
EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM

**East Yorkshire Solar Farm
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**Applicant's response to request for proposed Accompanied
Site Inspection Locations**

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1. Purpose of this Document

- 1.1.1 An application (the Application) was made to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) for the proposed East Yorkshire Solar Farm (the Scheme). The Application was submitted by East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited (the Applicant) on 20 November 2023 and was accepted for examination on 19 December 2023.
- 1.1.2 On 23 April 2024 the Examining Authority (ExA), appointed to examine the Application, issued its Rule 6 letter **[PD-002]** which set out at Annex D a request for suggested locations for an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) to be submitted at Examination Deadline 1. Annex F of the Rule 6 letter **[PD-002]** sets out that this request should include the following information:
 - a. Sufficient information to identify the location;
 - b. the issues to be observed at the location;
 - c. information on whether the site can be accessed via public land; and
 - d. the reason why the location has been suggested.
- 1.1.3 The above request was also stated in the Rule 8 letter issued **[PD-003]** at Annex B and C.
- 1.1.4 The purpose of this document is to provide the Applicant's response to this request.

2. Applicant's response

2.1 Description of the Scheme and its location

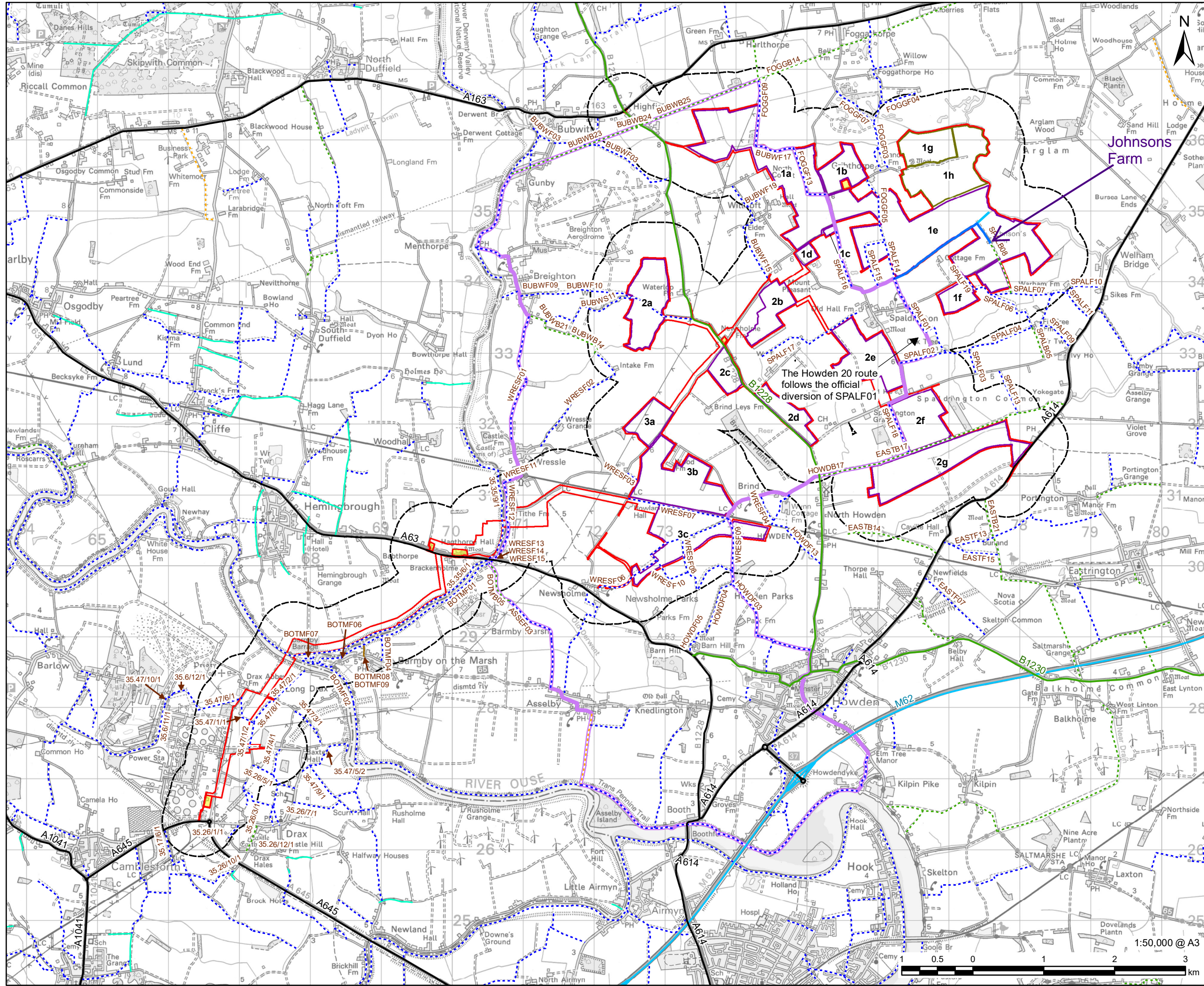
- 2.1.1 The Scheme comprises the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility with a total capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW) and export connection to the national grid, at National Grid's Drax Substation.
- 2.1.2 The Scheme is located on land close to the hamlets and villages of Gribthorpe, Spaldington, Brind, Willitof, Wressle, Newsholme, Brackenholme, Barmby on the Marsh, and Long Drax within the administrative areas of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and North Yorkshire Council.
- 2.1.3 A detailed description of the Scheme and its location is included in Chapter 2: The Scheme, **[APP-054]** and a description of the development to be authorised is set out in Schedule 1 of the draft DCO **[AS-008]**.

