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Planning Act 2008: Application for Development Consent Order for Tween Bridge Solar Farm

Examination Deadline 4 Submission (21 July 2026): Cover Letter

Dear Ms Norris

On 24 April 2026, the Examining Authority (“ExA”) issued a letter under Section 89 of the Planning Act 2008 and rules 8 and 9 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (“the Rule 8 letter”) which confirmed the Examination Timetable and procedure relating to the Tween Bridge Solar Farm Development Consent Order (DCO) application. The Rule 8 letter set out the submissions required by the ExA to be provided for each Deadline of the Examination.

This letter encloses the Applicant’s summary of the submission made at Deadline 4.

I would be grateful if you would please acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and the enclosed documents.

Deadline 4 Submission Documents

Documents submitted to the ExA at Deadline 4 have been divided into subsections: Updated Submission Documents, Additional Submission Documents and Statements of Common Ground. Where a document updates a previously submitted document it is confirmed that a ‘clean’ and ‘tracked’ version have been submitted. The only exceptions to this are the following documents as the amendments cannot be deciphered with tracked changes:

1. Works Plans [Document Reference 2.3 Revision 4]
2. Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed Solar Panels) [Document Reference 6.4.2.2a Revision 3]
3. Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed and Tracker Solar Panels) [Document Reference 6.4.2.2b Revision 3]
4. Environmental Statement Figure 6.4 Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy [Document Reference 6.4.6.4 Revision 5]
5. Environmental Statement Figure 6.6 Screened Zone of Theoretical Visibility with Landscape Character Areas and Viewpoints [Document Reference 6.4.6.6 Revision 2]

6. Statement of Reasons Appendix 2 Schedule of Landowner Negotiations [Document Reference 8.6 Revision 3]

The Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO [Document Reference 8.7 Revision 5] is not submitted with tracked changes because the document itself clearly explains the changes that have been made and a copy of the Draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 7] is submitted as 'clean' and 'tracked'.

Updated Submission Documents

- Works Plans [Document Reference 2.3 Revision 4]
- Draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 7]
- Explanatory Memorandum [Document Reference 3.2 Revision 5]
- Statement of Reasons [Document Reference 4.1 Revision 4]
- Funding Statement [Document Reference 4.2 Reference 3]
- Report to Inform Habitat Regulations Assessment [Document Reference 5.3 Revision 6]
- Appendix B: Heritage Assessment [Document Reference 5.5.2 Revision 2]
- Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual [Document Reference 6.2.6 Revision 4]
- Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage and Archaeology [Document Reference 6.2.8 Revision 3]
- Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Ecology and Nature Conservation [Document Reference 6.2.7 Revision 4]
- Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration [Document Reference 6.2.13 Revision 3]
- Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Transport and Access [Document Reference 6.2.12 Revision 3]
- Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Cumulative Impacts [Document Reference 6.2.17 Revision 3]
- Environmental Statement Appendix 6.2 Residential Visual Amenity Assessment [Document Reference 6.3.6.2 Revision 2]
- Environmental Statement Appendix 7.10: Non-Breeding Bird Mitigation Strategy [Document Reference 6.3.7.10 Revision 4]
- Environmental Statement Appendix 8.1 Heritage Baseline Assessment [Document Reference 6.3.8.1 Revision 3]
- Environmental Statement Appendix 8.6 Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [Document Reference 6.3.8.6 Revision 3]
- ES Volume 4, Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed Solar Panels) [Document Reference 6.4.2.2a Revision 3]
- ES Volume 4, Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed and Tracker Solar Panels) [Document Reference 6.4.2.2b Revision 3]
- ES Volume 4, Heights Parameters Zonal Plan [Document Reference 6.4.2.3 Revision 2]
- Environmental Statement Figure 6.2 Landscape Character Areas [Document Reference 6.4.6.2 Revision 2]
- ES Figure 6.3 Screened Zone of Theoretical Visibility With Viewpoints and Photomontage Locations [Document Reference 6.4.6.3 Revision 2]
- ES Figure 6.4 Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy [Document Reference 6.4.6.4 Revision 5]
- ES Figure 6.5 Residential Properties [Document Reference 6.4.6.5, Revision 2]

