

# Tween Bridge Solar Farm

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose of this Document

1.1.1. This document sets out details of the Applicant's proposed changes to the Development Consent Order (DCO) application (the 'DCO Application') for Tween Bridge Solar Farm (the 'Scheme'), currently under examination.

1.1.2. The purpose of this document is to:

- Describe the nature and extent of the proposed changes;
- Explain the rationale for the proposed changes;
- Confirm the consultation undertaken by the Applicant;
- Identify the application documents affected; and
- Confirm the changes do not give rise to any materially new or different likely significant environmental effects (where relevant).

1.1.3. The information contained in this document complies with the requirements of the Planning Inspectorate's guidance on changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination (the **Changes Guidance**).

### 1.2 Context

1.2.1. The DCO Application is for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) for the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) array electricity generating facility, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated infrastructure which would allow for the generation and export of electricity.

1.2.2. The DCO Application was accepted for examination on 23 September 2025 and is currently being examined by the Examining Authority (ExA).

1.2.1. At the Preliminary Meeting on Tuesday 14 April 2026, the Applicant confirmed that a small update to the Scheme was being progressed in discussion with relevant stakeholders. The Applicant confirmed that it would be submitting further information in relation to this matter by 30 April 2026, which was duly provided [**AS-028**] (the **Change Notification**).

1.2.2. The Applicant has been continuing to assess the interaction between the Proposed Development and the parcels of common land identified in Part 5 of the Book of Reference (BoR) [**Document Reference 4.3 Revision 4**]. This further assessment was informed in part by the Applicant's consideration of relevant representations (notably Natural England's relevant representation [**RR-023**]) published on 2 January 2026. The Applicant refers to the Change Notification for further details of the context to the proposed changes to the DCO Application in this regard.

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- 1.2.3. The ExA responded to the Change Notification on 6 May 2026 **[PD-006]**, to confirm receipt of the same. The ExA noted the Applicant's position that the proposed alterations do not amount to changes which trigger the need for a formal 'change request'. However, the ExA decided that the appropriate way to consider the updates was through the formal 'change request' process, because the updates required changes to the Land Plans and the Works Plans.
- 1.2.4. The ExA confirmed that the Change Notification would be accepted as the formal notification to PINS of the Applicant's intention to submit a change request for the purposes of Step 1 of the Changes Guidance.
- 1.2.5. This submission constitutes the Applicant's formal change request for the purposes of Step 4 of the Changes Guidance.

## 2 Description of, and need for, Proposed Change

### 2.1. Parcels 1/A, 1/B, 1/C, 1/D, 3/C, 3/D, and 3/E

- 2.1.1. These parcels comprise an area totalling 524 square metres. In each case, these parcels were included within the Order Limits to facilitate access to the Proposed Development (Work No. 8, as shown on the **Works Plans [APP-009]**). As regards parcel 1/B, in addition to Work No. 8, the parcel was identified for use in connection with the laying of electrical cables (Work No. 2). All of these parcels are registered common land and therefore described in Part 5 of the **Book of Reference [REP2-008]** accordingly.
- 2.1.2. The Applicant notes that all of these parcels constitute very small areas of land comprising drains (in the case of parcels 1/A, 1/B, 1/C and 1/D) and agricultural land (in the case of parcels 3/C, 3/D and 3/E). The land is not subject to compulsory acquisition or temporary possession under the **Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) [REP2-002]** and is not therefore subject to the tests in section 131 and 132 of the Planning Act 2008. However, the land is within the Order Limits for the purposes of carrying out Work No. 8 and (in the case of parcel 1/B) Work No. 2.
- 2.1.3. Following detailed review, the Applicant has been able to assure itself that the purposes for which these parcels are currently identified can be secured in circumstances where the land was removed from the scope of compulsory acquisition, temporary possession and works powers under the Draft DCO. This would result in the removal of 524 square metres of land from the extent of land subject to works powers (in addition to compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers, which are already excluded over these parcels) within the Order Limits and, in turn, would ensure that no particular considerations or impediments arise in relation to the potential use of these parcels, in terms of the Commons Act 2006 (the 2006 Act) or otherwise. The relationship between the proposals and the 2006 Act was addressed in the Applicant's response to ExQ4.0.4 **[REP2-087]**.
- 2.1.4. Accordingly, the Applicant proposes that these parcels be removed from the extent of land subject to compulsory acquisition, temporary possession and works powers under the Draft DCO. The Applicant has made the following changes to application documents to secure this outcome:
- amending the **Works Plans [Document Reference 2.3 Revision 2]** to remove the layers associated with Works Nos. 2 and 8 (as appropriate) from these parcels;
  - amending the **Land Plans [Document Reference 2.2 Revision 3]** to show the parcels of common land in grey accompanied by the following description "Special Category Land – Common Land: not subject to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession or Works Powers".<sup>1</sup> Minor updates have also been made to the **Statement of Reasons [Document**

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<sup>1</sup> In the Change Notification, the Applicant explained why it considered that this approach was legally effective and proportionate, such that it was not deemed necessary to amend the Order Limits to remove these parcels entirely. The Applicant notes that the Examining Authority did not express a contrary view in the Rule

**Reference 4.1 Revision 2]** to include reference to the plots shown in grey on the Land Plans; and

- amending the **Book of Reference [Document Reference 4.3 Revision 2]** at Part 5 to identify these plots as “Special Category Land – Common Land: not subject to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession of Works Powers”. Since these plots remain within the Order Limits, the Applicant has proceeded on the basis that they should continue to be numbered, as before, rather than shown as ‘not used’, which represents a minor change in approach to that set out in the Change Notification. For good order, Part 5 of the Book of Reference has also been restructured so that plots not subject to compulsory acquisition or temporary possession (i.e., shown yellow on the Land Plans) are presented first, followed by plots not subject to compulsory acquisition, temporary possession or works powers (i.e., shown grey on the Land Plans).

2.1.5. A copy of the updated documents is provided as part of this Change Request submission.

2.1.6. In addition, consequential updates have been made to the following application plans:

- ES Figure 2.2a Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed Solar Panels) **[Document Reference 6.4.2.2a Revision 2]**;
- ES Figure 2.2b Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed and Tracker Solar Panels) **[Document Reference 6.4.2.2b Revision 2]**; and
- ES Figure 6.4 Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy **[Document Reference 6.4.6.4 Revision 3]**

2.1.7. The Applicant considers the above approach to be a legally effective and proportionate means of affecting the update proposed, providing clarity to all parties that these parcels of common land will not be subject to compulsory acquisition, temporary possession or works powers.

