

# Cottam Solar Project

## The Applicant's Cover Letter for Deadline 5 Submissions

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27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Mr Raywood,

**Cottam Solar Project – Deadline 5 Submissions**  
**Application Ref: EN010133**

This letter sets out the documents which are submitted by Cottam Solar Project Limited ('the Applicant') for Deadline 5 of the Examination of Cottam Solar Project.

These documents have been provided in response to the requests made in the Rule 8 Letter of 19<sup>th</sup> 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/EX5/C8.1.7\_D] referred to below.

**Submitted documents**

*Revised Documents – Clean and Tracked Changes Version of Each*

Ref or plan/ drawing number	Document Title
Application Information	
EX5/C1.3_G	Guide to the Application (Revision G)
Plans and Drawings	
EX5/C2.5_E	Public Rights of Way Plan (Revision E)
EX5/C2.13_E	Streets Plan (Revision E)
Draft Development Consent Order	

EX5/C3.1_G	Draft Development Consent Order (Revision G)
EX5/C3.2_C	Explanatory Memorandum (Revision C)
<b>Compulsory Acquisition Information</b>	
EX5/C4.3_G	Book of Reference (Revision G)
<b>Environmental Statement</b>	
<b>Environmental Statement Appendices</b>	
EX5/C6.3.13.7_B	ES Appendix 13.7 Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (Revision B)
EX5/C6.3.14.1_C	ES Appendix 14.1 Transport Assessment (Revision C)
EX5/C6.3.14.2_F	ES Appendix 14.2 Construction Traffic Management Plan (Revision F)
EX4/C6.3.14.3_E	ES Appendix 14.3 Public Rights of Way Management Plan (Revision E)
<b>Environment Statement Non-Technical Summary</b>	
<b>Other Documents</b>	
EX5/C7.1_D	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Revision D)
EX5/C7.16_D	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (Revision D)
<b>Examination Submissions</b>	
<b>Core Submissions</b>	
EX5/C8.1.7_D	Schedule of Changes (Revision D)
EX5/C8.1.8_D	Report on the Interrelationship with other NSIPs (Revision D)
EX5/C8.1.9_D	Statement of Commonality (Revision D)
EX5/C8.1.11_D	Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight (Revision D)
EX5/C8.1.12_D	Schedule of Negotiations (Revision D)
EX5/C8.1.13_D	Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers (Revision D)
<b>Supplementary Information</b>	
<b>Statements of Common Ground</b>	
EX5/C8.3.1_B	Nottinghamshire County Council & Bassetlaw District Council SoCG (Final – Revision B)
EX5/C8.3.2_D	Lincolnshire County Council SoCG (Agreed – Revision D)
EX5/C8.3.3_B	West Lindsey District Council SoCG (Final – Revision B)
EX5/C8.3.4_A	Historic England SoCG (Final – Revision A)

EX5/C8.3.8_A	The Environment Agency SoCG (Final – Revision A)
EX5/C8.3.9_B	Network Rail SoCG (Agreed – Revision B)
EX5/C8.3.15_A	Scunthorpe & Gainsborough Water Management Board SoCG (Final – Revision A)
<b>Environmental Statement Addenda</b>	

### *Additional Documents*

<b>Examination Submissions</b>	
<b>Core Submissions</b>	
EX5/C8.1.31	The Applicant's Cover Letter for Deadline 5 Submissions
EX5/C8.1.32	The Applicant's Responses to Deadline 3A and Deadline 4 Submissions
EX5/C8.1.33	The Applicant's Responses to the ExA's Third Written Questions
EX5/C8.1.34	The Applicant's Responses to the ExA's Proposed Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order
<b>Supplementary Information</b>	
EX5/C8.2.13	Technical Note on Horizontal Directional Drilling and Cabling under the River Trent
EX5/C8.2.14	Without Prejudice Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation
<b>Statements of Common Ground</b>	
<b>Environmental Statement Addenda</b>	
EX5/C8.4.13.2	ES Addendum: Chapter 13: Additional Archaeological Trial Trenching Interim Report
EX5/C8.4.23.1	ES Addendum: Cumulative Effects

### **Schedule of changes to submitted documents**

A new Schedule of Changes [EN010133/EX5/C8.1.7\_D] 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/EX5/C8.1.11\_D], [EN010133/EX5/C8.1.12\_D] and [EN010133/EX5/C8.1.13\_D].

## 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/EX5/C8.1.8\_D].

## Statements of Common Ground

All Statements of Common Ground except for Network Rail and Lincolnshire County Council have now been finalised and signed. Agreed versions of Network Rail and Lincolnshire County Council Statements of Common Ground are submitted for Deadline 5 and signed versions will follow for Deadline 6. Final signed versions of Statements of Common Ground with Notts County Council and Bassetlaw DC, West Lindsey Council, the Environment Agency, and Scunthorpe and Gainsborough Water Management Board are submitted for Deadline 5. The status of the Statements of Common Ground agreed by the Applicant and other bodies is summarised in the Statement of Commonality [EN010133/EX5/C8.1.9\_D].

## Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation

In line with the request made during ISH [REP3-033], a without prejudice archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (WPWSI) has been prepared that includes a requirement to undertake further trenching post-determination of the application, in advance of construction of the Scheme. The WPWSI has been prepared in the event that the Secretary of State is minded to agree with the concerns raised by Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils' that further trenching is required to confirm the absence/presence of archaeological remains as established by archaeological evaluation undertaken for the Scheme. The Applicant notes that Lincolnshire County Council and Nottinghamshire County Council do not agree with the WPWSI as currently drafted. The Applicant will be providing further details on this matter in its closing statement on cultural heritage at Deadline 6.

## ES Addendum: Chapter 13: Additional Archaeological Trial Trenching Interim Report

An Additional Archaeological Trial Trenching Interim Report [EX5/C8.4.13.2] is submitted for Deadline 5. This report was prepared jointly with the applicants of the Gate Burton Solar scheme and has also been submitted into the Gate Burton examination. It was prepared following alterations to the site boundary detailed within Change 1: Land South of Torksey Ferry Road as set out within the Change Application. Further trial trenches were required to be undertaken in the parcel of land located south of Torksey Ferry Road and Cottam Power Station. This report details the interim results of the evaluation.

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

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Yours sincerely,



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