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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1. This document details the Applicant's amendments to the draft DCO made since its submission. This document will be updated throughout the Examination and submitted together with each updated revision of the dDCO at the relevant deadlines.
- 1.1.2. Table 1-1 below sets out each material track-change made to the dDCO, the reason for making each change, and the Examination deadline the change was made at.
- 1.1.3. The track-changes shown in Table 1-1 reflect the changes made against the version of the dDCO most recently submitted. For example, if an updated version of the dDCO is submitted at Deadline 4, the track changes set out below for Deadline 4 would show the changes made to the version of the dDCO previously submitted at Deadline 3.
- 1.1.4. Table 1-1 does not detail any non-material changes made to the dDCO by the Applicant throughout the Examination including to amend typos, to correct formatting, or to update cross-references within the dDCO and the Table of Contents.

2. Table 1-1 Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO

| <u>Article / Paragraph / Schedule number</u> | <u>Amendment</u> | <u>Reason for Amendment</u> |
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| Deadline 1 | | |
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| Deadline 2 – Revision 2 of the dDCO | | |
| Changes made throughout the DCO | Various minor amendments have been made to the dDCO to correct typos, cross-referencing errors and updates to the Table of Contents. | Clarity and consistency. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been inserted: <u>“Environment Agency” means the Environment Agency and any successor in name or function;</u> | This definition has been added to clarify that references to the Environment Agency throughout the dDCO, including for any requirements to consult with the Environment Agency, are to the Environment Agency and any successor in name or function. |
| Article 7 (Disapplication and modification of legislative provisions) | Sub-paragraph (1)(b) has been removed as follows: <i>The following provisions do not apply in relation to the construction of any work or the carrying out of any operation required for the purpose of, or in connection with, the construction, operation, maintenance or decommissioning of any part of the authorised development—</i> a) section 23 (prohibition on obstructions etc. in watercourses) of the Land Drainage Act 1991(1); <u>and</u> b) regulation 12 (requirement for environmental permit) of the | The effect of sub-paragraph 1(b) was to disapply regulation 12 (requirement for environmental permit) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016, which would otherwise apply the flood risk activity permit (“ FRAP ”) regime to the Proposed Development. Following engagement with the Environment Agency, the Applicant is no longer seeking to disapply the FRAP regime for the Proposed Development and sub-paragraph 1(b) of Article 7 has consequently been removed. |

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| | <p>Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016(b) in relation to the carrying on of a flood risk activity; and</p> <p><u>b)</u> in so far as they relate to the temporary possession of land, the provisions of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017(c).</p> | |
| Article 46 (Inconsistent planning permissions) | <p>The following article has been inserted:</p> <p><u>Inconsistent planning permissions</u></p> <p><u>46.—(1) Any planning permission which has been initiated prior to the commencement of the authorised development pursuant to this Order may continue to be lawfully implemented thereafter notwithstanding any physical incompatibility with the authorised development or inconsistency with any provision of this Order.</u></p> <p><u>(2) As from the date on which the authorised development is commenced any conditions of a planning permission granted pursuant to Part 3 (Control over Development) of the 1990 Act (whether express or otherwise) which relate to land within the Order limits or land adjacent to the Order limits cease to have effect to the extent they are inconsistent with the authorised development or with anything done or approved under the requirements in Part 1 (requirements) of Schedule 2.</u></p> <p><u>(3) As from the date of this Order where planning permission (whether express or otherwise) is granted (whether prior to the date of this Order or after) pursuant to Part 3 of the 1990 Act in respect of land within the Order limits for</u></p> | <p>Article 46 has been added to address any overlap of the Order with any other planning conditions and planning obligations, and to provide clarity in terms of enforcement and which consent has effect.</p> <p>Article 46 is deemed necessary following <i>Hillside Park Limited v Snowdonia National Park Authority</i> [2022] UKSC 30. In that case, the Supreme Court ruled that, unless there is an express provision otherwise, whether another planning permission may lawfully be implemented depends upon whether it remains physically possible to carry out the development authorised by the second permission considering what has already been done under the first permission.</p> <p>Paragraph (1) permits certain development authorised by way of a planning permission which has been initiated prior to the commencement of the authorised project to continue to be implemented design physical incompatibility with the authorised project.</p> <p>Paragraphs (2) to (6) address inconsistencies between the Order and implementation of the authorised project and developments previously consented under the planning regime which have already been implemented.</p> |

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| | <p><u>development not forming part of the authorised development, the carrying out of development pursuant to such planning permission is not to operate to prevent the undertaker from carrying out further works for the development of the authorised development pursuant to the terms of this Order.</u></p> <p><u>(4) Nothing in this Order restricts the undertaker from seeking or implementing, or the relevant planning authority from granting, planning permission for development within the Order limits.</u></p> <p><u>(5) Any development, or any part of a development within the Order limits which is constructed or used under the authority of a planning permission pursuant to Part 3 of the 1990 Act (whether express or otherwise) following the coming into force of this Order is to be disregarded at all times for the purposes of ascertaining whether or not an offence has been committed under the provisions of sections 160 (offences) or 161 (breach of terms of order granting development consent) of the 2008 Act.</u></p> | <p>Paragraph (6) ensures that enforcement action is not taken in respect of planning permissions granted under the 1990 Act which are inconsistent with the works and exercise of powers under the Order.</p> |
| Schedule 2, Part 1, Requirement 4 (Construction environment management plans (CEMP)) | <p>Sub-paragraph (1) has been amended as follows:</p> <p>(1) No phase of the authorised development may commence until a CEMP for that phase has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority, <u>such approval to be in consultation with the Environment Agency</u>. Any CEMP submitted for approval must be in accordance with the outline CEMP and any approved CEMP must be adhered to for the duration of the works in the phase of the authorised development to which the CEMP relates.</p> | <p>Following engagement with the Environment Agency, sub-paragraph (1) has been amended to name the Environment Agency as a consultee for the approval of the CEMP.</p> |
| | <p>Sub-paragraph (2)(i) has been amended as follows:</p> | <p>Sub-paragraph 2(i) has been amended to require the CEMP to include a protocol requiring consultation with the relevant</p> |

