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### **Glossary of Abbreviations**

AADT Annual Average Daily Total traffic flows

AAWT Average Annual Weekday Traffic

AC Alternate Current
ADB Ash dieback

AEP Annual Exceedance Probability

agl Above ground level

AGLV Area of Great Landscape Value

AlL Abnormal Indivisible Load

ALC Agricultural Land Classification

AOD Above Ordnance Datum

AONB Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

AQAL Air Quality Assessment Level

AQAP Air Quality Action Plan

AQMA Air Quality Management Area

AQS Air Quality Strategy
ATC Automatic Traffic Count

AW Ancient Woodland

BAP Biodiversity Action Plan
BCT Bat Conservation Trust
BDC Bassetlaw District Council

BDLDF Bassetlaw District Local Development Framework

BESS Battery Energy Storage System

BGS British Geological Survey
BMV Best and Most Versatile
BNG Biodiversity Net Gain
BNL Basic Noise Levels

BOAT Byways Open to All Traffic
BOD Biochemical Oxygen Demand

BPM Best Practicable Means

BRE Building Research Establishment

BRES Business Register and Employment Survey

BS British Standard
CAFE Clean Air for Europe

CAMS Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy

CCC Committee on Climate Change
CCFA Cased Continuous Flight Auger
CCGs Clinical Commissioning Groups
CCGT Combined Cycle Gas Turbines

CCR Climate Change Resilience
CCTV Closed Circuit Television

CCW Countryside Council for Wales
CDM Construction Design Management

CEMP Construction Environmental Management Plan

CH<sub>4</sub> Methane

CIEEM Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management

CifA Chartered Institute for Archaeologists

CIPD Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development

CIRIA Construction Information Research and Information Association

CJEU Court of Justice of the European Union

CLJSPC Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee

CM Conceptual Model
CO Carbon monoxide
CO<sub>2</sub> Carbon dioxide

CO<sub>2</sub>e Carbon dioxide equivalent COPA Control of Pollution Act 1974

COSHH Control of Substances Hazardous to Health

CRTN Calculation of Road Traffic Noise

CSM Conceptual Site Model

CTMP Construction Traffic Management Plan

CWS County Wildlife Sites

DBA Desk-Based Assessment

DESNZ Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

DC Direct Current

DCLG Department for Communities and Local Government

DCO Development Consent Order

DECC Department of Energy and Climate Change

Defra Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

DED Dutch elm disease

DEMP Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan

DfT Department for Transport
DMP Dust Management Plan

DMRB Design Manual for Roads and Bridges

DoS Degree of Saturation

DPD Development Plan Documents

DRA Dust Risk Assessment
EA Environment Agency
EC European Commission

EclA Ecological Impact Assessment

eDNA Environmental DNA

EFT Defra's Emissions Factors Toolkit
EIA Environmental Impact Assessment

EMI Electromagnetic Interference

EN Energy

EPA Environmental Protection Act

EPD Environmental Product Declaration

EPUK Environmental Protection UK
EQIA Equality Impact Assessment

EQS Environmental Quality Standards

ERP Emergency Response Plan
ES Environmental Statement

EU European Union

FBSMP Framework Battery Safety Management Plan

FCEMP Framework Construction Environment Management Plan

FCTMP Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan

FDEMP Framework Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan

FFB Fungal fruiting body

FLEMP Framework Landscape and Ecology Management Plan
FOEMP Framework Operational Environmental Management Plan

FRoWMP Framework Rights of Way Management Plan

FRA Flood Risk Assessment

FRELP Full Recovery End-of-Life Photovoltaic

FSSCEP Framework Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan

FTE Full Time Employment

FZ Flood Zone

gCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh Grams carbon dioxide equivalent per kilowatt hour

