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Volume 1 Guide to the Application

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Document

- 1.1.1 This **Guide to the Application** (Guide) [EN010142/APP/1.2] has been prepared on behalf of Tillbridge Solar Ltd (the 'Applicant'). It forms part of the application (the 'Application') for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for Tillbridge Solar Project (the 'Scheme'), which has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the 'Secretary of State'), under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'PA 2008').
- 1.1.2 The Applicant is seeking a DCO for the construction, operation (including maintenance), and decommissioning of ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays. The Scheme will also include associated development to support the solar PV arrays and transfer electricity generated by the solar PV arrays to the national electricity transmission system (NETS) via a new bay at the existing National Grid Cottam Substation.
- 1.1.3 A DCO is required for the Scheme as it falls within the definition and thresholds for a 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project' (NSIP) under sections 14(1)(a), 15(1) and 15(2) of the PA 2008, being an onshore generating station in England with a capacity of more than 50 megawatts. As such, the decision whether to grant the DCO for the Scheme will be made by the Secretary of State.
- 1.1.4 This **Guide to the Application** [EN010142/APP/1.2] aims to help the Examining Authority (ExA) and Interested Parties understand the Application through signposting to the documents that make up the Application. This Guide will be reviewed and updated during the Examination period and as part of the Applicant's submission for each Examination deadline. This will be to ensure that there is clarity on the latest versions of documents and to record new documents submitted as part of the Examination.
- 1.1.5 Regulation 5 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (the 'APFP Regulations') sets out the documents that all DCO applications must include. It also provides at Regulation 5(2)(q) for the submission of "any other documents considered necessary to support the application" as well as at Regulation 5(2)(o) for "any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the proposals."
- 1.1.6 Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations sets out the specific documentation required in support of DCO applications for particular types of development, including generating stations and grid connections. This document provides a full list of documents prepared to meet the requirements of Regulations 5 and 6 of the APFP Regulations.
- 1.1.7 The Scheme constitutes Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development and, therefore, the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental

Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 'EIA Regulations') and requirements contained therein apply to the Application.

- 1.1.8 This **Guide to the Application [EN010142/APP/1.2]** provides an overview of the documents that have been submitted to satisfy the APFP Regulations, the EIA Regulations and section 37 of the PA 2008.

1.2 The Applicant

- 1.2.1 The Application is submitted by Tillbridge Solar Limited (the 'Applicant'). The Applicant is a joint venture between Tribus Clean Energy Limited and Recurrent Energy (a subsidiary of Canadian Solar), who are both experienced developers of renewable energy projects.
- 1.2.2 Tribus Clean Energy Ltd was founded in 2018 and specialises in the development of renewable energy projects and has a UK solar PV development pipeline of over 1.5 gigawatts (GW) and a pipeline of more than 3 gigawatt hours (GWh) of Battery and Energy Storage Systems (BESS).
- 1.2.2 Canadian Solar, founded in Canada in 2001 is a leading manufacturer of solar photovoltaic modules and provider of solar energy solutions, with a UK solar development pipeline of over 2 GW and more than 4GWh of BESS.
- 1.2.3 Both developers are using their experience from developing similar size projects in the UK to help bring forward the Scheme.

2. The Scheme

2.1 Scheme Description

- 2.1.1 The Tillbridge Solar Project (the Scheme) will comprise the construction, operation (including maintenance), and decommissioning of ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays. The Scheme will also include associated development to support the solar PV arrays.
- 2.1.2 The Scheme is made up of the Principal Site, the Cable Route Corridor and works to the existing National Grid Cottam Substation. The Principal Site comprises the solar PV arrays, electrical substations, grid balancing infrastructure, cabling and areas for landscaping and ecological enhancement.
- 2.1.3 The associated development element of the Scheme includes but is not limited to access provision; a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), to support the operation of the ground mounted solar PV arrays; the development of on-site substations; underground cabling between the different areas of solar PV arrays; and areas of landscaping and biodiversity enhancement.
- 2.1.4 The Scheme also includes a 400kV underground Cable Route Corridor of approximately 18.5km in length connecting the Principal Site to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS) at the existing National Grid Cottam Substation. The Scheme will export and import electricity to the NETS.
- 2.1.5 A full description of the Scheme is included in **Chapter 3: Scheme Description** of the Environmental Statement [EN010142/APP/6.1]. An overview of the Scheme and its environmental impacts is provided in the **Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary** [EN010142/APP/6.4].
- 2.1.6 **Figure 2-1** in the Environmental Statement (ES) [EN010142/APP/6.3] shows the Order limits relating to these two components of the Scheme.
- 2.1.7 The key components of the Scheme will consist of the following:
- a. Solar PV infrastructure consisting of solar PV panels and mounting structures (also known as solar modules);
 - b. Solar Stations (inverter, transformer and switchgear);
 - c. BESS;
 - d. Battery DC/DC convertors;
 - e. On-site cabling;
 - f. On-site substations;
 - g. Solar Farm Control Centre;
 - h. Equipment storage;
 - i. Fencing, security and lighting;
 - j. Site access and access tracks;
 - k. Surface water drainage; and

- I. Electricity connection to National Grid via Cable Route Corridor. The Tillbridge circuit will be connected to a new bay at the existing National Grid Cottam Substation.
- 2.1.8 The Cable Route Corridor is an area of land within which the Applicant will locate its 400kV cable to connect the Principal Site to the National Grid Cottam Substation. Parts of the Cable Route Corridor will be shared with three other solar DCO projects, being the Cottam Solar Project, Gate Burton Energy Park, and West Burton Solar Project. The shared corridor is set out in more detail in the **Joint Report on the Interrelationship with other National Infrastructure Projects [EN010142/APP/7.6]** and the **Works Plans [EN010142/APP/2.3]**.
- 2.1.9 Subject to obtaining the necessary consents, construction of the Scheme is anticipated to commence in late 2025, with operation commencing in 2028. The operational life of the Scheme is 60 years from the point of commissioning of the entirety of the Scheme.
- 2.1.10 A more detailed description of the physical characteristics and programme of works associated with the Scheme is provided in **Chapter 3: Scheme Description of the ES [EN010142/APP/6.1]** and the **Design and Access Statement [EN010142/APP/7.3]**.

2.2 The Order Limits

- 2.2.1 The Order limits comprise approximately 1,660 ha of land within the administrative areas of West Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council in Lincolnshire and Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council in Nottinghamshire, as shown on the **Location Plan [EN010142/APP/2.1]** and the **Land and Crown Plans [EN010142/APP/2.2]**. This includes the Principal Site and Cable Route Corridor.
- 2.2.2 The Principal Site is situated to the east and south-east of Gainsborough in Lincolnshire and lies entirely within the administrative boundary of West Lindsey District Council (within Lincolnshire County Council) and covers an area of approximately 1,345 ha.
- 2.2.3 The Cable Route Corridor runs from the Principal Site in a south westerly direction across West Lindsey District Council (within Lincolnshire County Council) and the River Trent into the administrative area of Bassetlaw District Council (within Nottinghamshire County Council), covering an area of approximately 315 ha and is approximately 18.5km long from the edge of the Principal Site to the National Grid Cottam Substation.

