## Springwell Solar Farm Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO

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APFP Regulation 5(2)(q)
Planning Act 2008
Infrastructure Planning
(Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009



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Table Contents	of	SCHEDULE 15 — PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS  PART 1 — FOR THE PROTECTION OF  ELECTRICITY, GAS, WATER AND  SEWERAGE UNDERTAKERS  PART 2 — FOR THE PROTECTION OF  OPERATORS OF ELECTRONIC  COMMUNICATIONS CODE  NETWORKS  PART 3 — FOR THE PROTECTION OF  DRAINAGE AUTHORITIES  PART 4 — FOR THE PROTECTION OF  LINCOLNSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE  SERVICE	Addition of Part 4 to Schedule 15 to include Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service (see below).	1
Article (Interpretation)	_	Addition of definition  "crown land plans" means the plans of that name identified in the table in Schedule 13 and which are certified by the Secretary of State as the crown land plans for the purposes of this Order;	Definition added to enable the document to be used in Schedule 13 (Documents and plans to be certified).	1
Article (Interpretation)	2	(8) In this Order, references to materially new or materially different environmental effects in comparison with those reported in the environmental statement are not to be construed so as to include the avoidance, removal or reduction of an assessed	questions and to make clear	1



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	adverse environmental effect or a positive environmental effect, or the increase of an assessed positive environmental effect or creation of a new positive environmental effect. A matter will be within scope of the environmental statement if it does not give rise to materially new or materially different environmental effects to those reported in the environmental statement.	not include the creation of a new positive environmental	
Article 6 (Disapplication and modification of statutory provisions)	Sub-article deleted:  6. —(1) The following provisions do not apply in relation to the construction of any work or the carrying out of any operation required for the purposes of, or in connection with, the construction, operation, maintenance or decommissioning of any part of the authorised development—  []  (f) regulation 12 (requirement for environmental permit) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016(a) in respect of a flood risk activity only;  (a) S.I. 2016/1154. Regulation 12 was amended by S.I. 2018/110.	Amendment made as the Applicant has agreed with the Environment Agency that the provision could be removed from the DCO.	1
Article 16 (Agreements with street authorities)	Amendment to Article:  16.—(1) A street authority and the undertaker may enter into agreements with respect to—  []	Amendment in line with the approach in the West Burton Solar Project Order 2025, to reflect that not seeking any permanent closure of roads,	1



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		(a) any closure, prohibition, restriction, alteration or diversion of a street authorised by this Order;	just temporary prohibitions/restrictions.	
Article (Protective works buildings)	19 to	<ul> <li>(a) protective works are carried out under this article to a building; and</li> <li>(b) within the period of five years beginning with the date of final commissioning of the relevant part of the authorised development it appears protective works are inadequate to protect the building against damage caused by the construction or use of that part of the authorised development, the undertaker must compensate the owners and occupiers of the building for any loss or damage sustained by them.</li> </ul>	Amendment made by the Secretary of State in the West Burton Solar Project Order 2025 to reflect that the development will reach final commissioning at different times.	1
Article (Compulsory acquisition land)	of	22 (1) The undertaker may	Amendments based on drafting in the made West Burton Solar Project Order 2025, specifically:  • Deletion of 1(b), as this sub paragraph is not required given the undertaker would automatically be able	1



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	(2) This article is subject to article 23 (time limit for exercise of authority to acquire land compulsorily), article 24(2) (compulsory acquisition of rights) and article 31 (temporary use of land for constructing the authorised development) and article 49 (crown rights).	to use the land for these purposes once acquired under the Article;  • Addition of article 49 to new sub paragraph (2), per amendment by Secretary of State in the West Burton Solar Decision Letter.	
Article 23 (Time limit for exercise of authority to acquire land compulsorily)	Amendment to Article []  (2) No notice to treat is to be served under Part 1 (compulsory purchase under Acquisition of Land Act 19461981) of the 1965 Act and no declaration is to be executed under section 4 (execution of declaration) of the 1981 Act as applied by article 26 (application of the 1981 Act) after the end of the applicable period, including any extension to the applicable period pursuant to those Acts.	Minor correction to the relevant Act.	1
Article 24 (Compulsory acquisition of rights)	Amendment to Article [] (8) This article is subject to article 49 ( <u>crown</u> rights).	Minor typographical amendment.	1