GCR Ground Coverage Ratio
GHG Greenhouse Gases

GLVIA3 Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Third Edition

GPP Guidance for Pollution Prevention

GRP Glass Reinforced Plastic

GVA Gross Value Added

GWDTE Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystem

GWP Global warming potential

Ha Hectare

HaPI Habitats of Principal Importance

HC hydrocarbons

HCA Homes and Communities Agency

HDD Horizontal Directional Drilling

HDV Heavy Duty Vehicle
HE Historic England

HER Historic Environment Record

HFCs Hydrofluorocarbons
HGV Heavy Goods Vehicle

HIA Heritage Impact Assessment

HIS Habitat Suitability Index

HLC Historic Landscape Character
HRA Habitats Regulation Assessment

HSI Habitat Suitability Index

HVAC Heating, Ventilation and Cooling

HV High Voltage

Hz Hertz

IAQM Institute of Air Quality Management

IAS Invasive Alien Species

ICCI In-combination climate change impact

ICE Inventory of Carbon and Energy

IDB Internal Drainage Board

IEF Important Ecological Features

IEMA Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment

IHBC Institute of Historic Building Conservation

IMD Index of Multiple DeprivationINNS Invasive Non-Native Species

IPCC Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
ISO International Organisation for Standardisation

JNCC Joint Nature Conservation Committee
JSNA Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

kg CO2e/kWh Kilograms carbon dioxide equivalent per kilowatt hour

Km Kilometre

LBAP Local Biodiversity Action Plan

LBMP Landscape and Biodiversity Management Plan

LCA Landscape Character Area
LCC Lincolnshire County Council
LCP Landscape Character Parcel
LCT Landscape Character Type
LDU Landscape Description Unit
LEP Local Enterprise Partnership

LERC Lincolnshire Environmental Records Centre

LFR Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue

LGV Light Goods Vehicle

LHA Local Highway Authority

LiDAR Light detection and ranging

LLCA Local Landscape Character Area

LLFA Lead Local Flood Authority
LNR Local Nature Reserves

LOAEL Lowest Observable Adverse Effect Level

LRN Local Road Network

I/s Litres per second

LSEs Likely Significant Effects

LSOA Lower Super Output Area
LTP Local Transport Plan

LV Low Voltage

LVIA Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment

LWS Local Wildlife Sites

m Metre

m<sup>3</sup> Meters cubed

MAGIC Multi-Agency Geographic Information Centre

MCC Manually Classified Count

MHCLG Ministry of Housing, Community and Local Government

MRN Major Road Network

MSOA Middle Super Output Area

MV Medium Voltage

MW Megawatts

MWh Megawatt hours MWp Megawatt Peak

NBGRC Nottinghamshire Biological and Geological Records Centre

NBN National Biodiversity Network

NCA National Character Area

NCC Nottinghamshire County Council

NE Natural England

NERC Natural Environment Research Council
NETS National Electricity Transmission System

NF<sub>3</sub> Nitrogen trifluoride

NGA Noise Generating Activities NGR National Grid Reference

NHLE National Heritage List for England

NMU Non-Motorised Users

NNR National Nature Reserves

NO Nitric oxide

NO<sub>2</sub> Nitrogen Dioxide NOx Nitrogen oxides

NOEL No Observed Effect Level

NPPF National Planning Policy Framework
NPPG National Planning Practice Guidance

NPS National Policy Statement

NPSE National Policy Statement for England

NRMM Non-Road Mobile Machinery
NRTF National Road Traffic Forecast

NSIP Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project

NTEM National Trip Ends Model

NTL National Tidal Limit

NTM National Transport Model

NVQ National Vocational Qualification

NVZ Nitrate Vulnerable Zone

N<sub>2</sub>O Nitrous oxide

OCGT Open cycle gas turbines

OEMP Operational Environmental Management Plan

OEP Office for Environmental Protection

ONS Office for National Statistics

OS Ordnance Survey

PEA Preliminary Ecological Appraisal

PEIR Preliminary Environmental Information Report

PFCs Perfluorocarbons

PFRA Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment

PIC Personal Injury Collision
PINS Planning Inspectorate

PM<sub>10</sub> Particulate Matter with a diameter of 10 micrometres or less PM<sub>2.5</sub> Particulate Matter with a diameter of 2.5 micrometres or less

PPE Personal protective equipment
PPG Pollution Prevention Guidance
PPG Planning Practice Guidance