Principal Site

- 2.2.4 The Principal Site is located to the south of the A631 Harpswell Lane, to the west of the B1398 Middle Street and largely to the north of the unclassified Kexby Road, east of the village of Springthorpe.
- 2.2.5 The northern and eastern boundaries of the Principal Site are formed by the A631 Harpswell Lane and the B1398 Middle Street. The east of the Principal

Site is dominated by the scarp slope of Lincoln Cliff (Area of Great Landscape Value), which is relatively elevated compared to the general character of the area. The Principal Site extends to the south of Kexby Road, with the inclusion of field parcels that are located to the south of the road.

- 2.2.6 The Principal Site comprises numerous field parcels used for arable farming. The fields are large with limited hedgerows and trees. Where there are hedgerows, these generally form the boundaries of fields as they adjoin roads. There are also some small, scattered areas of woodland located within the Principal Site, along with some rural dwellings as well as agricultural buildings dispersed across the area.
- 2.2.7 The northern boundary of the Principal Site, along the A631, is lined by mature hedgerows and trees. To the west, the surrounding area is predominantly open fields with some defined hedgerows within these. To the east, the landscape is defined by the Lincoln Cliff, which is a notable topographic feature in Lincolnshire, extending in a relatively straight, north south line from around Scunthorpe to Grantham. Expansive views are available from the crest (top of the scarp) of the Cliff, extending as far as the Peak District, over 60km to the west.
- 2.2.8 In the immediate vicinity of the Principal Site are a number of villages interspersed along the B1398 Middle Street (east of the Principal Site) including Harpswell (to the north), Fillingham, Ingham and Glentworth (to the south). Heapham and Springthorpe are located to the west of the Principal Site. The surrounding area consists of predominantly flat, rural fields, some of which are used for farming.
- 2.2.9 The local transport network comprises several strategic connections including the A631 Harpswell Lane located directly to the north of the Principal Site. The A631 Harpswell Lane connects with the A15 approximately 6km to the east of the Principal Site, and the A15 provides a strategic connection to the M180 further north.

Cable Route Corridor

- 2.2.10 The Cable Route Corridor connects the Principal Site to the National Grid Cottam Substation located at the decommissioned Cottam Power Station on the border of Nottinghamshire County. The Cable Route Corridor covers an area of approximately 315 ha and is approximately 18.5km long from the edge of the Principal Site to the National Grid Cottam Substation.
- 2.2.11 The character of much of the eastern part of the Cable Route Corridor is broadly similar to that described for the Principal Site, comprising low-lying arable farmland with occasional woodland blocks and scattered farmsteads or isolated properties. Heading south from the Principal Site, the cable route crosses Common Lane, Cow Lane, Kexby Road and Fillingham Lane before turning to the west crossing South Lane, Stone Pit Lane and the B1241 Stow Road (located to the south of Willingham by Stow). The Cable Route Corridor continues in a westerly direction before crossing the East Midlands Railway Line that provides services towards Lincoln and runs in a broad north-south direction to the west of Willingham by Stow and to the east of Gate Burton. The Cable Route Corridor then continues westwards crossing

Stow Park Road (A1500) followed by Gainsborough Road (A156) before then crossing the River Trent to connect with the National Grid Cottam Substation.

- 2.2.12 The River Trent is a prominent landscape feature within the Cable Route Corridor, representing the boundary of Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. Cottam Power Station cooling towers dominate the south of the Cable Route Corridor, west of the River Trent.
- 2.2.13 There are a number of residential properties within 1km of the Cable Route Corridor. The village of Cottam lies adjacent to the Cable Route Corridor, while Rampton lies adjacent to the west. Stow is located approximately 500 m to the south of the Corridor, while Marton lies adjacent to the north. Willingham by Stow is located approximately 200 m to the west. Other infrastructure in the surrounding area includes some barn conversions along Stow Park Road and at Normanby-by-Stow. Surrounding this is primarily agricultural fields.
- 2.2.14 The A156, which is crossed by the Cable Route Corridor, runs north-south between Gainsborough and Newark, with the A1500 branching east towards Lincoln. The wider area around Cottam includes former coal storage areas and ash tips, some now restored, wooded and designated as Local Wildlife Sites (LWSs); set within low-lying farmland with medium to large-scale rectilinear fields.

Environmental and planning constraints

- 2.2.15 The key environmental and planning constraints within and around the Order limits are shown in **Figure 2-2** of the ES [EN010142/APP/6.3].
- 2.2.16 There are no sites internationally designated for their biodiversity importance within 10km of the Order limits nor any for which bats are a qualifying feature within 30km of the Order limits. The Cable Route Corridor crosses the River Trent, which is hydrologically connected to the Humber Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Ramsar Site (approximately 40km upstream of the Cable Route Corridor), which includes migratory fish as a qualifying feature.
- 2.2.17 Ashton's Meadow, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) designated for its biodiversity importance at a national level measures 3.6 hectares (ha) in area. It is an ancient traditionally maintained meadow, surrounded by species rich hedgerows, located approximately 1.5km to the west of the Cable Route Corridor. There are no ecological or hydrological connections between this SSSI and the Order limits. The SSSI is also a Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust LWS.
- 2.2.18 There are 13 non-statutory sites designated for biodiversity importance within 2km of the Order limits, which are designated as LWSs for their biodiversity value at county level and are known to support a wide variety of protected and notable species and/or habitats. There are three LWSs within the Cable Route Corridor, which comprise the Willingham to Fillingham Road Verges LWS, Cow Pasture Lane Drains LWS and Upton Grange Road Verges LWS.