- ES Figure 6.6 Screened Zone of Theoretical Visibility with Landscape Character Areas and Viewpoints [Document Reference 6.4.6.6 Revision 2]
- ES Figure 15.3: Scheme Layout and Agricultural Layout Plan [Document Reference 6.4.15.3 Revision 2]
- Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [Document Reference 7.1 Revision 5]
- Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [Document Reference 7.2 Revision 3]
- Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [Document Reference 7.3 Revision 4]
- Outline Ecological Construction Management Plan [Document Reference 7.5 Revision 4]
- Outline Landscape Ecological Management Plan [Document Reference 7.6 Revision 5]
- Statutory Undertakers Position Statement [Document Reference 7.12 Revision 4]

Additional Submissions

The following additional submissions are made at Deadline 4:

- Deadline 4 Cover Letter (this Letter)
- Application Document Schedule [Document Reference 8.1 Revision 6]
- Statement of Reasons Appendix 2 Schedule of Landowner Negotiations [Document Reference 8.6 Revision 3]
- Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO [Document Reference 8.7 Revision 5]
- Written Summary of Oral Submissions at the Issue Specific Hearing 2 [Document Reference 8.16 Revision 2]
- Written Summary of Oral Submissions at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing [Document Reference 8.18 Revision 2]
- Written Responses to ExQ2 [Document Reference 8.21 Revision 1]
- Design Evolution Document [Document Reference 8.22 Revision 1]
- Justification for the Applicant's preferred protective provisions [Document Reference 8.23 Revision 1]
- Response to Deadline 3 Submissions [Document Reference 8.24 Revision 1]
- Environmental Statement Appendix 17.5 - Construction, Operation and Decommissioning Effects for Ecological Receptors [Document Reference 6.3.17.5 Revision 1]

Statements of Common Ground

The following documents and draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) have been progressed and are submitted at Deadline 4:

- Statement of Commonality [Document Reference 9.1 Revision 4]
- City of Doncaster Council SoCG [Document Reference 9.2 Revision 3]
- North Lincolnshire Council SocG [Document Reference 9.3 Revision 3]
- National Highways SoCG [Document Reference 9.10 Revision 4]

All draft SoCGs being progressed for the Scheme were submitted at Deadline 1. Some SoCGs were updated and submitted at Deadline 2 and Deadline 3. The SoCGs are accurate as of 20 July 2026. Further comments

were received from City of Doncaster Council 21 July 2026. However, these have not been included within the submission given the receipt of input on the day of submission. These inputs will be included at Deadline 5 (4 August 2026).

The Statement of Commonality [Document Reference 9.1 Revision 4] identifies the current position of all SoCGs and confirms all are progressing with ongoing discussions between the Applicant and relevant stakeholders, in accordance with Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter [PD-005].

Actions Arising from Hearings

Actions arising from Issue Specific Hearing 2, Issue Specific Hearing 3, Compulsory Acquisition Hearing, and Open Floor Hearing 2, that have been detailed in the associated Written Summary of Oral Submissions **[REP3-047, REP3-048, REP-049, and REP3-050]** but not completed at Deadline 3, are summarised in Annex 1 of this letter. Annex 1 provides the cross reference to where these actions have been completed at Deadline 4.

Design Evolution

The Applicant been keeping the design of the Scheme under review since submission and, following the Examination hearings and discussions with the North Lincs Council, has decided to modify it as follows:

- Removal of solar panels from Fields E19 and E20 in response to matters raised at the Open Floor Hearing 2
- Refinement of 132kV Substation and 100MW BESS within Flood Zone 3b in response to matters raised at Issue Specific Hearing 3
- Reconfiguration of solar panels from Field E15 in response matters raised through engagement North Lincolnshire Council

The amendments are made in response to discussions with Interested Parties during the examination. The amendments do not increase the scale of development or alter the Order Limits. Details regarding the amendments are provided in the **Design Evolution Document [Document Reference 8.22 Revision 1]** submitted at Deadline 4.

The proposed amendments are illustrated in the proposed layout plans; **Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed Solar Panels) [Document Reference 6.4.2.2a Revision 3]** and **Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed and Tracker Solar Panels) [Document Reference 6.4.2.2b Revision 3]**.