PPV Peak Particle Velocity

PRA Preliminary Risk Assessment

ProW Public Rights of Way

PSYM Predictive System for Multimetrics

PV Photovoltaic

PWS Private Water Supply

RAF Royal Air Force
RBD River Basin District

RBMPs River Basin Management Plans

RCA Regional Character Areas

RCPs Representative Concentration Pathways

RFC Ratio of Flow to Capacity

RVAA Residential Visual Impact Assessment

SAC Special Areas of Conservation

SF<sub>6</sub> Sulphur hexafluoride

SFRA Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

SM Scheduled Monument

SOAEL Significant Observed Adverse Effect Level SOCC Statement of Community Consultation

SoS Secretary of State

SPA Special Protection Areas

SPI Species of Principal Importance

SPZ Source Protection Zone

SSCE Skills, Supply Chain and Employment

SSSI Site of Special Scientific Interest
SuDS Sustainable Drainage Systems
SULE Suitable useful life expectancy
SWMP Site Waste Management Plan

TA Transport Assessment tCO<sub>2</sub>e tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent TEMPRO Trip Ends Model Program

TTM Temporary Traffic Management

TVL Trent Valley Landscape

TW Trent Washlands
TWh Terawatt hour

UAEL Unacceptable Adverse Effect Level

UKBAP UK Biodiversity Action Plan
UKCP18 UK Climate Projections 2018

W Watt

WCA Wildlife and Countryside Act

WEEE Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment

WFD Water Framework Directive

WFDa Water Framework Directive assessment

WFD-UKTAG Water Framework Directive – United Kingdom Technical Advisory

Group

WHO World Health Organisation
WLDC West Lindsey District Council
WMP Water Management Plan

WRMP Water Resources Management Plan WSI Written Scheme of Investigation

WTN Waste Transfer Note

WTT Well-to-tank

Zol Zone of Influence

ZTV Zone of Theoretical Visibility

μg Microgram

### **Definitions of Frequently Used Terms**

Load

Abnormal Indivisible An abnormal load that cannot be broken down into smaller loads for transport.

**Abnormal Load** 

A vehicle that has a weight of more than 44,000kg, an axle load of more than 10,000kg for a single non-driving axle and 11,500kg for a single driving axle, a width of more than 2.9 metres or a rigid length of more than 18.65 metres.

Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) The recognizable method for classifying agricultural land in England and Wales according to its versatility, productivity and workability, based upon inter-related parameters including climate, relief, soil characteristics and drainage, i.e., ALC assesses land quality based upon the type and level of agricultural production the land can potentially support. These factors form the basis for classifying agricultural land into one of five grades (with Grade 3 land divided into Subgrades 3a and 3b), ranked from excellent (Grade 1) to very poor (Grade 5).

AIL Management Plan

An Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AIL) Management Plan assesses the management arrangements in place to combat loads coming to and from the Principal Site that cannot be broken down into smaller loads for transport.

Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)

Places where air quality objectives are not likely to be achieved. Where an AQMA is declared, the local authority is obliged to produce an Action Plan in pursuit of the achievement of the air quality objectives.

**Applicant** Tillbridge Solar Ltd

The application for a DCO for the Scheme submitted by the Application

Applicant.

**APFP Regulations** The Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Forms

and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended).

**Automatic Traffic** 

Count

A traffic count which is undertaken automatically such as through the installation of a temporary or permanent

electronic traffic recording device.

**Baseline Conditions** The conditions against which potential effects arising from

the Scheme are identified and evaluated.

### Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

Batteries with associated infrastructure to store, import and export electricity to the National Grid. The batteries are lithium iron phosphate batteries with a liquid cooling or HVAC system housed within a container. Associated infrastructure includes the DC / DC converter and Transformers, Inverter and Switchgear, which are shared with Solar Stations. The DC/DC converter will be installed alongside every BESS battery container to keep cabling as short as possible and losses low.

Best and most versatile (BMV) agricultural land

Agricultural land of excellent (ALC Grade 1), very good (Grade 2) and good (Subgrade 3 a) agricultural quality as defined under the National Planning Policy Framework.