- 2.2.19 The Order limits is not covered by any statutory landscape designations (e.g. National Parks or National Landscapes, formerly Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty); or any international designations that may inform landscape value, such as World Heritage Sites.
- 2.2.20 The boundary to the Lincolnshire Wolds National Landscape (an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)) lies around 18km to the east of the Principal Site at its closest point. No appreciable visibility of the Scheme is expected from the National Landscape due to distance and the intervening landform of the Lincoln Cliff.
- 2.2.21 The Lincoln Cliff, which lies immediately to the east of the Principal Site forms part of a local landscape designation defined as an Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV). The north-south scarp slope of Lincoln Cliff extends from a point at South Carlton (north of Lincoln), northwards to the county boundary at Grayingham. The eastern extent is generally defined by the B1398 Middle Street, except where it includes the grounds to Fillingham Castle. The western boundary runs broadly along the base of the scarp slope, but also includes Fillingham Lake, land to the west of Glentworth village and Blyborough Hall.
- 2.2.22 There is a second AGLV located to the west of the Principal Site comprising an area extending south from Gainsborough that includes historic parkland around Knaith and Gate Burton and continues as far south as the northern edge of Marton.
- 2.2.23 There are no areas of Ancient Woodland within the Order limits. There is an area of Ancient Woodland (Burton Wood) approximately 1.1km north of the Cable Route Corridor. No Tree Preservation Orders are present within the Order limits.
- 2.2.24 There are no designated heritage assets located within the Order limits of the Principal Site or the Cable Route Corridor.
- 2.2.25 There are no Scheduled Monuments or Designated Heritage Assets located within the Principal Site. There are two Scheduled Monuments in close proximity to the Principal Site: Harpswell Hall adjacent 320m to the north east of the Principal Site (a post medieval house and gardens that overlays earlier medieval remains) and Elm Tree Farm (a moated manorial complex) 550m to the west.
- 2.2.26 A Registered Park and Garden (Grade II), associated with Fillingham Castle, is located approximately 2.2km to the east of the Principal Site at the nearest point.
- 2.2.27 There are a total of 163 listed buildings within 3km of the Order limits. These listed buildings include 15 Grade I, 11 Grade II*, with the remaining being Grade II. Most of the listed buildings are concentrated in or around the surrounding villages and hamlets that are set in the rural landscape.
- 2.2.28 There are four Conservation areas within 3km of the Order limits, these include;
- a. Glentworth Conservation Area (2790), to the east;

- b. Hemswell Conservation Area (2793), to the north-east;
- c. Springthorpe Conservation Area (2805), to the west; and
- d. Fillingham Conservation Area (2785) to the south-east.

2.2.29 There are no allocations for residential development, employment development or for minerals and waste development within the Order limits.

2.2.30 All environmental designations and allocations, and other environmental and planning considerations are discussed in detail in the ES **[EN010142/APP/6.1]** and are summarised in the **Planning Statement [EN010142/APP/7.2]**.

3. Overview of Application Documents

- 3.1.1 The documents submitted as part of the Application have been grouped into volumes as detailed in **Table 3-1** below to meet the requirements of the APFP Regulations and to adhere with the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note Six: Preparation and submission of application documents (Version 10, published in September 2021). A plain English summary of the documents is below, with a full list of documents provided in each volume provided in later sections of this Guide.

Table 3-1. Guide to the Volumes of the Application

Volume	Description
1. Application Form	Comprises the completed application form, the cover letter for the Application, this Guide to the Application, the electronic application index, and the section 55 checklist completed by the Applicant demonstrating that the Application can be accepted pursuant to section 55 of the PA 2008.
2. Plans/Drawings/Sections	Contains relevant plans for the Scheme, as required by the APFP Regulations and other plans, including the Location Plan, Works Plans setting out the limits within which works will be carried out, Land and Crown Land Plans identifying the land required for and affected by the Scheme and plans related to alteration of the means of access and traffic regulation measures required to support the implementation of the Scheme.
3. Draft Development Consent Order and Related Documents	Contains the draft Statutory Instrument containing the legal powers the Applicant is seeking, together with separate documents explaining the provisions of the DCO and how other required consents will be obtained.
4. Compulsory Acquisition Information	Provides written evidence for why legal powers of compulsory acquisition and temporary possession of land is sought along with setting out the detail of new rights over land that will be acquired and existing rights to be extinguished. Details are provided of all owners and occupiers of land within the Order limits of the DCO. This volume also includes a report setting out how the Scheme is to be funded.

Volume	Description
5. Reports/Statements	Contains the Consultation Report and its supporting appendices relating to the preapplication consultation undertaken on the Scheme and how regard has been given to relevant consultation feedback has been taken into account.
6. Environmental Impact Assessment and habitat regulations information	Provides environmental information that assesses the likely significant effects of the Scheme, as well as a description of proposed mitigation measures and residual effects.
7. Other Documents	Contains additional documents pertaining to the Scheme, required by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations and considered by the Applicant to be required to support the Application in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(q) of the APFP.
8. Change Request	Contains all of the new or updated documents submitted as part of the Change Request application.
9. Examination Documents	Contains all of the new or updated documents submitted as part of the Examination.

3.1.2 Sections 4 to 10 of this Guide provides a summary of the purpose of each document and plan included in each Volume. **Appendix A** includes a full document schedule. **Appendix A** is a live document and will be updated as necessary as the Application progresses to subsequent stages of the Application process.

3.1.3 Upon acceptance of the Application, a copy of the Application documents will be available on the Planning Inspectorate's website. Requests for printing and distribution of hard copies can be made to the project team by emailing info@tillbridgesolar.com or calling 0800 046 9643.

3.2 Document Reference Numbering

3.2.1 Documents are numbered in sequence within the respective volumes (as outlined in **Appendix A** of this Guide). The volume number is the first digit of a document number. This is followed by the document number and, where relevant, the Chapter and/or Appendix number if these are standalone documents. For example, documents within 'Volume 1, Application Form' are numbered 1.1, 1.2 etc.

3.2.2 The most up to date document reference numbers are set out in Section 11 of this Guide, which details documents that are submitted as part of the Change Request Report, and Appendix A: Application Document Schedule, which provides a list of every document submitted as part of the DCO

Application and identifies the latest version. Schedule 13 of the Draft DCO also contains the most up to date document references for those documents and plans that are to be certified. Document references have not been updated throughout the main body of this Guide, except for where documents that are updated as part of additional submissions post-acceptance are outlined.

- 3.2.3 For those documents updated as part of additional submissions post-acceptance, including Change Request documents and documents submitted as part of the examination, the document reference number will contain the appropriate revision, for example 'Rev 01'. Once accepted and uploaded by the Planning Inspectorate, this number will be updated with the 'APP' number assigned to the document in the Examination Library.

4. Volume 1: Application Form

- 4.1.1 The **Covering Letter [EN010142/APP/1.1]** provides a brief overview of the Scheme, its location, and an introduction to the Application.
- 4.1.2 The purpose of this **Guide to the Application [EN010142/APP/1.2]** is set out in section 1.1 above.
- 4.1.3 The **Section 55 Checklist [EN010142/APP/1.3]** has been provided by the Applicant as a schedule of compliance, to evidence how the Application fulfils the conditions for acceptance under section 55 of the PA 2008.
- 4.1.4 The **Application Form [EN010142/APP/1.4]** is the standard form required as part of any DCO application under Regulation 5(1) of the APFP Regulations and Section 37(3)(b) of the PA 2008. It provides a high-level summary of the Scheme and documents that have been submitted as part of the Application.
- 4.1.5 The **Electronic Application Index [EN010142/APP/1.5]** provides a list of all the electronic file names, document reference numbers and regulation numbers for all documents provided within each volume. The **Electronic Application Index [EN010142/APP/1.5]** was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate via email on 20 March 2024. The final version is submitted alongside the Application.