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| | <p>(2) <i>The CEMP for each phase of the authorised development must provide details of—</i></p> <p><i>(i) a protocol requiring consultation with the Environmental Agency <u>relevant planning authority</u> in the event that unexpected contaminated land is identified during ground investigation or construction; and</i></p> | <p>planning authority, instead of the Environment Agency, in response to comments made by Darlington Borough Council (DBC) at paragraphs 5.9.2 to 5.9.6 of DBC's Local Impact Report.</p> |
| Schedule 2, Part 1, Requirement 8 (Materials Management) | <p>Sub-paragraph (1) has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>(1) No phase of the authorised development is to be commenced until a materials management plan covering that phase and in accordance with the outline materials management plan for that phase has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority in consultation <u>with the Environment Agency</u>. to which the materials management plan for that phase relates.</i></p> | <p>Sub-paragraph (1) has been amended to name the Environment Agency as a consultee for the approval of the materials management plan, in response to comments made by Darlington Borough Council (DBC) at paragraphs 5.9.2 to 5.9.6 of DBC's Local Impact Report. The deleted text has been removed to clarify the drafting.</p> |
| Schedule 2, Part 1, Requirement 15 (Construction hours) | <p>Sub-paragraph (1) has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), no construction works are to take place except between the hours of—</i></p> <p><i>(a) 08:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday; and</i></p> <p><i>(b) 08:00 to <u>13</u>:00 on Saturday.</i></p> | <p>Sub-paragraph (1) has been amended to reduce the permitted Saturday construction hours in response to comments made by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) at paragraph 13.4 of SBC's Local Impact Report.</p> |
| Schedule 3 (Streets subject to street works) | <p>Within column (3) <i>Description of Works</i> of the table of street works in Schedule 3, references to “highway” have been removed and references to “street” have been inserted.</p> | <p>References to highways have been replaced to references to streets as a matter of drafting precision and for consistency with the references to “streets” within Article 9. The Applicant refers to section 5 of the Applicant's Rule 9 Response [AS-008].</p> |

For example, row 2 of the table has been amended as follows:

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| <i>Parish of Brafferton</i> | <i>Unnamed Road</i> | <i>Cable works beneath the width of highway <u>street</u> comprising a length of 320m as shown between points marked A and B on sheet 3 of the street works, public rights of way and access plans.</i> |
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Within the table of street works in Schedule 3, two rows have been added as follows:

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| <u>Parish of Bishopton</u> | <u>Folly Bank</u> | <u>Cable works beneath the width of street as shown with reference CC5 on sheet 9 of the street works, public rights of way and access plans.</u> |
| <u>Parish of Redmarshall</u> | <u>Redmarshall Road, in the vicinity of Morrington Bridge</u> | <u>Cable works beneath the width of street as shown with reference CC6 on sheet 11 of the street works, public rights of way and access plans.</u> |

These two rows have been added to provide street works descriptions for two locations where the Applicant proposes to carry out cabling works across the width of a street for the purpose of delivering the off-road cable route. These descriptions are included as a correction to Revision 1 of the dDCO.

Corresponding amendments have been made to the Street Works, Public Rights of Way and Access Plans to indicate these locations.

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| | The following rows have been removed from the table of street works in Schedule 3: | | | <p>These two rows were previously included to provide street works descriptions for the cabling works proposed to be carried out for the on-road cable route through Bishopton.</p> <p>These two have been removed because the cable route optionality in this location has been resolved in favour of the off-road route to the south of Bishopton Village and the Order limits have been updated to remove the on-road cable route through Bishopton. See the Applicant’s Notification of Intention to Submit New or Revised Information – Accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority [AS-010] for further details.</p> |
| | Parish of Bishopton | The Green | Cable works beneath the width of highway comprising a length of 330m as shown between points marked K and M on sheets 9 and 11 of the street works, public rights of way and access plans. | |
| | Parish of Bishopton | High Street | Cable works beneath the width of highway comprising a length of 700m as shown between points marked M and N on sheets 9 and 11 of the street works, public rights of way and access plans. | |
| Schedule 11, Part 4 (For the Protection of the Environment Agency) | Part 4 (For the Protection of the Environment Agency) has been removed from Schedule 11. | | | Following engagement with the Environment Agency, Part 4 of Schedule 11 has been removed as a responsive amendment to the removal of Article 7(1)(b) above. The parties agree that the Protective Provisions previously included at Part 4 of Schedule 11 are redundant. |
| Change Application – Revision 3 of the dDCO | | | | |

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| Changes made throughout the DCO | Various minor amendments have been made to the dDCO to correct typos, cross-referencing errors and updates to the Table of Contents. | Clarity and consistency. |
| Article 21 (Compulsory Acquisition of Land) | Sub-paragraph (2) has been amended as follows: <i>(2) This article is subject to paragraph (2) of article 23 (compulsory acquisition of rights), article 25 (acquisition of subsoil only) and article 2930 (temporary use of land for carrying out the authorised development).</i> | This amendment has been made as a consequence of the addition of Article 25 (Acquisition of subsoil only). The amendment makes clear that, where relevant, the undertaker can only acquire new rights or take temporary possession of land and cannot acquire the freehold interest in that land. |
| Article 25 (Acquisition of subsoil only) | The following Article has been inserted: Acquisition of subsoil only <i>(25)(1) The undertaker may acquire compulsorily so much of, or such rights in, the subsoil of the land referred to in paragraph (1) of article 21 (compulsory acquisition of land) or article 23 (compulsory acquisition of rights) as may be required for any purpose for which that land may be acquired under that provision instead of acquiring the whole of the land.</i> <i>(2) Where the undertaker acquires any part of, or rights in, the subsoil of land, the undertaker is not required to acquire an interest in any other part of the land.</i> <i>(3) The following do not apply in connection with the exercise of the power under paragraph (1) in relation to subsoil only—</i> <i>(a) Schedule 2A (counter-notice requiring purchase of land not in notice to treat) to the 1965 Act as modified by Schedule 9 (modification of compensation and compulsory purchase enactments</i> | This Article has been added pursuant to the change referred to as Change 1 within the Applicant's Change Application. This Article has been added to enable the Applicant to compulsorily acquire only the subsoil of land required for the laying of cables along the on-road cable route. The relevant land plots over which the power in this Article could be exercised have been included in Schedule 8 (Land in which only new rights etc. may be acquired) and other consequential amendments have been made throughout the dDCO. |