#### **Biodiversity Zones**

Zones that include a range of new habitats that will create, enhance and reinforce green infrastructure across the Principal Site, connecting the existing fragmented and isolated woodland blocks. These zones will contribute to the delivery of habitat creation and improved ecological networks in line with Central Lincolnshire's Biodiversity Opportunity Mapping. Many of these new habitats will be aimed at supporting ground-nesting birds, including semiimproved or tussock grassland and flower-rich meadows: but will also include linear belts - primarily along field boundaries – where both the number and diversity of native plants will be increased through woodland edge, scrub and hedgerow planting. These areas, alongside natural regeneration, will offer a diverse mosaic of habitats complementing the proposed native woodland. Site-specific conditions will inform the final choice of habitats and species; for example, wet grassland and ponds will be located within flood zones.

### Byways Open to All Traffic

A highway over which the public have a right of way for vehicular and all other kinds of traffic, but which is primarily used by the public for walking, cycling or horse riding.

## Cable Route Corridor

The portion of the Order limits where the grid connection infrastructure (400kV cables) is routed from the Solar PV Site (excluding the On-Site 400kV cabling that interconnects the two substations) to the national electricity transmission network.

The proposed Cable Route Corridor is within the Order limits, connecting the onsite substations within the north and south of the Scheme to the National Grid Cottam Substation. Other works associated with cable laying will be located within this area.

# CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e)

A measure of how much a gas contributes to global warming, relative to carbon dioxide, by multiplying the mass of the gas (in tonnes), by the gas' global warming potential (GWP).

Conservation Area An area of special environmental or historic interest or

importance, of which the character or appearance is protected (Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and

Conservation Areas) Act 1990).

Consultation Report A report forming part of the DCO application, outlining the

consultation undertaken on the Scheme.

Cumulative Effects The collective term for inter and intra project effects. The

inter project effects are the combined effects of several development schemes which may, on an individual basis be insignificant but, cumulatively with the Scheme, have a new

or different likely significant effect.

The intra project effects are defined in this table under

'Effect interactions'.

Degree of Saturation/ Ratio of Flow to Capacity A ratio of demand to capacity on each approach to the junction, with a value of 100% meaning the demand and capacity are equal and no further traffic is able to progress through the junction.

Designated Landscape

Areas of landscape identified as being of importance at international, national or local levels, either defined by statute or identified in development plans or other documents.

DC/DC Converter

Manages the charge and discharge of the battery following

the demand profile of the plant operator.

Development Consent Order (DCO) Development consent is required pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. A development consent order is the order which grants development consent when an application is made to the Secretary of State.

Direct employment

Employment generated by direct activity on site.

Drinking Water Protected Area

Drinking Water Protected Areas (Surface Water) are, within the WFD, where raw water is abstracted from rivers and reservoirs. Raw water needs to be protected to ensure that it is not polluted which could lead to additional purification treatment. To do this water companies and the Environment Agency identify raw water sources that are 'at risk' of deterioration which would result in the need for additional treatment. These zones are areas where the land use is causing pollution of the raw water. Action is targeted in these zones to address pollution so that extra treatment of raw water can be avoided.

Drinking Water Safeguard Zones

Catchment areas that influence the water quality for their respective Drinking Water Protected Area (Surface Water), which are at risk of failing the drinking water protection objectives. These non-statutory Safeguard Zones are where action to address water contamination will be targeted, so that extra treatment by water companies can be avoided.

**Effect Interactions** 

The intra project effects. These are the combined effects of individual impacts from the Scheme, for example noise and air pollutants impacting on a single receptor.

EN 15804

European Standard for the generation of Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) for construction products

Environmental effect

The consequence of an action (impact) upon the environment such as the decline of a breeding bird population as a result of the removal of hedgerows and trees.

Environmental impact

The change in the environment as a result of a development.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) A process by which information about environmental effects of a proposed development is collected, assessed and used to inform decision making. The EIA for the Scheme has been undertaken in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended).

EIA Regulations

The EIA Regulations relevant to the Scheme are the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended). These transpose the requirement of an EIA for NSIP developments. The EIA Regulations specify which developments are required to undergo EIA and schemes relevant to the NSIP planning process are listed under either of 'Schedule 1' or 'Schedule 2'.