5. Volume 2: Plans

- 5.1.1 There are nine sets of plans to be provided to meet the regulatory requirements of the PA 2008 and to provide supporting information on the Scheme.
- 5.1.2 The documents within this volume contain the plans which show how and where the Applicant proposes to undertake the construction, operation and maintenance of the Scheme. In accordance with PINS Advice Note Six and Regulation 5(4) of the APFP Regulations, where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, a key plan is provided to enable the reader to understand the relationship between the different sheets. Regulation 5(2)(q) of the APFP Regulations allows the submission of any other documents considered necessary to support the Application. In this regard, a **Location Plan [EN010142/APP/2.1]**, while not a requirement under the APFP Regulations, has been prepared as the Applicant considers it helpful for stakeholders to be able to view the Scheme on a single plan. The Location Plan identifies the location of the Scheme in relation to its wider context.
- 5.1.3 The **Land and Crown Land Plan [EN010142/APP/2.2]** correspond to and should be read in conjunction with the **Book of Reference [EN010142/APP/4.3]**, which is provided in Volume 4 and are required to be submitted under Regulation 5(2)(i) and 5(2)(n) of the APFP Regulations. These Plans identify:
- a. The land required for, or affected by, the Scheme.
 - b. Where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any right to use land
 - c. Any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights.
 - d. Land over which temporary possession is sought.
 - e. Any Crown Land.
- 5.1.4 Required under Regulation 5(2)(j) of the APFP Regulations, the **Works Plan [EN010142/APP/2.3]** illustrate the proposed location of the Scheme and works associated the Application. In accordance with Regulation 5(2)(j)(ii), the **Works Plan [EN010142/APP/2.3]** also set out the limits of deviation within which the development and works may be carried out. The areas on the Works Plans are numbered and these correspond to the works defined in **Schedule 1** of the **draft DCO [EN010142/APP/3.1]**, which sets out the authorised development to be approved by the DCO.
- 5.1.5 The **Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans [EN010142/APP/2.4]** identify any new or altered means of access, temporary stopping up of streets, roads and Public Rights of Way ('PRoW'), along with any diversions. These plans are required under Regulation 5(2)(k) of the APFP Regulations.
- 5.1.6 The **Traffic Regulation Measures Plans [EN010142/APP/2.5]** show details of speed changes, temporary traffic signals, temporary prohibitions, and temporary road closures and PRoW closures that may be required for the Scheme.

- 5.1.7 The **Statutory and Non-statutory Sites or Features of Historic Environment Plan [EN010142/APP/2.6]** are provided under Regulation 5(2)(m) of the APFP Regs identifying any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment likely to be affected by the Scheme. The assessment of the Scheme's effects on these sites and features required by this regulation is presented in **Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage** of the ES **[EN010142/APP/6.1]**.
- 5.1.8 The Statutory and Non-statutory Sites of Nature Conservation, and Important Habitat Plan **[EN010142/APP/2.7]**, and Waterbodies in a River Basin Management Plan **[EN010142/EN/2.8]** are provided in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(l) of the APFP Regulations. Sites of geological importance have not been identified and have therefore not been shown on any plans. Supporting assessments of the effects of the Scheme on these sites and features required by this regulation are presented in Chapter 9: Ecology and Nature Conservation; Chapter 10: Water Environment; and in Chapter 12: Landscape and Visual Amenity of the ES **[EN010142/APP/6.1]** and survey and baseline reports provided in the Environmental Statement Appendices **[EN010142/APP/6.2]**.
- 5.1.9 **Hedgerow Removal Plans [EN010142/APP/2.9]** are also provided in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(o) of the APFP Regulations to identify existing trees and hedgerows within the Scheme and how they will be affected by it. This includes details showing the partial or full removal of features where this is necessary. The **Hedgerow Removal Plans [EN010142/APP/2.9]** inform **Schedule 12** of the **draft DCO [EN010142/APP/3.1]** setting out the extent of hedgerows to be removed by the Scheme.
- 5.1.10 Other drawings that describe and illustrate the likely significant effects of the Scheme are provided in the Environmental Statement Figures **[EN010142/APP/6.3]** contained within Volume 6 and also accompany the **Design and Access Statement [EN010142/APP/7.3]** submitted under Volume 7. The **Indicative Landscape Masterplan [EN010142/APP/7.19]** have been provided within a separate document in Volume 7.

6. Volume 3: Draft Development Consent Order

- 6.1.1 The **draft Development Consent Order (DCO) [EN010142/APP/3.1]** is the draft statutory instrument which contains the legal powers that the Applicant is seeking to enable the construction, operation (including maintenance), and decommissioning of the Scheme should consent be granted. It sets out the parameters for what development would be permitted. This includes setting out the powers of the statutory instrument alongside a series of Schedules that will authorise specific works and rights over land.
- 6.1.2 A draft DCO Statutory Instrument Validation **[EN010142/APP/3.1]** is also submitted.
- 6.1.3 The **Explanatory Memorandum to the draft DCO [EN010142/APP/3.2]** explains the purpose and effect of each provision in the draft DCO including why it is considered necessary. It is required under Regulation 5(2)(c) of the APFP Regulations.
- 6.1.4 A number of consents and agreements may be required by the Applicant to construct and operate the Scheme separate to the DCO. The need for such consents and how these will be obtained is outlined in the **Consents and Agreements Position Statement [EN010142/APP/3.3]**.

7. Volume 4: Compulsory Acquisition Information

- 7.1.1 The Applicant will need to acquire land, obtain rights over land, to extinguish existing rights, and to possess and use land temporarily, in order to construct and operate the Scheme. Whilst negotiation with relevant landowners is ongoing, the Applicant may need to rely on powers in the DCO to authorise compulsory acquisition if agreement is unable to be reached. Volume 4 provides the evidence to justify the legal powers sought for compulsory acquisition as well as information on how the Scheme is to be funded.
- 7.1.2 The **Statement of Reasons [EN010142/APP/4.1]** is required to be submitted under Regulation 5(2)(h) of the APFP Regulations. It explains that there is a compelling case in the public interest that would justify the Applicant's exercise of powers of compulsory acquisition in order to acquire land and rights permanently, and to use land temporarily to enable construction, operation and maintenance of the Scheme. The **Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought [EN010142/APP/4.4]** should be read alongside the **Statement of Reasons [EN010142/APP/4.1]** and sets out the status of negotiations with landowners and the powers sought over the Order land.
- 7.1.3 The **Funding Statement [EN010142/APP/4.2]** is required under Regulation 5(2)(h) of the APFP Regulations and details how the Scheme would be funded, including the funding of any compensation payable in relation to the granting or exercise of powers of compulsory acquisition.
- 7.1.4 The **Book of Reference [EN010142/APP/4.3]** is required under Regulation 5(2)(d) of the APFP Regulations and identifies all parties who own or occupy land/or who may be entitled to make a 'relevant claim' as defined in Section 57 of the PA 2008. It is structured in five parts in accordance with Regulation 7 of the APFP Regulations.

