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Our Ref IPP-153

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: Deadline 3 Response, Cottam Solar Project

We have been reviewing the revised Concept Design Parameters and Principles document and welcome the principle that HDD will be at least 5m below the River Trent. We think it would be helpful to include in this description a reference point for measuring that 5m. The Trust has agreed the following wording with the Gate Burton project, which is set out in the Outline Design Principles document for that project:

The HDD depth will be a maximum of 25m below the bottom of the riverbed and a minimum of 5m below the lowest surveyed point of the River Trent riverbed in order to prevent risk of any scour exposing cable. (See PDF p10 of the latest revision at:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010131/EN010131-001393-2.3%20Outline%20Design%20Principles_D5_tracked.pdf

The Applicant has confirmed to us that they are happy to use the above wording for the Cottam proposal and this will be updated in the next version of the Concept Design Parameters and Principles submitted at Deadline 3.

We note that we are included in the answers to ExA Questions 1.10.21 and 1.11.12 and agree with this position.

Yours faithfully,

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