

Cottam Solar Project

Statement of Common Ground Gate Burton Energy Park, Tillbridge Solar Project, and West Burton Solar Project

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**Report Prepared for: Cottam Solar Project Ltd.
Examination Deadline 1**

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Document

1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared to be submitted to the Examining Authority (ExA) as part of the proposed Cottam Solar Project Development Consent Order (the Application) made by Cottam 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 on the Planning Inspectorate website.

1.1.3 In its Rule 6 letter issued 10 July 2023, ExA requested the preparation of a SoCG between the Applicant and representatives or promoters of other solar Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) to include Gate Burton, West Burton and Tillbridge.

1.1.4 Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd is the promoter for Gate Burton, West Burton Solar Project Ltd is the promoter for the West Burton Solar Project and Tillbridge Solar Limited is the promoter for the Tillbridge Solar Project.

1.1.5 This SoCG has been prepared by Cottam Solar Project Ltd. An equivalent SoCG has been submitted into the Gate Burton Energy Park Examination **[REP-017]**. This SoCG covers the following matters as requested by the Examining Authority as set out in the Rule 6 Letter:

- ‘Overlapping issues’;
- Any comments from Gate Burton, West Burton or Tillbridge on the ‘Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects’ submitted by the Applicant;
- Any principle concerns of Gate Burton, West Burton or Tillbridge expressed in other submissions; and
- Any other matters on which agreement might aid the smooth running of the Examination and assist the ExA’s recommendation to the Secretary of State.

1.1.6 In the Rule 6 letter the ExA also requested the preparation of a report on the interrelationships between the four projects. This report is submitted at Deadline 1 (17 October 2023) as **Report on the Interrelationship with other NSIPs [EN010133/EX1/C8.1.8]** and provides details on all four projects, including plans showing the location of respective schemes. Appendix A of the interrelationships report provides details of engagement between the parties so this is not repeated here.

2 Matters Under Discussion

2.1 Summary of Areas of Discussion between the Parties

Reference	Document	Subject	Issue	Status
NSIP-01	Joint Report on Interrelationships between Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects	n/a	The Applicant has prepared a report on the interrelationship with other NSIP projects to provide information on the interrelationships between the Cottam Energy Park and the Gate Burton Solar Project, West Burton Solar Project, and Tillbridge Solar Project. The draft report was shared with all three parties before submission and comments incorporated into the version submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 1. The teams are all currently reviewing the applications submitted by the other developers to compare sections on cumulative impacts and looking for further ways to collaborate and reduce cumulative impacts (e.g. on access). Whilst there are not currently any known areas of disagreement, these topics remain under discussion.	Under discussion
NSIP-02	Cooperation Agreement	n/a	The Applicant, Gate Burton, West Burton and Tillbridge have entered into a cooperation agreement to ensure various obligations on each party in relation to their cooperation throughout the Examination(s) of each DCO application. This cooperation agreement is provided in Appendix C of the interrelationships report.	Agreed
NSIP-03	Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	Protective provisions	Tillbridge proposes to include protective provisions for the benefit of the Applicant, Gate Burton and West Burton within its DCO and the intention is for reciprocal protective provisions to be included in the DCOs of the Applicant, Gate Burton and West Burton for the benefit of Tillbridge Solar Limited. This agreement is set out in the cooperation agreement and will be progressed following the submission of the application for the Tillbridge scheme later in 2023.	Agreed



3 Signatories

3.1 Overview

3.1.1 The above SoCG is agreed between Cottam Solar Project Ltd (the Applicant) and Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd, West Burton Solar Project Ltd and Tillbridge Solar Limited as specified below:

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

Name:	
Job Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	

Duly authorised for and on
behalf of **Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd.**

Name:	
Job Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	



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

Name:	
Job Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	

Duly authorised for and on
behalf of **Tillbridge Solar Ltd.**

Name:	
Job Title:	
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