8. Volume 5: Consultation

- 8.1.1 This volume comprises the **Consultation Report [EN010142/APP/5.1]** and its supporting **Appendices [EN010142/APP/5.2]** as required by Section 37(3)(c) of the PA 2008.
- 8.1.2 The **Consultation Report [EN010142/APP/5.1]** explains how the Applicant has complied with the consultation requirements set out by Section 49 of in the PA 2008; the APFP Regulations and the EIA Regulations. The report demonstrates how the Applicant has had regard to relevant responses received with respect to consultation with prescribed consultees (s42(1)(a)), relevant local authorities (s43), persons with an interest in land (s44) and the local community (s47).
- 8.1.3 The **Consultation Report [EN010142/APP/5.1]** also demonstrates how the Scheme accords with the guidance set out in 'Planning Act 2008: guidance on the pre-Application process' published by the Department for Communities and Local Government in March 2015 and PINS' Advice Note Fourteen: Compiling the Consultation Report. The following section sets out the structure and contents of the **Consultation Report [EN010142/APP/5.1]**.
- 8.1.4 **Chapter 2: Introduction** – sets out the background to the Scheme, details of the Applicant, collaborative working with other development, purpose of the report and includes a summary of the consultation activity undertaken.
- 8.1.5 **Chapter 3: Legislative and Regulatory Context** – sets out how the Applicant's consultation strategy and engagement is in accordance with legislative requirements to ensure the submission of a regulatory compliant DCO application.
- 8.1.6 **Chapter 4: Approach to Consultation** – explains the consultation strategy adopted by the Applicant to consult with the local community and key stakeholders at the statutory consultation, targeted consultation and non-statutory consultation stages of the Scheme. It also sets out the methodology adopted with respect to consultation, the mechanism for asking questions and providing feedback and then setting out how the Applicant has considered and had regard to the responses.
- 8.1.7 **Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11: Consultation** – sets out in detail the consultation approach, the methods of engagement and consultation response at the non-statutory consultation, statutory consultation and targeted consultation stage of the Scheme.
- 8.1.8 **Chapter 9: Publicity under Section 48 of the PA 2008** – explains how the Scheme has complied with publicity requirements under the PA 2008 and the APFP Regulations.
- 8.1.9 **Chapter 10: Responses received, issues raised, and changes made** – sets out how regard has been had to the consultation responses received demonstrating compliance with statutory duties laid down by s49 of the PA 2008.

- 8.1.10 **Chapter 12: Ongoing Consultation Activities and Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)** – explains how the Applicant has carried out continuous engagement with a number of stakeholders and discusses the approach to SoCG post submission.
- 8.1.11 **Chapter 13: Conclusion** – sets out how consultation carried out with respect to the Scheme exceeds the minimum legislative requirements being informed by good practice and guidance on the carrying out of preapplication consultation with respect to DCO applications.
- 8.1.12 The **Consultation Report Appendices [EN010142/APP/5.2]** as listed in **Appendix A** to this Guide comprise the evidence to demonstrate how the Application submission is regulatory compliant with respect to being in accordance with Sections 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50 of the PA 2008, Regulations 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, of the APFP Regulations (2009) and the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government guidance on the preapplication process (March 2015).

9. Volume 6: Environmental Statement

- 9.1.1 The Applicant has undertaken an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to support the Application which considers what likely significant effects the Scheme may have on the environment.
- 9.1.2 Volume 6 details the findings of the EIA in the Environmental Statement (ES) **[EN010142/APP/6.1]** and its supporting appendices **[EN0010142/APP/6.2] [APP-051 to APP-124]** and figures **[EN010142/APP/6.3]**. An **ES Non-Technical Summary [EN0010142/APP/6.4]** is also provided to summarise the findings of the EIA in non-technical language. Other supporting documents and assessments are provided in the ES appendices and as separate documents within this volume.
- 9.1.3 The Environmental Mitigation and Commitments Register **[EN010142/APP/6.5]** outlines all the mitigation measures to be delivered alongside the Scheme, and how these will be secured. This is set out in a table which contains a description of the measure; whether it is embedded or additional; the relevant topic; the party responsible for delivering the measure; whether it will be delivered during or post construction; and how its delivery is secured.
- 9.1.4 The ES **[EN010142/APP/6.1]** is split into three volumes. Volume 1 comprises the main body of the ES **[EN010142/APP/6.1]**, Volume 2 contains the Appendices **[EN010142/APP/6.2]** that have informed the ES and Volume 3 comprises the Figures **[EN010142/APP/6.3]** referenced in the ES. Volume 1 of the ES **[EN010142/APP/6.1]** contains the following the chapters set out in **Table 9-1** below.

Table 9-2. ES Volume 1: Main Chapters

ES Chapter 0: Contents and Glossary

ES Chapter 1: Introduction

ES Chapter 2: Scheme Location

ES Chapter 3: Scheme Description

ES Chapter 4: Alternatives and Design Evolution

ES Chapter 5: EIA Methodology

ES Chapter 6: Air Quality

ES Chapter 7: Climate Change

ES Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage

ES Chapter 9: Ecology and Nature Conservation

ES Chapter 10: Water Environment

ES Chapter 11: Human Health

ES Chapter 12: Landscape and Visual Amenity

ES Chapter 13: Noise and Vibration

ES Chapter 14: Socio-Economics and Land Use

ES Chapter 15: Soils and Agriculture

ES Chapter 16: Transport and Access

ES Chapter 17: Other Environmental Topics

ES Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects and Interactions

ES Chapter 19: Summary of Significant Environmental Effects

- 9.1.5 **Appendix A** to this Guide includes a full list of all appendices and figures that form part of the ES [EN010142/APP/6.2 and EN010142/APP/6.3].
- 9.1.5 A **Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report (Appendix 9-12** of the ES [EN010142/APP/6.2]) has been prepared to support the Secretary of State with its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2017) (as amended) (Habitats Regulations). The baseline evidence gathering, and survey work identified no European Sites within or surrounding the Order limits that may be impacted by the Scheme. The HRA concludes that there will be No Significant Effects to European sites either from the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Scheme or in combination with other plans and projects.

