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Your Ref EN010133

Our Ref IPP-153

Tuesday 17th October 2023

By email only to:

CottamSolarProject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: Deadline 1 Response

Post-Hearing Submissions – written summary of oral submissions

The Trust was represented at ISH1 on 5 September 2023 by Hazel Smith and Sophie Summers with the intention of updating the ExA on the Trust's position and responding to any questions the ExA may have had.

Detailed design in respect of cable under the River Trent

During the discussion of requirement 5 (detailed design approval), the Trust made the ExA aware that the Applicant had committed to drilling at least 5m below the lowest surveyed part of the riverbed. The Trust confirmed that the Applicant has not yet set out how this commitment would be secured. By way of example, the Gate Burton Solar NSIP applicant has committed to the same principle and are securing this by way of the detailed design approval requirement and the project's Outline Design Principles document. The Trust recognises that the Applicant may have reason to deal with this differently. If it seeks to secure the drilling depth by way of requirement 5, that requirement will need to apply to Work No. 6B, which is the work package including the cable under the River Trent.

Protective Provisions

The Trust concurred with the Applicant that the protective provisions for the Trust had been agreed between the parties and would be included in the next revision of the draft DCO.

Disapplication of legislation listed in Schedule 3 of the dDCO

The Trust made the ExA aware that the Trent (Burton-upon-Trent and Humber) Navigation Act 1887, listed at 1(e) of Schedule 3 of the dDCO contained powers to dredge the River Trent at the location that the Applicant proposes the grid connection cable will cross under the river. The Trust confirmed the Applicant agrees the principle that the project does not need to prevent dredging of the river and has no intention to preclude those powers. The Applicant had previously confirmed it would amend the wording of article 6(1)(i) dDCO.

Yours faithfully,

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Attachments: Agreed Canal & River Trust Protective Provisions

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