



**Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)**

<b>Project name:</b>	Cottam Solar Project
<b>Address/Location:</b>	The Sites are located approximately 6.5km south east and 4km north east of Gainsborough, East Midlands.
<b>Planning Inspectorate Ref:</b>	EN010133

**TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING**

<b>Document(s) used for transboundary screening:</b>	Cottam Solar Project: EIA Scoping Report dated January 2022 ('the Scoping Report')
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The Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS has considered the Proposed Development which comprises of three electricity generating stations each with a capacity of over 50 megawatts (MW). Each site includes the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and on-site energy storage facilities and grid connection infrastructure.

The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development **is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. In reaching this conclusion the Inspectorate has identified and considered the Proposed Development's likely impacts including consideration of potential pathways and the extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impacts.

The Inspectorate considers that the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development is so low that it does not warrant the issue of a detailed transboundary screening. However, this position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

**Action:** No further action required at this stage.

**Date:** 28 March 2022

**Note:** The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

**TRANSBOUNDARY RE-SCREENING**

<b>Document(s) used for transboundary screening:</b>	Environmental Statement Main Statement (Doc Ref 6.2.1 - 6.2.23) Environmental Statement Technical Appendices (Doc Ref 6.3.1.1 - 6.3.15.2)
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	The Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary (Doc Ref 6.5)
<p>The Inspectorate has re-considered the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development, taking into account any changes that have been made to the Proposed Development since the previous transboundary screening process was undertaken.</p> <p>The Inspectorate considers that the Proposed Development is <b>unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State</b>. This position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.</p>	
<p><b>Action:</b> No further action required at this stage.</p> <p><b>Date:</b> 28 April 2023</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.</p>	

**Note:**

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>