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Dear Mr Raywood,

Cottam Solar Project – Deadline 4 Submissions
Application Ref: EN010133

This letter sets out the documents which are submitted by Cottam Solar Project Limited ('the Applicant') for Deadline 4 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/EX4/C8.1.7_C] referred to below.

Submitted documents

Revised Documents – Clean and Tracked Changes Version of Each

Ref or plan/ drawing number	Document Title
Application Information	
EX4/C1.3_F	Guide to the Application (Revision F)
Plans and Drawings	
EX4/C2.1_B	Location Plan / Order Limits (Revision B)
EX4/C2.2_D	Land Plan (Revision D)
EX4/C2.4_C	Works Plan (Revision C)

EX4/C2.5_D	Public Rights of Way Plan (Revision D)
EX4/C2.6_C	Access Plan (Revision C)
EX4/C2.8_A	Waterbodies River Basin Management Plans (Revision A)
EX4/C2.9_B	Ecology and Nature Conservation Features Plan (Revision B)
EX4/C2.10_A	Statutory and Non-Statutory Features of Historic Environment Plan (Revision A)
EX4/C2.11_B	Important Hedgerows Plan (Revision B)
EX4/C2.13_D	Streets Plan (Revision D)
Draft Development Consent Order	
EX4/C3.1_F	Draft Development Consent Order (Revision F)
EX4/C3.2_B	Explanatory Memorandum (Revision B)
Compulsory Acquisition Information	
EX4/C4.1_C	Statement of Reasons (Revision C)
EX4/C4.2_B	Funding Statement (Revision B)
EX4/C4.3_F	Book of Reference (Revision F)
Environmental Statement	
N/A	
Environmental Statement Appendices	
EX4/C6.3.13.7_A	ES Appendix 13.7 Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (Revision A)
EX4/C6.3.14.1_B	ES Appendix 14.1 Transport Assessment (Revision B)
EX4/C6.3.14.2_E	ES Appendix 14.2 Construction Traffic Management Plan (Revision E)
EX4/C6.3.14.3_D	ES Appendix 14.3 Public Rights of Way Management Plan (Revision D)
Environment Statement Non-Technical Summary	
EX4/C6.5_C	ES Non-Technical Summary (Revision C)
Other Documents	
EX4/C7.3_E	Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Revision E)
EX4/C7.4_A	Consents and Agreements Position Statement (Revision A)
EX4/C7.5_C	Planning Statement (Revision B)
EX4/C7.10_A	Skills Supply Chain and Employment Plan (Revision A)
EX4/C7.15_C	Concept Design Parameters and Principles (Revision C)
EX4/C7.16_C	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (Revision C)

EX4/C7.17_B	Crossing Schedule (Revision B)
Examination Submissions	
Core Submissions	
EX4/C8.1.7_C	Schedule of Changes (Revision C)
EX4/C8.1.8_C	Report on the Interrelationship with other NSIPs (Revision C)
EX4/C8.1.9_C	Statement of Commonality (Revision C)
EX4/C8.1.11_C	Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight (Revision C)
EX4/C8.1.12_C	Schedule of Negotiations (Revision C)
EX4/C8.1.13_C	Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers (Revision C)
Supplementary Information	
N/A	
Statements of Common Ground	
EX4/C8.3.2_C	Lincolnshire County Council SoCG (Draft – Revision C)
EX4/C8.3.7_A	Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board SoCG (Revision A)
EX4/C8.3.9_A	Network Rail SoCG (Draft – Revision A)
Environmental Statement Addenda	
N/A	

Additional Documents

Examination Submissions	
Core Submissions	
EX4/C8.1.28	The Applicant's Cover Letter for Deadline 4 Submissions
EX4/C8.1.29	The Applicant's Responses to Deadline 3 Submissions
EX4/C8.1.30	The Applicant's Responses to the ExA's Second Written Questions
Supplementary Information	
EX4/C8.2.11	Technical Note on Cumulative Effects of Additional Schemes
EX4/C8.2.12	Aerial Flyover Footage using Google Earth Data
Statements of Common Ground	
EX4/C8.3.15	Scunthorpe & Gainsborough Water Management Board SoCG (Draft)
Environmental Statement Addenda	

EX4/C8.4.9.1	ES Addendum: Ecology and Biodiversity
EX4/C8.4.21.1	ES Addendum: Human Health and Wellbeing Effects
EX4/C8.4.21.2	ES Addendum: Blyton Park Driving Centre

Schedule of changes to submitted documents

A new Schedule of Changes [EN010133/EX4/C8.1.7_C] 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/EX4/C8.1.11_C], [EN010133/EX4/C8.1.12_C] and [EN010133/EX4/C8.1.13_C].

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 on the Report on the Interrelationship with other NSIPs. The latest version of the Report is included in the list of documents above [EN010133/EX4/C8.1.8_C].

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/EX4/C8.1.9_C].

Aerial Flyover Video

At the Examination Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) 4 on 6th December 2023, it was requested that the Applicant provide an Aerial Flyover using videography based on aerial drone imagery to present the Scheme in the context of other cumulative solar developments at Gate Burton, West Burton and Tillbridge.

An Aerial flyover utilising Google Aerial imagery has been produced and submitted at Deadline 4 [EN010133/EX4/C8.2.12]. The flyover uses topographical information available to Google to demonstrate basic terrain mapping. This allows the flyover to provide an illustrative visualisation of the changing topography across the route of the flight path. Buildings, individual trees and small woodlands are not picked up in this mapping as three dimensional imagery, however some larger woodlands are and given illustrative elevation.

The imagery commences at the Cottam 1 Site, then moves north across Cottam 2 and Cottam 3a and Cottam 3b Sites to give an aerial perspective of each of these four areas in succession with field numbering and place naming to aid the viewer. The

imagery then moves towards the south west to show the Gate Burton Energy Park (in green) and then continues south across West Burton 3, West Burton 2 and West Burton 1 Solar Sites (in pink). The imagery then rises to give a perspective of the Cottam, Gate Burton, West Burton and Tillbridge solar sites cumulatively before finally passing directly over the Tillbridge Solar Site (in yellow). The imagery is to be read alongside the Environmental Statement and the Joint Report on Interrelationships between Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects Revision C [EN010133EX4/C8.1.8_C].

Site Area

During discussions between the Applicant and West Lindsey District Council, it was noted that the figures for the areas for each of the Sites provided in ES Chapter 3: The Order Limits [APP-038] did not correspond to those provided in, for example, ES Chapter 5 [APP-040] and the Planning Statement [EN010133/EX4/C7.5_C]. The Applicant can confirm that the figures given in ES Chapter 3 at paragraphs 3.3.1, 3.4.1, 3.5.1, 3.6.1 are incorrect and the result of a typographical error. The figures in ES Chapter 5 and the Planning Statement are correct. All assessments within the Environmental Statement have been undertaken based on the correct figures for the areas for the Sites.

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

Yours sincerely,



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