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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 5 submissions. They consist of the following documents:

Document	Reason
Updated Guide to the Application [EN0101432/APP/1.2(Rev07)]	Updated to signpost the documents that make up the Application to ensure that there is clarity on the latest versions of documents and to record new documents submitted as part of the examination.
Updated draft DCO [EN010142/APP/3.1(Rev06)]	As required by the examination timetable.
Updated Explanatory Memorandum [EN010142/APP/3.2(Rev03)]	As required by the examination timetable.
Updated Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought [EN010142/APP/4.4(Rev04)]	Updated in response to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions.
Updated Environmental Statement Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects and Interactions [EN010142/APP/6.1(Rev03)]	Updated in response to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions.

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Updated Environmental Statement Figure 18-5 Transport Cumulative Traffic Routes <b>[EN010142/APP/6.3(Rev02)]</b>	Updated in response to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions.
Updated Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan <b>[EN010142/APP/7.8(Rev03)]</b>	Updated in response to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions and comments received from the Environment Agency.
Updated Framework Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan <b>[EN010142/APP/7.10(Rev03)]</b>	Updated in response to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions.
Updated Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan Part 1 of 2 <b>[EN010142/APP/7.11(Rev05)]</b>	Updated in response to comments received from Network Rail and the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions.
Updated Framework Landscape and Ecological Management Plan <b>[EN010142/APP/7.17(Rev05)]</b>	Updated in response to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions.
Updated Statement of Commonality <b>[EN010142/APP/9.4(Rev04)]</b>	As required by the examination timetable.
Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO <b>[EN010142/APP/9.6(Rev03)]</b>	As required by the examination timetable.
Statements of Common Ground (SoCG): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Lindsey District Council SoCG <b>[EN010142/APP/9.8(Rev03)]</b></li> <li>Lincolnshire County Council SoCG <b>[EN010142/APP/9.9(Rev02)]</b></li> <li>Nottinghamshire County Council SoCG <b>[EN010142/APP/9.10(Rev03)]</b></li> <li>Environment Agency SoCG <b>[EN010142/APP/9.16(Rev02)]</b></li> <li>7000 Acres SoCG <b>[EN0100142/APP/9.37]</b></li> </ul>	As required by the examination timetable.
Applicant's Response to Examining Authority's Second Written Questions <b>[EN010142/APP/9.35]</b>	As required by the examination timetable.

Document	Reason
Applicant's Response to Written Submissions at Deadline 4 <b>[EN010142/APP/9.36]</b>	As required by the examination timetable.

### SoCGs

The Examining Authority'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.

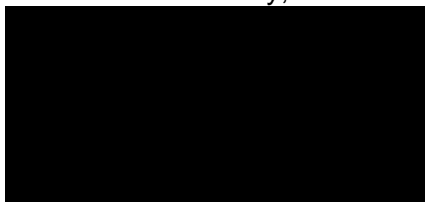
The Applicant is submitting a final signed SoCG with Nottinghamshire County Council, along with updated SoCGs with the remaining parties listed in the table above, as part of its Deadline 5 submissions. However, the Applicant will not be submitting SoCGs with Anglian Water, Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board, Natural England, Network Rail and Other Solar Developers at this deadline.

While discussions between the Applicant and these parties remain ongoing, there is no material update to provide 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 Deadline 6. For the purposes of Deadline 5, the Applicant can provide the following update:

- Anglian Water: the Applicant has been meeting regularly with Anglian Water to address the outstanding matters in the SoCG and is awaiting further comment. Both parties are confident that the SoCG will be agreed and finalised before the end of the Examination.
- Natural England: the Applicant is continuing to engage with Natural England and is awaiting further comment from Natural England on outstanding issues relating to soils, ALC surveys and measures within the Framework Soil Management Plan.
- Trent Valley IDB: the Applicant is continuing to engage with Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board regarding protective provisions. The Applicant provided Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board with a copy of its standard protective provisions for review and comment and is currently awaiting a response.
- Network Rail: the Applicant and Network Rail are currently discussing the remaining positions within the SoCG and will submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 6.
- Other Solar Developers: all positions within the SoCG are agreed apart from the final position relating to the further cooperation agreement. The Applicant has received comments from the developer for West Burton Solar Project and Cottam Solar Project on the further cooperation agreement but awaits comments from the developer of the Gate Burton Energy Park. The parties will look to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 6.

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](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com) or 0800 046 9643.

Yours sincerely,



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