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Article 27 (Acquisition of subsoil only)	Amendment of paragraph reference  27.— (1)The undertaker may acquire compulsorily so much of, or such rights in, the subsoil of the land referred to in paragraph  22(1)(1) of article 22 (compulsory acquisition of land) as may be required for any purpose for which that land may be acquired under that provision instead of acquiring the whole of the land.	To reflect request from the Examining Authority in first written questions.	1
Article 32 (Temporary use of land for maintaining the authorised development)	Amendment to article to clarify drafting []  (11) In this article "the maintenance period" means—  (a) the period of five years beginning with the date of final commissioning of the part of the authorised development for which temporary possession is required under this article; or  (b) except in relation where maintenance relates to landscaping, such period as is set out in the landscape and ecology management plan which is approved by the relevant planning authority pursuant to requirement 8, beginning with the date on which that part of the landscaping is completed.	Amendment for clarity as per the drafting in the made West Burton Solar Project Order 2025.	1
Article 40 (Felling or lopping of trees and removal of hedgerows)	<b>40.</b> — (1) Subject to paragraph (2) and article 41 (trees subject to tree preservation orders) the undertaker may fell or lop any tree or shrub within or overhanging land within the Order limits near any part of the authorised development or cut back its roots, if it reasonably believes it to be necessary to do so to prevent the tree or shrub from—	Amendment made in response to first written questions.	1
Schedule 2	Sub-article deleted:	Definition amended as a result of joint comments received	1



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	<ul> <li>1. In this Schedule—     "relevant planning authority" means North Kesteven District Council, except for the following requirements where it shall mean Lincolnshire County Council—     (i) Requirement 7 (battery safety management);     (ii) Requirement 10 (surface and foul water drainage);     (iii) Requirement 11 (archaeology);     (iv) Requirement 14 (construction traffic management plan); and     (v) Requirement 17 (public right of way and permissive path management plan). ; and     (vi) Requirement 18 (soil management plan).</li> </ul>	from North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council, to change the relevant planning authority for Requirement 18. The amendment to the name of Requirement 10 is in response to first written questions.	
Schedule 2(3) (Phasing of the authorised development and date of final commissioning)	<b>3.</b> —(1) No part of the authorised development may commence until a written scheme setting out the phase or phases of construction of the authorised development has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority, <a href="such approval to be in consultation with Lincolnshire County Council">such approval to be in consultation with Lincolnshire County Council</a> .	Amendment as a result of joint comments received from North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council, to add Lincolnshire County Council as a consulted authority.	1
Schedule 2(4) (Requirement for written approval)	<b>4.</b> —(1) With respect to the documents certified under article 42 (certification of plans and documents, etc) and any plans, details or schemes which have been approved pursuant to any requirement (together the "Approved Documents, Plans, Details or	comments received from North Kesteven District	1



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	Schemes"), the undertaker may submit to the relevant planning authority for approval any amendments to any of the Approved Documents, Plans, Details or Schemes and, following approval by the relevant planning authority, such approval to be in consultation with Lincolnshire County Council (where Lincolnshire County Council was the relevant planning authority on the Approved Documents, Plans, Details or Schemes sought to be amended), the relevant Approved Documents, Plans, Details or Schemes is to be taken to include the amendments as so approved pursuant to this paragraph.	Lincolnshire County Council as a consulted authority where it has had involvement	
	(2) Approval under sub-paragraph (1) for the amendments to any of the Approved Documents, Plans, Details or Schemes must not be given except where it has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the relevant planning authority that the subject matter of the approval sought is unlikely to give rise to any materially new or materially different environmental effects from those assessed in the environmental statement.		
Schedule 2(5) (Detailed design approval)	<ul> <li>5.—(1) No part of Work Nos. 1 to 6 and 9 may commence until details of— <ul> <li>(b) the layout;</li> <li>(c) scale;</li> <li>(d) proposed finished ground levels;</li> <li>(e) external appearance;</li> <li>(f) hard surfacing materials;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Amendment to 5(1) as a result of joint comments received from North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council, to add Lincolnshire County Council as a consulted authority with respect to access.	1