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| | <p><u>for the creation of new rights and imposition of new restrictive covenants);</u></p> <p><u>(b) Schedule A1 (counter-notice requiring purchase of land not in general vesting declaration) to the 1981 Act; and</u></p> <p><u>(c) section 153(4A) (blighted land: proposed acquisition of part interest, material detriment test) of the 1990 Act.</u></p> <p><u>(4) Paragraphs (2) and (3) are to be disregarded where the undertaker acquires a cellar, vault, arch or other construction forming part of a house, building or factory.</u></p> | |
| Article 26 (Application of the 1981 Act) | <p>A new sub-paragraph (9) has been inserted as follows:</p> <p><u>(9) In Schedule A1 (counter-notice requiring purchase of land not in general vesting declaration), for paragraph 1(2) substitute— “(2) But see article 25(3) (acquisition of subsoil only) of the Byers Gill Solar Order 20[•], which excludes the acquisition of subsoil only from this Schedule.”</u></p> | This amendment makes a standard modification to the 1981 Act as a consequence of the addition of Article 25 (Acquisition of subsoil only). |
| Article 28 (Modification of Part 1 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965) | <p>A new sub-paragraph (5)(a) has been inserted as follows:</p> <p><u>(5)(a) For paragraphs 1(2) and 14(2) substitute—</u></p> <p><u>“(2) But see article 25(3) (acquisition of subsoil only) of the Byers Gill Solar Order 20[•], which excludes the acquisition of subsoil only from this Schedule”; and</u></p> | This amendment makes a standard modification to the 1965 Act as a consequence of the addition of Article 25 (Acquisition of subsoil only). |
| Article 30 (Temporary use of land or carrying out the authorised project) | <p>Sub-paragraph (10) is inserted as follows:</p> <p><u>(10) Nothing in this article precludes the undertaker from—</u></p> | This amendment clarifies that Article 30 does not preclude the undertaker’s exercise of the rights included in Schedule 8 of the dDCO including pursuant to the power in Article 25 (Acquisition of subsoil only). |

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| | <u>(a) creating and acquiring new rights or imposing restrictions over any part of the Order land identified in Schedule 8 (land in which only new rights etc. may be acquired); or</u> <u>(b) acquiring any part of the subsoil of (or rights in the subsoil of) that land under article 25 (acquisition of subsoil only) or any part of the subsoil of or airspace over that land under article 29 (rights under or over streets)</u> | | | | | | |
| Article 46 (Funding) | A new sub-paragraph (2)(d) is inserted as follows: <u>(d) article 25 (acquisition of subsoil only)</u> | | | This amendment has been made as a consequence of the addition of Article 25 (Acquisition of subsoil only). The amendment makes clear that, the undertaker must not exercise compulsory acquisition powers under Article 25 unless it has first provided the required guarantee or security under Article 46. | | | |
| Schedule 5, Part 1, (Public rights of way to be temporarily stopped up) | The following row is inserted into the table: <table><tr><td><u>Parish of Brafferton</u></td><td><u>Footpath No.9</u></td><td><u>Temporary management including temporary stopping up over the public right of way, referenced FP-Bfn.9, comprising a length of 613m as shown between points 11 and 11a on sheet 1 of the Street Works, Public Rights of Way and Access plans</u></td></tr></table> | | | <u>Parish of Brafferton</u> | <u>Footpath No.9</u> | <u>Temporary management including temporary stopping up over the public right of way, referenced FP-Bfn.9, comprising a length of 613m as shown between points 11 and 11a on sheet 1 of the Street Works, Public Rights of Way and Access plans</u> | This amendment has been made pursuant to the change referred to as Change 2 within the Applicant’s Change Application. This amendment is to authorise temporary management measures along Footpath No.9 on High House Lane. |
| <u>Parish of Brafferton</u> | <u>Footpath No.9</u> | <u>Temporary management including temporary stopping up over the public right of way, referenced FP-Bfn.9, comprising a length of 613m as shown between points 11 and 11a on sheet 1 of the Street Works, Public Rights of Way and Access plans</u> | | | | | |
| Schedule 8 (Land in which only new rights etc. may be acquired) | Column 1 is amended as follows: | | | This amendment has been made pursuant to the change referred to as Change 1 within the Applicant’s Change Application. The additional plot numbers relate to the on-road cable route. | | | |

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| Schedule 8 (Land in which only new rights etc. may be acquired) | Column 1 is amended as follows: 7/3 , 7/4 , 7/5 , 7/6 , 7/8 , 8/3 , 8/4 , 8/5 , 9/2 , 9/3 , 9/4 , 9/5 | | Work No. 3 and Work No. 5 | This amendment has been made pursuant to the change referred to as Change 1 within the Applicant's Change Application. The additional plot numbers relate to the on-road cable route. |
| Schedule 8 (Land in which only new rights etc. may be acquired) | Column 1 is amended as follows: 9/15 , 9/16 , 11/1 , 11/5 , 11/6 , 11/7 , 11/9 , 11/10 , 11/11 , 11/12 , 11/13 , 11/14 , 11/15 , 11/16 , 11/17 , 11/18 , 12/1 , 12/2 , 12/3 , 12/4 , 12/5 , 12/6 , | | Work No. 5 | This amendment has been made pursuant to the change referred to as Change 1 within the Applicant's Change Application. The additional plot numbers relate to the on-road cable route. |

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| | 12/7 , 12/8 , 12/9 , 12/10 , 12/11, 12/12 , 12/13, 12/14 , 12/15 , 12/16 , 12/17 , 12/18 , 12/19, 12/20 , 12/21, 12/22, 12/23 , 12/24 , 12/25 , 12/26, 12/27 , 12/28, 12/29, 12/30 , 12/31 , 12/32 , 13/1 , 13/2, 13/3 , 13/4, 13/5 , 13/6, 13/7, 13/8 , 13/9, 13/10, 13/11 , 13/12, 13/13 , 13/14, 13/15 , 13/16, 13/17 , 13/18 | | | |
| Schedule 9 (Modification of Compensation and Compulsory Purchase Enactments for the Creation of New Rights and Imposition of New Restrictive Covenants), Paragraph 10 | <p>Sub-paragraph 1(2) has been inserted within “Schedule 2A Counter-Notice Requiring Purchase of Land” as follows:</p> <p><u>(2) But see article 25(3) (acquisition of subsoil only) of the Byers Gill Solar Order 20[*] which excludes the acquisition of subsoil only from this Schedule.</u></p> | | | <p>This amendment is in consequence to the addition of Article 25 (Acquisition of subsoil only).</p> |

