

Tween Bridge Solar Farm

7.12 Statutory Undertakers Position Statement

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1 Introduction

1.1. Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1. This purpose of this document is to set out the current position of engagement between RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Ltd (the Applicant) and statutory undertakers that have assets or interests that would potentially be affected by Tween Bridge Solar Farm (the Scheme), as identified by the Book of Reference **[Document Reference 4.1]**. This document will be updated during Examination of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application, particularly to track the parties' negotiation of protective provisions and related agreements, as relevant.
- 1.1.2. In respect of each relevant statutory undertaker, Table 2-1 of this document summarises the status of negotiations between the parties.
- 1.1.3. The Applicant's engagement with statutory undertakers follows the Applicant's pre-application statutory consultation as set out in the **Consultation Report [Document Reference 5.1]**. This included notifying all relevant statutory undertakers and persons with an interest in the land under Section 42(a) and Section 42(d) of the Planning Act 2008 respectively. The Applicant sought to engage with statutory undertakers in response to feedback received to that consultation. Additionally, throughout the development of the Scheme prior to DCO application, the Applicant sought to engage with statutory undertakers identified through diligent inquiry as land interests. The activities undertaken as part of diligent inquiry are reported in the **Statement of Reasons [Document Reference 4.1]**.
- 1.1.4. The approach taken by the Applicant to existing statutory undertaker apparatus is to avoid any conflict between the Scheme and that existing apparatus. The effect of that approach is that there is not presently expected to be any requirement to divert existing statutory undertaker apparatus as part of the Scheme. Powers are included within the **draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1]** which would enable the Applicant to carry out diversions where required, but it is not currently expected that those powers will need to be relied on.

2 Summary of current position with statutory undertakers

- 2.1.1. Table 2-1 provides a summary of the position between the Applicant and each relevant statutory undertaker in relation to each individual asset affected.
- 2.1.2. The table includes traffic light model to indicate the progress of engagement between each statutory undertaker and the Applicant:
- **Green** – There are no outstanding issues in dispute between the parties.
 - **Amber** – There are outstanding issues between the parties and engagement is ongoing.
 - **Red** – There are outstanding issues between the parties and engagement is not ongoing.

Table 2-1: Statutory undertaker position schedule

| Statutory undertaker (SU) | Status |
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| British Telecommunications PLC | Protective Provisions were issued on 3 June 2025 and the Applicant awaits a response. |

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| Cadent Gas Limited | Protective Provisions were issued on 3 June 2025. Cadent Gas confirmed they have passed this on to their legal representatives and the Applicant awaits a response |
| euNetworks Fiber UK Ltd | euNetworks confirmed that the Scheme would not affect their assets. |
| Exolum Pipeline System Ltd | Protective Provisions were issued on 3 June 2025 and the Applicant awaits a response. |
| National Gas Transmission (NGT) | Protective Provisions were issued on 3 June 2025 and the Applicant met with NGT on 8 July to discuss the interaction between the Scheme and NGET's assets. |
| National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC | Protective Provisions were issued on 9 June 2025 and the Applicant awaits a response. |
| Northern Powergrid | Northern Powergrid confirmed they will visit the site and meet with the Applicant, which is awaited. |
| Severn Trent Water | The Applicant met with Severn Trent Water on 26 July 2025 and it was confirmed that no issues were identified with the Scheme or proposed Protective Provisions |

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| Yorkshire Water Services Limited | Protective Provisions were issued on 3 June 2025 and the Applicant awaits a response. |
| Lumen Technologies | Lumen Technologies confirmed on 16 June 2025 that the Scheme would have no effect on their assets. |
| Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board (IANWLMB) | The Applicant met with IANWLMB on 9 July 2025 and continues to engage to reach agreement. |
| Doncaster East IDB (DEIDB) | The Applicant met with DEIDB on 9 July 2025 and continues to engage to reach agreement. |
| Network Rail | The Applicant met with Network Rail on 11 June 2025, and draft Protective Provisions were issued on 12 June 2025. The Applicant continues to engage with Network Rail to reach agreement. |
| Canal and River Trust | Protective Provisions were issued on 19 June 2025 and the Applicant awaits a response. |

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| Environment Agency | Protective Provisions were issued on 4 July 2025, and a further updated set of Protective Provisions were issued on 9 July 2025. The Applicant awaits a response. |
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