The amendments have been reviewed by the technical authors of the Environmental Statement (ES) to consider if they would materially alter the findings or conclusions of the ES and if any ES documentation requires updating. A review of the environmental chapters is set out below:

Landscape and Visual

ES Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual [Document Reference 6.2.6 Revision 4] and **Appendix 6.2 Residential Visual Amenity Assessment [Document Reference Revision 2]** is updated at Deadline 4 reviewing the proposed removal of solar PV panels in development parcel E20 and partially in E19. The assessment identifies

that, through the removal of panels, the Scheme will no longer be visible from Property 44 or on the approach along the drive and significance of effects are reduced to Moderate (Not Significant).

The reconfiguration of solar PV panels in parcel E5 and minor micro-siting relocation of the onsite 132kV Substation in parcel A20 does not introduce development into previously unassessed locations, increase the scale materially or introduce different heights of infrastructure and therefore would not result in any discernible change to landscape character effects or visual amenity. Therefore, these do not result in any material change to the assessments, findings, or conclusions presented within the ES and no updates are made to Landscape and Visual documentation in this regard.

Ecology and Nature Conservation

The modifications do not increase the extent of development, introduce new infrastructure into previously unassessed areas, or alter the nature of the activities assessed within the ES.

The removal of solar PV panels areas does not increase the potential for habitat loss, fragmentation, disturbance, or other ecological effects and does not affect the mitigation parcels provided for non-breeding birds or breeding birds.

The modifications relate to areas that contribute to the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) metric, however the reconfiguration of the solar PV panel area in parcel E5 would result in the same overall amount of species rich neutral grassland remaining and therefore no material change to the BNG. Therefore, they do not result in any material change to the assessments, findings, or conclusions presented within the ES and no updates are made to Ecology and Nature Conservation documentation.

Cultural Heritage

The modifications within parcel E5 has been developed in response to comments from North Lincolnshire Council ensuring glimpsed views of Dirtness Pumping Station (Grade II Listed Building) are not inhibited by the Scheme when approaching from Idle Bank to the south. The reconfiguration of the solar PV panels provides improved opportunities for filtered and partial views of Dirtness Pumping Station that would otherwise have been more restricted.

The Modifications do not introduce development into previously unassessed locations, alter the relationship between heritage assets and the Scheme, or give rise to new effects on designated or non-designated heritage assets. Therefore, the modifications do not result in any material change to the assessments, findings, or conclusions presented within the ES. The reconfiguration of solar PV panel infrastructure at parcel E5 would not increase effects on the setting, significance, or appreciation of heritage assets and, in the case of Dirtness Pumping Station, has been designed to provide an improvement through the retention of glimpsed views. No updates relating to this matter have therefore been made to Cultural Heritage documentation.

Ground Conditions

The modifications would not materially introduce development into previously unassessed land nor increase the extent of ground disturbance. The removal of solar PV panels from E20 and part of E19 would marginally reduce potential effects on soils and geology, while the micro-siting of the onsite 132kV Substation in parcel A20 remains within the assessed development parcel. Therefore, the modifications do not result in any material change to the assessments, findings, or conclusions presented within the ES and no updates are made to Ground Condition documentation.

Water Resources

The proposed removal of solar PV panels from parcels E20 and E19 would result in a reduction in the area of land occupied by operational infrastructure and would not increase impermeable surface coverage, ground disturbance, or the potential for changes to surface water runoff patterns. The reconfiguration of solar panels within parcel E5 and the micro-siting of the onsite 132kV Substation in parcel A20 remains wholly within the assessed development parcel and does not result in any material change to the hydrological assessments or ES Chapter 10 Water Resources. **Appendix 10.1 Flood Risk Assessment [REP2-047 to REP2-051]** will be updated for Deadline 5 to update on the removal of the onsite 132kV Substation from Flood Zone 3b – this does not impact **ES Chapter 10 Water Resources [REP2-021]**.

Socio Economics

The modifications do not alter employment generation, construction workforce requirements, operational staffing levels, local expenditure, or the overall economic benefits associated with the Scheme. Therefore, the modifications do not result in any change to the assessments, findings, or conclusions presented within the ES and no updates are made to Socio-Economic documentation.

Transport and Access

The modifications do not alter construction access arrangements, routing strategy, vehicle types, construction programme, or traffic movements. The minor reduction and reconfiguration of solar PV panel areas would not generate any discernible change in transport demand. Therefore, the modifications do not result in any material change to the assessments, findings, or conclusions presented within the ES and no updates are made to Transport and Access documentation.

