

Cottam Solar Project

The Applicant's Cover Letter for Deadline 1 Submissions

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Dear Mr Raywood,

Cottam Solar Project – Deadline 1 Submissions
Application Ref: EN010133

This letter sets out the documents which are submitted by Cottam Solar Project Limited ('the Applicant') for Deadline 1 of the Examination of Cottam Solar Project.

These documents have been provided in response to the requests made in the Rule 8 Letter of 19th September 2023 and made at the Open Floor Hearing of 5th September 2023 and at the Issue-Specific Hearing of 6th September 2023.

In addition, these submissions provide a number of minor clarifications and corrections. Further details can be found in the Schedule of Changes [EN010133/EX1/C8.1.7] referred to below.

Submitted documents

Revised Documents – Clean and Tracked Changes Version of Each

Ref or plan/ drawing number	Document Title
Application Information	
EX1/C1.3_B	Guide to the Application (Revision B)
Plans and Drawings	
EX1/C2.2_B	Land Plan (Revision B)
EX1/C2.13_B	Streets Plan (Revision B)

Draft Development Consent Order	
EX1/C3.1_B	Draft Development Consent Order (Revision B)
Compulsory Acquisition Information	
EX1/C4.3_B	Book of Reference (Revision B)
Environmental Statement	
EX1/C6.2.4_A	Environmental Statement Chapter 4: Scheme Description (Revision A)
EX1/C6.2.7_A	Environmental Statement Chapter 7: Climate Change (Revision A)
EX1/C6.2.19_A	Environmental Statement Chapter 19: Soils and Agriculture (Revision A)
Environmental Statement Appendices	
EX1/C6.3.8.2_A	ES Appendix 8.2 Assessment of Potential Landscape Effects (Revision A)
EX1/C6.3.9.7_A	ES Appendix 9.7 Great Crested Newt Survey Report (Revision A)
EX1/C6.3.14.2_A	ES Appendix 14.2 Construction Traffic Management Plan (Revision A)
EX1/C6.3.14.3_A	ES Appendix 14.3 Public Rights of Way Management Plan (Revision A)
Environment Statement Figures	
EX1/C6.4.8.16.1_A	Figure 8.16.1 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Plan - Cottam 1_North_Sheet 1 (Revision A)
EX1/C6.4.8.16.2_A	Figure 8.16.2 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Plan - Cottam 1_North_Sheet 2 (Revision A)
EX1/C6.4.8.16.3_A	Figure 8.16.3 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Plan - Cottam 1_North_Sheet 3 (Revision A)
EX1/C6.4.8.16.4_A	Figure 8.16.4 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Plan - Cottam 1_South_Sheet 1 (Revision A)
EX1/C6.4.8.16.5_A	Figure 8.16.5 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Plan - Cottam 1_South_Sheet 2 (Revision A)
EX1/C6.4.8.16.6_A	Figure 8.16.6 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Plan - Cottam 1_West_Sheet 1 (Revision A)
EX1/C6.4.8.16.7.1_A	Figure 8.16.7.1 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement - Cottam 1_West_A_Sheet 2 (Revision A)
EX1/C6.4.8.16.7.2_A	Figure 8.16.7.2 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement - Cottam 1_West_B_Sheet 3 (Revision A)
EX1/C6.4.8.16.8_A	Figure 8.16.8 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Plan - Cottam 2 (Revision A)
EX1/C6.4.8.16.9_A	Figure 8.16.9 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Plan - Cottam 3b (Revision A)

EX1/C6.4.8.16.10_A	Figure 8.16.10 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Plan - Cottam 3a (Revision A)
EX1/C6.5_A	Environmental Statement Volume 4: Non-Technical Summary (Revision A)
Other Documents	
EX1/C7.1_A	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Revision A)
EX1/C7.3_A	Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Revision A)
EX1/C7.5_A	Planning Statement (Revision A)
EX1/C7.15_A	Concept Design Parameters and Principles (Revision A)
EX1/C7.17_A	Crossing Schedule (Revision A)
EX1/C7.21_A	Water Framework Directive Assessment (Revision A)

Additional Documents

Examination Submissions	
Core Submissions	
EX1/C8.1.2	The Applicant's Responses to Relevant Representations
EX1/C8.1.4	Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at the Open Floor Hearing
EX1/C8.1.5	Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at the Issue Specific Hearing 1
EX1/C8.1.6	The Applicant's Cover Letter for Deadline 1 Submissions
EX1/C8.1.7	Schedule of Changes
EX1/C8.1.8	Report on the Interrelationship with other NSIPs
EX1/C8.1.9	Statement of Commonality
EX1/C8.1.10	The Applicant's Responses to Procedural Deadline A and Additional Submissions
EX1/C8.1.11	Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight
EX1/C8.1.12	Schedule of Negotiations
EX1/C8.1.13	Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers
Supplementary Information	
EX1/C8.2.1	Supplementary Landscape Effects Tables
EX1/C8.2.2	Supplementary Visual Effects Tables
Statements of Common Ground	