| Deadline 5 – Revision 4 of the dDCO | | |
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| Changes made throughout the DCO | Various minor amendments have been made to the dDCO to correct typos, cross-referencing errors and updates to the Table of Contents. | Clarity and consistency. |
| Introductory wording | <p>The following paragraph has been inserted into the introductory wording preceding Part 1 (Preliminary):</p> <p><u><i>The Secretary of State is satisfied that the land identified in the special category land plans and the book of reference as open space over which rights may be acquired compulsorily under this Order:</i></u></p> <p><u><i>(a) when burdened with any new rights authorised to be compulsorily acquired under this Order, will be no less advantageous than it was before to the persons in whom it is vested, other persons, if any, entitled to rights of common or other rights, and the public, and that, accordingly, section 132(3) of the 2008 Act applies; and further that</i></u></p> <p><u><i>(b) the identified open space land does not also form part of a common or fuel or field garden allotment, the rights authorised to be compulsorily acquired over the identified land under this Order are being acquired for a temporary (although possibly long-lived) purpose and that, accordingly, section 132(4B) of the 2008 Act also applies.</i></u></p> | <p>To provide context for the addition of this wording, it was identified by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 that a small number of plots within the Order limits are open space land. The Applicant seeks compulsory powers within the dDCO to acquire rights over the identified open space plots and, accordingly, section 132 of the Planning Act 2008 applies by virtue of subsection 132(1).</p> <p>Subsection 132(2) provides that:</p> <p><i>An order granting development consent is subject to special parliamentary procedure, to the extent that the order authorises the compulsory acquisition of a right over land to which this section applies by the creation of a new right over land, unless—</i></p> <p><i>(a) the Secretary of State is satisfied that one of subsections (3) to (5) applies, and</i></p> <p><i>(b) that fact, and the subsection concerned, are recorded in the order or otherwise in the instrument or other document containing the order.</i></p> <p>In accordance with subparagraph (b), this wording has been added to the dDCO for the Secretary of State to confirm, if the DCO is granted, that subsections 132(3) and 132(4B) apply. The Applicant's justification for this position is set out in section 6.2 of the updated Statement of Reasons (Document Reference 4.1) submitted at Deadline 5.</p> |

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| Article 2 (Interpretation) | <p>The following definition has been inserted:</p> <p><u><i>“special category land plans” means the document of that description listed in Schedule 13 (documents to be certified) and certified by the Secretary of State as the special category land plans for the purposes of this Order;</i></u></p> | <p>This definition has been added pursuant to the identification of open space land within the Order limits (as explained above) and the requirements of regulation 5(2)(i)(iv) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009.</p> | | | |
| Schedule 2, Part 1 (Requirements), Paragraph 5 | <p>Sub-paragraph (4) has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>(4) No decommissioning works must be carried out until the relevant planning authority approves, <u>in consultation with the relevant highway authority for the highway(s) to which the relevant decommissioning traffic management plan relates</u>, the plans submitted in relation to such works.</i></p> | <p>This amendment has been made in response to National Highway’s representation [REP3-015]. Please refer to the Applicant’s commentary at CAH1-04 of its Response to Hearing Action Points (Document Reference 8.20) submitted at Deadline 5.</p> | | | |
| Schedule 5, Part 1 (Public rights of way to be temporarily stopped up) | <p>The following row has been inserted into the table:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="582 874 719 1166"><u><i>Parish of Carlton</i></u></td><td data-bbox="719 874 855 1166"><u><i>Traffic-free cycle route</i></u></td><td data-bbox="855 874 1270 1166"><u><i>Temporary management of the public right of way including temporary stopping up over a traffic-free cycle route, comprising a length of 15m as shown between points 63 and 64 on sheet 13 of the street works, public rights of way and access plans.</i></u></td></tr> </table> | <u><i>Parish of Carlton</i></u> | <u><i>Traffic-free cycle route</i></u> | <u><i>Temporary management of the public right of way including temporary stopping up over a traffic-free cycle route, comprising a length of 15m as shown between points 63 and 64 on sheet 13 of the street works, public rights of way and access plans.</i></u> | <p>This amendment has been made as a result of the Applicant’s engagement with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and the identification of a traffic-free cycle route near Carlton. The Applicant may require to temporarily manage the identified section of this route whilst carrying out works to lay off-road cabling. Further details are provided in the updated Environmental Statement (ES) Errata and Management Plans Proposed Updates (Document Reference 8.11) submitted at Deadline 5.</p> |
| <u><i>Parish of Carlton</i></u> | <u><i>Traffic-free cycle route</i></u> | <u><i>Temporary management of the public right of way including temporary stopping up over a traffic-free cycle route, comprising a length of 15m as shown between points 63 and 64 on sheet 13 of the street works, public rights of way and access plans.</i></u> | | | |

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| Schedule 13 (Documents to be certified) | <p>The following row has been inserted into the table:</p> <p><i>special category land plans</i> <i>Volume 2, document reference 2.6</i></p> | This amendment is required in consequence of the identification of open space land within the Order limits, as explained above. |
| Deadline 6 – Revision 5 of the dDCO | | |
| <p>Revision 5 of the dDCO to be submitted at Deadline 6 establishes a new baseline for the main DCO application. This new baseline has been prepared, at the request of the Examining Authority, by removing from the dDCO the changes relating to the Change Application which were included in Revisions 3 and 4 of the dDCO. The changes detailed under the “Change Application – Revision 3 of the dDCO” heading of the Schedule of Changes (above) have been reversed where they relate to the Change Application.</p> | | |
| Changes made throughout the DCO | <p>Various minor amendments have been made to the dDCO to correct typos, cross-referencing errors and updates to the Table of Contents.</p> | Clarity and consistency. |
| Introductory wording | <p>The following paragraph has been amended:</p> <p><i>The Secretary of State, having considered the representations made and not withdrawn, and the recommendations and report of the single appointed person Examining Authority, and taken into account the environmental information in accordance with regulation 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017() has decided to make an Order granting development consent for the development described in the application with modifications which in the opinion of the Secretary of State do not make any substantial changes to the proposals comprised in the application.</i></p> | This amendment has been made to reflect the fact that the dDCO is being examined by a panel of inspectors rather than a single inspector. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | <p>The following definition has been inserted:</p> <p>“the 1984 Act” means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (e);</p> | This definition has been added to clarify references to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 throughout the dDCO. |

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| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been removed: “the 2004 Act” means the Energy Act 2004(a); | This definition has been removed as it is not used in the dDCO. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been removed: “address” includes any number or address for the purposes of electronic transmission; | This definition has been removed as it is not used as defined on the face of the dDCO. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been amended: “apparatus” has the same meaning as in section 105(1) <u>Part 3 (street works in England and Wales) of the 1991 Act; except that, unless otherwise provided, it further includes pipelines (and parts of them), aerial markers, cathodic protection test posts, field boundary markers, transformer rectifier kiosks, electrical cables, telecommunications equipment and electricity cabinets;</u> | This term has been amended to supplement and expand the legislative definition of apparatus. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been removed: “construction compound” means a compound including offices, welfare facilities, accommodation facilities, storage and parking for construction of the authorised development and other associated facilities; | This definition has been removed as it is not used in the dDCO. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been inserted: <u>“holding company” has the same meaning as in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006();</u> | This definition has been inserted to reflect consistency in defined terms across other recently made solar DCOs. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been removed: “mounting structure” means a frame or rack with posts made of galvanised steel or other material pushed into the ground to support the solar panels; | This definition has been removed from Article 2 as it is a defined term in Schedule 1 and only used within that Schedule. |