## **2.2. Parcels 1/E, 2/A, 3/A and 3/B**

2.2.1. These parcels comprise an area totalling 35,693 square metres. They are in each case common land listed in Part 5 of the Book of Reference.

2.2.2. The parcels currently form part of the wider area of land identified as mitigation parcel M1(A) in Figure 2 of the **Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [REP2-070]**. Mitigation parcel M1(A) is identified as ecological mitigation land, contributing towards breeding and non-breeding bird mitigation, as well as providing biodiversity gains and overall ecological enhancements (Work No. 3). Mitigation parcel M1(A) is also intersected by a proposed permissive path route, as shown on sheet 2 of 12 of **ES Figure 2.2a Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed**

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17 letter dated 6 May 2026 **[PD-006]** and so the Applicant has proceeded on the basis stated in the Change Application.

**Solar Panels) [APP-134]** and sheet 2 of 12 of **ES Figure 2.2b Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed and Tracker Solar Panels) [APP-135]**. The permissive path route also intersects parcel 2/A.

2.2.3. In addition, parcels 1E, 2A, 3A and 3B are Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000 (the 2000 Act) access land. This indicates that there is, in principle, a right of public access to these parcels for the purposes of open-air recreation by virtue of section 2 of the 2000 Act.

2.2.4. In its relevant representation **[RR-O23]**, Natural England made submissions about the proposed permissive path route through parcel 2/A (NE key issue ref NE5). In particular, Natural England stated:

*“Natural England advise that the presence of human disturbance may reduce the suitability of the mitigation areas for SPA birds, impacting the core habitat available ... It should be clarified whether the proposed footpaths will be separated from the mitigation areas by stock proof fencing. We advise that if fencing is not proposed, the presence of dogs within mitigation areas can render the whole area unsuitable for the relevant species.*

*We consider that signage alone would not be sufficient to reduce the impact of pedestrians and dogs within the mitigation area. However, Natural England would encourage fencing to be accompanied by ‘positive’ signage highlighting the reasons for the fencing, including, for example, pictures of the relevant bird species, in order to improve public engagement with the restrictions.”*

2.2.5. To date, the Applicant has not proposed to fence the proposed permissive path route.

2.2.6. If pursued, the fencing of the permissive path route through parcel 2/A has potential implications. First, since this parcel is common land, the fencing of the route would constitute a “restricted work” requiring consent for the purposes of section 38 of the 2006 Act. However, since the land is excluded from the scope of powers of compulsory acquisition and temporary possession under the Draft DCO, this consent would need to be sought separately from the present Application (see section 139 of the Planning Act 2008).

2.2.7. Second, the status of the land as CRoW access land is naturally in tension with the potential for the land to be fenced, since fencing (and any associated signage recommended by Natural England) would prevent users of the path from accessing the land (or part of it) that is otherwise available for open-air recreation.

2.2.8. The Applicant has sought to address these issues by making the following changes to the Scheme:

- A minor modification to the proposed permissive path route so that it would avoid encroaching upon parcel 2/A and remain wholly within the limits of parcel 2/16. This would avoid any interaction between the proposed permissive path route and common land, therefore addressing the secondary consenting challenges under the 2006 Act (or otherwise) which would arise from fencing the route as Natural England have suggested;

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- To fence the proposed permissive path route (as modified) within parcel 2/16, in turn addressing Natural England's concerns about the potential for the use of the permissive path to undermine the function of the bird mitigation land; and
- To modify the extent of mitigation parcel M1(A) so that it would avoid the common land/CRoW access land, therefore addressing any incompatibility between the use of the land as mitigation for breeding and non-breeding bird species and its status as land to which the public have a right of access in principle for the purposes of open-air recreation.

2.2.9. The Applicant is however proposing that the land comprising parcels 1/E, 2A, 3/A and 3/B would continue to be sowed with proposed species-rich neutral grassland seed mix and would in turn continue to make a positive contribution towards the Biodiversity Net Gain ('BNG') benefits that would be delivered by the Scheme. Accordingly, no updates to the Works Plans or Land Plans would be required. The BNG metric will take into account the potential use of these parcels due to the public right of access and measures will be included within the **Outline LEMP [Document Reference 7.5 Revision 4]** to ensure that the habitat types and condition of these parcels, as detailed in the BNG metric, are achievable, whilst confirming that the BNG score for the whole Order Limits achieves a minimum 10% gain.

2.2.10. The Applicant has made the following changes to the application documents in response to the above:

- Amendment to ES Figure 2.2a, ES Figure 2.2b and ES Figure 6.4 Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy [**Document Reference 6.4.6.4 Revision 3**] to identify a minor modification to the proposed permissive path route through mitigation parcel M1(A), so that the route would avoid any interface with parcel 2/A (which is common land), and to clarify that the remainder of the route would incorporate fencing;
- Amendment to **Outline LEMP [Document Reference 7.6 Revision 4]** to describe and show the modified extent of mitigation area M1(A) and to clarify that biodiversity enhancement measures (Work No. 3) would continue to be implemented in respect of the land (plots 1/E, 2/A, 3/A and 3/B) previously forming part of mitigation parcel M1(A) but that no other works would be undertaken in this area; and
- An amendment to the BNG calculations (via ES Appendix 7.12 Biodiversity Net Gain [**Document Reference 6.3.7.12 Revision 2**]) to reflect the status of parcels 1/E, 2/A, 3/A and 3/B as CRoW access land to which the public have (in principle) a right of access for the purposes of open-air recreation. These parcels are still included within the BNG calculations, but the condition of the grassland within these parcels has been amended to take into account potential recreation usage over them. The overall changes to the BNG calculations are minor and still ensure that the Scheme achieves a minimum 10% BNG.

2.2.11. Furthermore, the Applicant has sought to clarify that no works would be carried out in that part of plot 2/A which is currently shown to encroach upon the Thorne & Hatfield Moors Special Protection Area, Thorne Moor Special Area of Conservation, Thorne, Crowle and Goole Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Hatfield Chase Ditches SSSI. This matter was addressed in the Applicant's response to ExQ2.0.35 [**REP2-087**]. The Applicant has done this in the following way:

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- Amending the Land Plans to identify this land as a new parcel (2/B), shown coloured grey to indicate that the land is not subject to compulsory acquisition, temporary possession or works powers. This enables a clear distinction to be drawn between this parcel and parcel 2/A, which is (as noted above) to be retained for habitat creation (Work No. 3);
- Amending the Book of Reference and Statement of Reasons to identify new plot 2/B;
- Amending the **Draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 5]** to identify new plot 2/B in article 22(3). Further details of the rationale for this change are set out in the **Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO [Document Reference 8.7 Revision 3]**;
- Amending the Works Plans to show that the land within plot 2/B is common land that is not subject to compulsory acquisition, temporary possession or works powers; and
- Amending ES Figure 2.2a and Figure 2.2b to clarify that plot 2/B is common land that is not subject to compulsory acquisition, temporary possession or works powers.

