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Q.4 Tables evidencing regard had to targeted consultation responses (in accordance with Section 49 of the Planning Act 2008) - Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 with the local community.

1.1.1 The table provided below evidences the regard had to responses received to the Applicant's targeted consultation in accordance with Section 49 of the Planning Act 2008.

Table 1 Regard had to targeted consultation responses (in accordance with Section 49 of the Planning Act 2008) - Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 with the local community.

Summary ID	Theme	Topic/issue	Summary	Change (Y/N):	The Applicant's response (including the regard had to the consultation response):
S-0013	Community	Impact on local communities	The Scheme is opposed by the local community	N	Comment noted. The Statement of Need [EN010143/APP/7.1] explains the need for the development of large-scale solar generation, demonstrates why the Scheme is urgently needed at the scale proposed and the proposed location is highly suitable for such a scheme; and outlines how the Scheme also addresses relevant aspects of established and emerging government energy and climate change policy and commitments. The Planning Statement [EN010143/APP/7.2] outlines how the Scheme adheres with local and national planning policy. The Environmental Statement [EN010143/APP/6.1] presents the findings of an assessment of likely significant effects on the community and environmental receptors.
S-0025	Community	Impact on local communities	The Scheme will negatively impact the area	N	Comment noted. The justification for the proposed Scheme is discussed in The Statement of Need [EN010143/APP/7.1] . It explains the need for the development of large-scale solar generation, demonstrates why the Scheme is urgently needed at the

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					<p>scale proposed and why the proposed location is highly suitable for such a scheme, and how the Scheme addresses relevant aspects of established and emerging government energy and climate change policy and commitments.</p> <p>The Planning Statement [EN010143/APP/7.2] outlines how the Scheme adheres with local and national planning policy.</p> <p>The Environmental Statement [EN010143/APP/6.1] presents the findings of an assessment of likely significant effects on the community and environmental receptors.</p>
S-0028	Community	Impacts on local community	The scheme will cause local employment to suffer	N	<p>Chapter 12: Socio-Economics and Land Use, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1] identifies minor beneficial effects relating to employment during the construction and decommissioning of the Scheme. During construction, it is estimated that the Scheme will create 401 net new jobs per annum (this takes into account multiplier effects on the local economy and other 'additionality' effects). Of these, 181 jobs per annum will be expected to be taken up by residents within the Study Area (i.e., within a 60-minute drive time of the Site). During decommissioning it is assumed that the same number of jobs required for constructing the Scheme will be needed to carry out the activities required to remove the infrastructure from the Site. During operation, there will be no net change in the employment supported by the site; it is estimated that the site currently supports three agricultural jobs and that three net new jobs will be required to support the operation and management of the Scheme. A Framework Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan (FSSCEP) [EN010143/APP/7.15] has been prepared to maximise and pro-actively expand the economic benefits of the Scheme for the local community and is secured by a requirement in the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010143/APP/3.1].</p>

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S-0035	Construction	Access Routes	Concern over how access to site will be achieved	N	The Applicant has taken on board the comments that were received during Statutory Consultation and has sought to refine the HGV routing for the Scheme to minimise disruption and ensure that vehicles use the most appropriate route from their respective origin to their intended destination. The access locations for the solar farm and grid connection corridor are included in the Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) [EN010143/APP/6.2] , submitted as part of the DCO Application and is secured by a requirement in the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010143/APP/3.1] . The impact of traffic attributed to the Scheme using these accesses is presented in Chapter 13 Transport and Access, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1] .
S-0043	Construction	Construction traffic	Construction traffic will slow down emergency services	Y	Chapter 13: Transport and Access, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1] describes the assessment of effects on Transport and Access, including effects on driver delay resulting from the Scheme; Moderate (significant) effects have only been noted at B1228 – between B1230 and Brind Lane junctions. All other increases during construction have assessed to have been Not Significant. The Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan, Appendix 13-5, ES Volume 2 [EN010143/APP/6.2] (secured by a requirement in the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010143/APP/3.1]) provides details of the measures that will be in place to mitigate effects on road users (including emergency vehicles) during construction of the Scheme and Chapter 13: Transport and Access, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1] also outlines mitigation measures which will be in place at construction, operation and decommissioning. Traffic management measures are also defined in the Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) [EN010143/APP/7.7] , Framework

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					Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP) [EN010143/APP/7.8] and Framework Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (DEMP) [EN010143/APP/7.9] all of which are secured by a requirement in the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010143/APP/3.1] .
S-0049	Construction	Utilities	Concern that this will negatively impact existing infrastructure such as Northern Gas Networks	N	<p>The Applicant has taken account of existing infrastructure such as Northern Gas Networks' apparatus in its design for the Scheme.</p> <p>The Scheme will connect to the National Grid substation at Drax where it joins the National Grid transmission network. This connection will be via an underground cable, which will be installed within the cable route corridor.</p> <p>The smaller cables between the field stations and the grid connection substations will be buried up to 1.4 m deep, in a trench that will be of varying widths depending upon how many circuits are in it, typically starting at 0.8 m wide. The cables, which will go from the grid connection substations to the National Grid substation at Drax, will be approximately 1.4 m deep, depending on other utilities in the area, and in a trench approximately 1.5 m wide. Horizontal directional drilling will be used to place cable ducts under the River Derwent, the River Ouse and the Hull to Selby Railway.</p> <p>The Environmental Impact Assessment has identified no significant negative impacts to telecommunications, television reception and utilities. More information can be found within Chapter 16 within volume 1 of the Environmental Statement [EN010143/APP/6.1] which describes the assessment on Other Environmental Topics including Utilities.</p>

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					The Applicant will continue dialogue with relevant statutory undertakers throughout the DCO process and through to operation of the Scheme, should the proposal be consented. The Draft Development Consent Order [EN010143/APP/3.1] includes standard protective provisions for various categories of statutory undertakers, and the Applicant will negotiate a bespoke set of protective provisions with them if required.
S-0281	Construction	Programme	Concern over timescales of construction and impact on access routes	N	<p>Chapter 13: Transport and Access, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1] describes the assessment of effects on Transport and Access arising from the Scheme. Measures including HGV Routing, the use of internal routes and turning places within the Order limits are set out in the Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (Appendix 13-5, ES Volume 2 [EN010143/APP/6.2]) (secured by a requirement in the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010143/APP/3.1]) that aims to mitigate adverse effects on the road links during construction.</p> <p>Construction of the Grid Connection Cables is anticipated to require 12 months, whereas construction of the Scheme will require an estimated 24 months. Construction and deliveries will be governed by Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (Appendix 13-5, ES Volume 2 [EN010143/APP/6.2]) (secured by a requirement in the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010143/APP/3.1]) and agreed with the local authority prior to commencement. Further information can be found in section 2.6 within Chapter 2, within volume 1 of the Environmental Statement [EN010143/APP/6.1] which describes the Scheme.</p>

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S-0053	Consultation	Consultation Documents	Concerns about misinformation or lack of detail in the targeted consultation materials.	N	Comment noted. The Applicant provided a Targeted Consultation brochure (Appendix O1: Targeted consultation booklet, Consultation Report Appendices [EN010143/APP/5.2]), which consisted of accurate information about the 24 proposed revisions to the Site Boundary for the Scheme for design, construction, transport and access requirements. The Targeted Consultation brochure (Appendix O1: Targeted consultation booklet, Consultation Report Appendices [EN010143/APP/5.2]) was drafted to provide sufficient information for the land interests affected by the changes to provide a response to the consultation. The land interests written to were also provided with bespoke land plans to provide more detail showing the changes to the Scheme in relation to their property. In the interest of data protection, these were not made available on the Applicant's website. The Applicant welcomed and responded to enquiries received via the contact details shared during targeted consultation on the Scheme webpage and brochure.
S-0055	Consultation	Consultation Documents	The plans provided by the Applicant are not clear	N	The Applicant provided a Targeted Consultation brochure (Appendix O1: Targeted consultation booklet, Consultation Report Appendices [EN010143/APP/5.2]), which showed in detail on pages 3 - 13 of this document the 24 proposed revisions to the Site Boundary for the Scheme for design, construction, transport and access requirements. This showed the changes spatially on a map, in addition to outlining the changes via a text description. The Applicant also welcomed enquiries in relation to the consultation materials during the targeted consultation period (including any requests for hard copies of the materials) using the contact details provided.
S-0056	Consultation	Consultation Documents	Not enough information	N	Comment noted. The Applicant provided a Targeted Consultation brochure, which showed in detail on pages 3 - 13 of this document

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			has been provided		the 24 proposed revisions to the Site Boundary for the Scheme for design and construction and transport and access requirements. The Applicant also welcomed enquiries in relation to the consultation materials during the consultation period (including any requests for hard copies of the materials) using the contact details provided.
S-0283	Consultation	Consultation Documents	Gribthorpe has been excluded within the consultation materials	N	<p>During the non-statutory consultation, residents from Gribthorpe shared their concerns regarding the proximity of some of the potential solar PV areas to their properties. In response to the comments, the Applicant amended the design to move panels further away from the Gribthorpe village, on the approach from the west and south. In the revised design, the Applicant increased the size of the buffers zones and introduced further screening planting to ensure the impact to the views was minimised from properties in Gribthorpe.</p> <p>Following the non-statutory consultation, additional land was offered to the Scheme and areas regarded as suitable, considering the Applicant's site selection considerations, were identified. This resulted in Solar PV Areas 1g and 1h (to the east of Gribthorpe) being included in the Solar PV Site at statutory consultation.</p> <p>The assessment work reported in the PEI Report considered likely environmental effects on receptors in Gribthorpe, as seen in Chapters 6 – 16, in particular 3 (Alternatives and Design Evolution), 7 (Heritage), 8 (Ecology), 9 (Flood Risk), 10 (Landscape and Visual Amenity), 11 (Noise and Vibration), 12 (Socio-economic), 13 (Traffic), 14 (Human Health), 15 (Soils and Agricultural Land), and 16 (Other Environmental Topic).</p>

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					<p>A full Environmental Impact Assessment has been undertaken for the Scheme which considers receptors within the Scheme area as appropriate, with the assessments reported in technical Chapters 6 to 16 of the Environmental Statement [EN010143APP/6.1].</p> <p>In response to the feedback received to the statutory consultation and follow on discussions, the Applicant reviewed the generating output of the design and identified that solar PV infrastructure in Solar PV Areas 1g and 1h could be removed. These are now Ecology Mitigation Areas 1g and 1h.</p> <p>This change reduces the scale of the solar PV infrastructure proposed for the Scheme and provides mitigation for overwintering birds as required by the Habitats Regulations Assessment [EN010143/APP/7.12]. This habitat will be for Pink Footed Geese and Golden Plover bird species to meet HRA requirements. These Ecological Mitigation Areas will be used for ecological mitigation only for the operational lifetime of the Scheme and demonstrates that the Applicant has taken into account residents of Gribthorpe's previous comments regarding proximity to solar PV areas.</p>
S-0280	Consultation	Engagement	The consultation process has not engaged everyone who will be impacted	N	The targeted consultation was targeted at landowners and statutory consultees directly affected by the 24 proposed revisions being consulted on. The changes related to 24 minor additions to the Order limits which resulted in a small increase in land required for the Scheme. The changes proposed had been assessed and did not introduce any new significant environmental effects. This means that the findings of the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report published at the statutory consultation did not change. The

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					<p>Applicant considers that the approach taken was appropriate and proportionate.</p> <p>The Applicant notified Persons with Interest in the Land (PILs) affected by the proposed changes of the targeted consultation directly by letter. This included PILs who had been newly identified following the proposed changes, as well as PILs who were previously contacted at statutory consultation and whose land was also affected by the changes. If PILs were contacted at statutory consultation and had not received a targeted consultation letter, this was because their land interest was not considered to be affected by these proposed changes at targeted consultation. The Applicant also contacted selected stakeholders such as relevant Parish Councils, Local Authorities and statutory organisations to provide them with an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes.</p> <p>Although the Applicant did not publicise the targeted consultation beyond the targeted correspondence, the targeted consultation materials were made available on the Scheme website and everyone was welcome to respond to the targeted consultation, regardless of whether they received a letter or email inviting them to do so, and the Applicant has considered all responses received.</p>
S-0061	Consultation	Engagement	Feels that important local stakeholders have no say in the proposed development	N	<p>Comment noted. Everyone was welcome to respond to the consultation, regardless of whether they received a letter or email inviting them to do so. All feedback received within the consultation timeframe (01/09/23 – 02/10/23 at 23:59) was forwarded to the consultation team and captured and considered as feedback. This included local stakeholders and the Applicant considered the</p>

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					feedback received when finalising the Scheme proposals ahead of submitting the application for Development Consent.
S-0101	Environment	Biodiversity and Wildlife	The solar farm will impact the biodiversity of the area	N	Overall, the scheme is committed to deliver a net gain in biodiversity. (see the Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment [EN010143/APP/7.11]). Buffers of land between any structures and retained natural features, such as hedgerows, trees, woodland, ponds and rivers are included in the design to protect them during construction. In addition to this, grassland creation, tree planting and enhancement of existing hedgerows will offer habitat and food resources for a range of species. The fence will be set back from the retained habitats such as hedgerows, woodlands and watercourses around each area, allowing access around and into adjacent areas. The fence design will include gaps to allow mammals that may use retained habitats, including badger, brown hare and hedgehog, to pass underneath at strategic locations and into and across the Solar PV areas. More information can be found within Chapter 8 within volume 1 of the Environmental Statement [EN010143/APP/6.1] which describes the assessment on Ecology. Best practice construction methods, as detailed in the Framework CEMP [EN010143/APP/7.7] and secured through a requirement in the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010143/APP/3.1] , includes implementation of measures to minimise noise, lighting and vibration disturbance and consequently, this will minimise disturbance to a range of species present in adjacent and retained habitats.
S-0103	Environment	Biodiversity and Wildlife	Concerned that hedgerows will	N	The Scheme has been designed to ensure hedgerows are outside of the developable areas of the Scheme for solar PV panels, with minimum 10 m undeveloped stand-off buffers. Where possible, the

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			need to be removed to construct the Scheme		<p>layout of the Scheme will use existing farm tracks and field openings as the preferred routes for construction access, minimising loss of hedgerows (sections of), where possible. Therefore, the majority of this habitat will be retained, however, some short sections of hedgerow will need to be removed to facilitate access and will be temporarily removed to facilitate construction of cable routes. More information can be found within Chapter 8 within volume 1 of the Environmental Statement [EN010143/APP/6.1] which describes the assessment on Ecology, the Hedgerow Report (Appendix 8-4, ES Volume 2 [EN010143/APP/6.2]) and the Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment [EN010143/APP/7.11].</p> <p>Measures to ensure incursion into retained hedgerow habitat does not occur will be put in place, e.g. fencing, which will be implemented at an early stage to protect retained habitats from incursion during construction. As detailed in the Framework LEMP [EN010143/APP/7.14] which is secured by a requirement in the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010143/APP/3.1], new sections of hedgerow will be planted, and existing hedgerows will be enhanced.</p>
S-0094	Environment	Biodiversity and Wildlife	The Scheme will destroy wildlife habitats and food sources	N	<p>Overall, the scheme will deliver a net gain in biodiversity (see the Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment [EN010143/APP/7.11]). Buffers of land between any structures and retained natural features, such as hedgerows, trees, woodland, ponds and rivers are incorporated into the design to protect them during construction. In addition to this, grassland creation, tree planting and enhancement of existing hedgerows will offer habitat and food resources for a range of species. More information can be found within Chapter 8 within volume 1 of the Environmental Statement [EN010143/APP/6.1].</p>

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S-0130	Environment	Ecological mitigation	Concerns that the full environmental impact haven't been considered and/or mitigated	N	The Scheme has been assessed within the Environmental Statement, and proposed ecological mitigation measures are detailed in Chapter 8: Ecology, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1], Framework CEMP [EN010143/APP/7.7] and the Framework LEMP [EN010143/APP/7.14] and secured by requirement in the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010143/APP/3.1] . The proposed mitigation measures are based on the findings of ecological studies, including a desk-based study and protected species surveys. They have evolved as the scheme progressed, have been discussed with statutory stakeholders and are therefore considered appropriate.
S-0133	Environment	Ecological mitigation	Concerns that the mitigation plans for ecology are insufficiently detailed	Y	The proposed ecological mitigation measures are detailed in Chapter 8: Ecology, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1] , the Framework CEMP [EN010143/APP/7.7] and the Framework LEMP [EN010143/APP/7.14] which are secured by a requirement in the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010143/APP/3.1] . The proposed mitigation measures are based on the findings of ecological studies, including a desk-based study and protected species surveys. They have evolved as the scheme progressed, have been discussed with statutory stakeholders and are therefore considered appropriate.
S-0194	General sentiment	Opposition	Opposed to degradation / industrialisation of the countryside	N	The Statement of Need [EN010143/APP/7.1] explains the need for large scale ground mounted solar generation, within section Error! Reference source not found. It is not considered that small scale generation is an alternative to the Scheme but complements it. It also demonstrates why the Scheme is urgently needed at the scale proposed, why the proposed location is highly suitable for such a scheme, and how the Scheme also addresses all relevant aspects of established and emerging government energy and climate change policy and commitments.

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S-0282	Planning	Policy guidelines	Concern that proposals do not align with wider UK governmental policy	N	<p>The design of the Scheme has been informed by a detailed and sensitive iterative design process. The Design and Access Statement [EN010143/APP/7.3] which accompanies this application sets out the design objectives of the Scheme. An assessment against planning policy is set within the Planning Statement [EN010143/APP/7.2].</p> <p>The Statement of Need [EN010143/APP/7.1] also explains how the Scheme also addresses relevant aspects of established and emerging government energy and climate change policy and commitments.</p>
S-0212	Planning	Land Use	The Scheme takes up arable land	N	<p>The change from agriculture land to grassland is temporary, as the land will be returned to agricultural use upon decommissioning of the Scheme. The shift from arable to grassland is predicted to result in positive changes to soil structure and soil carbon content. It can also be used for sheep grazing during the operation of the Scheme. The Applicant has commissioned an independent consultant to review the feasibility of sheep grazing on the grassland beneath solar panels, this has shown it is feasible for sheep to graze on the land. More detail is contained within the Grazing Feasibility Study, Appendix 2-1, ES Volume 2 [EN010143/APP/6.2]. The change from agricultural land into wildlife habitat is likely to lead to a significant benefit to ecology as reported in Chapter 8: Ecology, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1].</p> <p>The land within cable corridors will be reinstated after construction and will be reinstated to its pre-construction condition and use. More information can be found within Chapter 15 within volume 1 of the</p>

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					Environmental Statement [EN010143/APP/6.1] which describes the assessment on Soils and Agricultural Land.
S-0225	Planning	Other planned local developments	Concern that this proposal, alongside the wind farm development at Spaldington will have a cumulatively negative effect	N	<p>Where relevant the technical chapters of the ES have considered the presence of existing wind energy developments in their assessment baselines. For example, the baseline data for the noise assessment (Chapter 11, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1]) was collected through noise monitoring and local wind energy developments (Spaldington Airfield Wind Farm and the individual turbine off Tottering Lane by Solar PV Area 1c) were identified as local noise sources that influence noise conditions. Therefore, the noise modelling considers the combined effect of the Scheme and the wind turbines (and other existing local sources of noise). Additionally, Chapter Landscape and Visual Amenity (Chapter 10, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1]) considers the presence of existing wind energy developments.</p> <p>The existing conditions within and around the Site are summarised in Chapter 2 within volume 1 of the Environmental Statement [EN010143/APP/6.1], which describes the Scheme.</p>
S-0252	Scheme Design	Size of the Scheme	Project infrastructure is too large	N	The Statement of Need [EN010143/APP/7.1] explains the need for the development of large-scale solar generation, demonstrates why the Scheme is urgently needed at the scale proposed, explains why the proposed location is highly suitable for such a scheme, and outlines how the Scheme also addresses all relevant aspects of established and emerging government energy and climate change policy and commitments.
S-0275	Transport and Access	Access routes	Query about construction	N	The Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan and Travel Plan [EN010143/APP/6.2] provides details of the measures that will be in place, such as strategic signing mitigate the effects on

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			impacts on road		<p>local road users. and is secured by a requirement in the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010143/APP/3.1]. These plans will also include details of permitted and prohibited routes for construction traffic. The access locations for the solar PV areas and grid connection corridor are also included in the FCTMP.</p> <p>A road condition survey will be carried out on local roads identified ahead of construction commencing. Where necessary, these roads will be repaired to the same or better standard once the construction of the Scheme is complete. The survey will also show where passing places are needed so that existing traffic can continue to move freely.</p>