Environmental
Product Declaration
(EPD)

An EPD is a document that quantifiably demonstrates the environmental impacts of a product.

Environmental Statement

A document produced in accordance with the EIA Directive as transposed into UK law by the EIA Regulations to report the results of an EIA.

**Equipment Storage** 

Storage facility for spare parts comprising either a new building or the re-use of an existing, vacant building within a suitable location within the Principal Site.

**Examining Authority** 

The person(s) appointed by the Secretary of State (SoS) to assess the Application and make a recommendation on the

decision to the SoS.

Flood Zone 1

This is land assessed as having a less than 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river or sea flooding (<0.1% Annual

Exceedance Probability (AEP)).

Flood Zone 2

This zone comprises land assessed as having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river flooding (1% -0.1%), or between a 1 in 200 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of sea flooding (0.5% -0.1%) in any year.

Flood Zone 3

This zone comprises land assessed as having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding (>1%), or a 1 in 200 or greater annual probability of flooding from the sea (>0.5%) in any year.

Framework
Construction
Environmental
Management Plan
(FCEMP)

This plan provides a framework for environmental management during the construction phase of the Scheme, with the aim to provide a clear and consistent approach to environmental mitigation during construction.

Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (FCTMP) This plan provides a framework for traffic management practices for construction traffic and staff vehicles during the construction of the Scheme.

Framework
Decommissioning
Environmental
Management Plan
(FDEMP)

This plan provides a framework for how the mitigation measures included within the ES will be implemented during the decommissioning stage. It also sets out the monitoring and auditing activities designed to ensure that such mitigation measures are carried out, and that they are effective.

Framework
Landscape and
Ecology
Management Plan
(LEMP)

This plan provides a framework for achieving the outline design, including the successful establishment and future management of biodiversity and landscaping works.

Framework
Operational
Environmental
Management Plan
(FOEMP)

This plan provides a framework for how the operational mitigation measures included within the ES will be implemented and sets out the monitoring and auditing activities designed to ensure that such mitigation measures are carried out, and that they are effective.

Geophysical survey is a non-intrusive pre-construction

archaeological evaluation technique that exploits a variety of physical or chemical characteristics of rocks and soils etc, in an attempt to locate underground features of archaeological interest. Types of geophysical survey include magnetometer survey, magnetic susceptibility survey and resistivity survey.

Gross impact 
Overall impact before taking into account the impact of

deadweight, displacement, leakage and substitution.

Heavy Goods Vehicles with 3 axles (articulated) or 4 or more axles (rigid

Vehicle (HGV) and articulated).

Historic The record of archaeological and built heritage features in a county or district, usually held and maintained by the

Record relevant County Council.

Indirect Employment growth arising through spending in the supply employment chain by activity on site (i.e. contracted out manufacturing

and services).

Induced Employment generated through spending by workforce

employment (direct employment) in the economy.

Inverter Inverters are required to convert the DC electricity collected

by the PV modules into alternating current (AC), which allows the electricity generated to be exported to the

National Grid.

ISO 14025 ISO 14025:2006 establishes the principles and specifies the

procedures for developing Type III environmental declaration programmes and Type III environmental

declarations.

Jointing pit Underground structures constructed at regular intervals

along the cable route to join sections of cable and facilitate

installation of the cables into the buried ducts.

Landscape An area, as perceived by people, the character of which is

the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or

human factors.

Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) A tool used to identify and assess the likely significance of the effects of change resulting from development both on the landscape as an environmental resource in its own right

and on people's views and visual amenity.

Landscape A distinct, recognisable and consistent pattern of elements Character in the landscape that makes one landscape different from

another, rather than better or worse.

Landscape These are single unique areas which are the discrete Character Area geographical areas of a particular landscape type.

Landscape Character Assessment The process of identifying and describing variation in the character of the landscape and using this information to assist in managing change in the landscape. It seeks to identify and explain the unique combination of elements and features that make landscapes distinctive.

