



To:

Cottam Solar Project Limited

Our Ref: EN010133

2 August 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Cottam Solar Project Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Cottam Solar Project (“the Proposed Development”)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Following the completion of the Examination on 5 March 2024 the Examining Authority submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 5 June 2024. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application.
2. The Secretary of State requests the Applicant to provide further information on the following land ownership matters.

Book of Reference

3. The Secretary of State has been advised that the ownership of the plot of land that relates to 10-241 in the Island Green Power Book of Reference has been transferred from ‘*C Nicholson No 1 Settlement*’ to ‘*Clifford Graham Rowles Nicholson*’.
4. The current Book of Reference identifies the owner of this plot and other plots as ‘*Tillside Limited*’¹. The Applicant is requested to provide an update on this and other plots if ownership has changed since the compulsory acquisition negotiations, and to provide evidence for any change where possible. If there have been changes to ownership, then the Secretary of State requests that an updated Book of Reference be provided.
5. A response to the requested information should be submitted by email **only** to cottamsolarproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk **by 23:59 on 9 August 2024**.

¹ https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/jpc/uploads/projects/EN010133/EN010133-001779-C4.3_F%20Book%20of%20Reference_Revision%20F%20Clean.pdf

6. Responses will be published on the Cottam Solar Project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010133> as soon as possible after **9 August 2024**.
7. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Cottam Solar Project or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,



James Dawkins

Head of Planning

On behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero