumble Bee Farm

Figure 8.15.2.4: Including Bumble Bee Farm in this cumulative assessment is incomplete - Inclusion of; Tillbridge Solar, Gate Burton Solar, West Burton Solar, One Earth Solar, Stow Park Solar and if Bumble Bee Farm needs to be shown then

please also include Fosse Green Solar to the south of Lincoln. This would make for a better cumulative assessment regarding these industrial solar sites.

Appendix 15.1 Noise Survey

It is noted that the surveys were carried out at different times but only for approx. 15-minute periods.

ST8 Marton Road, Sturton by Stow. This choice of location is surprising since it is probably the furthest point from Cottam 1 South regarding Sturton. This location experienced background noise ranging from 82.5 Db down to 25Db (time not noted for this reading) the lowest noise reading of any point of the survey.

Since the 25 Db recording was the least background noise level recorded anywhere, care must be taken regarding noise generated by the equipment within the site. Sound is more noticeable when it is the quietest of times.