Noise and Vibration

The modifications would not introduce new noise sources or increase operational noise levels. The micro-siting of the onsite 132kV Substation in parcel A20 is negligible in scale and would not materially alter predicted operational noise levels at assessed receptors. Therefore, the modifications do not result in any material change to the assessments, findings, or conclusions presented within the ES and no updates are made to Noise and Vibration documentation.

Air Quality & Greenhouse Gases

The proposals would not alter construction activities, traffic generation, operational emissions, or the overall carbon benefits of the Scheme. Any reduction in solar PV panel areas would, if anything, marginally reduce construction related emissions, but would not generate any discernible change to the assessment or conclusions. Therefore, the proposals do not result in any material change to the assessments, findings, or conclusions presented within the ES and no updates are made to Air Quality & Greenhouse Gases documentation.

Agricultural Circumstances

The removal of solar PV panel areas would result in a very small decrease in the area of agricultural land occupied by solar infrastructure. This represents a reduction rather than an increase in land take and does not alter the overall conclusions of the agricultural land assessment. Therefore, the modifications do not result in any material change to the assessments, findings, or conclusions presented within the ES and no updates are made to Agricultural Circumstances documentation.

Other Environmental Topics

Within **ES Chapter 16: Other Environmental Topics [REP2-027]** are environmental topic areas that do not warrant individual chapters including Major Accidents and Disasters, Waste, Electric and Electro-Magnetic Fields, Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation and Glint and Glare.

In regard to Major Accidents and Disasters, the modifications do not introduce new hazard sources, alter emergency access arrangements, or materially change the nature, scale, or location of infrastructure assessed within the ES. The risk profile of the Scheme remains unchanged and there would be no material change to the conclusions of the major accident and disaster assessment.

In regard to Electric and Electro-Magnetic Fields, the modifications do not introduce new electrical infrastructure beyond the parameters assessed within the ES. The micro-siting of the onsite 132kV Substation in parcel A20 within the same development parcel would not materially affect EMF predictions or compliance with relevant guidance and there would be no material changes to the assessment conclusions for Electric and Electro-Magnetic Fields.

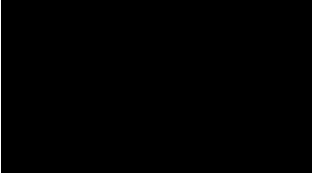
In regard to Waste, the modifications would not materially alter the quantity or nature of construction, operational, or decommissioning waste generated by the Scheme and there would be no material changes to the assessment conclusions for Waste.

In regard to Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation, the proposed modifications do not alter the Scheme's resilience to future climate conditions nor materially affect the embedded mitigation measures considered within the climate change assessment and there would be no material changes to the assessment conclusions for Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation.

In regard to Glint and Glare, the removal of solar PV panel areas together with the localised reconfiguration within parcel E5, would reduce or redistribute the area of solar panels assessed rather than increase the extent of reflective surfaces. The amendments would not introduce solar panels into new locations outside the assessed Order Limits, and a betterment is considered applicable on glint and glare effects at Property 44 from the removal of solar PV panel areas. The glint and glare section in **ES Chapter 16: Other Environmental Topics [REP2-027]** and the associated appendices, **Appendix 16.1 - Glint and Glare Assessment (fixed and tracker design) [APP-122]** and **ES Appendix 16.2 - Glint and Glare Assessment (fixed design) [REP1-025]** presents the worst case scenario with a conservative assessment remaining with the proposed modifications not resulting in greater glint and glare effects than those previously assessed. Consequently, whilst the Glint and Glare documentation has not been updated to reflect these minor design refinements, the assessment conclusions remain valid and there would be no material change to the significance of effects reported within the ES.

Accordingly, the proposed modifications do not result in any material change to the assessments, findings, or conclusions presented within the ES and no updates are made to Other Environmental Topics documentation.