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| Article 2 (Interpretation) | <p>The following definition has been inserted:</p> <p><u><i>“public right of way” includes any public right of way that is added to the definitive map and statement after the making of the Order;</i></u></p> | <p>This definition has been inserted to reflect consistency in defined terms across other recently made solar DCOs.</p> |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | <p>The following definition has been amended as follows:</p> <p>“site preparation works” means all or any of—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) environmental surveys, geotechnical surveys, intrusive archaeological surveys and other investigations for the purpose of assessing ground conditions, demolition of buildings and removal of plant and machinery; (b) above ground site preparation for temporary facilities for the use of contractors; (c) remedial work in respect of any contamination or other adverse ground conditions; (c) (d) diversion and laying of services; (d) (e) the provision of temporary means of enclosure and site security for construction; (e) (f) the temporary display of site notices or advertisements; or (f) (g) site clearance (including vegetation removal, demolition of existing buildings and structures); (h) pre-construction ecological mitigation; | <p>This definition has been amended to refine the meaning of preparatory site works.</p> |

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| Article 2 (Interpretation) | <p>The following definition has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>“special category land plans” means the document of that description listed in Schedule 13 (documents to be <u>plans</u> certified) and certified <u>as such</u> by the Secretary of State as the special category land plans for the purposes of this Order <u>under article 36 (certification of plans, etc);</u></i></p> | <p>This definition has been amended to ensure a consistent approach across all certified document definitions.</p> |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | <p>The following definition has been inserted:</p> <p><i><u>“statutory undertaker” means any person falling within section 127(8) (statutory undertakers’ land) of the 2008 Act and includes a public communications provider defined by section 151(1) (interpretation of chapter 1) of the Communications Act 2003(a);</u></i></p> | <p>This definition has been inserted to reflect consistency in defined terms across other recently made solar DCOs.</p> |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | <p>The following definition has been removed:</p> <p><i>“substation” means a compound containing electrical equipment required to switch, transform, convert electricity and provide reactive power compensation with welfare facilities, means of access and other associated facilities;</i></p> | <p>This definition has been removed from Article 2 as it is a defined term in Schedule 1 and only used within that Schedule.</p> |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | <p>The following definition has been inserted:</p> <p><i><u>“working day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or English bank or public holiday; and</u></i></p> | <p>This definition has been inserted to clarify that references to working days are exclusive of weekends and bank holidays.</p> |

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| Part 2 (Principal Powers), Paragraph 3 | <p>Paragraph 3 has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Order, including the requirements in Schedule 2 (requirements), the undertaker is granted development consent for the authorised development to be carried out within the Order limits.</i></p> | This wording has been inserted to ensure the correct Schedule is cross referenced. |
| Part 2 (Principal Powers), Paragraph 29 | <p>Paragraph 29(1)(f) has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>(f) carry out mitigation works required pursuant to the requirements in Schedule 42.</i></p> | This wording has been amended to ensure the correct Schedule is cross referenced. |
| Part 2 (Principal Powers), Paragraph 29 | <p>Paragraph 29(5)(d) has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>(d) restore the land one which any works have been carried out under paragraph (1)(f) insofar as the works relate to mitigation works identified in the environmental statement or required pursuant to the requirements in Schedule 42.</i></p> | This wording has been amended to ensure the correct Schedule is cross referenced. |
| Schedule 1 (Authorised Development) | <p>The following definition has been amended:</p> <p><i>“National Grid substation” means address the existing 132kV substation located near Stockton-On-Tees owned and operated by National Grid;</i></p> | This definition has been updated to reference the existing substation at Norton near Stockton-On-Tees. |
| Schedule 1 (Authorised Development) | <p>The following definition has been amended:</p> <p><i>“substation” means a substation containing electrical equipment required to switch, transform, convert electricity and provide reactive power compensation with welfare facilities, means of access and other associated facilities;</i></p> | This definition has been amended to capture the full definition originally used in Article 2. |

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| Schedule 1 (Authorised Development), Paragraph 3 | <p>Paragraph 3 has been amended as follows:</p> <p>3. <i>The nationally significant infrastructure project authorised by this Order comprises a generating station with a gross electrical output of over 50 megawatts alternating current comprising all or any of the work numbers in this Schedule or any part of any work number in this Schedule—</i></p> | <p>This wording has been inserted to clarify that the project will be authorised.</p> |
| Schedule 2, Part 1 (Requirements), Requirement 3 | <p>Requirement 3(2) has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>(2) The details submitted must accord with—</i></p> <p><i>(a) the location plan;</i></p> <p><i>(b) the works plans;</i></p> <p><i>(c) the environmental masterplan;</i></p> <p><i>(d) the outline LEMP;</i></p> <p><i>(e) the principles and assessments set out in the environmental statement; and</i></p> <p><i>(f) the design approach document, or such variation thereof as may be approved by the relevant planning authority pursuant to requirement 19.</i></p> | <p>This wording has been inserted to clarify that the detailed design to be submitted for approval should be in accordance with the outline LEMP.</p> |
| Schedule 2, Part 1 (Requirements), Requirement 5 | <p>Requirement 5(1) has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>5.—(1) Within 3 months of the date that the undertaker decides to decommission any part of the solar farm works and grid connection works, the undertaker must submit to the relevant planning authority for that part for approval a decommissioning environmental management plan and a decommissioning traffic management plan for that part. Decommissioning must commence no later than 40 years following the date of final commissioning of the first phase of numbered work Work No. 1 as notified by the undertaker</i></p> | <p>This amendment is for consistency purposes across the requirements.</p> |

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| | <i>pursuant to requirement 2 (phasing of the authorised development and date of final commissioning).</i> | |
| Schedule 2, Part 1 (Requirements), Requirement 5 | <p>Requirement 5(4) has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>(4) No decommissioning works must be carried out until the relevant planning authority approves, in consultation with the Environment Agency and the relevant highway authority for the highway(s) to which the relevant decommissioning traffic management plan relates, the plans submitted in relation to such works,</i></p> | This wording has been inserted to clarify that discharge of Requirement 5 is contingent on consultation with the relevant statutory consultee. |
| Schedule 2, Part 1 (Requirements), Requirement 7 | <p>Requirement 7(1) has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>7.—(1) No phase of the authorised development is to be commenced until a pollution and spillage response plan covering that phase and in accordance with the outline pollution and spillage response plan for that phase has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority in-consultation to which the pollution and spillage response plan for that phase relates.</i></p> | This is rectifying a typographical error. |

