# Cottam Solar Project

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

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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** [EX4/C4.3\_F], Land Plan [EX4/C2.2\_D], the Statement of Reasons [EX4/C4.1\_C] and the Draft DCO [EX4/C3.1\_F].
- 1.1.3 The **Book of Reference [EX4/C4.3\_F]** 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 [EX4/C4.1\_C]**.
- 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** [EX4/C4.3\_F].
- 1.1.5 Section 10.3 of the **Statement of Reasons [EX4/C4.1\_C-0]** 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 [EX4/C3.1\_F]** 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.



**Table 1.1: Statutory Undertakers and Other Apparatus Owners** 

Plot Nos	,		Statutory	Engagement of	Status of
PIOL NOS	•		Statutory undertaker or other apparatus owner	Engagement of Section 127 and/or Section 138 of the Planning Act 2008	negotiations
01-031, 02-050, 02-056, 02-072, 03-086, 04-102, 06-145, 06-151, 08-163, 08-174, 09-188, 09-191, 09-194, 10-236, 11-254, 11-257, 14-286, 14-294,	01-036, 02-053, 02-068, 02-073, 04-099, 05-126, 06-147, 08-161, 08-176, 09-189, 09-192, 10-234, 10-237, 11-255, 12-279, 14-292, 14-296,	01-039, 02-055, 02-070, 03-085, 04-100, 05-127, 06-150, 08-162, 08-173, 09-187, 09-190, 09-193, 10-235, 10-245, 11-256, 12-281, 14-293, 15-306,	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.	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:
16-316, 16-331, 17-334, 17-359, 17-364, 18-380, 19-386, 19-389, 19-392	16-325, 17-332, 17-356, 17-362, 18-378, 18-381, 19-387, 19-390,			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.	wording of the Protective Provisions included in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 2.
01-006, 01-028, 17-339,	01-017, 01-029, 17-341,	01-025, 17-338, 17-343,	National Grid Electricity	The Applicant considers that the land and rights can	Provisions have



17-345, 18-375, 18-378, 19-391	17-346, 18-376, 18-385,	18-373, 18-377, 19-390,	Transmission (NGET)	plc	be acquired without 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	the draft DCO. The Applicant is continuing to discuss the detail of the Protective Provisions with NGET and is confident that these will be
					will be protected and access maintained during construction.  The Protective	agreed prior to the end of Examination.  Deadline 2 update:
					Provisions also ensure that (if necessary) no rights will be extinguished without NGET's	Discussions are ongoing with NGET in respect of an associated side agreement.
					agreement and no apparatus removed until alternative apparatus has been constructed. The Applicant is not intending to	The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
					extinguish any rights belonging to	Deadline 3 update:
					NGET.	Discussions are ongoing with NGET in respect of an associated side agreement.
						The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
						Deadline 4 update:

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			Discussions are ongoing.  The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
11-266, 12-280, 13-2 13-283, 16-330, 16-3 17-335, 17-364, 18-3 18-384, 19-387	1, Electricity	The Applicant considers that the 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 will be protected and access maintained during construction.	Provisions have been included in the draft DCO. The Applicant is
		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	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.  Deadline 3 update:  Discussions are ongoing in respect



					rights belonging to NGET.	of an associated side agreement.  The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
						Deadline 4 update:
						Discussions are ongoing.
						The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
01-002, 01-017, 01-041, 02-050, 02-077, 03-092, 04-107, 05-121, 06-143, 08-161, 08-166, 09-188, 09-193, 10-219, 10-225, 10-235, 10-235, 10-242, 11-249, 14-290, 14-293, 14-293, 15-305,	01-009, 01-021, 02-048, 02-059, 03-090, 03-093, 04-108, 05-124, 07-159, 08-163, 08-172, 09-189, 09-194, 10-221, 10-226, 10-233, 10-236, 10-243, 12-268, 14-287, 14-297, 14-300, 15-306,	01-013, 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, 10-234, 10-238, 11-248, 12-269, 14-292, 14-292, 14-301, 15-307,	Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) (NPG)	plc	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 agreement and no	Provisions have been included in the draft DCO. The Applicant is continuing to discuss the detail of the Protective Provisions with NPG and is confident that these will be agreed prior to the end of Examination.  Deadline 2 update:  Discussions are ongoing in respect



15-311, 16-310, 16-325, 16-329, 16-330, 17-332, 17-335, 17-336	16-328, 16-331,		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.
				Deadline 4 update:
				Discussions are ongoing.
				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	Protective Provisions have been received from EDF and are



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.

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.

## Deadline 3 update:

Discussions are ongoing in respect of works at Cottam Power Station. The Applicant submitted а Change Application on 8 December 2023 to address a number of concerns raised by EDF. The Change Application was accepted by the Examining

					Authority on 18 December 2023.  The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
					Deadline 4 update:
					Discussions are ongoing. Comments on the draft protective provisions were recently received from EDF Energy's solicitors, which the Applicant is reviewing.
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.	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
				The Protective Provisions also ensure that (if necessary) no rights	ongoing with comments on the



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 and an associated side agreement recently received from Cadent's solicitors. revised set of Protective Provisions will be included in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 3. The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.

