

# Cottam Solar Project

## The Applicant's Cover Letter for Deadline 2 Submissions

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Dear Mr Raywood,

**Cottam Solar Project – Deadline 2 Submissions**  
**Application Ref: EN010133**

This letter sets out the documents which are submitted by Cottam Solar Project Limited ('the Applicant') for Deadline 2 of the Examination of Cottam Solar Project.

These documents have been provided in response to the requests made in the Rule 8 Letter of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023, to submissions made at Deadline 1 and to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions published on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

In addition, these submissions provide a number of clarifications and corrections. Further details can be found in the Schedule of Changes **[EN010133/EX2/C8.1.7\_A]** referred to below.

**Submitted documents**

*Revised Documents – Clean and Tracked Changes Version of Each*

Ref or plan/ drawing number	Document Title
Application Information	
EX2/C1.3_C	Guide to the Application (Revision C)
Plans and Drawings	
EX2/C2.5_B	Public Rights of Way Plan (Revision B)
EX2/C2.6_A	Access Plan (Revision A)

<b>Draft Development Consent Order</b>	
EX2/C3.1_C	Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C)
<b>Compulsory Acquisition Information</b>	
EX2/C4.3_C	Book of Reference (Revision C)
<b>Environmental Statement</b>	
EX2/C6.2.8_A	Environmental Statement Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual Impact (Revision A)
EX2/C6.2.23_A	Environmental Statement Chapter 23: Summary of Significant Effects (Revision A)
<b>Environmental Statement Appendices</b>	
EX2/C6.3.8.3_A	ES Appendix 8.3 Assessment of Potential Visual Effects (Revision A)
EX2/C6.3.14.1_A	ES Appendix 14.1 Transport Assessment (Revision A)
EX2/C6.3.14.2_B	ES Appendix 14.2 Construction Traffic Management Plan (Revision B)
EX2/C6.3.14.3_B	ES Appendix 14.3 Public Rights of Way Management Plan (Revision B)
EX2/C6.3.19.2_A	ES Appendix 19.2 Outline Soils Management Plan (Revision A)
<b>Environment Statement Non-Technical Summary</b>	
EX2/C6.5_B	Environmental Statement Volume 4: Non-Technical Summary (Revision B)
<b>Other Documents</b>	
EX2/C7.1_B	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Revision B)
EX2/C7.3_B	Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Revision B)
EX2/C7.5_B	Planning Statement (Revision B)
EX2/C7.9_A	Outline Battery Storage Safety Management Plan (Revision A)
EX2/C7.16_A	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (Revision A)
<b>Examination Submissions</b>	
<b>Core Submissions</b>	
EX2/C8.1.7_A	Schedule of Changes (Revision A)
EX2/C8.1.8_A	Report on the Interrelationship with other NSIPs (Revision A)
EX2/C8.1.9_A	Statement of Commonality (Revision A)
EX2/C8.1.11_A	Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight (Revision A)
EX2/C8.1.12_A	Schedule of Negotiations (Revision A)
EX2/C8.1.13_A	Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers (Revision A)

<b>Supplementary Information</b>	
EX1/C8.2.2_A	Supplementary Visual Effects Tables (Revision A)
<b>Statements of Common Ground</b>	
EX2/C8.3.1_A	Nottinghamshire County Council & Bassetlaw District Council SoCG (Draft – Revision A)
EX2/C8.3.2_A	Lincolnshire County Council SoCG (Draft – Revision A)
EX2/C8.3.11_A	Natural England SoCG (Draft – Revision A)
EX2/C8.3.13_A	Gate Burton Energy Park, Tillbridge Solar Project and West Burton Solar Project SoCG (Final – Revision A)
EX2/C8.3.14_A	Anglian Water SoCG (Final – Revision A)
<b>Environmental Statement Addenda</b>	
EX2/C8.4.17.2_A	Air Quality Impact Assessment of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Fire (Revision A)

*Additional Documents*

Examination Submissions	
<b>Core Submissions</b>	
EX2/C8.1.14	The Applicant's Cover Letter for Deadline 2 Submissions
EX2/C8.1.15	The Applicant's Responses to the First Written Questions
EX2/C8.1.16	The Applicant's Responses to Local Impact Reports
EX2/C8.1.17	The Applicant's Responses to Written Representations at Deadline 1 - Part 1
EX2/C8.1.18	The Applicant's Responses to Written Representations at Deadline 1 - Part 2
EX2/C8.1.19	The Applicant's Responses to Written Representations at Deadline 1 - Part 3
<b>Supplementary Information</b>	
EX2/C8.2.3	Explanatory Note on Landscape and Visual Impact Submissions
EX2/C8.2.4	Indicative Landscape Section with Cottam 1 West Substation
EX2/C8.2.5	Indicative Landscape Section with Lincoln Cathedral
EX2/C8.2.6	Indicative Landscape Section with Lincoln Castle
EX2/C8.2.7	Review of Likely Significant Effects at 60 Years
<b>Environmental Statement Addenda</b>	
EX2/C8.4.14.1	ES Addendum: Chapter 14: Transport and Access

### **Schedule of changes to submitted documents**

A new Schedule of Changes **[EN010133/EX2/C8.1.7\_A]** sets out revisions made to previously submitted documents and the reasons for those changes.

This document contains detailed schedules of changes to the draft Development Consent Order and to the Book of Reference.

### **Schedules of progress**

As requested in the Rule 8 letter, the Applicant is submitting an updated set of Schedules of progress **[EN010133/EX2/C8.1.11\_A]**, **[EN010133/EX2/C8.1.12\_A]** and **[EN010133/EX2/C8.1.13\_A]**.

### **Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects**

The revised version of the Report on the Interrelationship with other NSIPs (Revision A) **[EN010133/EX2/C8.1.8\_A]** submitted at Deadline 2 includes information on the mitigation measures proposed for Gate Burton Energy Park.

It is the intention of the Applicant to provide a further update at Deadline 3 that includes the proposed mitigation measures for the Scheme so that comments made at the Hearings can be taken into account.

### **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/EX2/C8.1.9\_A]**.

### **Environmental impacts of a 60-year operational lifetime**

At Deadline 1, the draft Development Consent Order was updated to set the maximum operational lifetime of the Scheme at 60 years. The Examining Authority then requested the Applicant to review the assessments made in the Environmental Statement. For each topic, a review of the potential significant effects has been carried out. The results are set out within a revised version of ES Chapter 23: Summary of Significant Effects (Revision A) **[EN010133/EX2/C6.2.23\_A]** and explained in Review of Likely Significant Effects at 60 Years **[EN010133/EX2/C8.2.7]**.

### **Species Licencing**

There is no update at Deadline 2 in respect of additional species licencing and consenting requirements.

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

Yours sincerely,

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