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| Schedule 2, Part 1 (Requirements), Requirement 10 | <p>Requirement 10(1) has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>10.—(1) No phase of the authorised development may commence until a soil resource management plan (which must be substantially in accordance with the outline soil resource management plan as relevant to construction activities) for that phase has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority; <u>in consultation with Natural England.</u></i></p> | This wording has been amended to clarify that discharge of Requirement 10 is contingent on consultation with the relevant statutory consultee. |
| Schedule 2, Part 1 (Requirements), Requirement 11 | <p>Requirement 11(1) has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>11.—(1) Prior to the commencement of Work No. 2 as notified to the relevant planning authority under as notified by the undertaker pursuant to requirement 2 (phasing <u>phases</u> of the authorised development and date of final commissioning) a battery fire safety management plan must be submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority.</i></p> | This wording has been amended for clarity and consistency. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Deadline 6B – Revision 6 of the dDCO</p> <p>Revision 6 of the dDCO to be submitted at Deadline 6B re-inserts the Revision 3 changes pursuant to the Change Application into the baseline copy of the D6 dDCO. The Schedule of Changes for Revision 6 is therefore largely a replica of those submitted at Revision 3, save for some minor explanatory points below in respect of Schedule 8.</p> | | |
| Changes made throughout the DCO | <p>Various minor amendments have been made to the dDCO to correct typos, cross-referencing errors and updates to the Table of Contents.</p> | Clarity and consistency. |

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| Article 21 (Compulsory Acquisition of Land) | <p>Sub-paragraph (2) has been amended as follows:</p> <p>(2) This article is subject to paragraph (2) of article 23 (compulsory acquisition of rights), article 25 (acquisition of subsoil only) and article 2930 (temporary use of land for carrying out the authorised development).</p> | <p>This amendment has been made as a consequence of the addition of Article 25 (Acquisition of subsoil only). The amendment makes clear that, where relevant, the undertaker can only acquire new rights or take temporary possession of land and cannot acquire the freehold interest in that land.</p> |
| Article 25 (Acquisition of subsoil only) | <p>The following Article has been inserted:</p> <p>Acquisition of subsoil only</p> <p>(25)(1) The undertaker may acquire compulsorily so much of, or such rights in, the subsoil of the land referred to in paragraph (1) of article 21 (compulsory acquisition of land) or article 23 (compulsory acquisition of rights) as may be required for any purpose for which that land may be acquired under that provision instead of acquiring the whole of the land.</p> <p>(2) Where the undertaker acquires any part of, or rights in, the subsoil of land, the undertaker is not required to acquire an interest in any other part of the land.</p> <p>(3) The following do not apply in connection with the exercise of the power under paragraph (1) in relation to subsoil only—</p> <p>(a) Schedule 2A (counter-notice requiring purchase of land not in notice to treat) to the 1965 Act as modified by Schedule 9 (modification of compensation and compulsory purchase enactments for the creation of new rights and imposition of new restrictive covenants);</p> | <p>This Article has been added pursuant to the change referred to as Change 1 within the Applicant's Change Application. This Article has been added to enable the Applicant to compulsorily acquire only the subsoil of land required for the laying of cables along the on-road cable route. The relevant land plots over which the power in this Article could be exercised have been included in Schedule 8 (Land in which only new rights etc. may be acquired) and other consequential amendments have been made throughout the dDCO.</p> |

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| | <p><u>(b) Schedule A1 (counter-notice requiring purchase of land not in general vesting declaration) to the 1981 Act; and</u></p> <p><u>(c) section 153(4A) (blighted land: proposed acquisition of part interest, material detriment test) of the 1990 Act.</u></p> <p><u>(4) Paragraphs (2) and (3) are to be disregarded where the undertaker acquires a cellar, vault, arch or other construction forming part of a house, building or factory.</u></p> | |
| Article 26 (Application of the 1981 Act) | <p>A new sub-paragraph (9) has been inserted as follows:</p> <p><u>(9) In Schedule A1 (counter-notice requiring purchase of land not in general vesting declaration), for paragraph 1(2) substitute— “(2) But see article 25(3) (acquisition of subsoil only) of the Byers Gill Solar Order 20[•], which excludes the acquisition of subsoil only from this Schedule.”</u></p> | This amendment makes a standard modification to the 1981 Act as a consequence of the addition of Article 25 (Acquisition of subsoil only). |
| Article 28 (Modification of Part 1 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965) | <p>A new sub-paragraph (5)(a) has been inserted as follows:</p> <p><u>(5)(a) For paragraphs 1(2) and 14(2) substitute—</u></p> <p><u>“(2) But see article 25(3) (acquisition of subsoil only) of the Byers Gill Solar Order 20[•], which excludes the acquisition of subsoil only from this Schedule”; and</u></p> | This amendment makes a standard modification to the 1965 Act as a consequence of the addition of Article 25 (Acquisition of subsoil only). |

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| Article 30 (Temporary use of land or carrying out the authorised project) | <p>Sub-paragraph (10) is inserted as follows:</p> <p><u>(10) Nothing in this article precludes the undertaker from—</u></p> <p><u>(a) creating and acquiring new rights or imposing restrictions over any part of the Order land identified in Schedule 8 (land in which only new rights etc. may be acquired); or</u></p> <p><u>(b) acquiring any part of the subsoil of (or rights in the subsoil of) that land under article 25 (acquisition of subsoil only) or any part of the subsoil of or airspace over that land under article 29 (rights under or over streets)</u></p> | <p>This amendment clarifies that Article 30 does not preclude the undertaker's exercise of the rights included in Schedule 8 of the dDCO including pursuant to the power in Article 25 (Acquisition of subsoil only).</p> | | | |
| Article 46 (Funding) | <p>A new sub-paragraph (2)(d) is inserted as follows:</p> <p><u>(d) article 25 (acquisition of subsoil only)</u></p> | <p>This amendment has been made as a consequence of the addition of Article 25 (Acquisition of subsoil only). The amendment makes clear that, the undertaker must not exercise compulsory acquisition powers under Article 25 unless it has first provided the required guarantee or security under Article 46.</p> | | | |
| Schedule 5, Part 1, (Public rights of way to be temporarily stopped up) | <p>The following row is inserted into the table:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="577 922 1272 1254"> <tr> <td data-bbox="577 922 734 1254"><u>Parish of Brafferton</u></td><td data-bbox="734 922 891 1254"><u>Footpath No.9</u></td><td data-bbox="891 922 1272 1254"><u>Temporary management including temporary stopping up over the public right of way, referenced FP-Bfn.9, comprising a length of 613m as shown between points 11 and 11a on sheet 1 of the Street Works, Public Rights of Way and Access plans</u></td></tr> </table> | <u>Parish of Brafferton</u> | <u>Footpath No.9</u> | <u>Temporary management including temporary stopping up over the public right of way, referenced FP-Bfn.9, comprising a length of 613m as shown between points 11 and 11a on sheet 1 of the Street Works, Public Rights of Way and Access plans</u> | <p>This amendment has been made pursuant to the change referred to as Change 2 within the Applicant's Change Application. This amendment is to authorise temporary management measures along Footpath No.9 on High House Lane.</p> |
| <u>Parish of Brafferton</u> | <u>Footpath No.9</u> | <u>Temporary management including temporary stopping up over the public right of way, referenced FP-Bfn.9, comprising a length of 613m as shown between points 11 and 11a on sheet 1 of the Street Works, Public Rights of Way and Access plans</u> | | | |