### 3 Consultation

#### 3.1. Summary of Consultation Undertaken

3.1.1. The Applicant has carried out targeted consultation in relation to the proposed changes, so that those potentially impacted can provide their views. On 2 April 2026, the Applicant wrote to those with an interest in the impacted land parcels, including plot 2-16 (which would be affected by the proposed change to the permissive path route), as listed in the Book of Reference. A copy of this letter is provided at Appendix 1 to this document.

3.1.2. This letter explained the reasons for the updates proposed, as well as clearly setting out the current use for these parcels and their proposed use. The Applicant requested any feedback to be provided by 11.59pm on Friday 8 May 2026. This provided individuals with 36 days to consider and respond to the updates. A site notice was also erected in the vicinity of the relevant land. This was intended to provide notice to those with the benefit of the rights associated with the common land, whom it has not been possible to identify.

3.1.3. The Applicant has also informed a number of additional stakeholders of the update and sought their views. Those informed were:

- City of Doncaster Council
- North Lincolnshire Council
- Natural England
- Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
- Environment Agency
- Isle of Axholme and North Nottingham Water Level Management
- Doncaster Internal Drainage Board

3.1.4. The Applicant considers that the targeted approach to consultation which has been adopted is proportionate to the very small geographical extent of the updates proposed. The Applicant considers that those with a likely interest in the updates comprise persons with an interest in the relevant land, who have been engaged, and selected prescribed consultees including the host authorities and environmental bodies, who have also been engaged. The Applicant also notes that in its letter dated 6 May 2026, the ExA confirmed that the Applicant's proposed consultation exercise was "proportionate and appropriate".

#### 3.2. Response to Consultation

3.2.1. The Applicant received one response during the consultation. The response was made by Thorne-Moorends Town Council requesting an extended deadline of 15 May 2026 to respond, which the Applicant agreed to. Thorne-Moorends Town Council subsequently confirmed that they had

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reviewed the documentation and that they did not have any further comments at this stage. A copy of the correspondence is provided at Appendix 2.

3.2.2. The Applicant has received no other responses to the consultation.

# 4 Schedule of Application Documents

- 4.1.1. The Applicant has set out in Section 3 above the documents which have been updated to reflect the proposed updates to the Scheme.
- 4.1.2. The Applicant has also submitted an updated **Application Document Schedule [Document Reference 8.1 Revision 4]** which clearly identifies which documents have been updated to reflect the proposed changes to the Scheme. To the extent that a document is not shown to be updated in the Application Document Schedule, this is because it does not need to be updated as a result of this Change Request.

## 5 Impact of Securing Consents of Licences

- 5.1.1. The Applicant notes that no consents, permits or licences require update as a result of the proposed changes and the proposed changes do not impede the securing of any consents, permits or licences required to undertake the Scheme. Indeed, the changes have been made in part for the purposes of ensuring that no secondary consenting issues would have the potential to arise due to the carrying out of “restricted works” over land within the meaning of the 2006 Act.

## 6 Environmental Impact Assessment

### 6.1. Change Request – Environmental Statement Addendum

- 6.1.1. The Applicant has prepared, and submitted with this Change Request, a **Change Request Environmental Statement ('ES') Addendum [Document Reference 8.13 Revision 1]**. The Change Request ES Addendum tracks updates, amendments and corrections to the ES documents identified in light of the proposals within this Change Request.
- 6.1.2. All ES disciplines have considered this Change Request. To the extent that a document forming part of the ES is not included within the Change Request ES Addendum, this is because there is 'no change' to the relevant document(s) currently before the examination.
- 6.1.3. Where the extent of change justifies it, some ES Figures and ES Appendices have been updated and submitted as new versions. If this is the case, the changes to these Figures and Appendices are not captured within the Change Request ES Addendum but instead an appropriate cross-reference is made within the ES Addendum to the relevant version of the ES Figures or ES Appendices, which have been updated and submitted within this Change Request.
- 6.1.4. Table 2-1 of the Change Request ES Addendum details the updates to Volume 1 and Volume 2 documents in light of this Change Request. Minor changes are made to the wording of **ES Chapter 2 Scheme Description [APP-039]**, **ES Chapter 3 Site Description, Site Selection and Iterative Design Process [REP2-019]**, and **ES Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual [REP2-033]**.
- 6.1.5. Table 3-1 of the ES Addendum details the updates to Volume 3 documents in light of this Change Request. Some ES Technical Appendices, as stated in the **Application Document Schedule [Document Reference 8.1 Revision 4]**, have been updated and submitted with this Change Request to incorporate relevant amendments.
- 6.1.6. Table 4-1 of the ES Addendum details the updates to Volume 4 documents, supporting plans and drawings, in light of this Change Request.
- 6.1.7. Section 5 of the Change Request ES Addendum confirms the relevant technical disciplines have reviewed their Environmental Statement assessments against the proposals contained within the Change Request and determined that these changes would not give rise to materially new or materially different effects to those identified in the ES submitted with the DCO application.

# 7 Conclusion

- 7.1.1. In conclusion, the Applicant considers that the proposed updates are limited, proportionate and necessary to provide clarity in relation to the interaction between the Scheme and the identified parcels of common land / CRoW access land.
- 7.1.2. The changes comprise the removal of certain parcels from the extent of compulsory acquisition, temporary possession and works powers, a minor amendment to the permissive path route through mitigation area MI(A), with the incorporation of fencing along the modified route, modifications to the extent of mitigation area MI(A) and consequential updates to the application documents.
- 7.1.3. The Applicant has undertaken a proportionate targeted consultation with persons and organisations considered likely to be affected, and that exercise generated only one response, from Thorne-Moorends Town Council, which confirmed that it had no further comments.
- 7.1.4. Having regard to their nature and extent, the Applicant considers that the proposed changes are legally effective, appropriately consulted upon and do not give rise to any materially new or materially different likely significant environmental effects. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examining Authority accepts this Change Request as part of the ongoing examination of the DCO Application.

