Cottam Solar Project

Schedule of Progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers Revision D

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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** [EX5/C4.3_G], Land Plan [REP4-004], the Statement of Reasons [REP4-017] and the Draft DCO [EX5/C3.1_G].
- 1.1.3 The **Book of Reference [EX5/C4.3_G]** 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 [REP4-017]**.
- 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 [EX5/C4.3_G]**.
- 1.1.5 Section 10.3 of the **Statement of Reasons [REP4-017]** 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 [EX5/C3.1_G]** 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.



Dist			Chabutan	Engagement of	Chatura of
Plot Nos			Statutory undertaker or other apparatus owner	Engagement of Section 127 and/or Section 138 of the Planning Act 2008	Status of negotiations
01-031, 02-050, 02-072, 03-086, 04-102, 06-145, 06-151, 08-163, 08-174, 09-194, 10-236, 11-254, 11-257, 14-286, 14-294, 16-316, 16-331, 17-359, 17-364, 18-380, 19-386, 19-389, 19-392	01-036, 02-053, 02-068, 02-073, 04-099, 05-126, 06-147, 08-161, 08-166, 09-189, 09-192, 10-234, 10-237, 11-255, 12-279, 14-296, 16-325, 17-356, 17-356, 17-356, 17-356, 17-362, 18-378, 18-381, 19-387, 19-390,	01-039, 02-055, 02-070, 03-085, 04-100, 05-127, 06-150, 08-162, 08-173, 09-190, 09-193, 10-235, 10-245, 11-256, 12-281, 14-293, 15-306, 16-326, 17-333, 17-357, 17-363, 18-379, 18-385, 19-388, 19-391,	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. 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.	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: The Applicant and Anglian Water have agreed the wording of the Protective Provisions

Table 1.1: Statutory Undertakers and Other Apparatus Owners

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01-006, 01-028, 17-345, 18-375, 18-378, 19-391	01-017, 01-029, 17-341, 18-376, 18-385,	01-025, 17-338, 17-343, 18-373, 19-390,	National Electricity Transmission (NGET)	Grid	The Applicant considers that the land and rights can 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 will be protected and access maintained during construction. The Protective Provisions also ensure that (if necessary) no rights will be extinguished without NGET's agreement and no apparatus removed until alternative apparatus has been constructed. The Applicant is not intending to extinguish any rights belonging to NGET.	Provisions have been included in the draft DCO. The Applicant is continuing to discuss the detail of the Protective Provisions with NGET and is confident that these will be agreed prior to the end of Examination. Deadline 2 update: 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 3 update: Discussions are ongoing with NGET in respect of an associated side agreement. The Applicant is confident end of the examination.
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	Deadline 4 update:
	Discussions are ongoing.
	The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
	Deadline 5 update:
	The protective provisions and side agreement are currently with NGET for its comments.
	comments. The Applicant has included the latest version of the protective provisions protective provisions within the draft DCO [EX5/C3.1]. The protective provisions provide adequate protection for NGET's rights, apparatus and operations in respect of any interfaces with the
	Scheme and the Applicant is therefore confident that
	there will not be any serious



				detriment to NGET''s undertaking. The Applicant will continue to discuss these protective provisions and side agreement with NGET and will confirm they are agreed or, alternatively, provide the agreed form of protective provisions following the close of Examination for the Secretary of State to include in the made DCO, if granted.
13-283, 16-330, 16	-282, National -331, Electricity -367, Distribution Midlands) (NGED)	Grid (East plc	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. The Protective Provisions also	Applicant is



				agreement a apparatus re	o rights guished NGED's and no emoved ernative as been The s not to any	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 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 Examination. Deadline 4 update: Discussions are ongoing. The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
						Examination. Deadline 5 update:
						Agreed protective provisions have been included in Part 4 of Schedule 16 to the draft DCO [EX5/C3.1].
01-002, 01-017,	01-009, 01-021,	01-013, 01-039,	Northern Powergrid	The Ap considers th	oplicant nat the	Draft Protective Provisions have



