

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, Revision 2**]. 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 [APP-022 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 APP-019]**.
- 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, Revision 3]** 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)	<u>Latest position</u> Status	<u>Status</u>
British Telecommunications PLC (<u>Openreach</u>)	Protective Provisions were issued on 3 June 2025 and the Applicant awaits a response. <u>The Applicant has contacted Openreach again to</u>	

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	<p><u>request a relevant contact and awaits a response.</u></p> <p><u>The Applicant considers that the protective provisions included at Schedule 14, Part 2 of the draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 3] for the benefit of operators of electronic communications code networks provides adequate protection to British Telecommunications PLC.</u></p> <p><u>The Applicant awaits confirmation that British Telecommunications PLC are satisfied with the protection offered.</u></p>	
<p>Cadent Gas Limited</p>	<p>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. <u>The Applicant is in ongoing discussions with Cadent Gas regarding the protective provisions and will continue to engage with them to seek to agree protective provisions for the benefit of Cadent Gas prior</u></p>	

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	<p><u>to the close of the examination. The Applicant is confident agreement will be reached.</u></p> <p><u>The Applicant is considering Cadent's comments on the latest set of protective provisions shared and will return comments shortly.</u></p>	
euNetworks Fiber UK Ltd	euNetworks confirmed that the Scheme would not affect their assets.	
Exolum Pipeline System Ltd	<p>Protective Provisions were issued on 3 June 2025 and the Applicant awaits a response.<u>The Applicant is in ongoing discussions with Exolum Pipeline System Ltd regarding the protective provisions and is currently awaiting comments on the proposed protective provisions.</u></p>	
National Gas Transmission (NGT)	<p>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.<u>NGT has confirmed [AS-025] that they are not impacted by the</u></p>	

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		<u>Scheme and no longer require protective provisions in the Order or to participate in the Examination process.</u>	
National Electricity Transmission (NET)	Grid PLC	Protective Provisions were issued on 9 June 2025 and the Applicant awaits a response. <u>The Applicant is in ongoing discussions with NGET regarding the protective provisions and will continue to engage with them to seek to agree protective provisions for the benefit of NGET prior to the close of the examination. The Applicant is confident agreement will be reached and will share an updated set of protective provisions with NGET shortly.</u>	
Northern Powergrid (NPG)	Powergrid	Northern Powergrid confirmed they will visit the site and meet with the Applicant, which is awaited. <u>The Applicant is in ongoing discussions with NPG regarding the protective provisions and will continue to engage with them to agree to the protective provisions for the benefit of NPG prior to the close of the</u>	

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	<u>examination. The Applicant is awaiting a copy of NPG’s preferred protective provisions.</u>	
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 <u>in Part 1 of Schedule 14 of the draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 3].</u>	
Yorkshire Water Services Limited	<p>Protective Provisions were issued on 3 June 2025 and the Applicant awaits a response. <u>The Applicant has contacted Yorkshire Water again to confirm whether they wish to comment on the Protective Provisions and awaits a response.</u></p> <p><u>The Applicant considers that the protective provisions included at Schedule 14, Part 1 of the draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 3] for the benefit of protection for electricity, gas, water and sewerage undertakers provide</u></p>	

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	<p><u>adequate protection to Yorkshire Water Services Limited.</u></p> <p><u>The Applicant awaits confirmation that Yorkshire Water Services Limited are satisfied with the protection offered.</u></p>	
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)	<p>The Applicant met with IANWLMB on 9 July 2025 and continues to <u>await comments on the proposed protective provisions.</u> engage to reach agreement.</p> <p><u>The Applicant considers that the protective provisions for the benefit of drainage authorities included at Schedule 14, Part 3 of the draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 3] provides adequate protection to IANWLMB.:-</u></p>	

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	<p><u>The Applicant has been trying to contact IANWLMB and has been requesting comments on the protective provisions for the benefit of drainage authorities at Schedule 14, Part 3 of the draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 3].</u></p> <p><u>The Applicant sent emails to IANWLMB on 23 February, 9 March, 27 March, 2 April but has not yet received a response from IANWLMB yet.</u></p> <p><u>The Applicant awaits confirmation that IANWMLB are satisfied with the protection offered.</u></p>	
<p>Doncaster East IDB (DEIDB)</p>	<p>The Applicant met with DEIDB on 9 July 2025 and continues to <u>await comments on the proposed protective provisions.</u>engage to reach agreement.</p> <p><u>The Applicant considers that the protective provisions included at Schedule 14, Part 3 of the draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision</u></p>	

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	<p><u>3] for the benefit of drainage authorities provides adequate protection to DEIDB.</u></p> <p><u>The Applicant has been trying to contact DEIDB and has been requesting comments on the protective provisions for the benefit of drainage authorities at Schedule 14, Part 3 of the draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 3].</u></p> <p><u>The Applicant sent emails to DEIDB on 23 February, 9 March, 27 March, 2 April but has not yet received a response from DEIDB yet. The Applicant looks forward to receiving comments.</u></p>	
Network Rail	<p>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. <u>The Applicant considers that the protective provisions included at Schedule 14, Part 8 of the draft DCO [Document Reference</u></p>	

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	<p><u>3.1 Revision 3] for the benefit of those with railway interests provides adequate protection to Network Rail.</u></p> <p><u>The Applicant awaits confirmation that Network Rail are satisfied with the protection offered.</u></p>	
<p>Canal and River Trust</p>	<p>Protective Provisions were issued on 19 June 2025 and the Applicant awaits a response. <u>The Applicant is in ongoing discussions with the Canal and River Trust regarding the protective provisions and will continue to engage with them to seek to agree protective provisions for the benefit of the Canal and River Trust prior to the close of the examination. The Applicant is confident agreement will be reached and was pleased to hear the Canal and River Trust's submissions at the Preliminary Meeting that they were happy with the progress being made on these.</u></p>	

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	<p><u>The latest iteration of the protective provisions was shared with the Canal and River Trust on 25 March 2026 and the Applicant looks forward to receiving comments.</u></p>	
Environment Agency	<p>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.<u>The Applicant has been in ongoing discussions with the Environment Agency regarding the protective provisions and has agreed a set of the protective provisions for the benefit of the Environment Agency which are included at Schedule 14, Part 5 of the draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 3].</u></p>	
National Highways	<p><u>The Applicant considers that the protective provisions included at Schedule 14, Part 7 of the draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 3] for the benefit of National Highways provides adequate protection for its interests.</u></p>	

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	<p><u>The Applicant is considering comments on the protective provisions provided on behalf of National Highways and will continue to engage with National Highways' lawyers in the hope of reaching an agreement before the end of the examination.</u></p>	
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