**APPENDIX 1 – CHANGE REQUEST CONSULTATION LETTER**



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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Proposed Tween Bridge Solar Farm - Land at Thorne Moors, Grange Road**

RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited (RWE) is writing to you regarding proposals for Tween Bridge Solar Farm, a solar and battery storage project which proposes to generate up to 800MW of renewable electricity, with a co-located 400MW Battery Energy Storage System (the Scheme). The Scheme is located on land approximately 10 kilometres to the northeast of Doncaster and 14 kilometres to the west of Scunthorpe, in the administrative boundary of the City of Doncaster Council and North Lincolnshire Council.

As you may be aware, RWE submitted an application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate on 26 August 2025. The application was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 24 September 2025 and is currently within the pre-examination period. The examination is scheduled to commence on 14 April.

This letter is being sent to inform you about some proposed updates to the use of land at Thorne Moors, Grange Road, which is registered common land, in connection with the Scheme. We have identified that you have an interest in this land, or in land which is otherwise affected by the proposed updates set out in this letter.

### **The proposed updates**

The proposed updates relate to a small number of land parcels within the Order Limits (i.e., the area required to build the Scheme). The land can be seen on Sheets 1, 2, and 3 of the **Land Plans [APP-008]** and includes land parcels 1/A, 1/B, 1/C, 1/D, 1/E, 2/A, 3/A, 3/B, 3/C, 3/D and 3/E. These parcels are identified and shown coloured yellow on the extracts of plans at **Appendix 1** of this letter. These plans can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010148-000225-2.2%20Land%20Plans.pdf>

As identified in the legend to the Land Plans, the land is special category land (common land) and is *not* proposed to be subject to compulsory acquisition and temporary possession under the draft Development Consent Order [**AS-002**]. This can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's website: [https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010148-000408-3.1%20Draft%20Development%20Consent%20Order%20\(Revision%20\)%20\(Clean\).pdf](https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010148-000408-3.1%20Draft%20Development%20Consent%20Order%20(Revision%20)%20(Clean).pdf)

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Whilst the land has been excluded from powers of compulsory acquisition and temporary possession, it is included within the application for use in connection with the carrying out of Work No. 2 (laying of electrical cables), Work No. 3 (works for the provision of green infrastructure and habitat management) and/or Work No. 8 (works to facilitate access to the Scheme). These proposals can be seen on the Works Plans [**APP-009**]. These plans can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010148-000226-2.3%20Works%20Plans.pdf>

The relevant parcels of land are identified in the following table, together with details of the current use of the parcel and the update we are proposing. This exercise, which properly constitutes an aspect of detailed Scheme design, has been accelerated by the Applicant recognising the particular legal status of these land parcels.

<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Current use</b>	<b>Proposed use</b>
1/A	Work No. 8 (works associated with the provision of access to the Scheme).	Following further detailed consideration, this parcel is no longer proposed to be used in connection with the Scheme.
1/B	Work No. 2 (laying of electrical cables) and Work No. 8 (works associated with the provision of access to the Scheme).	Following further detailed consideration, this parcel is no longer proposed to be used in connection with the Scheme.
1/C	Work No. 8 (works associated with the provision of access to the Scheme)	Following further detailed consideration, this parcel is no longer proposed to be used in connection with the Scheme.
1/D	Work No. 8 (works associated with the provision of access to the Scheme)	Following further detailed consideration, this parcel is no longer proposed to be used in connection with the Scheme.
1/E	Work No. 3 (works for the creation of green infrastructure and habitat management)	This land currently forms part of mitigation area M1(A), as shown on sheet 2 of 4 of Figure 6.4 Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy [ <b>APP-148</b> ].  Further details of the proposed updates to mitigation area M1(A) are set out below.
2/A	Work No. 3 (works for the creation of green infrastructure and habitat management)	The majority of this land currently forms part of mitigation area M1(A), as shown on sheet 2 of 4 of Figure

		<p>6.4 Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy [<b>APP-148</b>].</p> <p>Further details of the proposed updates to mitigation area M1(A) are set out below.</p> <p>The remainder of parcel 2/A, which overlaps with a small extent (0.54ha) of the Thorne &amp; Hatfield SPA/SAC/SSSI, would also not be used in connection with the Scheme.</p>
3/A	Work No. 3 (works for the creation of green infrastructure and habitat management)	<p>This land currently forms part of mitigation area M1(A), as shown on sheet 2 of 4 of Figure 6.4 Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy [<b>APP-148</b>].</p> <p>Further details of the proposed updates to mitigation area M1(A) are set out below.</p>
3/B	Work No. 3 (works for the creation of green infrastructure and habitat management)	<p>This land currently forms part of mitigation area M1(A), as shown on sheet 2 of 4 of Figure 6.4 Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy [<b>APP-148</b>].</p> <p>Further details of the proposed updates to mitigation area M1(A) are set out below.</p>
3/C	Work No. 8 (works associated with the provision of access to the Scheme)	Following further detailed consideration, this parcel is no longer proposed to be used in connection with the Scheme.
3/D	Work No. 8 (works associated with the provision of access to the Scheme)	Following further detailed consideration, this parcel is no longer proposed to be used in connection with the Scheme.
3/E	Work No. 8 (works associated with the provision of access to the Scheme)	Following further detailed consideration, this parcel is no longer proposed to be used in connection with the Scheme.

## Mitigation Area M1(A)

Parcels 1E, 2A, 3A and 3B currently form part of mitigation area M1(A). This area is identified as mitigation land for the benefit of breeding and non-

breeding birds and is proposed to comprise species rich neutral grassland, as shown on Figures 1 and 2 of the outline Landscape Ecological Management Plan [**APP-181**] and sheet 2 of 4 of Figure 6.4 Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy [**APP-148**]. These plans can be seen on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010148-000246-7.6%20Outline%20Landscape%20Ecological%20Management%20Plan.pdf> and <https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010148-000294-6.4.6.4%20Landscape%20and%20Visual%20Mitigation%20Strategy.pdf>

Figure 6.4 Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy also shows an indicative permissive path route with high level viewing huts crossing through mitigation area M1(A).

The location of parcels 1E, 2A, 3A and 3B relative to mitigation area M1(A) can be seen by reference to sheets 2 and 3 of the Land Plans [**APP-008**].

In its relevant representation [**RR-023**], Natural England raised concerns about the potential for use associated with the proposed permissive path to negatively impact the function of mitigation area M1(A) as mitigation land for breeding and non-breeding birds - for example, due to pedestrians and dogs potentially straying off the path into the adjoining land and disturbing habitat intended to be used by birds. Natural England therefore suggested that the permissive path should be fenced on either side to reduce the potential for users of the path to enter the adjoining mitigation area. This relevant representation can be viewed on the Relevant representations tab of the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010148/representations>

The Applicant is minded to agree that this would be a positive measure which would support the proposed function of the mitigation land.