Yours sincerely,



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ANNEX 1 – ACTIONS ARISING FROM HEARINGS

Action	Relevant Document
Issue Specific Hearing 2	
Action 1: Review each Requirement in Schedule 2 to consider whether any further refinements to the carve-outs from commencement are necessary.	Written Summary of Oral Submissions at the Issue Specific Hearing 2 [Document Reference 8.16 Revision 2]
Action 4: Update the DCO to account for the local permit scheme.	Draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 7]
Action 11: Produce skylark mitigation plans.	Figures 4 and 6 of the Outline Landscape Ecological Management Plan [Document Reference 7.6 Revision 5]
Action 13: Set out the position on archaeological matters in writing, identifying outstanding areas of disagreement with the Councils.	City of Doncaster Council SoCG [Document Reference 9.1 Revision 3]
	North Lincolnshire Council SoCG [Document Reference 9.2 Revision 3]
Ongoing action: When updating the SoCG with the Councils, append a schedule identifying outstanding drafting disagreements within the draft DCO.	City of Doncaster Council SoCG [Document Reference 9.1 Revision 3]
	North Lincolnshire Council SoCG [Document Reference 9.2 Revision 3]
Issue Specific Hearing 3	
Action 1: Update ES Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual and Figure 6.2 Landscape Character Areas to account for the Isle of Axholme and Hatfield Chase Landscape Partnership Assessment (2014) and the North Lincolnshire Landscape Character Assessment (2021).	Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual [Document Reference 6.2.6 Revision 4]
	Environmental Statement Figure 6.2 Landscape Character Areas [Document Reference 6.4.6.2 Revision 2]
Action 3: Update Chapter 6 to provide additional detail supporting the conclusions of the decommissioning assessment in respect of proposed planting.	Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual [Document Reference 6.2.6 Revision 4]
Action 4: Update the RVAA to clarify the effects of mitigation measures, including any adverse effects arising from proposed planting.	Environmental Statement Appendix 6.2 Residential Visual Amenity Assessment [Document Reference 6.3.6.2 Revision 2]
Action 5: Update the Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy to state that the proposed hedgerow planting mix will include a strong proportion of holly around property 44.	ES Figure 6.4 Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy [Document Reference 6.4.6.4 Revision 5]

Action 6: Review the Scheme design to consider whether further amendments can be made to avoid or reduce the extent of infrastructure in Flood Zone 3b.	Design Evolution Document [Document Reference 8.22 Revision 1] ES Volume 4, Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed Solar Panels) [Document Reference 6.4.2.2a Revision 3] ES Volume 4, Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed and Tracker Solar Panels) [Document Reference 6.4.2.2b Revision 3]
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing	
Action 1: Provide a written explanation of the route selection for Plot 8/6, including consideration of alternative routes and how the chosen route satisfies relevant policy and statutory tests.	Written Summary of Oral Submissions at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing [Document Reference 8.19 Revision 2]
Action 2: Provide a written submission addressing the extent to which future development may be constrained by the presence of the cable in Plot 8/6, following receipt of Ms Lindley's submission detailing the alleged loss from the CA of rights over Plot 8/6 at Deadline 4.	To be provided at Deadline 5
Action 3: Update the Schedule of Landowner Negotiations to remove Part 2 and Part 3 claimants where no active negotiations are being progressed.	Statement of Reasons Appendix 2 Schedule of Landowner Negotiations [Document Reference 8.6 Revision 3]
Action 4: Provide supporting information to supplement the updated Schedule of Landowner Negotiations, addressing the private loss of landowners affected by the CA of rights.	Written Summary of Oral Submissions at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing [Document Reference 8.19 Revision 2]
Action 6: Confirm the position in respect of Hutchinson 3G, and potentially other code operators, and whether they should be treated as statutory undertakers.	Written Summary of Oral Submissions at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing [Document Reference 8.19 Revision 2] Statutory Undertakers Position Statement [Document Reference 7.12 Revision 4]
Action 7: Submit a comprehensive summary setting out the position with each statutory undertaker.	<u>Justification for the Applicant's preferred protective provisions</u> [Document Reference 8.23 Revision 1]
Action 8: As part of the summary under Action 7, produce a note on the up-to-date position re the "veto" provision with each relevant	<u>Justification for the Applicant's preferred protective provisions</u> [Document Reference 8.23 Revision 1]

statutory undertaker, and setting out relevant protective provisions precedent.	
Open Floor Hearing 2	
Action 5: Consider whether the panel layout near Mr Carr's property #44 can be amended to reduce visual effects.	Design Evolution Document [Document Reference 8.22 Revision 1] ES Volume 4, Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed Solar Panels) [Document Reference 6.4.2.2a Revision 3] ES Volume 4, Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed and Tracker Solar Panels) [Document Reference 6.4.2.2b Revision 3]