

Cottam Solar Project

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Dear Mr Raywood,

Cottam Solar Project – Deadline 3 Submissions
Application Ref: EN010133

This letter sets out the documents which are submitted by Cottam Solar Project Limited ('the Applicant') for Deadline 3 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 following undertakings by the Applicant during the course of the Examination.

Details of updates made to previously submitted documents can be found in the Schedule of Changes [EN010133/EX3/C8.1.7_B] referred to below.

Submitted documents

Revised Documents – Clean and Tracked Changes Version of Each

Ref or plan/ drawing number	Document Title
Application Information	
EX3/C1.3_E	Guide to the Application (Revision E)
Plans and Drawings	
N/A	
Draft Development Consent Order	
EX3/C3.1_E	Draft Development Consent Order (Revision E)

Compulsory Acquisition Information	
EX3/C4.3_E	Book of Reference (Revision E)
Environmental Statement	
N/A	
Environmental Statement Appendices	
EX3/C6.3.14.2_C	ES Appendix 14.2 Construction Traffic Management Plan (Revision C)
EX3/C6.3.19.2_B	ES Appendix 19.2 Outline Soil Management Plan (Revision B)
Environment Statement Non-Technical Summary	
N/A	
Other Documents	
EX3/C7.1_C	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Revision C)
EX3/C7.2_A	Outline Decommissioning Statement (Revision A)
EX3/C7.3_D	Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Revision D)
EX3/C7.9_B	Outline Battery Storage Safety Management Plan (Revision B)
EX3/C7.15_B	Concept Design Parameters and Principles (Revision B)
EX3/C7.16B	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (Revision B)
EX3/C7.20_A	Information to Support a Habitats Regulations Assessment (Revision A)
Examination Submissions	
Core Submissions	
EX3/C8.1.7_B	Schedule of Changes (Revision B)
EX3/C8.1.8_B	Report on the Interrelationship with other NSIPs (Revision B)
EX3/C8.1.9_B	Statement of Commonality (Revision B)
EX3/C8.1.11_B	Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight (Revision B)
EX3/C8.1.12_B	Schedule of Negotiations (Revision B)
EX3/C8.1.13_B	Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers (Revision B)
Supplementary Information	
N/A	
Statements of Common Ground	
EX3/C8.3.2_B	Lincolnshire County Council SoCG (Draft – Revision B)

EX3/C8.3.3_A	West Lindsey District Council SoCG (Draft – Revision A)
EX3/C8.3.11_B	Natural England SoCG (Final – Revision B)
Environmental Statement Addenda	
N/A	

Additional Documents

Examination Submissions	
Core Submissions	
EX3/C8.1.20	The Applicant's Cover Letter for Deadline 3 Submissions
EX3/C8.1.21	Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at the Issue Specific Hearing (ISH2) held on 5th December 2023
EX3/C8.1.22	Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at the Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3) held on 5th December 2023
EX3/C8.1.23	Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at the Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4) held on 6th December 2023
EX3/C8.1.24	Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1) held on 7th December 2023
EX3/C8.1.25	Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions and responses at the Open Floor Hearing (OFH2) held on 7th December 2023
EX3/C8.1.26	Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at the Issue Specific Hearing (ISH5) held on 8th December 2023
EX3/C8.1.27	Applicant's Responses to Deadline 2 Submissions
Supplementary Information	
EX3/C8.2.9	Land South of Marton Grid Connection Options Report
EX3/C8.2.10	Comparison of Archaeological Evaluation Investigations on Solar Schemes
Environmental Statement Addenda	
EX3/C8.4.10.2	ES Addendum: Chapter 10: Flood Risk Sequential Test
EX3/C8.4.13.1	ES Addendum: Chapter 13: Archaeological Trial Trenching Evaluation Fieldwork Report for the Shared Cable Corridor

Schedule of changes to submitted documents

A new Schedule of Changes [EN010133/EX3/C8.1.7_B] 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/EX3/C8.1.11_B], [EN010133/EX3/C8.1.12_B] and [EN010133/EX3/C8.1.13_B].

Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects

The applicants for Cottam, West Burton, Gate Burton and Tillbridge solar NSIP DCOs continue to collaborate and are working on an updated version of the Report on the Interrelationship with other NSIPs to be submitted at Gate Burton's next examination deadline, which is 21 December 2023 (DL6). The same Report will then be submitted to the Cottam examination the same day or very shortly thereafter, and to West Burton examinations at the next deadline. The Report is included in the list of documents above [EN010133/EX3/C8.1.8_B].

Explanatory Memorandum

The Applicant has not submitted an updated version of the Explanatory Memorandum [APP-017] for this deadline. Instead, the Applicant proposes to submit an updated version of this document for Deadline 4. This is so the document can include the changes made in the version of the Explanatory Memorandum that was submitted as part of the Change Application [EN010133/CR1/C3.2_A_CR] which was accepted on 18 December 2023, as well as any other required changes that follow from subsequent updates to the draft DCO.

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/EX3/C8.1.9_B].

Concept Design Parameters and Principles

In response to First Written Question 1.2.19, the Applicant has reviewed the distance between fibre communication chambers as described in the Concept Design Parameters and Principles [REP-039] (CDPP) and ES Chapter 4 Scheme Description [REP-012]. The distance of 1,000m stated in the CDPP is correct; the distance of 2,000m stated in Chapter 4 is incorrect. The Applicant can confirm that the environmental assessments were carried out on the basis of the parameters set out in the CDPP and correct distance was therefore used.

Planning Statement

The Applicant previously undertook to revise the Planning Statement [REP-047], in particular in relation to Neighbourhood Plans. In view of the expected adoption of relevant National Policy Statements (NPSs) in January 2024, the Applicant has not submitted an amended version at Examination Deadline 3 but intends to submit a revised Planning Statement updated in relation to both NPSs and Neighbourhood Plans at Examination Deadline 4.



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

Yours sincerely,



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