However, any proposal to erect fencing along the extent of the permissive path route that crosses parcels 1E, 2A, 3A and 3B has potential legal implications, given its status as common land. In particular, it is very likely that works of this nature would require consent under section 38 of the Commons Act 2006.

The Applicant considers that the time and complexity involved in securing consent for works under the 2006 Act can be avoided by a simple update to the indicative permissive path route, so that it would avoid routing through parcels 1E, 2A, 3A and 3B. The revised indicative route is shown on the plans included at the end of this letter at **Appendix 2** and would be fully contained within the current limits of parcel 2/16.

Similarly, the Applicant considers that any incompatibility between the use of the common land by those with the benefit of the common rights and/or members of the public, on the one hand, and bird species, on the other, can be resolved by removing the land from the scope of the Applicant's bird mitigation

proposals (although, as noted below, this land will still contribute to the overall biodiversity strategy for the Scheme by providing habitats of ecological importance).

This would reduce the total extent of mitigation area M1(A) by 35,693 m<sup>2</sup>, a relatively small reduction given that the current extent of the area is 104,400 m<sup>2</sup>. In the context of the Scheme overall, a reduction of 35,693 m<sup>2</sup> (that is 3.57ha) in comparison with the 187.32ha of mitigation land to be provided across the Order Limits for breeding and non-breeding birds is very small and would not alter the conclusions of the Applicant's environmental assessments. The proposed revised extent of mitigation area M1(A) is shown at the end of this letter at Appendix 2.

Notwithstanding the removal of the land from the bird mitigation proposals, the Applicant proposes that the area would continue to form part of the species rich neutral grassland areas proposed as part of the Scheme, in turn continuing to contribute to the Scheme's biodiversity net gain (BNG) credentials.

Accordingly, the following updates are proposed to mitigation area M1(A):

- The indicative permissive path route is proposed to be updated so that it would avoid land parcels 1E, 2A, 3A and 3B and the route (as updated so as to be located within parcel 2/16 only) is proposed to be fenced in response to Natural England's comments in its relevant representation. The revised route is shown on the plan at the end of this letter.
- Mitigation area M1(A) is proposed to be reduced in extent to avoid land parcels 1E, 2A, 3A and 3B, but species rich neutral grassland proposals would be retained over these parcels contributing to the Scheme's BNG credentials.

Subject to any feedback on these proposed updates (see 'make your comments' section below), RWE proposes to write to the Planning Inspectorate in due course seeking approval for all necessary updates to plans and associated documents to be made and submitted as part of the forthcoming examination process.

## **Make your comments**

If you have any comments on the proposed updates set out in this letter you can submit this feedback in the following ways:

- Emailing us at [info@tweenbridgesolar.co.uk](mailto:info@tweenbridgesolar.co.uk)
- Writing to us at FREEPOST TWEEN BRIDGE SOLAR

Please provide any feedback you have **by 11:59pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**



RWE requests that when responding you please indicate who is making the response and provide an address to which any correspondence relating to the representation may be sent.

RWE may be required to make copies of responses available to the Planning Inspectorate. However, RWE will request that personal details are not placed on the public record. All personal information received will be handled in accordance with the legal data protection requirements.

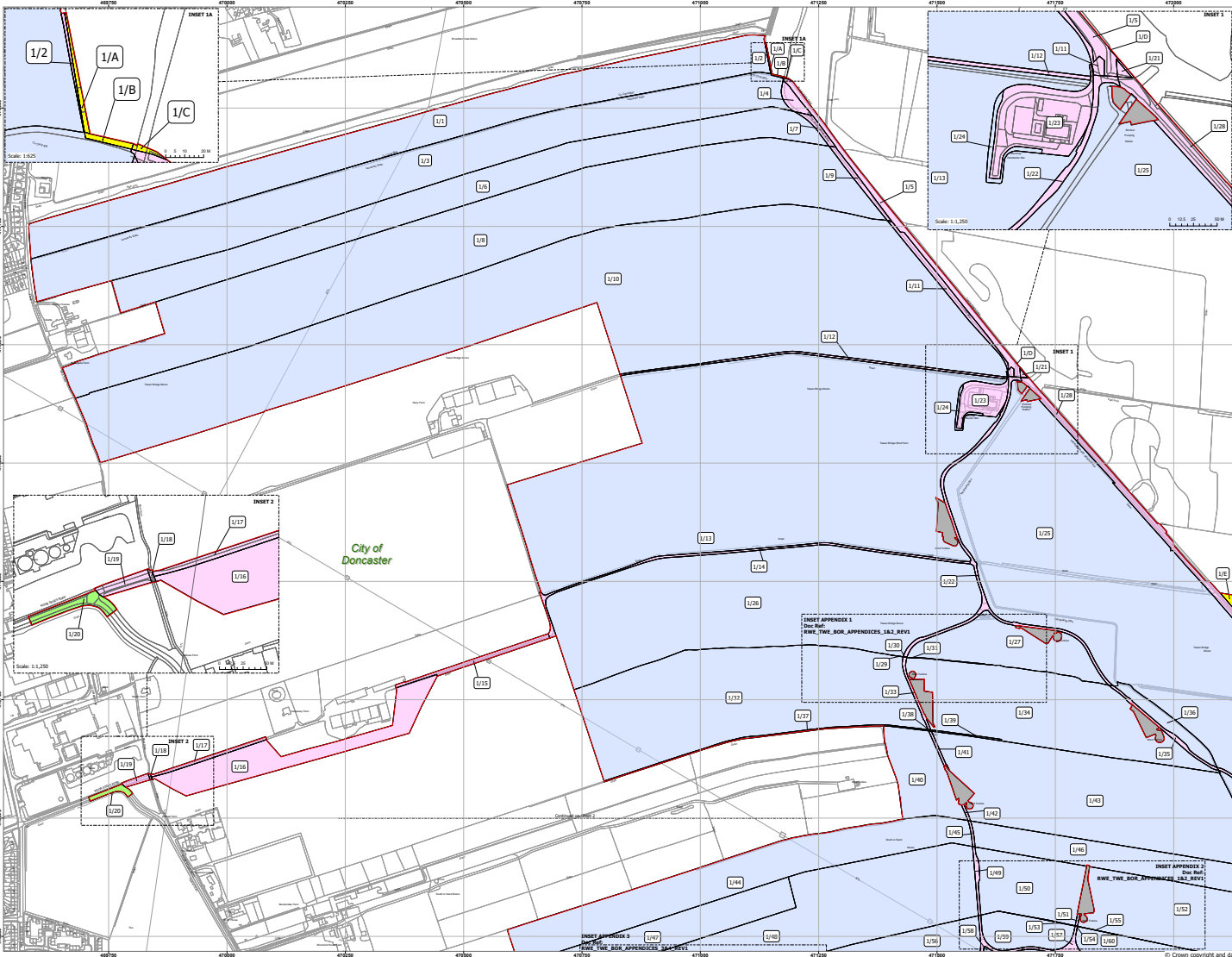
**If you have any questions on the content of this letter or the Scheme please email us on or call us on 0800 021 7877.**