2.2 Accompanied Site Inspection Suggested Location

- 2.2.1 The Examination Timetable set out at Annex B of the Rule 8 letter **[PD-003]** reserves time for the ExA to undertake an ASI in the week commencing 8 July 2024.
- 2.2.2 The Applicant notes that the ExA has already made an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) on 29 and 30 April 2024 and a note of the site inspection has been published on the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage. The Applicant has reviewed this note and considers that the ExA has visited key viewpoints identified on Figure 10-8 **[APP-163]** used to undertake the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment **[AS-014]** and the locations visited are locations where significant residual adverse effects are identified by this assessment. The locations also provide a good understanding of the local context within which the Scheme is to be located.
- 2.2.3 The Applicant's review of the USI note did identify that the ExA did not walk the two permissive paths which are proposed as these are proposed on land which is not currently publicly accessible. To better understand the context for these permissive paths which will be available to the public during the operational life of the Scheme the Applicant proposes the ExA walk these routes. The permissive paths are as follows (as described in the Framework Public Rights of Way Management Plan **[APP-245]**):
- a. A continuation of Bridleway SPALB08 which currently terminates at Johnsons Farm, where the Operations and Maintenance Hub will be situated. This will be a Permissive Path over which horse riders will be permitted to travel, running northbound for approximately 340 m until connecting with the second permissive route; and
 - b. An eastbound route from footpath SPALF14 (north of Spaldington) parallel with Londesborough Drain to connect with the first Permissive Path, continuing eastwards to the edge of the Habitat Enhancement Area running for approximately 1.4 km. This Permissive Path will allow horse riding over the majority of the extent of the route. The section travelling westbound from where the two permissive routes meet will permit passage by foot only, being of approximately 250 m in length.