					Discussions are ongoing. The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination. Deadline 5 update: Agreed protective provisions have been included in Part 5 of Schedule 16 to the draft DCO [EX5/C3.1] .
18-385, 19-392	19-390,	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 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	BespokedraftProtectiveProvisionshavebeenreceivedfrom EDF and arebeingnegotiated.Thesewillbeingnegotiated.ThesewilldraftDCOwhenthethey are close toanagreedform.TheApplicantagreementwillbereachedpriortotheendoftheExamination.Deadline2update:Discussionsareongoing in respectof works at CottamPower Station.Applicantisproposing to make



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constructed. The Applicant is not intending to extinguish any rights belonging to EDF.	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 a 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:



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		Discussions are ongoing. Comments on the draft protective provisions were recently received from EDF Energy's solicitors, which the Applicant is reviewing.
		Deadline 5 update:
		The Applicant received comments from EDF on the protective provisions on 27 February 2024 and these are currently being reviewed by the Applicant. Outstanding matters relate to insurance, security, restrictions on the use of compulsory acquisition powers in the absence of agreed property documents and arbitration.
		The Applicant has included its preferred version of the protective provisions PPs within the draft DCO [EX5/C3.1] .
		The protective provisions provide



						adequate protection for EDF's rights, apparatus and operations in respect of any interfaces with the Scheme and the Applicant is therefore confident that there will not be any serious detriment to EDF's undertaking. The Applicant will continue to discuss these protective provisions and a side agreement with EDF and will confirm they are agreed or, alternatively, provide the agreed form of protective provisions following the close of Examination for the Secretary of State to include in the made DCO, if granted.
04-119, 14-293, 15-306	05-120, 14-294,	14-292, 14-296,	Cadent Limited	Gas	The Applicant considers that the land and rights can be acquired without serious detriment to the carrying on of Cadent Gas' undertaking.	the draft DCO. The Applicant is



	The Protective Provisions in Part 6 of Schedule 16 ensure that Cadent Gas' 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 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.	
		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].



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			form of protective provisions (see Part 6 of Schedule 16). The side agreement is also in an agreed form and engrossments are being circulated for signature. The Applicant understands that Cadent Gas Limited will formally withdraw its objection once the side agreement has been completed.
16-328, 16-330, 16- 331, 17- 332, 17-333, 17-334, 17-335, 17-364	Severn Trent Water Limited (STWL)	Protective provisions for the benefit of water undertakers have been included in Part 1 of Schedule 16 to the draft DCO.	STWL has not submitted a relevant representation and has not requested bespoke protective provisions
			Deadline4update:STWL submitted aRR at Deadline 3[REP3-060]regardingconditions andprecautions to betakenwhencarrying out workadjacent to STWLapparatus, as wellas tree plantingrestrictions inlocations adjacent



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	to sewers, water mains and other STWL apparatus. STWL have not requested bespoke Protective Provisions. The Applicant continues to engage with STWL regarding its interests.
	Deadline 5 update: Protective provisions for the benefit of water undertakers have been included in Part 1 of Schedule 16 to the draft DCO. The protective provisions provide adequate protection for STWL's rights, apparatus and operations in respect of any interfaces with the Scheme and the Applicant is therefore confident that there will not be any serious detriment to STWL's
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10-205, 10-206, Environment

10-217, Agency (EA)

12-275, 14-288	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	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.
	maintained during construction.	Deadline 2 update:
	The Protective Provisions also	Discussions are ongoing.
	ensure that (if necessary) no rights will be extinguished without EA's agreement and no apparatus removed until alternative	The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
	apparatus has been constructed. The	Deadline 3 update:
	Applicant is not intending to	Discussions are ongoing.
	extinguish any 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]. Deadline 5 update: The protective provisions are agreed as per the Deadline 4 update.
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. 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 in the Draft DCO until a voluntary agreement for the necessary property	Draft Protective 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 update: Discussions are ongoing. Heads of Terms are almost agreed for the property documents and solicitors have been instructed to prepare the documents. The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to

8	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.
	Deadline 5 update:
	The protective provisions have now been agreed with Network Rail and the draft DCO [EX5/C3.1] has been updated to include the agreed form of protective provisions (see