EX1/C8.3.1	Nottinghamshire County Council & Bassetlaw District Council SoCG (Draft)
EX1/C8.3.2	Lincolnshire County Council SoCG (Draft)
EX1/C8.3.3	West Lindsey District Council SoCG (Draft)
EX1/C8.3.4	Historic England SoCG (Draft)
EX1/C8.3.5	National Highways SoCG (Final)
EX1/C8.3.6	UK Health Security Agency SoCG (Final)
EX1/C8.3.7	Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board SoCG (Final)
EX1/C8.3.8	The Environment Agency SoCG (Draft)
EX1/C8.3.9	Network Rail SoCG (Draft)
EX1/C8.3.10	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust SoCG (Final)
EX1/C8.3.11	Natural England SoCG (Draft)
EX1/C8.3.12	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust SoCG (Final)
EX1/C8.3.13	Gate Burton Energy Park, Tillbridge Solar Project and West Burton Solar Project SoCG (Draft)
EX1/C8.3.14	Anglian Water SoCG (Draft)
Environmental Statement Addenda	
EX1/C8.4.10.1	ES Addendum: Chapter 10: Flood Risk, Hydrology and Drainage
EX1/C8.4.14.1	ES Addendum: Appendix 16.1 Solar Photovoltaic Glint and Glare Study
EX1/C8.4.17.1	ES Addendum: Updated Air Quality Impact Assessment of a Solar Panel Fire Incident
EX1/C8.4.17.2	ES Addendum: Air Quality Impact Assessment of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Fire
EX1/C8.4.23.1	ES Addendum: Cumulative Effects

Schedule of changes to submitted documents

A new Schedule of Changes [EN010133/EX1/C8.1.7] sets out revisions made to previously submitted documents and the reasons for those changes.

Detailed schedules of changes to the draft Development Consent Order and the Land Plan

The Schedule of Changes [EN010133/EX1/C8.1.7] contains detailed schedules setting out all changes to the draft Development Consent Order and to the Land Plan.

The Applicant has not submitted an updated version of the Explanatory Memorandum at this deadline and intends to submit an updated version at the final Examination deadline, incorporating all changes that have been made to the draft Development Consent Order during the Examination.

Schedules of progress

As requested in the Rule 8 letter, the Applicant is submitting a Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight [EN010133/EX1/C8.1.11] and a Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers [EN010133/EX1/C8.1.13].

Section 1.5 ('Other consents and licences') of the Consents and Agreements Position Statement [EN010133/APP/C7.4] has not been updated at this Deadline 1 as there have been no changes of note to report. The Applicant notes that, at present, as a result of baseline surveys and sensitive development design, the potential for impacts on the listed protected species is low and no clear need for protected species licensing has been identified at this stage. The Applicant's ecological consultants are keeping under review the potential need to seek a protected species licence, and will apply for a licence in the usual way should it become necessary to do so. This approach is agreed with Natural England, as set out in response ECO-06 within the Statement of Common Ground with Natural England [EX1/C8.3.11].

Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects

As requested in the Rule 8 letter, the Applicant is submitting an interrelationships report [EN010133/EX1/C8.1.8] between the Scheme and three other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, Gate Burton Energy Park, West Burton Solar Project and Tillbridge Solar. The report has been prepared jointly with the applicants for the other schemes. It provides text and plans showing how the schemes relate to one another. The report sets out the approaches taken by the four developers to coordinate applications and reduce cumulative effects. It also explains the approach taken to the shared grid connection corridor, shared mitigation measures and an update on the assessment of cumulative impacts. As mentioned at ISH1, this is a live document and will be updated throughout the Examination to ensure that it takes into account the most up to date information.

Statements of Common Ground

The status of the Statements of Common Ground being agreed by the Applicant and other bodies is summarised in the Statement of Commonality [EN010133/EX1/C8.1.9].

Environmental Statement Addenda

Where information that is additional or supplementary to the Environmental Statement has been requested or provided, addenda to the Environmental Statement are being submitted as new documents.

The Applicant has submitted updated versions of some Environmental Statement chapters, where errors in the chapters originally submitted have been identified that needed to be updated.



Withdrawal of document

The Outline Soil Management Plan was submitted as two identical documents, one as Appendix 2 to Chapter 19 of the Environmental Statement [APP-146] and one as a stand-alone document, C7.18 [APP-355]. The Applicant wishes to withdraw the stand-alone version of the document [APP-355].

The updated version of Schedule 14 – Documents and Plans to be Certified of the Draft Development Consent Order submitted at Deadline 1 [EN010133/EX1/C3.1_B], now refers to Appendix 2 to Chapter 19 of the Environmental Statement [APP-146].

Please do not hesitate to contact us using the details provided below if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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