# Cottam Solar Project

## Schedule of Progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers Revision A

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#### **1** Introduction

#### 1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 Cottam Solar Project Limited (the Applicant) submitted an application to the Secretary of State on 12 January 2023 (the Application). The Application was accepted for Examination on 10 February 2023. The Examination of the Application commenced on 5 September 2023.
- 1.1.2 This document should be read in conjunction with the Book of Reference [EX2/C4.3\_C], Land Plan [REP-004], the Statement of Reasons [AS-013] and the Draft DCO [EX2/C3.1\_C].
- 1.1.3 The Book of Reference [EX1/C4.3\_B] includes details of the interests belonging to the statutory undertakers listed in this document that are within the Order limits or affected by the Scheme. Further information on how the Scheme will impact on interests belonging to statutory undertakers is set out in the Statement of Reasons [AS-013].
- 1.1.4 This document provides an update on the status of negotiations with statutory undertakers, and with other utility providers, included within the Book of Reference [EX2/C4.3\_C].
- 1.1.5 Section 10.3 of the Statement of Reasons [AS-013] sets out the tests in section 127 of the Planning Act 2008. In summary, where a representation has been made by a statutory undertaker objecting to the acquisition of statutory undertakers' land (or rights over land), the Secretary of State must be satisfied that the land or right can be replaced or rights can be acquired without any serious detriment to the carrying on of the undertaking.
- 1.1.6 The Applicant's position is that the protective provisions contained in Schedule 16 of the Draft DCO [EX2/C3.1\_C] are adequate to protect each statutory undertaker's undertaking and to ensure that it suffers no serious detriment. Therefore, in the event that any representations made by statutory undertakers remain outstanding at the end of the Examination, the Secretary of State can be satisfied that the tests set out in section 127 of the Planning Act 2008 have been met.
- 1.1.7 The table below includes each statutory undertaker of other utility and includes details of the affected plots together with the status of negotiations.



Plot Nos.	-	Statutory	Engagement of	Status of
FIUL NUS.		undertaker or other apparatus owner	Section 127 and/or Section 138 of the Planning Act 2008	negotiations
02-050, 02-0 02-072, 02-0 03-086, 04-0 04-102, 05-7 06-145, 06-7 06-151, 08-7 08-163, 08-7 09-194, 09-7 09-194, 10-2 10-236, 10-2 11-254, 11-2 11-254, 11-2 14-286, 14-2 14-294, 14-2 16-316, 16-3 16-331, 17-3 17-359, 17-3 17-364, 18-3 18-380, 18-3 19-386, 19-3 19-389, 19-3 19-392	036, 01-039,   053, 02-055,   068, 02-070,   073, 03-085,   099, 04-100,   126, 05-127,   147, 06-150,   161, 08-162,   166, 08-173,   176, 09-190,   192, 09-190,   192, 09-193,   234, 10-235,   237, 10-245,   255, 11-256,   279, 12-281,   292, 14-293,   296, 15-306,   325, 16-326,   332, 17-333,   356, 17-363,   378, 18-379,   381, 18-385,   390, 19-391,	Anglian Water Services Limited	The Applicant considers that the land and rights can be acquired without serious detriment to the carrying on of Anglian Water's undertaking. The Protective Provisions in Part 7 of Schedule 16 ensure that Anglian Water's land and apparatus will be protected and access maintained during construction. The Protective Provisions also ensure that (if necessary) no rights will be extinguished without Anglian Water's agreement and no apparatus removed until alternative apparatus has been constructed. The Applicant is not intending to extinguish any rights belonging to Anglian Water.	Provisions have been included in the draft DCO. The Applicant is continuing to discuss the detail of the Protective Provisions with Anglian Water and is confident that these will be agreed prior to the end of Examination. Deadline 2 update: The Applicant and Anglian Water have agreed the wording of the Protective Provisions included in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 2.
01-028, 01-0	017, 01-025, 029, 17-338, 341, 17-343,	National Grid Electricity	TheApplicantconsidersthatlandandrightscan	Provisions have

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Table 1.1: Statutory	Undertakers	and Other	Apparatus Owners

17-345, 17-346 18-375, 18-376 18-378, 18-385 19-391	5, 18-377,	Transmission (NGET)	plc	serious detriment to the carrying on of NGET's undertaking. The Protective Provisions in Part 3 of Schedule 16 ensure that NGET's land and apparatus will be protected and access maintained during construction. The Protective Provisions also ensure that (if necessary) no rights will be extinguished without NGET's agreement and no apparatus removed until alternative apparatus has been constructed. The Applicant is not intending to extinguish any	Applicantiscontinuingtodiscussthe detailofthe ProtectiveProvisionswithNGETandisconfidentthatthesewillbeagreed prior to theendofExamination.Deadline2update:DiscussionsareongoingwithNGET in respect of
11-266, 12-280 13-283, 16-330	), 16-331,	Electricity	Grid	rights belonging to NGET. The Applicant considers that the	Provisions have
17-335, 17-364 18-384, 19-387	l, 18-367,	Distribution ( Midlands) (NGED)	(East plc	land and rights can be acquired without serious detriment to the carrying on of NGED's undertaking. The Protective Provisions in Part 4 of Schedule 16 ensure that NGED's land and apparatus	the draft DCO. The Applicant is

