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To: Our Ref: EN010133

Cottam Solar Project Limited All Interested Parties Natural England

12 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").

- 1. The Secretary of State has received responses to his consultation letter dated 19 July 2024 from the Applicant and other Interested Parties. The window for responses closed on 6 August 2024.
- 2. The Secretary of State now invites all **Interested Parties** to comment on the information provided in response to the Secretary of State's request of 19 July 2024.
- 3. The Secretary of State requests **the Applicant** to revise Table 3.3 in the Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan to ensure that the programme of Electro Magnetic Field monitoring is approved by the Environment Agency in consultation with Natural England.
- 4. Responses to the requested information should be submitted by email only to cottamsolarproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 23:59 on 19 August 2024.
- Responses will be published on the Cottam Solar Project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website: <a href="https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010133">https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010133</a> as soon as possible after 19 August 2024.
- 6. 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, John Wheadon



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