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**Cc:** Russell Clarkson; matt.adams [REDACTED] Jan Allen; Nicholas, Matthew; Alice James  
**Subject:** RE: Cottam Solar Project: Secretary of State and Energy Security and Net Zero Request for Information \_ Historic England Advice

Dear Naoual,

**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 dated 19 July 2024**

**Thorpe in Fallows Scheduled Monument**

**16.**

The Applicant is requested to revise the design of the Proposed Development to remove solar arrays on land between the Thorpe in Fallows Scheduled Monument (1016978) and the former historic east-west boundary recorded on the 1886 25-inch Ordnance Survey map, approximately along the line of grid points: SK90976 80920, SK91149 80944, SK91330 80904 and SK91351 80909. The former historic east-west boundary must also be reinstated as a hedgerow with the inclusion of appropriate native tree species. Historic England and West Lindsey District Council are invited to confirm if they are content with this request.

**Historic England Advice**

We are content with this request and can confirm it addresses our advice and concerns as government’s advisor in relation to the setting of the scheduled monument.

The applicant has shared with us drawing references Ref: P2981\_LPR\_ZZ\_ON\_DR\_Z\_0064 / Revision D / Sheets 12/20 and 13/20 dated 23/07/2024 which we are content set out the revision as described above.

**Requirement 12 (Archaeology) / Without Prejudice Written Scheme of Investigation**

**17.**

**Historic England Advice**

As we understand it a ‘without prejudice written scheme of investigation’ describes further (post-DCO) archaeological evaluation trenching and an associated palette of techniques for archaeological mitigation. A revised final version of this WPWSI would inform an overarching archaeological mitigation strategy (AMS) for the delivery of the project. Site specific written schemes of investigation (WSI) for archaeological mitigation work would be subordinate to the AMS. This appears a sensible structure to ensure that mitigation is both informed by archaeological evidence and strategic in its approach across the scheme.

With regards to revised wording of requirement 12 we refer the Secretary of State to the advice of the Local Planning Authorities as it is they (with the expertise of their own archaeological advisors) who will be responsible for the approval of the documents discussed above. The wording of the requirement needs to be robust and clearly comprehensible to the authorities, the applicants, and any future beneficiaries of the consent. The requirement

should ensure the whole archaeological process is appropriately secured from fieldwork through analysis, assessment, reporting, archiving and dissemination.

Yours sincerely  
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Dear all,

Please see the attached letter from the Secretary of State requesting further information.

The deadline for response is **23:59 on 6 August 2024**. Please send responses by email only to [cottamsolarproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:cottamsolarproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

Kind regards,  
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