			will be protected and access maintained during construction. The Protective Provisions also ensure that (if necessary) no rights will be extinguished without NGED's agreement and no apparatus removed until alternative apparatus has been constructed. The Applicant is not intending to extinguish any rights belonging to NGET.	end of Examination. Deadline 2 update: Discussions are ongoing in respect of an associated side agreement. The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
01-002,01-009,01-017,01-021,01-041,02-048,02-050,02-059,02-077,03-090,03-092,03-093,04-107,04-108,05-121,05-124,06-143,07-159,08-161,08-163,08-166,08-172,09-188,09-189,09-193,09-194,10-219,10-221,10-235,10-236,10-235,10-236,10-242,10-243,11-249,12-268,14-286,14-287,14-293,14-297,14-299,14-300,	01-039, 02-049, 02-060, 03-091, 04-103, 04-109, 05-125, 07-160, 08-164, 09-187, 09-190, 10-205, 10-224, 10-230, 10-238, 10-238, 11-248, 12-269, 14-289, 14-292, 14-298,	Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) plc (NPG)	The Applicant considers that the land and rights can be acquired without serious detriment to the carrying on of NPG's undertaking. The Protective Provisions in Part 5 of Schedule 16 ensure that NPG's land and apparatus will be protected and access maintained during construction. The Protective Provisions also ensure that (if necessary) no rights will be extinguished without NPG's	



15-305, 15-306, 15-311, 16-310, 16-325, 16-326, 16-329, 16-330, 17-332, 17-333, 17-335, 17-336	15-307, 16-316, 16-328, 16-331, 17-334,		agreement and no apparatus removed until alternative apparatus has been constructed. The Applicant is not intending to extinguish any rights belonging to NPG.	The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
18-385, 19-390, 19-392	19-391,	EDF Energy (Thermal Generation) Limited	The Applicant considers that the land and rights can be acquired without serious detriment to the carrying on of EDF's undertaking. The Protective Provisions in Part 1 of Schedule 16 ensure that EDF's land and apparatus will be protected and access maintained during construction. The Protective Provisions also ensure that (if necessary) no rights will be extinguished without EDF's agreement and no apparatus removed until alternative apparatus has been constructed. The Applicant is not intending to extinguish any rights belonging to EDF.	Bespoke draft Protective Provisions have been received from EDF and are being negotiated. These will be included in the draft DCO when they are close to an agreed form. The Applicant is confident that an agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination. Deadline 2 update: Discussions are ongoing in respect of works at Cottam Power Station. The Applicant is proposing to make a non-material change application to address a number of concerns raised by EDF.



					The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
04-119, 14-293, 15-306	05-120, 14-294,	14-292, 14-296,	Cadent Gas Limited	The Applicant considers that the land and rights can be acquired without serious detriment to the carrying on of Cadent Gas' undertaking. The Protective Provisions in Part 6 of Schedule 16 ensure that Cadent Gas' land and apparatus will be protected and access maintained during construction. The Protective Provisions also ensure that (if necessary) no rights will be extinguished without Cadent Gas' agreement and no apparatus removed until alternative apparatus has been constructed. The Applicant is not intending to extinguish any rights belonging to Cadent Gas.	Provisions have been included in the draft DCO. The Applicant is continuing to discuss the detail of the Protective Provisions with Cadent and is confident that these will be agreed prior to the end of Examination. Deadline 2 update: Discussions are ongoing with comments on the draft protective provisions and an associated side agreement recently received from Cadent's solicitors. A



			reached prior to the end of the Examination.
16-328, 16-330, 16- 331, 17- 332, 17-333, 17-334, 17-335, 17-364	Severn Trent Water Limited (STWL)	Protective provisions for the benefit of water undertakers have been included in Part 1 of Schedule 16 to the draft DCO.	STWL has not submitted a relevant representation and has not requested bespoke protective provisions
10-204, 10-205, 10-206, 10-209, 10-210, 10-217, 12-275, 14-288	Environment Agency (EA)	TheApplicantconsidersthatthelandandrightscanbeacquiredwithoutseriousdetrimenttothecarryingonofthecarryingonofthecarryingonofthecarryingonofthecarryingonofthecarryingoncarryingofSchedule16ensurethatEA'slandandapparatuswillbeprotectedandaccessmaintainedduringconstruction.TheProvisionsalsoensurethat(ifnecessary)no rightswillbewillbewithoutEA'sagreementandapparatusremoveduntilalternativeapparatushasconstructed.TheApplicantisnotintendingtoto	the draft DCO. The Applicant is



				extinguish any rights belonging to EA.	
	02-044, 02-050,	Network Infrastructure Limited	Rail	The Applicant considers that the land and rights can be acquired without serious detriment to the carrying on of Network Rail's undertaking. The Protective Provisions in Part 10 of Schedule 16 ensure that Network Rail's land and apparatus will be protected and access maintained during construction.	Provisions have been included in the draft DCO. The Applicant is
				The Applicant is not intending to extinguish any rights belonging to Network Rail. However, the Applicant cannot agree to not utilise the compulsory acquisition powers in the Draft DCO until a voluntary agreement for the necessary property rights has been entered into.	ongoing. Heads of Terms are almost agreed for the property documents and solicitors have
N/A			ton Park	The Gate Burton Energy Park is a scheme that, if granted development consent, would have	within the draft DCO. The



		the power to compulsorily acquire various plots of land over which the Applicant seeks powers of compulsory acquisition. The Protective Provisions in Part 11 of Schedule 16 ensure that the interaction between the schemes is appropriately managed, to ensure both projects can be implemented as intended.	changes to that scheme be made,
N/A	West Burton Solar Project Limited	The West Burton Solar Project is a scheme that, if granted development consent, would have the power to compulsorily acquire various plots of land over which the Applicant seeks powers of compulsory acquisition. The Protective Provisions in Part 12 of Schedule 16 ensure that the interaction between the schemes is appropriately managed, to ensure both projects can be	Provisions have been included within the draft DCO. The Applicant remains in discussion with West Burton in order that, should changes to that scheme be made,



				implemented as intended.	
17-339, 1	7-339a, 17	7-349	Canal & River Trust	The Applicant considers that the land and rights can be acquired without serious detriment to the carrying on of the Canal & River Trust's undertaking. The Protective Provisions in Part 13 of Schedule 16 ensure that the Canal & River Trust's land and apparatus will be protected and access maintained during construction. The Protective Provisions also ensure that (if necessary) no rights will be extinguished without the Canal & River Trust's agreement and no apparatus removed until alternative apparatus has been constructed.	Provisions included in Part 13 of Schedule 16 of the draft DCO have been agreed
05-141, 06-144, 08-170, 08-177, 08-180, 16-318, 17-343	06-142, 06-146, 08-171, 08-178, 14-301, 16-322,	06-143, 08-169, 08-172, 08-179, 15-302, 17-342,	Uniper UK Limited	The Applicant considers that the land and rights can be acquired without serious detriment to the carrying on of Uniper's undertaking. The Protective Provisions to be	Draft Protective Provisions are currently being negotiated with Uniper. These will be included in a revision of the draft DCO once they have been



		included in Schedule 16 ensure that Uniper's land and apparatus will be protected and access maintained during construction. The Applicant is not intending to extinguish any rights belonging to Uniper. However the Applicant cannot agree to not utilise the compulsory acquisition powers in the draft DCO until a voluntary agreement for the necessary property rights has been entered into.	substantially agreed. The Applicant is confident that an agreement will be reached prior to the close of the Examination. Deadline 2 update: Discussions are ongoing. The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
01-002, 01-013, 01-017, 01- 022, 01-026, 01-027, 01- 028, 01-029, 01-030, 01- 031, 01-036, 01-039, 01- 040, 02-048, 02-049, 02- 050, 02-053, 02-054, 02- 055, 02-056, 02-059, 03- 083, 03-084, 03-085, 03- 086, 03-090, 03-091, 03- 095, 04-099, 04-100, 04- 102, 05-126, 05-128, 06- 151, 08-161, 08-162, 08- 163, 08-166, 08-173, 08- 174, 08-176, 08-180, 09- 193, 09-194, 10-205, 10- 224, 10-230, 10-232, 10- 234, 10-235, 10-236, 10- 237, 10-238, 10-241, 10- 242, 11-261, 11-263, 11- 264, 11-265, 12-268, 12-	Openreach Limited	Protective provisions for the benefit of telecommunications code network operators have been included in Part 2 of Schedule 16 to the draft DCO.	submitted a relevant representation



269, 12-281, 14-289, 14- 290, 14-291, 14-292, 15- 306, 15-308, 16-316, 16- 319, 16-325, 16-326, 16- 327, 16-328, 16-329, 16- 331, 17-332, 17-333, 17- 334, 17-341, 17-343, 17- 344, 17-355, 17-359, 17- 362, 17-363, 17-364, 18- 378, 18-379, 18-380, 18- 381, 18-385, 19-386, 19- 387, 19-388, 19-389, 19- 390, 19-391, 19-392			
14-292, 14-293, 14- 294, 14- 296, 15- 306	Virgin Media Limited	Protective provisions for the benefit of telecommunications code network operators have been included in Part 2 of Schedule 16 to the draft DCO.	relevant representation and has not
18-385	Vodafone Limited	Protective provisions for the benefit of telecommunications code network operators have been included in Part 2 of Schedule 16 to the draft DCO.	a relevant representation and has not requested any bespoke protective
16-324	Exolum Pipeline System Limited	Whilst Exolum is not a statutory undertaker, protective provisions are to be provided to ensure that Exolum's land interest and apparatus will be protected and	Provisions have been received from Exolum and are being negotiated. The Applicant will include the



access maintained during construction. The Protective Provisions to be included in Schedule 16 ensure that (if necessary) no rights will be extinguished without Exolum's agreement and no apparatus removed until alternative apparatus has been constructed.	once these are substantially agreed. The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the close of the
	The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.