

# Cottam Solar Project

## The Applicant's Cover Letter for Deadline 6 Submissions

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Dear Mr Raywood,

**Cottam Solar Project – Deadline 6 Submissions**  
**Application Ref: EN010133**

This letter sets out the documents which are submitted by Cottam Solar Project Limited ('the Applicant') for Deadline 6 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.

**Submitted documents**

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

Ref or plan/ drawing number	Document Title
Application Information	
EX6/C1.3_H	Guide to the Application (Revision H)
Examination Submissions	
Statements of Common Ground	
EX6/C8.3.2_E	Lincolnshire County Council SoCG (Final – Revision E)

*Additional Documents*

Examination Submissions	
Core Submissions	
EX6/C8.1.35	The Applicant's Cover Letter for Deadline 6 Submissions
EX6/C8.1.36	The Applicant's Closing Statements
EX6/C8.1.37	The Applicant's Responses to Deadline 5 Submissions
EX6/C8.1.38	Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at Issue Specific Hearing 6, Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 and Open Floor Hearing 3 held on 28th February 2024

### Responses to Deadline 5 Submissions

The Applicant's responses to submissions made at Deadline 5 by Local Authorities and Statutory Undertakers are provided within document [EN010133/EX6/C8.1.37]. Where submissions are restatements of previous comments that have already been responded to by the Applicant, the Applicant has not provided additional responses and refers to its written submissions on these topics throughout the examination.

### Cumulative Effects

At Issue Specific Hearing 4 (Agenda item 4) [REP3-035] the Applicant undertook to provide an overriding summary to the SoS of any relevant changes and a summary of the approach taken to the cumulative effects assessment, at the final examination deadline. An updated version of the Joint Report on Interrelationships between Nationally Infrastructure Projects [EX5/C8.1.8\_D] was provided at Deadline 5 and there have been no further changes which warrant a further update for Deadline 6. In addition, an ES Addendum on Cumulative Effects [REP5-051] was submitted at Deadline 5. A summary of the approach taken to the cumulative effects assessment is set out within the Applicant's Closing Statement [EX6/C8.1.36].

### Statements of Common Ground

The Statement of Common Ground with Lincolnshire County Council [EX6/C8.3.2\_E] has been signed since Deadline 5 and is submitted for Deadline 6. The Statement of Common Ground with Network Rail is still in the process of being signed by Network Rail and will be submitted to the Secretary of State once signed. The form of Statement of Common Ground submitted at Deadline 5 [REP5-046] is agreed.

### Update on Tillbridge Solar Project

At Issue Specific hearing 4 (at Agenda item 4) [REP3-035] the ExA asked to be updated on the status of the Tillbridge Solar Project at Deadline 6.

The Tillbridge Solar website ([Home Page - Tillbridge Solar](#)) advises that targeted statutory consultation in accordance with section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 was undertaken between 14 December 2023 and 25 January 2024. Following the

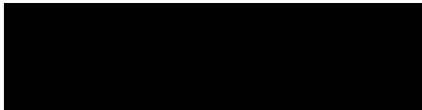
consultation, all comments and suggestions will be reviewed ahead of submitting the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) in 2024. It is the Applicant's understanding that it is still Tillbridge's intention to submit the application in Quarter 1 of 2024 as was reported at ISH4. As this is likely to be after the close of this Scheme's Examination, but whilst the West Burton Solar Project is still in examination, the Joint Report on Interrelationships will be updated and submitted into the West Burton examination (and Tillbridge examinations in due course). The Joint Report on Interrelationships will remain a joint document after the Scheme's examination has closed. However, it would be for the SoS to request an updated version of the Joint Report on Interrelationships during the decision-making phase.

### Update on s135 Consent from the Crown Estate

The Applicant has now agreed the form of consent letter and Agreement of Undertaking with the Crown Estate and engrossments are being prepared for signature. The consent letter will be submitted by the Crown Estate to the Secretary of State on completion of the Agreement.

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

Yours sincerely,



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