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| Schedule 8 (Land in which only new rights etc. may be acquired) | Column 1 is amended as follows: <table><tr><td>1/1, 1/2, 2/2, 2/4, 2/6, 3/1, 3/6, 4/2, 4/3, 5/2, 5/3, 6/1, 6/2, 6/4, 6/6, 6/7, 8/6, 9/6, 9/8, 9/9, 10/1, 10/2, 11/3</td><td>Work No. 3</td></tr></table> | 1/1 , 1/2 , 2/2 , 2/4 , 2/6 , 3/1 , 3/6 , 4/2, 4/3, 5/2, 5/3, 6/1, 6/2, 6/4, 6/6, 6/7, 8/6 , 9/6 , 9/8 , 9/9, 10/1, 10/2 , 11/3 | Work No. 3 | This amendment has been made pursuant to the change referred to as Change 1 within the Applicant’s Change Application. The additional plot numbers relate to the on-road cable route. |
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| Schedule 8 (Land in which only new rights etc. may be acquired) | Column 1 is amended as follows: <table><tr><td>7/3, 7/4, 7/5, 7/6, 7/8, 8/3, 8/4, 8/5, 9/2, 9/3, 9/4, 9/5</td><td>Work No. 3 and Work No. 5</td></tr></table> | 7/3, 7/4 , 7/5 , 7/6 , 7/8, 8/3 , 8/4, 8/5, 9/2, 9/3, 9/4, 9/5 | Work No. 3 and Work No. 5 | This amendment has been made pursuant to the change referred to as Change 1 within the Applicant’s Change Application. The additional plot numbers relate to the on-road cable route. |
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| Schedule 8 (Land in which only new rights etc. may be acquired) | Column 1 is amended as follows: <table><tr><td>9/15, 9/16, 11/1, 11/5, 11/6, 11/7, 11/9, 11/10, 11/11, 11/12, 11/13, 11/14, 11/15, 11/16, 11/17, 11/18, 12/1, 12/2, 12/3, 12/4,</td><td>Work No. 5</td></tr></table> | 9/15 , 9/16, 11/1 , 11/5, 11/6, 11/7, 11/9, 11/10 , 11/11 , 11/12 , 11/13, 11/14, 11/15, 11/16 , 11/17, 11/18, 12/1, 12/2, 12/3, 12/4 , | Work No. 5 | <p>This amendment has been made pursuant to the change referred to as Change 1 within the Applicant’s Change Application. The additional plot numbers relate to the on-road cable route.</p> <p>Plots 12/31 and 12/32 do not show as additions in this Revision of the dDCO despite being adding at Revision 3 for the Change Application. The reason for the addition of these plots at the Change Application submission was to correct an earlier omission at the DCO Application stage.</p> |
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| Schedule 9 (Modification of Compensation and Compulsory Purchase Enactments for the Creation of New Rights and Imposition of New Restrictive Covenants), Paragraph 10 | Sub-paragraph 1(2) has been inserted within “Schedule 2A Counter-Notice Requiring Purchase of Land” as follows: (2) But see article 25(3) (acquisition of subsoil only) of the Byers Gill Solar Order 20[•] which excludes the acquisition of subsoil only from this Schedule. | | | This amendment is in consequence to the addition of Article 25 (Acquisition of subsoil only). |
| Deadline 7A – Revision 7 of the dDCO | | | | |

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| Changes made throughout the DCO | Various minor amendments have been made to the dDCO to correct typos, cross-referencing errors and updates to the Table of Contents. In several instances, references to the “highway authority” have been amended to the “ relevant highway authority ” to ensure consistent use of the term as defined in Article 2. | Clarity and consistency. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been inserted: “carriageway” has the same meaning as in the 1980 Act; | This definition has been inserted to reflect consistency in defined terms across other recently made solar DCOs. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been inserted: “date of final commissioning” means in respect of each phase of the authorised development as approved under requirement 2 the date on which each phase of the authorised development commences operation by generating electricity on a commercial basis but excluding the generation of electricity during commissioning and testing; | This definition has been inserted to reflect consistency in defined terms across other recently made solar DCOs. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been inserted: “definitive map and statement” has the same meaning as in Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981; | This definition has been inserted to reflect consistency in defined terms across other recently made solar DCOs. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been inserted: “footpath” and “footway” have the same meaning as in the 1980 Act; | This definition has been inserted to reflect consistency in defined terms across other recently made solar DCOs. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been inserted: “location plan” means the plan certified by the Secretary of State as the location plan for the purposes of this Order under article 37 (certification of plans, etc); | This definition has been inserted to clarify the meaning of the “location plan” referred to in Requirement 3(2)(a) (Detailed Design Approval) of Schedule 2, Part 1. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been inserted: “National Grid” means National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (Company Number 2366977) whose registered office is at 1-3 Strand, London, WC2N 5EH or any successor as a licence holder within the meaning of Part 1 of the 1989 Act; | This definition has been inserted to clarify the entity referred to as “National Grid” within the Article 2 definition of “National Grid substation”. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The definition of ‘outline DEMP’ has been amended: “outline DEMP” means the document certified as such by the Secretary of State as the outline decommissioning environmental | This definition has been amended for consistency with other similar Article 2 definitions, for example for the definitions of “outline CEMP” and “outline CTMP”. |

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| | <u>management plan</u> for the purposes of this Order under article 37 (certification of plans, etc); | |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been inserted: <u>“owner”, in relation to land, has the same meaning as in section 7 (interpretation) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981;</u> | This definition has been inserted to reflect consistency in defined terms across other recently made solar DCOs. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been inserted: <u>“plot” means any plot as may be identified by reference to a number and which is listed in the book of reference and shown on the land plans;</u> | This definition has been inserted to reflect consistency in defined terms across other recently made solar DCOs. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been inserted: <u>“subsidiary” has the same meaning as in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006;</u> | This definition has been inserted to reflect consistency in defined terms across other recently made solar DCOs. |
| Article 2 (Interpretation) | The following definition has been inserted: <u>“traffic authority” has the same meaning as in section 121A (traffic authorities) of the 1984 Act;</u> | This definition has been inserted to reflect consistency in defined terms across other recently made solar DCOs. |
| Article 10 (Application of the 1991 Act) | Sub-paragraph (4) has been removed: (4) The following provisions of the 1991 Act do not apply in relation to any works executed under the powers conferred by this Order— (a) section 56(d) (power to give directions as to timing of street works); (b) section 56A(e) (power to give directions as to placing of apparatus); (c) section 58(f) (restriction on works following substantial road works); (d) section 58A(g) restriction on works following substantial road works); (e) section 61 (protected streets); and (f) schedule 3A(h) (restriction on works following substantial street works). | Sub-paragraph (4) has been removed at the request of Darlington Borough Council so that the provisions of the 1991 Act previously listed are no longer disapplied. |