Yours sincerely,

**Paul Hunt**  
Senior Project Manager  
RWE Renewables Solar and Storage



**Appendix 1: Extract of Land Plans submitted as part of the DCO Application showing common land parcels in yellow**



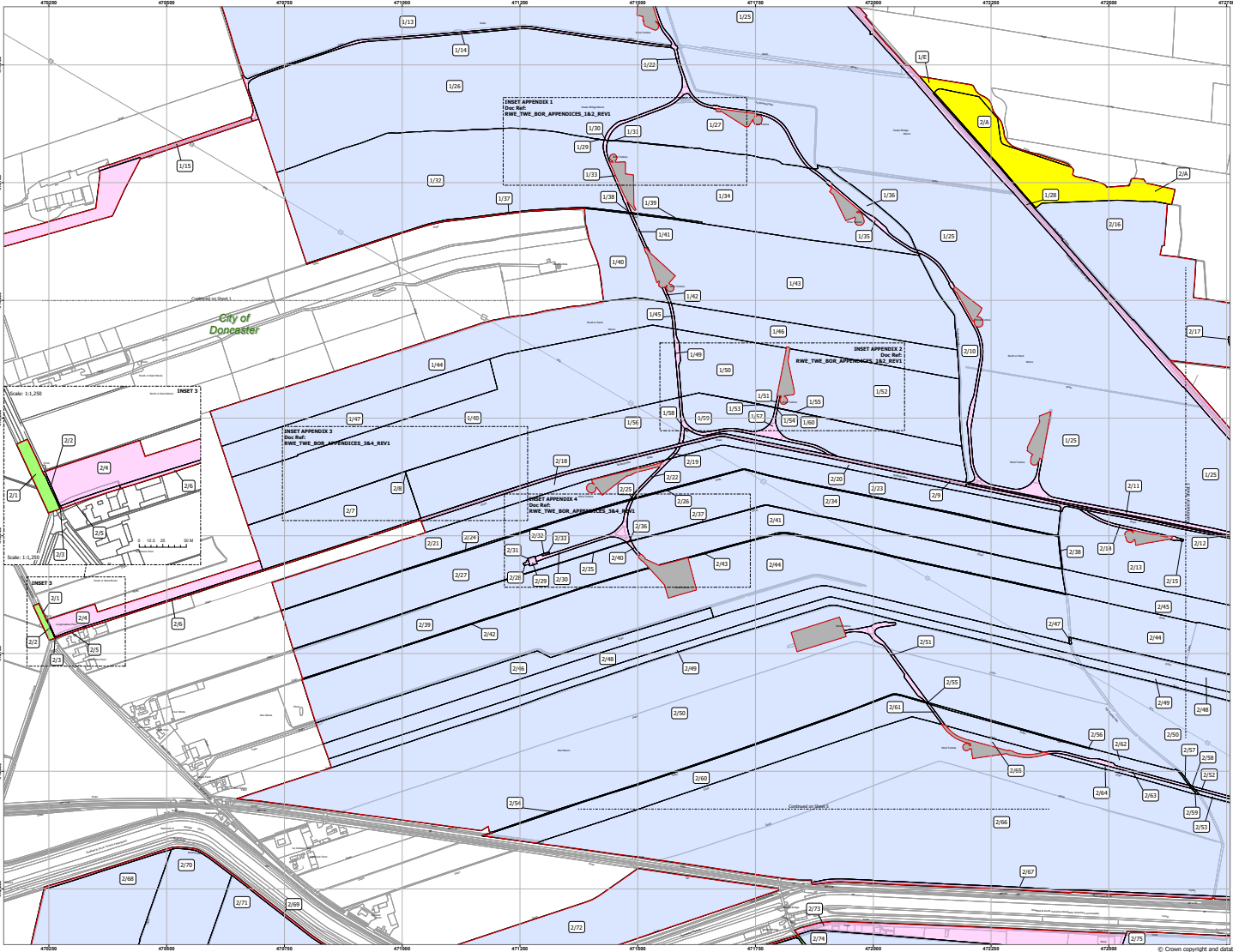
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Land Plans**  
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- Order Limits
- Land not within Order Limits
- Administrative Boundary
- Land Subject to Permanent Acquisition and Temporary Possession
- Land Subject to Acquisition of Permanent Rights and Temporary Possession
- Highway Land Subject to the Acquisition of Permanent Rights and Temporary Possession
- Special Category Land (Common Land) - Not Subject to Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession

**Notes:**  
 1. All dimensions are in metres unless stated otherwise.  
 2. These Land Plans should be read in conjunction with other plans and documents in the OGD application, in particular the Development Consent Order (EN01048APP13), Book of Reference (EN01048APP13) and the Statement of Reasons (EN01048APP13).  
 3. Land parcel/lot numbers are made up of a unique plot number. These plot numbers correspond to those represented in the Book of Reference; the first number is the reference, followed by the plot number.  
 4. All easements, rights and other rights are proposed to be extinguished on land that is to be acquired unless stated otherwise in the Development Consent Order (EN01048APP13) or the Book of Reference (EN01048APP13).  
 5. Infrastructure Planning Applications: Prescribed Form and Procedural Regulations 2009 (Regulation 52(3)).