- 2.2.4 The Applicant can arrange access to the land where the permissive paths are proposed and suggests that the ExA gains access to these via Johnson's Farm off Ings Lane, Spaldington. From Johnsons Farm the ExA and other Interested Parties in attendance can travel on foot along the existing PRoW SPALB08 shown on ES Figure 2-2 at Appendix A to access the proposed permissive paths. Parking would be available at Johnson's Farm.
- 2.2.5 Following discussions at the Preliminary Meeting, the Applicant is also aware that Interested Parties are proposing that the ASI include residential properties in the settlements of Brind, Spaldington, Willitof and Gribthorpe and these locations have been shared with the Applicant via its project email address (see Appendix B). Following publication of these locations in response to the request for ASI suggested locations at Deadline 1 of the Examination, the Applicant will develop a draft itinerary for submission at Deadline 2 of the Examination in accordance with Annex B and C of the Rule 8 letter **[PD-003]**.

Appendix A Annotated ES Figure 2-2



PROJECT
East Yorkshire Solar Farm

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- LEGEND**
- Order limits
 - Land not included in the Order limits
 - Solar PV Site (xx = Solar PV Area)
 - Ecology Mitigation Area (xx = Ecology Mitigation Area)
 - 500m Buffer of the Order limits
 - A Road
 - B Road
 - Motorway
 - Howden 20 Circular Route
 - Public Rights of Way**
 - Bridleway
 - Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT)
 - Footpath
 - Restricted Byways
 - Unsurfaced Unclassified Road
 - Proposed Permissive Bridleway and Footpath**
 - Proposed Permissive Bridleway
 - Proposed Permissive Footpath

NOTES

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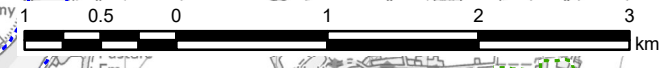
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Public Rights of Way

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Figure 2-2

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Appendix B Email between Applicant and Interested Parties regarding suggested ASI locations

Heeley, Clare

From: Helen Standing [REDACTED]@Boom-Power.co.uk>
Sent: 18 June 2024 16:26
To: Heeley, Clare
Subject: FW: East Yorkshire Solar Farm - Accompanied site Inspection

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Kind regards,

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From: Helen Standing
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 10:12 AM
To: Martin Beckitt [REDACTED]@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: East Yorkshire Solar Farm - Accompanied site Inspection

Dear Sally,

Thank you for the email below. We will include the information in our response to the examiner.

Please could I ask that you also pass the information on to the examiner.

With kind regards

Helen

Kind regards,

Helen Standing

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From: Martin Beckitt [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 2:05 PM
To: Helen Standing [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@Boom-Power.co.uk>
Subject: Re: East Yorkshire Solar Farm - Accompanied site Inspection

Dear Helen,

I have this morning received an email from the clerk of Foggathorpe Parish Council with some names, addresses and contact details of residents in Willitof and Gribthorpe. These residents wish to be added to the Inspector's list on the accompanied site visit of properties for him to go to view how they will be adversely effected by the solar panels.

Darren and Joanne Roebuck - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

David Fielder - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Matt and Emma Humphrey - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Kind regards

Sally Beckitt

From: Helen Standing [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@Boom-Power.co.uk>
Sent: 06 June 2024 12:10
To: Martin Beckitt [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: East Yorkshire Solar Farm - Accompanied site Inspection

Dear Sally,

Thank you for the information below. We will pass to the planning inspectorate for his consideration.

Following deadline 1 (18th June) we will be given the details of the accompanied site visit and will be in touch to arrange this as soon as we have the details.