Landscape Character Types These are distinct types of landscape that are relatively homogeneous in character. They are generic in nature in that they may occur in different areas in different parts of the country, but wherever they occur they share broadly similar combinations of geology, topography, drainage patterns, vegetation and historical land use and settlement pattern, and perceptual and aesthetic attributes.

Landscape Effects

Effects on the landscape as a resource in its own right.

Landscape Receptors Defined aspects of the landscape resource that have the potential to be affected by a proposal.

Landscape Sensitivity A term applied to specific receptors, combining judgements of the susceptibility of the receptor to the specific type of change or development proposed and the value related to that receptor.

Landscape Value

The relative value that is attached to different landscapes by society. A landscape may be valued by different stakeholders for a whole variety of reasons.

Light Goods Vehicle

A commercial motor vehicle with a total gross weight of 3,500kg or less.

Link boxes

Underground chambers or above ground cabinets next to the cable route housing low voltage electrical earthing links.

Magnitude (of effect)

A term that combines judgements about the size and scale of the effect, the extent of the area over which it occurs, whether it is reversible or irreversible and whether it is short or long term in duration.

Major Road Network Manually Classified The middle tier of England's busiest and most economically important local authority 'A' roads.

A traffic count which is undertaken manually such as by an observer visually counting and recording the volume of vehicles on a tally sheet.

Maximum parameters

Count

These define the worst case, in terms of potential impacts, extent of design elements of the Scheme, or factors arising from them, for example maximum panel height, or maximum trip generation if one layout/panel arrangement requires a greater number of HGV deliveries.

Middle Super Output Area A geographic hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales, built from groups of contiguous Lower Layer Super Output Areas.

Mitigation

Measures including any process, activity, or design to avoid, prevent, reduce, or, if possible, offset any identified significant adverse effects on the environment.

National Electricity Transmission Network The definition of the National Grid Network.

National Grid
Cottam Substation

The substation at Cottam Power Station located south of Cottam village, Nottinghamshire, owned and operated by National Grid and to which the Grid Connection Cable will connect.

National Policy Statement (NPS) National Policy Statements are produced by government. They comprise the government's central policy documents for the development of nationally significant infrastructure.

National Road Traffic Forecast A forecast for traffic demand, congestion and emissions in England and Wales.

Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) NSIPs are large scale developments such as certain new harbours, power generating stations (including solar farms), highways developments and electricity transmission lines, which require a development consent under procedures governed by the Planning Act 2008 (and amended by the Localism Act 2011).

National Transport Model A multi-modal model of land-based transport in Great Britain, used to inform transport policy and roads strategy and produce road traffic forecasts.

National Trip Ends Model Net impact A model which forecasts the growth in trip origindestinations (or production-attractions) for use in transport. Impact discounting deadweight (impact that would have happened without the intervention), displacement (proportion of intervention outputs/outcomes accounted for by reduced outputs/outcomes elsewhere in the target area), leakage (proportion of outputs that benefit those outside of the intervention's target area or group) and substitution (effect arises where a firm substitutes one activity for a similar one).

Nitrate Vulnerable Zone (NVZ)

NVZs are statutory designated areas identified as being at risk from agricultural nitrate pollution. These constitute about 55% of land in England. The designations are made in accordance with the Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regulations 2015.

On-site substation There will be two substations on the Principal Site, including

in the north-west of the Site near Harpswell Lane and in the

south-east near Northlands Road. These increase (transform) the voltage from 33kV to 400kV. The Cable Route Corridor runs from the on-site substations to the

National Grid Cottam Substation.

Order limits Land shown on the Works Plans within which the Scheme

can be constructed and operated.

Other solar DCOs Term used to refer to Gate Burton Energy Park [EN010131],

West Burton Solar Project [EN010132] and Cottam Solar

Project [EN010133].

PA 2008 The Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Permissive Paths 
New recreational informal paths established as part of the

Scheme signed as permissive that the landowner allows the

public to use for the life of the Scheme.

Personal Injury Collision

A collision involving a mechanically propelled vehicle on a road or other public area which causes injury or damage to

a person.

Photomontage A visualisation which superimposes an image of a proposed

development upon a photograph or series of photographs.