# Deadline 3 update:

Updated draft Protective Provisions have been included in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 3 [EX32/C3.1\_EC]. The draft Protective Provisions and side agreement were sent back to Cadent's solicitors for review and comment on 6 December 2023 and further comments were from received Cadent's solicitors on 15 December

				2023. The Applicant is currently reviewed these comments.
				Deadline 4 update:
				Following correspondence between the parties, updated draft Protective Provisions have been included in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 4 [EX4/C3.1_F].
16-328, 16-330, 16- 331, 17- 332, 17-333, 17-334, 17-335,	Severn Water	Trent Limited	Protective provisions for the	STWL has not submitted a
17-364	(STWL)		benefit of water undertakers have been included in Part 1 of Schedule 16 to the draft DCO.	relevant representation and has not requested bespoke protective provisions
				Deadline 4 update:
				STWL submitted a RR at Deadline 3 [REP3-060] regarding conditions and precautions to be taken when carrying out work adjacent to STWL apparatus, as well as tree planting restrictions in locations adjacent to sewers, water

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			mains and other STWL apparatus. STWL have not requested bespoke Protective Provisions. The Applicant continues to engage with STWL regarding its interests.
10-204, 10-205, 10-206, 10-209, 10-210, 10-217, 12-275, 14-288	Environment Agency (EA)	The Applicant considers that the land and rights can be acquired without serious detriment to the carrying on of the EA's undertaking.  The Protective Provisions in Part 9 of Schedule 16 ensure that EA's land and apparatus will be protected and access maintained during construction.	Draft Protective Provisions have been included in the draft DCO. The Applicant is continuing to discuss the detail of the Protective Provisions with the EA and is confident that these will be agreed prior to the end of Examination.  Deadline 2 update:
		The Protective Provisions also ensure that (if necessary) no rights will be extinguished without EA's agreement and no apparatus removed until alternative apparatus has been constructed. The Applicant is not intending to extinguish any	Discussions are ongoing.  The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.  Deadline 3 update:  Discussions are ongoing.

				rights belonging to EA.	The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.  Deadline 4 update:
					Agreed Protective Provisions have been included in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 4 [EX4/C3.1_F].
02-042, 02-043, 02-047, 02-049, 16-320, 18-372	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 continuing to discuss the detail of the Protective Provisions with Network Rail and is confident that these will be agreed prior to the end of Examination.  Deadline 2
				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	Discussions are ongoing. Heads of Terms are almost agreed for the property documents and solicitors have

		in the Draft DCO until a voluntary agreement for the necessary property rights has been entered into.	documents.  The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
			Deadline 3 update:
			Discussions are ongoing in respect of the property documents.
			The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
			Deadline 4 update:
			Discussions are ongoing, and progress has been made on negotiation of the property agreements.
			The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
N/A	Gate Burtor Energy Park Limited		Provisions have been included 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.	Gate Burton in order that, should 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,

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		implemented as intended.	
17-339, 17-339a, 17-349	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.	Provisions included in Part 13 of Schedule 16 of the draft DCO have been agreed with the Canal & River Trust.
		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.	Energy Park draft
05-141, 06-142, 06-143, 06-144, 06-146, 08-169, 08-170, 08-171, 08-172, 08-177, 08-178, 08-179, 08-180, 14-301, 15-302,		The Applicant considers that the land and rights can be acquired without serious detriment to the carrying on of	Provisions are currently being negotiated with Uniper. These will



16-318,	16-322	17-342,	Uniper's	revision of the
17-343	. 0 322,	., 3,	undertaking.	draft DCO once
			The Protective	they have been
			Provisions to be	substantially
			included in	agreed.
			Schedule 16 ensure	The Applicant is
			that Uniper's land	confident that an
			and apparatus will	agreement will be
			be protected and access maintained	reached prior to the close of the
			during construction.	Examination.
			The Applicant is not	Deadline 2
			intending to	update:
			extinguish any rights belonging to Uniper. However	Discussions are ongoing.
			the Applicant	The Applicant is
			cannot agree to not	confident that agreement will be
			utilise the compulsory	reached prior to
			acquisition powers	the end of the
			in the draft DCO	Examination.
			until a voluntary	Deadline 3
			agreement for the necessary property	update:
			rights has been entered into.	Discussions are ongoing.
				The Applicant is
				confident that
				agreement will be
				reached prior to the end of the
				Examination.
				Deadline 4
				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, 12-269, 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, 18-387, 19-388, 19-389, 19-390, 19-391, 19-392	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
14-292, 14-293, 14- 294, 14- 296, 15- 306	Virgin Media Limited	Protective provisions for the benefit of telecommunications code network operators have	Virgin Media Limited has not submitted a relevant representation and has not

		been included in Part 2 of Schedule 16 to the draft DCO.	requested any bespoke protective provisions.
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
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 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.	Provisions have been received from Exolum and are being negotiated. The Applicant will include the Protective Provisions in full in the draft DCO once these are substantially agreed.  The Applicant is confident that agreement will be

			the end of the Examination.
			Deadline 3 update:
			Discussions are ongoing.
			The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
			Deadline 4 update:
			Discussions are ongoing.
			The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
N/A	Tillbridge Solar Limited	The Tillbridge Solar Project is a scheme that, if granted development consent, is anticipated to have the power to compulsorily acquire various plots of land over which the Applicant seeks powers of compulsory acquisition.  The Protective Provisions in Part 17 of Schedule 16	Provisions have been included within Part 17 of Schedule 16 to the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 3 [EX32/C3.1_EC]. The Applicant remains in

		ensure that the interaction between the schemes is appropriately managed, to ensure both projects can be implemented as intended.	for the Tillbridge Solar Project has been submitted and accepted, the Protective Provisions can be revised by agreement.
			Deadline 4 update:
			The Draft Protective Provisions submitted at Deadline 3 have not been amended further.
N/A	Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Service	Protective provisions for the benefit of Lincolnshire County Council in its capacity as a fire and rescue authority have been included in Part 16 of Schedule 16 to the draft DCO	Deadline 3 update: The Protective Provisions included in Part 16 of Schedule 16 of the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 3 [EX32/C3.1_EC] have been agreed with Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Service