10. Volume 7: Other Documents

- 10.1.1 Volume 7 provides any other documents submitted by the Applicant to adhere to the APFP Regulations and/or which are considered necessary to support the Application (Regulation 5(2)(q) of the APFP Regulations).
- 10.1.2 The **Statement of Need [EN010142/APP/7.1]** explains the need for solar generation and storage which is set out in the designated Energy National Policy Statements (NPSs). It draws upon both established and emerging primary analysis and opinion by respected third parties, to support the case that the Scheme is required to ensure that the UK remains on track to meet its legally binding carbon emissions reduction targets, while enhancing national security of supply, and at a cost which, in relation to other electricity generation infrastructure developments, provides value for money for end use consumers.
- 10.1.3 The **Planning Statement [EN010142/APP/7.2]** details the Scheme's compliance with the relevant planning policy and legislation at both national and local levels, and other matters which the Applicant considers are important and relevant to the Secretary of State's decision. **Appendix A, B and C** of the Planning Statement provide details of the Scheme's compliance against the NPSs and local policies that are considered relevant to the Scheme.
- 10.1.4 The **Design and Access Statement [EN010142/APP/7.3]** provides information relating to the context of the Scheme's location, design concept and how the design of the Scheme has evolved including how it has been influenced by environmental and planning considerations and consultation.
- 10.1.5 The **Outline Design Principles Statement [EN010142/APP/7.4]** sets out the Design Principles for the Scheme which are proposed to be secured by the DCO.
- 10.1.6 A **Grid Connection Statement [EN010142/APP/7.5]** has been submitted in accordance with Regulation 6(1)(a)(i) of the APFP Regulations. It outlines the details for connecting the generating station to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS).
- 10.1.7 A **Joint Report on the Interrelationship with other National Infrastructure Projects [EN010142/APP/7.6]** has been prepared and sets out the interrelationships between the four solar DCO schemes, including those which will connect into the National Grid Cottam Substation. The report provides details on how the Scheme, the Gate Burton Energy Park, Cottam Solar Project and the West Burton Solar Project will interrelate and interact with each other. All four projects share (in part) a Cable Route Corridor. The Report sets out how the different developers have been working together to minimise the cumulative environmental and social effects of their respective schemes.
- 10.1.8 The **Statutory Nuisance Statement [EN010142/APP/7.7]** as required by Regulation 5(2)(f) of the APFP Regulations, identifies the matters set out in Section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in respect of statutory

nuisances and considers whether the Scheme would engage one or more of those matters. This statement sets out proposals for mitigating or limiting any matters which may potentially be engaged.

10.1.9 The **Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)** [EN010142/APP/7.8] outlines the measures that will be included in a detailed CEMP to control potential environmental and amenity impacts of construction. Requirement 12 of the **draft DCO** [EN010142/APP/3.1] states that the final CEMP must be substantially in accordance with the **Framework CEMP** [EN010142/APP/7.8].

10.1.10 The **Framework Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP)** [EN010142/APP/7.9] outlines the measures that will be included in a detailed OEMP to control potential environmental and amenity impacts of operation of the Scheme. Requirement 13 of the **draft DCO** [EN010142/APP/3.1] states that the final OEMP must be substantially in accordance with the **Framework OEMP** [EN010142/APP/7.9].

10.1.11 The **Framework Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (DEMP)** [EN010142/APP/7.10] outlines the measures that will be included in a detailed DEMP to control potential environmental and amenity impacts of decommissioning. Requirement 20 of the **draft DCO** [EN010142/APP/3.1] states that the final DEMP must be substantially in accordance with the **Framework DEMP** [EN010142/APP/7.10].

10.1.12 A **Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)** [EN010142/APP/7.11] outlines the measures to control traffic during the construction of the Scheme. It ensures safety and minimise disruption from traffic during the construction phase by identifying vehicle routing and access to the Scheme, frequency and type of vehicles travelling to the Order limits and appropriate mitigation measures for effects identified. Requirement 14 of the **draft DCO** [EN010142/APP/3.1] states that the final CTMP must be substantially in accordance with the **Framework CTMP** [EN010142/APP/7.11].

10.1.13 The **Framework Soil Management Plan (SMP)** [EN010142/APP/7.12] outlines principles and procedures for general good practice mitigation tailored to specific soil types, for the handling, storage and reinstatement of soil to be used for the Scheme. Requirement 18 of the **draft DCO** [EN010142/APP/3.1(Rev 02)] states that the final SMP must be substantially in accordance with the Framework SMP.

10.1.14 A **Framework Battery Safety Management Plan (FBSMP)** [EN010142/APP/7.13] outlines the safety and property protection fire safety risks associated with BESS and demonstrates that the location of the BESS does not give rise to a significant increase in fire risk and that any risk that does exist can be addressed by ensuring that the Scheme is constructed, operated and decommissioned in accordance with the FBSMP. Requirement 6 of the of the **draft DCO** [EN010142/APP/3.1] states that the final FBSMP must be substantially in accordance with the FBSMP.

10.1.15 The **Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment** [EN010142/APP/7.14 (Rev 01)] provides an indication of the biodiversity net gain that could be delivered,

and the methodology applied to calculate the biodiversity net gain metrics for the Scheme.

10.1.16 The **Equality Impact Assessment [EN010142/APP/7.15]** provides relevant information to assist the Secretary of State in adhering to the Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010 when making the decision whether to grant the DCO for the Scheme.

10.1.17 The **Framework Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN010142/APP/7.16]** outlines how Public Rights of Way (PRoW) will be managed by the Applicant for the Scheme in terms of both user safety and accessibility. Requirement 16 of the **draft DCO [EN010142/APP/3.1]** confirms that the detailed PRoW Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the **Framework PRoW Management Plan [EN010142/APP/7.16]**.

10.1.18 The **Framework Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (FLEMP) [EN010142/APP/7.17]** outlines the framework for delivering the landscape strategy and ecological mitigation and enhancement for the Scheme. Requirement 7 of the **draft DCO [EN010142/APP/3.1]** confirms that the LEMP must be substantially in accordance with the **FLEMP [EN010142/APP/7.17]**.

10.1.19 The **Framework Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan (FSSCEP) [EN010142/APP/7.18]** sets out the likely economic benefits of the Scheme, and the context and characteristics of the local community and economy in which it is located. Requirement 19 of the **draft DCO [EN010142/APP/3.1]** confirms that the **SSCEP** must be substantially in accordance with the **FSSCEP [EN010142/APP/7.18]**.

10.1.20 The **Indicative Landscape Masterplan [EN010142/APP/7.19]** provided illustrates how the Scheme could deliver the landscape proposals described within the **Design and Access Statement [EN010142/APP/7.3]** and the **FLEMP [EN010142/APP/7.17]**.

11. Volume 8: Change Request

- 11.1.1 The Applicant submitted a Change Request due to a number of non-material reductions in the Order limits that have been made as a result of consultation with landowners and statutory undertakers. This Change Request was granted by the ExA on the 24 October 2024.
- 11.1.2 This volume (Volume 8) contains documents submitted by the Applicant as part of the Change Request. The reference numbers below were correct at the time of submission. Please see Appendix A for further information on the latest revisions.

New Documents for Change Request

- 11.1.3 New documents submitted as part of the Change Request include the following:
- a. Change Request Report [EN010142/APP/8.1] which provides a detailed overview of the proposed changes including the rationale for the changes, the consultation undertaken on the changes, and the implications of the changes on the Scheme.
 - b. **Consultation Report [EN010142/APP/8.2]** for the Change Request application outlines the consultation on the Change Request which was held between 19 August and 16 September 2024.
 - c. **ES Addendum [EN010142/APP/6.6]** which reviews whether the Proposed Changes affect the conclusions on the likely significant environmental effects presented within the ES [**APP-031 to APP-208**].