Kind regards,

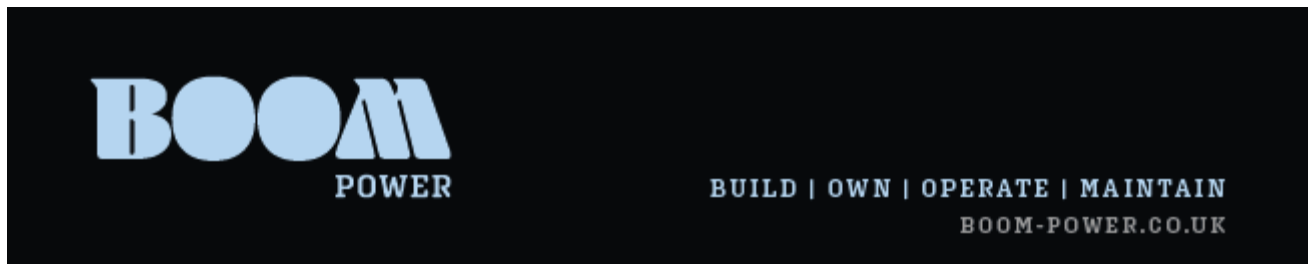
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From: Martin Beckett [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 9:16 PM
To: Helen Standing [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@Boom-Power.co.uk>
Subject: Re: East Yorkshire Solar Farm - Accompanied site Inspection

Dear Helen,

Thank you for your email requesting names, addresses and contact details of the residents wishing the Inspector to visit their property.

Also please note that **Mr David Davis MP** is also wishing to attend the accompanied site visit. The Inspector did say that he would try to make the site visit on a Friday, when it would be easier for Mr David Davis to be there. The inspector has said that the site visit will be in the week commencing 8th July, this would make the date of the site visit 12th June so that Mr David Davis can attend.

Also wishing to attend the site inspection with the inspector are Mr David Jackson of [REDACTED] and myself Mrs Sally Beckett of [REDACTED]

The list of residents wishing the Inspector to visit their property are listed below.

- **Janine Roddison** [REDACTED] **email:-**
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
- **Anne Bretherton-Hulson** [REDACTED]
- **Jane Breach** [REDACTED] **Tel:**
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

- Stephen Middgley [REDACTED] Tel: [REDACTED]
- Georga and Paul Macmillan [REDACTED]
- Sally and Martin Beckitt [REDACTED]

As you can see Anne Bretherton-Hulson has only given their address as their contact details

I note that you will be forwarding this information to the Inspector, please note that I will also be forwarding this information to the Inspector.

Kind regards

Sally Beckitt

From: Helen Standing [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@Boom-Power.co.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@Boom-Power.co.uk)>
Sent: 05 June 2024 15:49
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@outlook.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@outlook.com)> [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@outlook.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@outlook.com)>
Cc: East Yorkshire Solar Farm <EastYorkshireSolarFarm@Boom-Power.co.uk>
Subject: East Yorkshire Solar Farm - Accompanied site Inspection

Dear Sally,

Thank you for contacting us following the preliminary hearing in respect of the accompanied site inspection.

Please could you send a list of names, addresses, and contact details of the suggested properties and I'll include these in our response to the inspector for his consideration. I'll also pass on your details to the inspector.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards,

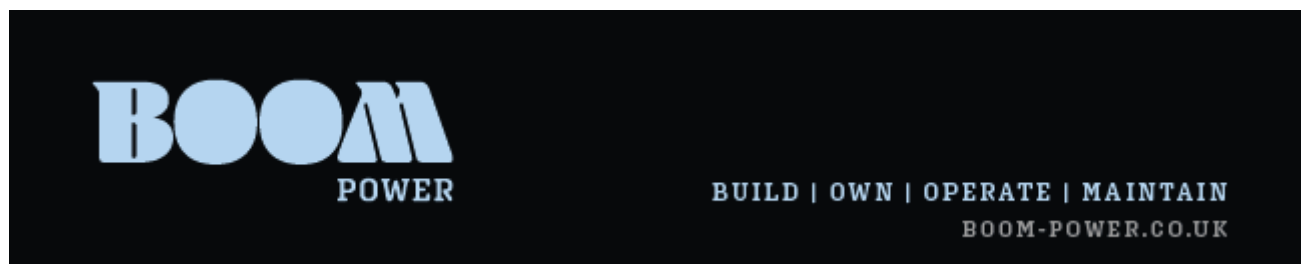
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