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Dear Mr Nicholas Ely,

APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER FOR THE TILLBRIDGE SOLAR PROJECT

I am pleased to submit the Applicant's Deadline 4 submissions. They consist of the following documents:

Document	Reason
Updated Guide to the Application [EN0101432/APP/1.2(Rev06)]	Updated to signpost the latest versions of documents and to record new documents submitted as part of the examination.
Updated draft DCO [EN010142/APP/3.1(Rev05)]	As required by the examination timetable.
Updated Explanatory Memorandum [EN010142/APP/3.2(Rev02)]	As required by the examination timetable.
Updated Book of Reference [EN010142/APP/4.3(Rev03)]	As required by the examination timetable.
Updated Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought [EN010142/APP/4.4(Rev03)]	As required by the examination timetable.
Updated Environmental Statement Chapter 3: Scheme Description [EN010142/APP/6.1(Rev03)]	Updated to reflect revisions to the Outline Design Principles Statement

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	[EN010142/APP/7.4(Rev03)] and the draft DCO [EN010142/APP/3.1(Rev05)] .
Updated Environmental Statement Chapter 12: Landscape and Visual Amenity [EN010142/APP/6.1(Rev02)]	Updated following comments raised by the Examining Authority during Issue Specific Hearing 3.
Updated Environmental Statement Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects and Interactions [EN010142/APP/6.1(Rev02)]	Updated following comments raised by the Examining Authority during Issue Specific Hearing 3.
Updated Environmental Statement Appendix 10-3: Flood Risk Assessment [EN010142/APP/6.2(Rev02)]	Updated in response to comments received from the Environment Agency.
Updated Outline Design Principles Statement [EN010142/APP/7.4(Rev03)]	Updated to reflect revisions to Work No. 2 in Schedule 2 of the draft DCO [EN010142/APP/3.1(Rev05)] .
Updated Framework Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN010142/APP/7.9(Rev03)]	Updated in response to comments raised by the Examining Authority during Issue Specific Hearing 3.
Updated Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan Part 1 of 2 [EN010142/APP/7.11(Rev04)]	Updated in response to comments received from Nottinghamshire County Council as part of engagement for the Statement of Common Ground.
Updated Framework Battery Safety Management Plan [EN010142/APP/7.13(Rev01)]	Updated to reflect revisions to the Outline Design Principles Statement [EN010142/APP/7.4(Rev03)] and draft DCO [EN010142/APP/3.1(Rev05)] .
Updated Framework Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010142/APP/7.17(Rev04)]	Updated in response to comments raised by the Examining Authority during Issue Specific Hearing 3.
Updated Statement of Commonality [EN010142/APP/9.4(Rev03)]	As required by the examination timetable.
Updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO [EN010142/APP/9.6(Rev02)]	As required by the examination timetable.
Updated Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference [EN010142/APP/9.7(Rev01)]	As required by the examination timetable.
Updated Statements of Common Ground (SoCG):	As required by the examination timetable.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Lindsey District Council SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.8(Rev02)] Lincolnshire County Council SOCG [EN010142/APP/9.9(Rev01)] Nottinghamshire County Council SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.10(Rev02)] Canal and Rivers Trust SoCG [EN010142/APP/9.20(Rev02)] 	
Applicant's Response to Written Submissions at Deadline 3 [EN010142/APP/9.29]	As required by the examination timetable.
Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at ISH2 [EN010142/APP/9.30]	As required by the examination timetable.
Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at OFH2 [EN010142/APP/9.31]	As required by the examination timetable.
Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at CAH1 [EN01042/APP/9.32]	As required by the examination timetable.
Applicant's Comments on Interested Parties' Submissions to First Written Questions at Deadline 3 [EN010142/APP/9.33]	As required by the examination timetable.
Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at ISH3 [EN010142/APP/9.34]	As required by the examination timetable.

Consents and Agreements Position Statement

The Applicant notes that the ExA's Rule 8 letter [PD-008] required an updated Consents and Agreements Position Statement to be submitted at Deadline 4. The **Consents and Agreements Position Statement [REP1-011]** has not been updated at Deadline 4, as there are no changes required to the version submitted at Deadline 1.

Statement of Reasons

The Applicant notes that the ExA's Rule 8 letter [PD-008] requires an updated Statement of Reasons to be submitted at Deadline 4. An updated version of the **Statement of Reasons [REP1-014]** has not been submitted at Deadline 4, in accordance with the Applicant's preferred approach of updating the **Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought**

[EN010142/APP/4.4(Rev03)] throughout the examination, which removes the need to update the Statement of Reasons at each deadline.

SoCGs

The ExA's Rule 8 letter **[PD-008]** requested that the Applicant submit updated SoCGs with all the parties listed in Annex B at Deadline 4 and final signed versions of the SoCGs between the Applicant and parties no later than Deadline 6.

The Applicant is submitting updated SoCGs with the Parties listed in the table above at Deadline 4, but will not be submitting SoCGs with Anglian Water, Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board, the Environment Agency, Natural England, Network Rail, 7000 Acres and Other Solar Developers at this deadline.

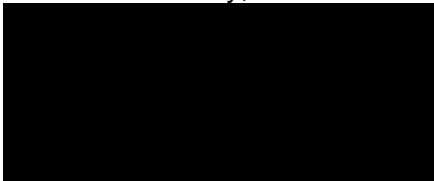
While discussions between the Applicant and these Parties remain ongoing, there is no material update to the SoCGs previously submitted to the ExA. The Applicant is continuing to liaise with these Parties with a view to refining or resolving any outstanding issues and will look to submit SoCGs to capture these discussions at a subsequent deadline. For the purposes of Deadline 4, the Applicant can provide the following update:

- Anglian Water: The Applicant has continued its engagement with Anglian Water in relation to their SoCG following agreement being reached on protective provisions in December 2024. The SoCG is now substantively agreed save for three points, which the parties are confident will be agreed before the conclusion of the Examination. An updated SoCG will be submitted at Deadline 5.
- Trent Valley IDB: the Applicant is continuing to engage with Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board regarding protective provisions. The Applicant has provided Trent Valley Drainage Board with a copy of its standard protective provisions for review and comment and is awaiting a response.
- Environment Agency: the Applicant is continuing to engage with the EA regarding the outstanding issues within the SoCG. This includes ongoing discussions relating to protective provisions. Discussions on protective provisions are advancing with the publication of the EA's updated standard provisions in January 2025.
- Natural England: the Applicant is continuing to engage with NE and is awaiting further comment from NE on outstanding issues relating to soils, ALC surveys and measures within Framework SMP.
- Network Rail: the Applicant and Network Rail are currently discussing the remaining positions within the SoCG and will aim to submit an updated SoCG for Deadline 5.
- 7000 Acres: the Applicant is continuing to engage with 7000 Acres on the preparation of an SoCG. The Applicant held a meeting with 7000 Acres on the 17 December 2024 and the SoCG is being further updated following this. A draft SoCG is intended to be submitted at Deadline 5.

- Other Solar Developers: all positions within the SoCG are agreed apart from the final position relating to the further cooperation agreement, which has been circulated to the other solar developers for comment. The parties hope to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 5.

If you have any questions about this letter or the Scheme, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the project team on info@tillbridgesolar.com or 0800 046 9643.

Yours sincerely,



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