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- Land Subject to Permanent Acquisition and Temporary Possession
- Land Subject to Acquisition of Permanent Rights and Temporary Possession
- Highway Land Subject to the Acquisition of Permanent Rights and Temporary Possession
- Special Category Land (Common Land)

Plot no. on plan:  
1/123, 1/25, 1/26, 1/27, 1/29, 1/31, 1/32, 1/34, 1/36, 1/37, 1/38, 1/40, 1/42, 1/44, 1/46, 1/47, 1/48, 1/50, 1/52, 1/53, 1/55, 1/56, 1/58, 1/59, 1/60, 2/2, 2/8, 2/10, 2/12, 2/14, 2/16, 2/17, 2/18, 2/19, 2/20, 2/21, 2/22, 2/23, 2/24, 2/26, 2/27, 2/31, 2/32, 2/34, 2/36, 2/37, 2/38, 2/39, 2/41, 2/42, 2/43, 2/44, 2/45, 2/46, 2/47, 2/48, 2/49, 2/50, 2/52, 2/54, 2/56, 2/57, 2/59, 2/60, 2/62, 2/64, 2/65, 2/66, 2/68, 2/70, 2/71, 2/72, 2/74, 2/75

Plot no. on plan:  
1/14, 1/15, 1/16, 1/22, 1/28, 1/30, 1/33, 1/35, 1/38, 1/41, 1/42, 1/44, 1/46, 1/51, 1/56, 1/57, 2/2, 2/3, 2/4, 2/5, 2/6, 2/9, 2/11, 2/12, 2/14, 2/15, 2/16, 2/18, 2/19, 2/21, 2/22, 2/26, 2/40, 2/41, 2/42, 2/45, 2/46, 2/41, 2/43, 2/47, 2/49, 2/50

Plot no. on plan:  
2/1

Plot no. on plan:  
1/E, 2/A

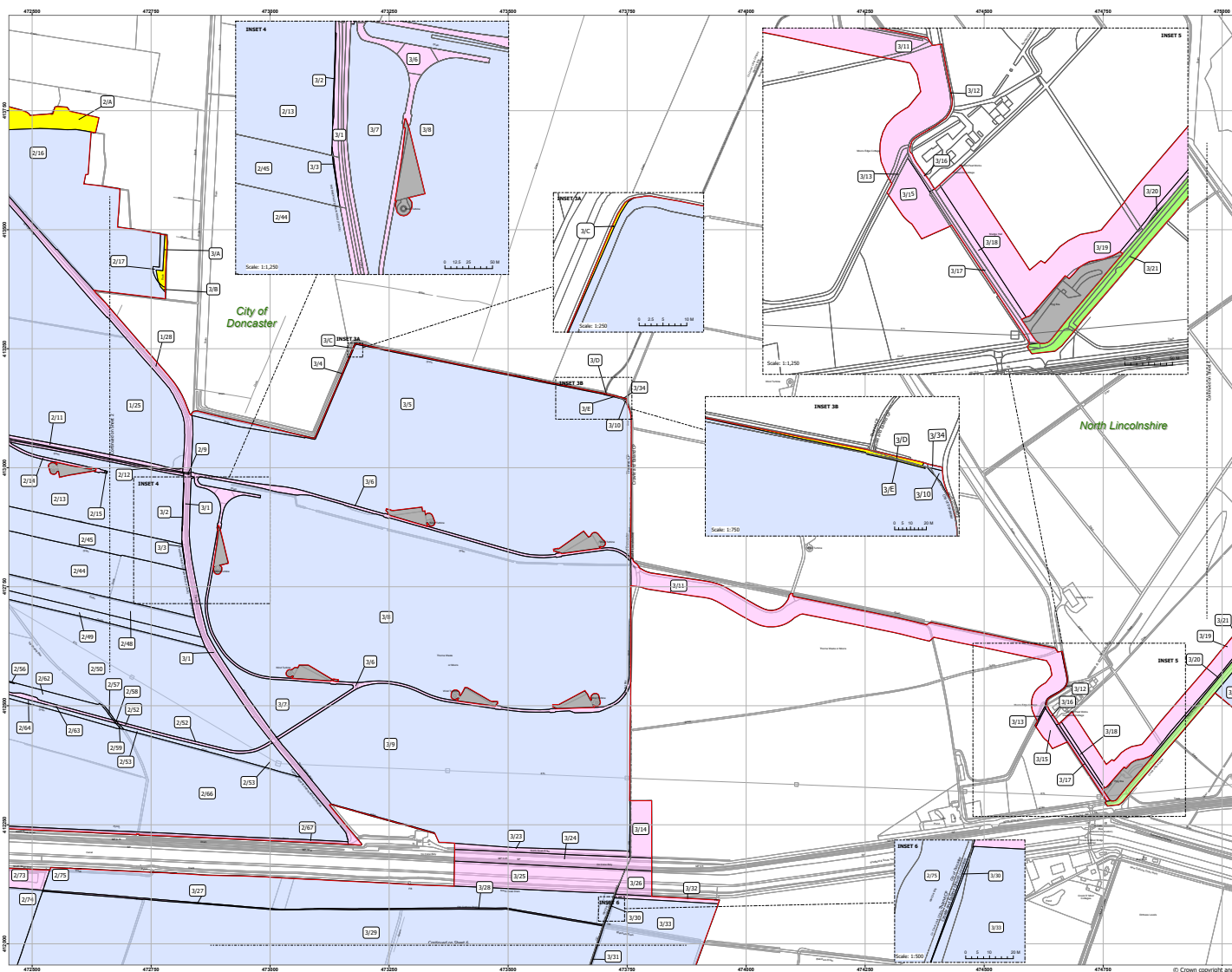


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- Order Limits
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- Administrative Boundary
- Land Subject to Permanent Acquisition and Temporary Possession
- Rights and Temporary Possession
- Land Subject to Acquisition of Permanent Rights and Temporary Possession
- Special Category Land (Common Land)
- Land Subject to Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession

**Plot no. on plan:**  
 1/35, 2/12, 2/15, 2/16, 2/17, 2/18, 2/19, 2/46, 2/49, 2/50, 2/53, 2/56, 2/57, 2/59, 2/62, 2/64, 2/66, 2/74, 2/75, 3/2, 3/4, 3/5, 3/7, 3/8, 3/9, 3/10, 3/22, 3/29, 3/30, 3/33, 3/34

**Plot no. on plan:**  
 3/26, 3/29, 3/11, 3/12, 3/14, 3/23, 3/28, 3/30, 2/67, 2/73, 3/1, 3/6, 3/11, 3/12, 3/13, 3/14, 3/15, 3/16, 3/17, 3/18, 3/19, 3/20, 3/21, 3/24, 3/25, 3/26, 3/27, 3/28, 3/31, 3/32

**Plot no. on plan:**  
 3/21

**Special Category Land (Common Land)**  
 2/A, 3/A, 3/B, 3/C, 3/D, 3/E

**Notes:**  
 1. All dimensions are in metres unless stated otherwise.  
 2. These Land Plans should be read in conjunction with other plans and documents in the OGD application, in particular the Development Consent Order (DCO) Reference No. EN10148/APP12 and the Statement of Reasons (SOR) Reference No. EN10148/APP12.1.  
 3. Land parcel numbers are made up of a unique plot number. These plot numbers correspond to those presented in the Book of Reference, the first number is the unique identifier for the sheet number.  
 4. All easements, rights and other interests are proposed to be extinguished on land that is to be acquired, unless stated otherwise in the Development Consent Order (DCO) Reference No. EN10148/APP12.1 in the Book of Reference (SOR) Reference No. EN10148/APP12.1.