		Part 10 of Schedule 16). A framework agreement is still being negotiated between the parties. The Applicant understands that Network Rail will formally withdraw its objection once the framework agreement has been completed.
N/A	Gate Burton Energy Park Limited	changes to that scheme be made, the Protective Provisions can be revised by agreement. Deadline 5 update: Minor agreed amendments have been made to Protective Provisions in Part

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	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	West Burton in order that, should changes to that scheme be made,
		Provisions in Part 12 of Schedule 16 ensure that the interaction between the schemes is appropriately managed, to ensure both projects can be implemented as intended.	update: Minor agreed amendments have been made to Protective Provisions in Part 12 of Schedule 16
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
		The Protective Provisions in Part 13 of Schedule 16 ensure that the Canal & River Trust's land and apparatus will be protected and access	Deadline update:3Minoramendments have been included in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 3



				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.	[EX32/C3.1_EC] to ensure consistency with the protective provisions in the Gate Burton Energy Park draft DCO. Deadline 4 update: Agreed Protective Provisions are included in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 4 [EX4/C3.2_F]. Deadline 5 update: The protective provisions are agreed as per the Deadline 4 update.
05-141, 06-144, 08-170, 08-177, 08-180, 16-318, 17-343	06-142, 06-146, 08-171, 08-178, 14-301, 16-322,	06-143, 08-169, 08-172, 08-179, 15-302, 17-342,	Uniper UK Limited	The Applicant considers that the land and rights can be acquired without serious detriment to the carrying on of Uniper's undertaking. The Protective Provisions to be included in Schedule 16 ensure that Uniper's land and apparatus will be protected and access maintained during construction.	Provisions are currently being negotiated with Uniper. These will be included in a revision of the draft DCO once they have been substantially agreed. The Applicant is confident that an agreement will be reached prior to



	The Applicant is not	
	intending to extinguish any rights belonging to Uniper. However the Applicant cannot agree to not utilise the compulsory acquisition powers in the draft DCO	update: Discussions are ongoing.
		The Applicant is confident that agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.
	until a voluntary agreement for the	Deadline 3 update:
	necessary property 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.
		Deadline 5 update:
		Draft protective provisions were received by the Applicant on 23 February 2024. The Applicant has reviewed and amended this



	version and these
	are currently with
	Uniper for its
	comments. The
	Applicant has
	included its
	preferred version
	of the protective
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	provisions within
	the draft DCO
	[EX5/C3.1]. The
	protective
	provisions provide
	adequate
	protection for
	Uniper's rights,
	apparatus and
	operations in
	respect of any
	interfaces with the
	Scheme and the
	Applicant is
	therefore
	confident that
	there will not be
	any serious
	detriment to
	Uniper's
	undertaking.
	The Applicant will
	continue to
	discuss these
	protective
	provisions with
	Uniper and will
	confirm they are
	agreed or,
	alternatively,
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	provide the
	agreed form of
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			following the close of Examination for the Secretary of State to include in the made DCO, if granted.
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- 344, 17-355, 17-359, 17- 362, 17-363, 17-364, 18- 378, 18-379, 18-380, 18- 381, 18-385, 19-386, 19- 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.	Openreach Limited has not submitted a relevant representation and has not requested any bespoke protective provisions.



14-292, 14-293, 14- 294, 14- 296, 15- 306	Virgin Media 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
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
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	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



apparatus has been constructed.	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.
	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.
	Deadline 5 update:
	The protective provisions have now been agreed with Exolum Pipeline System Limited and the draft DCO [EX5/C3.1] has been updated to include the agreed



			form of protective provisions (see Part 15 of Schedule 16).
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 ensure that the interaction between the schemes is appropriately managed, to ensure both projects can be implemented as intended.	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

			Deadline5update:Minoramendments havebeenagreedbetweenthepartiesandupdated version oftheprotectiveprovisionsis
			included in Part 14 of Schedule 16 to the draft DCO [EX5/C3.1].
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	Deadline3update:TheProtectiveProvisionsincluded in Part 16of Schedule 16 ofthedraftDCOsubmittedatDeadline3[EX32/C3.1_EC]have been agreedwithLincolnshireFire& RescueServiceDeadline5update:Theprotectiveprovisionsareagreed as per theDeadline 3 update.