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| Article 11 (Power to alter layout, etc., of streets) | Sub-paragraph (3) has been inserted: <u>(3) The undertaker must restore any street that has been temporarily altered under this Order to the reasonable satisfaction of the street authority.</u> | Sub-paragraph (3) has been inserted at the request of Darlington Borough Council. |
| Article 12 (Construction and maintenance of altered streets) | Sub-paragraph (3) has been inserted: <u>(3) Subject to paragraph (4), the temporary alterations to each of the streets specified in Part 2 (temporary alteration of layout) of Schedule 4 must be completed to the reasonable satisfaction of the street authority and the temporary alterations must be maintained by and at the expense of the undertaker.</u> | Sub-paragraph (3) has been inserted at the request of Darlington Borough Council. |
| Article 12 (Construction and maintenance of altered streets) | Sub-paragraph (4) has been inserted: <u>(4) Those restoration works carried out pursuant to article 11(3) (power to alter layout, etc., of streets) must be completed to the reasonable satisfaction of the street authority and must be maintained by the undertaker for a period of 12 months from their completion and from the expiry of that period by and at the expense of the street authority.</u> | Sub-paragraph (4) has been inserted at the request of Darlington Borough Council. |
| Article 13 (Temporary stopping up public rights of way) | Sub-paragraph (2) has been inserted: <u>(2) The undertaker must provide reasonable access for pedestrians going to or from premises abutting a public right of way affected by the temporary stopping up, prohibition, restriction, alteration or diversion of a public right of way under this article if there would otherwise be no such access.</u> | Sub-paragraph (2) has been inserted at the request of Darlington Borough Council. |
| Article 20 (Authority to survey and investigate the land) | Sub-paragraph (1)(d) has been amended: (d) place on, leave on and remove from the land apparatus <u>equipment</u> for use in connection with the survey and investigation of land making of trial holes | The reference to “apparatus” has been replaced with “equipment” for consistency with the subsequent references to “equipment” in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3)(b). |

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| Article 39 (Felling or lopping of trees or removal of hedgerows) | Sub-paragraph (4)(a) has been amended: (4) <i>The undertaker may for the purposes of the authorised development— (a) remove those parts of the hedgerows as are within the Order limits and specified in Schedule 7 (removal of hedgerows). shown for illustrative purposes on the trees and hedgerows to be removed or managed plan</i> | Sub-paragraph (4)(a) has been amended to correctly refer to the “trees and hedgerows to be removed plan” as defined in Article 2. | | | |
| Schedule 2 (Requirements), Part 1, Requirement 5 | Sub-paragraph (7) has been inserted: <u>(7) In this Part of this Schedule – (a) “solar farm works” means that part of the authorised development identified in Work No. 1, Work No.2, Work No.3 (but excluding Work No.3(b)) and Work No.4; and (b) “grid connection works” means that part of the authorised development identified in Work No.3(b) and Work No.5.</u> | Definitions of “solar farm works” and “grid connection works” have been included in sub-paragraph (7) to clarify the meaning of these terms as they appear in sub-paragraph (1) of Requirement 5. | | | |
| Schedule 2 (Requirements), Part 1, Requirement 11 | Sub-paragraph (3) has been amended: (3) <i>In the event that the submitted battery fire safety management plan proposes changes to the outline battery fire safety management plan the relevant planning authority must not approve the battery fire safety management plan until it has consulted with the Health and Safety Executive and the County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service.</i> | The Health and Safety Executive has been removed as a consultee for the battery fire safety management plan at the request of the Health and Safety Executive. | | | |
| Schedule 13 (Documents to be certified) | A new row has been inserted into the table: <table border="1"> <tr> <td><u>Location plan</u></td> <td><u>Volume 2, document reference 2.1</u></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | <u>Location plan</u> | <u>Volume 2, document reference 2.1</u> | | The “location plan” has been included as a document to be certified by the Secretary of State in consequence of sub-paragraph (2)(a) of Requirement 3 (Detailed design approval). |
| <u>Location plan</u> | <u>Volume 2, document reference 2.1</u> | | | | |
| Deadline 8 – Revision 8 of the dDCO | | | | | |

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| Schedule 11 (Protective Provisions) | <p>New Parts have been added to Schedule 11 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Part 4 (For the protection of National Grid Electricity Transmissions PLC as Electricity Undertaker); - Part 5 (For the protection of National Gas Transmission PLC as Gas Undertaker); - Part 6 (For the protection of Northern Powergrid); - Part 7 (For the protection of Northumbrian Water Limited); and - Part 8 (For the protection of Northern Gas Network's apparatus) | <p>Additional Parts 4 to 8 of Schedule 11 contain bespoke protective provisions for the named statutory undertakers. Please refer to the Statutory Undertakers Position Statement (Document Reference 7.7) submitted at Deadline 8 for further commentary on these provisions.</p> |
| Deadline 9 – Revision 9 of the dDCO | | |
| Schedule 11 (Protective Provisions), Part 5 | <p>Sub-paragraph 55(6) of Part 5 of Schedule 11 has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>(6) National Gas must use its reasonable endeavours to mitigate in whole or in part and to minimise any costs, expenses, loss, demands, and penalties to which the indemnity under this paragraph applies where it is within National Gas' reasonable ability and control to do so and which expressly excludes any obligation to mitigate liability arising from third parties which is outside of 'National Gas' control and if reasonably requested to do so by the undertaker National Gas must provide an explanation of how the claim has been minimised, where relevant.</i></p> | <p>This amendment has been made to correct an error in the Revision 8 dDCO. Please refer to the Statutory Undertakers Position Statement (Document Reference 7.7) for further commentary on the protective provisions in Part 5 of Schedule 11 for the protection of National Gas Transmission.</p> |

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| Schedule 13 (Documents to be Certified) | The table included at Schedule 13 has been amended to include the appropriate revision numbers in respect of each document to be certified. | This amendment to Schedule 13 has been made to assist the Examining Authority and the Secretary of State at the close of Examination. |
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