Updated Documents for Change Request

- 11.1.4 Previously submitted documents that were updated and submitted as part of the Change Request included the following:
- a. **Guide to the Application [EN010142/APP/1.2(Rev02)]**
 - b. **Location Plan [EN010142/APP/2.1(Rev01)]**
 - c. **Land and Crown Land Plans [EN010142/APP/2.2(Rev01)]**
 - d. **Works Plans [EN010142/APP/2.3(Rev01)]**
 - e. **Streets, Rights of Ways and Access Plan [EN010142/APP/2.4(Rev02)]**
 - f. **Traffic Regulations Measures Plan [EN010142/APP/2.5(Rev02)]**
 - g. **Hedgerow Removal Plan [EN010142/APP/2.9(Rev01)]**
 - h. **draft DCO [EN010142/APP/3.1(Rev02)]**
 - i. **Statement of Reasons [EN010142/APP/4.1(Rev01)]**
 - j. **Book of Reference [EN010142/APP/4.3(Rev01)]**
 - k. **Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought [EN010142/APP/4.4(Rev01)]**
 - l. **Environmental Statement Chapter 3: Scheme Description [EN010142/APP/6.1(Rev01)]**

- m. **Environmental Statement Figure 3-1: Scheme Description [EN010142/APP/6.3(Rev01)]**
- n. **Environmental Statement Figure 3-7: Access Location [EN010142/APP/6.3(Rev01)]**
- o. **Framework CTMP [EN010142/APP/7.11(Rev01)]**
- p. **Biodiversity Net Gain Report [EN010142/APP/7.14(Rev01)]**
- q. **Indicative Landscape Masterplan [EN01042/APP/7.19(Rev01)]**
- r. **Outline Design Principles Statement [EN010142/APP/7.4(Rev01)]**

12. Volume 9: Examination Documents

- 12.1.1 This volume contains documents submitted by the Applicant as part of the Examination process.

12.2 Deadline 1

New documents for Deadline 1

- 12.2.1 New documents submitted as part of the Deadline 1 submission include the following:
- 12.2.2 **Deadline 1 Cover Letter** providing an overview of new documents submitted as part of Deadline 1, as well as updates to any existing documents and the rationale behind these updates.
- 12.2.3 The **Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [EN010142/APP/9.1]** sets out details of the Relevant Representations submitted during the Relevant Representation period and how the Applicant has responded to these. This document includes the following appendices:
- a. Waste Quantitative Cumulative Assessment.
 - b. Report on Cumulative Impacts of Solar Projects on BMV Land in Lincolnshire.
 - c. Tillbridge Solar Project Acoustics Technical Note.
 - d. Report on the DCO Process.
 - e. UK Food Security Report 2021 (DEFRA).
- 12.2.4 The **Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at Issue Specific Hearing 1 [EN010142/APP/9.2]** includes a summary of oral submissions made by the Applicant during the Issue Specific Hearing 1 on the 15 October 2024, along with post hearing notes.
- 12.2.5 The **Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at Open Floor Hearing 1 [EN010142/APP/9.3]** includes a summary of oral submissions made by the Applicant at during the Open Floor Hearing on the 16 October 2024.
- 12.2.6 **Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground [EN010142/APP/9.4]** provides a summary of the SoCGs that have been prepared, including an overview of matters raised by consultees, the Applicant's response to these, and a summary of areas where matters have been agreed or are still under discussion.
- 12.2.7 **Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [EN010142/APP/9.5]** outlines proposed archaeological works for the Scheme in accordance with Requirement 11 of the draft DCO.
- 12.2.8 **Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO [EN010142/APP/9.6]** sets out any changes made to the draft DCO at Deadline 1.
- 12.2.9 **Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference [EN010142/APP/9.7]** sets out any changes made to the Book of Reference for Deadline 1.

12.2.10 A total of sixteen SoCGs have been prepared and submitted as part of Deadline 1, which set out the current position of agreement on matters raised by consultees. The SoCGs prepared are as follows:

- a. **West Lindsey District Council SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.8]**
- b. **Lincolnshire County Council SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.9]**
- c. **Nottinghamshire Council SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.10]**
- d. **Bassetlaw District Council SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.11]**
- e. **Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board (IDB) SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.12]**
- f. **Scunthorpe and Gainsborough Water Management Board SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.13]**
- g. **Trent Valley IDB SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.14]**
- h. **Anglian Water SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.15]**
- i. **Environment Agency SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.16]**
- j. **Historic England SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.17]**
- k. **Natural England SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.18]**
- l. **Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.19]**
- m. **Canal and River Trust SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.20]**
- n. **Other Solar Developers SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.21]**
- o. **National Highways SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.22]**
- p. **Alison Wood and Nicholas Mapstone SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.23]**

Updated documents for Deadline 1

12.2.11 The following documents have been updated for Deadline 1₇ and submitted in clean and tracked change version. The reference numbers for these documents will stay the same, with the revision numbers updated accordingly, as shown in Appendix A of this document.

- a. **Guide to the Application [EN010142/APP/1.2(Rev03)] (This document)**
- b. **Works Plans [EN010142/APP/2.3(Rev02)]**
- c. **Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans [EN010142/APP/2.4(Rev03)]**
- d. **Traffic Regulation Measures Plans [EN010142/APP/2.5(Rev03)]**
- e. **draft Development Consent Order [EN010142/APP/3.1(Rev03)]**
- f. **Explanatory Memorandum [EN010142/APP/3.2(Rev01)]**
- g. **Consents and Agreements Position Statement [EN010142/APP/3.3(Rev01)]**
- h. **Statement of Reasons [EN010142/APP/4.1(Rev02)]**

- i. **Book of Reference [EN010142/APP/4.3(Rev02)]**
- j. **Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought [EN010142/APP/4.4(Rev02)]**
- k. **Environmental Statement Appendix 9-12: Habitat Regulations Assessment Report [EN010142/APP/6.2(Rev01)]**
- l. **Environmental Statement Figure 3-12: Trenchless Crossing Cross Sections [EN010142/APP/6.3(Rev01)]**
- m. **Environmental Statement Figure 10-5: Watercourses, Flood Zones and Internal Drainage Boards [EN010142/APP/6.3(Rev01)]**
- n. **Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN010142/APP/7.8(Rev01)]**
- o. **Framework Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN010142/APP/7.9(Rev01)]**
- p. **Framework Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN010142/APP/7.10(Rev01)]**
- q. **Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN010142/APP/7.11(Rev02)]**
- r. **Framework Soil Management Plan [EN010142/APP/7.12(Rev01)]**
- s. **Framework Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010142/APP/7.17(Rev02)]**

12.3 Deadline 2

New documents for Deadline 2

12.3.1 New documents submitted as part of the Deadline 2 submission include the following:

12.3.2 **Deadline 2 Cover Letter** providing an overview of new documents submitted as part of Deadline 2, as well as updates to any existing documents and the rationale behind these updates.