Preliminary

Ecological Appraisal

(PEA)

Comprises a desk study, Phase 1 Habitat Survey (which

categorises habitats to a broad level using the

methodologies set out by JNCC (1993 as amended) guidelines) and Protected Species Scoping survey (which includes preliminary survey work to identify the presence or

potential presence of legally protected species).

Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) provides the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) for the Scheme.

PEI is defined in the EIA Regulations as: "information

referred to in Regulation 14(2) which –

(a) has been compiled by the applicant; and

(b) is reasonably required for the consultation bodies to

develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of the development (and of any

associated development)."

PEIR Boundary The Scheme area considered for the purposes of the PEIR.

Principal Site The Principal Site comprises the Solar PV infrastructure,

electrical substations, cabling and areas for landscaping and

ecological enhancement.

#### Preliminary Risk Assessment

A report that presents a summary of readily-available information on the geotechnical and/or geo-environmental characteristics of the site and provides a qualitative assessment of geo-environmental and/or geotechnical risks in relation to the proposed development.

### **Principal Aquifer**

These are layers of rock or drift deposits that have high intergranular and/or fracture permeability - meaning they usually provide a high level of water storage. They may support water supply and/or river base flow on a strategic scale. In most cases, principal aquifers are aquifers previously designated as major aquifer.

# Public Rights of Way (PRoW)

Rights across land exercisable by the public at all times.

#### Q95 Flow

River flow rate that is exceeded 95% of the time.

#### Receptor

A component of the natural or man-made environment that is affected by an impact, including people.

### Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs)

Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs) capture, within a set of scenarios, assumptions about the economic, social and physical changes to our environment that will influence climate change. The conditions of each scenario are used in the process of modelling possible future climate evolution.

RCPs specify concentrations of greenhouse gases that will result in total radiative forcing increasing by a target amount by 2100, relative to pre- industrial levels. Total radiative forcing is the difference between the incoming and outgoing radiation at the top of the atmosphere. Radiative forcing targets for 2100 have been set at 2.6, 4.5, 6.0 and 8.5 watts per square metre (W m-2) to span a wide range of plausible future emissions scenarios and these targets are incorporated into the names of the RCPs; RCP2.6, RCP4.5, RCP6.0 and RCP8.5. Each pathway results in a different range of global mean temperature increases over the 21st century.

#### Scheduled Monument

A 'nationally important' archaeological site or historic building, given protection against unauthorised change and included in the Schedule of Monuments kept by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. The protection given to scheduled monuments is given under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

#### Scheme

The Scheme is the collective term for the Principal Site and the Cable Route Corridor.

The boundary of the Scheme is defined as the Order limits.

Scoping

The process of identifying the issues to be addressed by an EIA. It is a method of ensuring that an EIA focuses on the important issues and avoids those that are considered to be less significant.

Secondary (undifferentiated) aquifer Assigned in cases where it has not been possible to attribute either category A or B to a rock type. In most cases, this means that the layer in question has previously been designated as both minor and non-aquifer in different locations due to the variable characteristics of the rock type.

Secondary A Aquifer

Secondary A aquifers comprise permeable layers that can support local water supplies and may form an important source of base flow to rivers.

Secondary B Aquifer Predominantly lower permeability layers which may store and yield limited amounts of groundwater due to localised features such as fissures, thin permeable horizons and weathering. These are generally the water-bearing parts of the former non-aquifers.

Sensitive Archaeological Sites Areas defined by Work No. 11 in Schedule 1 of the **draft DCO** [EN010142/APP/3.1] and the **Works Plans** [EN010142/APP/2.3] from where the provision of new infrastructure by the Scheme has been excluded for the protection of below ground archaeology.

Setting

The surroundings within which a heritage asset is experienced and any element, which contributes to the understanding of its significance.

Significance

A measure of the importance or gravity of the environmental effect, defined by significance criteria specific to the environmental topic.

Scoping Boundary

The area scoped on for the purpose of the EIA and included within the Scoping Report

Scoping Report

Sets out the matters to be assessed in the EIA, to guide the EIA identification of likely significant effects from the development. This is provided in accordance with guidance provided by the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 7 'Environmental Impact Assessment: Process, Preliminary Environmental Information and Environmental Statements'. The EIA Scoping Report is included within Appendix 1-1 of the ES [EN010142/APP/6.2].