**Infrastructure Planning Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures: Regulation 2009**



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**Appendix 2: The proposed revised extent of mitigation area M1(A)**



**LEGEND**

- Order Limits
- Existing Vegetation with BPA's
- Existing Vegetation outside Order Limits
- Existing Vegetation to be Removed
- Existing Public Right of Way Footpath
- Existing Drain
- Existing River / D8 Drain
- Existing Water Main
- Existing Fuel Pipe
- Existing High Voltage Cable
- Existing Low Voltage Cable
- Existing Wind Farm High Voltage Cable
- Existing Telecom Cable
- Existing Wind Farm Access Track

**Proposed:**

- Security Fence
- Access Gate
- Solar Array
- Access Road
- Hard Standing to BESS/Substation
- Inverter Container
- Switchgear
- Spare Container
- Construction Compound
- Invasive Cables Drain Crossing
- Existing Ground Conditions to be retained and made good following construction
- Species-Rich Neutral Grassland Seed Mix
- Species-Rich Neutral Grassland Seed Mix to Solar Compartment
- Proposed Hedgerow Planting
- Proposed Woodland Planting
- Proposed Tree Planting
- Indicative permissive footpath route with high level warning. Note - all routes to be fenced and secure
- Proposed scrapes - shown indicatively, refer to ecology reports for further details
- Area of no works

**Figure 6.4 Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy**

**Tween Bridge Solar Farm**

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**RWE**

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 Prepared by: [Name] | Checked by: [Name] | Approved by: [Name]  
 Date: 15/08/2023

**APPENDIX 2 - THORNE-MOORENDS CONSULTATION CORRESPONDENCE**

**From:** [Clerk](#)  
**To:** [Info Tweenbridgesolar](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Tween Bridge DCO - Land at Thorne Moors, Grange Road  
**Date:** 14 May 2026 14:21:50  
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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for extending the date for providing comments to the proposal updates. The Council reviewed the new documentation but resolved that it did not have any further comments at this stage.

Thanks

*Sam Goodfellow*

Clerk to the Council



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**Cc:** Susan Durant <[\[REDACTED\]@thorne-moorends.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@thorne-moorends.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Tween Bridge DCO - Land at Thorne Moors, Grange Road

Dear Sam,

We are writing to inform you of some proposed updates to the use of land at Thorne Moors, Grange Road, which is registered common land, in connection with the Tween Bridge Solar Farm Project (the Scheme).

As you are aware, RWE submitted an application for development consent in relation to the Scheme to the Planning Inspectorate on 26 August 2025. The application was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 24 September 2025 and is currently within the pre-examination period. The examination is scheduled to commence on 14 April.

### **The proposed updates**

The proposed updates are described in detail in the letter issued to relevant landowners on 2 April 2026. A copy of the letter can be accessed using the below link. The appendices in the letter are also attached to this email for ease.

 [Tween Bridge – Landowner Letter on Common Land Amendment Final + Letter Plans.pdf](#)

They relate to a small number of land parcels within the Order Limits (i.e., the area required to build the Scheme). The land can be seen on Sheets 1, 2, and 3 of the **Land Plans [APP-008]** and includes land parcels 1/A, 1/B, 1/C, 1/D, 1/E, 2/A, 3/A, 3/B, 3/C, 3/D and 3/E.

As identified in the legend to the Land Plans, the land is special category land (common land) and is *not* proposed to be subject to compulsory acquisition and temporary possession under the **draft Development Consent Order [AS-002]**.

Whilst the land has been excluded from powers of compulsory acquisition and temporary possession, it is included within the application for use in connection with the carrying out of Work No. 2 (laying of electrical cables), Work No. 3 (works for the provision of green infrastructure and habitat management) and/or Work No. 8 (works to facilitate access to the Scheme). These proposals can be seen on the **Works Plans [APP-009]**.

### **Parcels 1/A, 1/B, 1/C, 1/D, 3/C, 3/D and 3E**

The Applicant notes that all of the parcels constitute very small areas of land comprising drain (in the case of parcels 1/A, 1/B, 1/C and 1/D) and agricultural land (in the case of parcels 3/C, 3/D and 3/E). Following detailed review, the Applicant can confirm that the purposes for which the land was identified can be secured in circumstances where all of these parcels of land were removed from the scope of Works Nos. 2 and 8

These parcels of common land are therefore no longer proposed to be used in connection with the Scheme.

### **Parcels 1/E, 2/A, 3/A and 3/B**

These parcels form part of the land identified as mitigation land for breeding and non-breeding bird species (identified as mitigation area M1(A)) and can be seen on Sheets 2 and 4 of the **Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy [APP-148]**.

Parcel M1(A) is also intersected by a proposed permissive path route. In its **relevant representation [RR-023]**, Natural England (NE) has made submissions expressing the view that the proposed permissive path route should be fenced (NE key issue ref NE5) to increase the suitability of the mitigation area for bird species.

The Applicant is minded to agree that NE's suggestions would be a positive measure which would support the proposed function of the mitigation land. However, any fencing of the route through common land has potential legal implications that give rise to some complexity, which in the Applicant's view can be avoided by means of a simple update to its proposals. Accordingly, the following updates are proposed which impact the common land at Thorne Moors:

- update to the proposed permissive path route so that it would avoid parcels 1E, 2A, 3A and 3B and the route (as updated) would be located wholly within parcel 2/16 only and fenced along its length; and
- to reduce the extent of mitigation area M1(A) to avoid the common land comprised in parcels 1/E, 2/A, 3/A and 3/B. This will avoid any potential incompatibility between the function of the land as mitigation land for breeding and non-breeding birds and the use of the land by those with the benefit of the common rights and/or members of the public.

### **Publicising proposed updates and feedback**

RWE has written to the individuals that have an interest in this land, or in land which is otherwise affected by the proposed updates. The text of that letter is attached. RWE has also erected a site notice in proximity to the land detailing the proposed updates.

Please let us know if the Town Council have any comments on the proposed updates **by 11:59pm on Friday 8 May**. You can do so by reply to this email or by using any of the methods identified in the attached letter under the heading 'make your comments'.

Kind regards,

Tom, on behalf of the Tween Bridge Solar Farm Project