12.3.3 **Applicant's Response to Written Submissions at Deadline 1 [EN010142/APP/9.24]** sets out details of the Written Submissions submitted as part of Deadline 1-2 and how the Applicant has responded to these.

12.3.4 One new SoCG has been prepared and submitted as part of Deadline 2, which sets out the current position of agreement on matters raised by consultees. This SoCG is as follows:

——**Network Rail SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.25]**

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12.3.5 The following documents have been updated for Deadline 2 and a clean and tracked change version are submitted, apart from where the document is a plan. The reference numbers for these documents will stay the same, with

the revision numbers updated accordingly, as shown in Appendix A of this document.

- a. Guide to the Application [EN010142/APP/1.2(Rev04)].
- b. Works Plan [EN010142/APP/2.3(Rev03)].
- c. Statement of Commonality [EN010142/APP/9.4(Rev01)].

Appendix A Application Document Schedule

Document Title	Application Reference	Document APFP Ref	Version	Submission Date	Planning Inspectorate document ref
Volume 1: Application Form					
Covering Letter	EN010142/APP/1.1	Reg 5(2)(q)	Application Version	10 April 2024	APP-001
Guide to the Application	EN010142/APP/1.2	Reg 5(2)(q)	Application Version	10 April 2024	APP-002
Guide to the Application (Clean Version)	EN010142/APP/1.2	Reg 5(2)(q)	Rev 01	12 June 2024	AS-002
Guide to the Application (Tracked change version)	EN010142/APP/1.2	Reg 5(2)(q)	Rev 01	12 June 2024	AS-003
Guide to the Application (Clean version)	EN010142/APP/1.2	Reg 5(2)(q)	Change Request (Rev 02)	27 September 2024	AS-037
Guide to the Application (Tracked change version)	EN010142/APP/1.2	Reg 5(2)(q)	Change Request (Rev 02)	27 September 2024	AS-038
Guide to the Application (Clean version)	EN010142/APP/1.2	Reg 5(2)(q)	Deadline 1 (Rev03)	29 October 2024	REP1-002
Guide to the Application (Tracked change version)	EN010142/APP/1.2	Reg 5(2)(q)	Deadline 1 (Rev03)	29 October 2024	REP1-003

Document Title	Application Reference	Document APFP Ref	Version	Submission Date	Planning Inspectorate document ref
Guide to the Application (Clean version)	EN010142/APP/1.2	Reg 5(2)(q)	Deadline 2 (Rev04)	14 November 2024	TBC
Guide to the Application (Tracked change version)	EN010142/APP/1.2	Reg 5(2)(q)	Deadline 2 (Rev04)	14 November 2024	TBC
Section 55 Checklist	EN010142/APP/1.3	Reg 5(2)(q)	Application Version	10 April 2024	APP-003
Application Form	EN010142/APP/1.4	Reg 5(1)	Application Version	10 April 2024	APP-004
Electronic Application Index	EN010142/APP/1.5	Reg 5(2)(q)	Application Version	10 April 2024	N/A
Volume 2: Plans					
Location Plan	EN010142/APP/2.1	Reg 5(2)(o)	Application Version	10 April 2024	APP-005
Location Plan	EN010142/APP/2.1	Reg 5(2)(o)	Change Request (Rev 01)	27 September 2024	AS-039
Land and Crown Land Plans	EN010142/APP/2.2	Reg 5(2)(i) Reg 5(2)(n)	Application Version	10 April 2024	APP-006
Land and Crown Land Plans	EN010142/APP/2.2	Reg 5(2)(i) Reg 5(2)(n)	Change Request (Rev 01)	27 September 2024	AS-040
Works Plan	EN010142/APP/2.3	Reg 5(2)(j)	Application Version	10 April 2024	APP-007

Works Plan	EN010142/APP/2.3	Reg 5(2)(j)	Change Request (Rev 01)	27 September 2024	AS-041
Works Plan	EN010142/APP/2.3	Reg 5(2)(j)	Deadline 1 (Rev 02)	29 October 2024	REP1-004
Works Plan	EN010142/APP/2.3	Reg 5(2)(j)	Deadline 21 (Rev 03)	14 November 2024	TBC
Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans	EN010142/APP/2.4	Reg 5(2)(k)	Application Version	10 April 2024	APP-008
Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans	EN010142/APP/2.4	Reg 5(2)(k)	Change Request (Rev 02)	27 September 2024	AS-042
Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans	EN010142/APP/2.4	Reg 5(2)(k)	Deadline 1 (Rev 03)	29 October 2024	REP1-005
Traffic Regulation Measures Plans	EN010142/APP/2.5	Reg 5(2)(o)	Application Version	10 April 2024	APP-009
Traffic Regulation Measures Plans	EN010142/APP/2.5	Reg 5(2)(o)	Change Request (Rev 02)	27 September 2024	AS-043
Traffic Regulation Measures Plans	EN010142/APP/2.5	Reg 5(2)(o)	Deadline 1 (Rev 03)	29 October 2024	REP1-006
Statutory and Nonstatutory Sites or Features of Historic Environment Plan	EN010142/APP/2.6	Reg 5(2)(m)	Application Version	10 April 2024	APP-010

Statutory and Nonstatutory Sites or Features of Nature Conservation, and Important Habitats Plan	EN010142/APP/2.7	Reg 5(2)(l)	Application Version	10 April 2024	APP-011
Waterbodies in a River Basin Management Plan	EN010142/APP/2.8	Reg 5(2)(l)	Application Version	10 April 2024	APP-012
Hedgerow Removal Plans	EN010142/APP/2.9	Reg 5(2)(o)	Application Version	10 April 2024	APP-013
Hedgerow Removal Plans	EN010142/APP/2.9	Reg 5(2)(o)	Change Request (Rev 01)	27 September 2024	AS-044

Volume 3: Draft Development Consent Order

Draft Development Consent Order	EN010142/APP/3.1	Reg 5(2)(b)	Application Version	10 April 2024	APP-014
Draft Development Consent Order (Clean version)	EN010142/APP/3.1	Reg 5(2)(b)	Rev 01	12 June 2024	AS-004
Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked change version)	EN010142/APP/3.1	Reg 5(2)(b)	Rev 01	12 June 2024	AS-005
Draft Development Consent Order (Clean version)	EN010142/APP/3.1	Reg 5(2)(b)	Change Request (Rev 02)	27 September 2024	AS-045

Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked change version)	EN010142/APP/3.1	Reg 5(2)(b)	Change Request (Rev 02)	27 September 2024	AS-046
Draft Development Consent Order (Clean version)	EN010142/APP/3.1	Reg 5(2)(b)	Deadline 1 (Rev 03)	29 October 2024	REP1-007
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