Solar Farm Control Centre This comprises the operation and maintenance base for the Scheme comprising a central control room, CCTV and security control, welfare facilities for staff and parking.

Solar PV Areas

Areas of land within which the solar PV panels and associated solar PV and battery storage infrastructure, including substations, are to be located.

Solar PV Site

Describes the total area covered by all the Solar PV Areas.

Solar Station (DC/AC Invertor, transformer and switchgear) and DC/DC Converter Solar Stations will comprise inverters, a transformer, and switchgear. These will be distributed throughout the Solar PV Site. They will be located within the Solar PV Areas and will adjoin the BESS and DC/DC Converter.

Source Protection Zone (SPZ)

SPZs show the risk of contamination from any activities that might cause pollution to groundwater sources such as wells, boreholes and springs used for public water supplies. The closer the activity, the greater the risk. SPZs can comprise of up to three main zones (inner, outer and total catchment). A fourth zone of special interest can also occasionally be applied to a groundwater source.

Study Area

The spatial area within which environmental effects are assessed (i.e., extending a distance from the project footprint in which significant environmental effects are anticipated to occur). This will vary between technical disciplines and is defined early in each chapter under the appropriate heading.

Susceptibility

The ability of a defined landscape or visual receptor to accommodate the specific proposed development without undue negative consequences.

Sustainable drainage systems (SuDS)

Surface water drainage systems developed in line with the ideals of sustainable development (e.g. swales, ponds, basins, filtration flow control, etc).

Tillbridge Solar Limited Tillbridge Solar Limited is the Applicant. This is a joint venture between Tribus Clean Energy and Recurrent Energy, a subsidiary of Canadian Solar.

Temporary construction compound

Any working area defined for the purpose of storage of plant, materials or equipment or for the use of welfare and site management.

Temporary Traffic Management

A system of controlling traffic movement (such as through or past a works site) to maximise safety for, and minimise inconvenience to, road workers and road users.

Tranquility

A state of calm and quietude associated with peace, considered to be a significant asset of landscape.

**Transformers** 

Transformers control the voltage of the electricity generated across the site before it reaches the on-site substations.

Trip Ends Model Program

Software which allows users to view the National Trip Ends Model dataset and provides forecasts of trip ends and associated documentation.

Visual Effects

Effects on specific views and on the general visual amenity experienced by people.

Visual Receptors

People with views of the development or associated activities. These are located within the visual envelope and are typically residents, motorists, pedestrians, recreational users in residential areas on publicly accessible roads, footpaths and open spaces.

Water Framework Directive

The Water Framework Directive ("WFD") introduced a new system for monitoring and classifying the quality of surface and ground waters. The Directive requires that Environmental Objectives be set for all surface waters and groundwater to enable them to achieve Good Ecological Potential/Status by a defined date.

Water Framework
Directive
Assessment

As part of its role, the Environment Agency must consider whether proposals for new developments have the potential to a) Cause a deterioration of a water body from its current status or potential; and/or b) Prevent future attainment of Good status (or potential where not already achieved). A WFD Assessment determines whether a scheme is compliant with these criteria.

Well-to-tank (WTT) emissions

A Well-to-Tank emissions factor, also known as upstream or indirect emissions, is an average of all the GHG emissions released into the atmosphere from the production, processing and delivery of a fuel or energy vector.

Written Scheme of Investigation A Written Scheme of Investigation outlines known and potential archaeological features and deposits or built heritage elements on a site and suggests a structure for exploring them using the latest, most appropriate and cost-effective archaeological techniques.

Zone of Influence

The limit determined for each specialist study in which the construction or operation of the Scheme component has the potential to cause an adverse or beneficial effect on a receptor. This will inform the definition of the discipline-specific study area defined for their assessment.

Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV)

The zone within which views of a proposed development may be experienced, as determined by analysis of Ordnance Survey data and field survey. It is influenced by many factors including topography and intermediate visual intrusions, such as blocks of woodland and buildings.