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	<ul> <li>(g) vehicular and pedestrian access, parking and circulation areas; and</li> <li>(h) refuse or other storage units, signs and lighting, relating to that part have been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority, such approval to be in consultation with Lincolnshire County Council as local highway authority in relation to sub-paragraph (1)(f).</li> <li>(2) The details submitted must accord with— <ul> <li>(a) accord with the design commitments and project parameters; and</li> <li>(b) accord with any details approved under requirements 7 (battery safety management), 8 (landscape and ecology management plan), 9 (fencing and other means of enclosure), 10 (surface and foul water drainage), 11 (archaeology), 15 (operational noise) and 17 (public right of way and permissive path management plan); and</li> <li>(c) demonstrate how they have taken account of the results of any archaeological investigations or archaeological evaluations carried out pursuant to the outline written scheme of investigation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(3) The authorised development must be carried out in accordance with the approved details.</li> </ul>	Amendment to 5(2)(c) as a result of discussions between the Applicant and the local authorities, and to ensure that the results of any archaeological investigations or archaeological evaluations carried out pursuant to the outline written scheme of investigation will help inform the detailed design of the Proposed Development. This reflects drafting from the Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024.	
Schedule 2(7) (Battery safety management)	(4) The battery safety management plan must be implemented as approved and maintained throughout the operation of the	Amendment to ensure it is clear that plans remain live through operation where	1



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	relevant part of the authorised development to which the plan relates.	relevant. Amendment made for alignment with Gate Burton Energy Park and Cottam Solar Project Orders.	
Schedule 2(8) (Landscape and ecology management plan)	Addition of sub paragraph  (3) [Prior to approving the landscape and ecology management plan pursuant to sub-paragraph (1), where the plan relates to land within the [Aerodrome Safeguarding Zone], the relevant planning authority will consult the Ministry of Defence.]	Amendment to add the Ministry of Defence as a consultee, as per a request from the Ministry of Defence in its Relevant Representation. The Applicant notes that this amendment to the requirement is not agreed and the Applicant is in ongoing discussions with the Ministry of Defence about the drafting of the amendment.	1
Schedule 2(10) (Surface water and foul water drainage)	Removal of reference to foul water and addition of sub paragraphs  Surface and foul water drainage Drainage  10.— (1) No part of the authorised development may commence until written details of the drainage strategy (to include, details of any foul water drainage) for that part have been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority.	Amendment to the title of the requirement and removal of reference to foul water in response to first written questions.  Amendment to add the Ministry of Defence as a consultee, as per a request from the Ministry of Defence in its Relevant Representation.	1



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	<ul> <li>(2) The written details under sub-paragraph 1 must be substantially in accordance with the outline drainage strategy.</li> <li>(3) [Prior to approving the drainage strategy pursuant to sub-paragraph (1) where the plan relates to drainage in the [Aerodrome Safeguarding Zone], the relevant planning authority will consult the Ministry of Defence.]</li> <li>(4) Prior to approving the drainage strategy pursuant to sub-paragraph (1), where the plan relates to foul water drainage, the relevant planning authority will consult the Environment Agency.</li> <li>(5) Any approved scheme must be implemented as approved and maintained throughout the construction and operation of the authorised development.</li> </ul>	The Applicant notes that this amendment to the requirement is not agreed and the Applicant is in ongoing discussions with the Ministry of Defence about the drafting of the amendment.  Amendment to add the Environment agency as a consultee, as agreed with the Environment Agency.	
Schedule 2(11) (Archaeology)	<ul> <li>11.—(1) [No part of Work Nos 1 to 7] may commence until for that part:</li> <li>(a) 11.—xx) No part of Work Nos. 1 to 6 may commence until a written scheme of investigation for that part has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority. in consultation with Historic England;</li> <li>(b) any additional trial trenching required pursuant to the approved written scheme of investigation to inform the approach to mitigation has been carried out in accordance with the approved scheme; and</li> <li>(c) where additional trial trenching to inform the approach to mitigation has been undertaken under sub-paragraph (b) updates are made to the written scheme of investigation</li> </ul>	Amendment as a result of discussions between the Applicant and Lincolnshire County Council. Note, the Applicant understands the principle of the requirement to generally be acceptable to the County, however, the part shown in square brackets is part of ongoing discussion.	1



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	approved under sub-paragraph (b) to account for the results of the additional trial trenching carried out and such updated written scheme of investigation has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority in consultation with Historic England.		
	(2) The written details scheme of investigation under sub- paragraph (1)(1)(a) must be substantially in accordance with the outline written scheme of investigation.		
	(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(1), "commence" includes any parts (a) to (h) inclusive of the permitted preliminary works.		
	(4) Any approved written scheme of investigation (whether pursuant to sub-paragraph (1)(a) or (1)(c)) must be implemented as approved and maintained throughout the construction of the authorised development and any archaeological works or watching brief must be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme.		
Schedule 2(12) (Construction environmental management plan)	Addition of sub paragraph  (3) [Prior to approving the construction environmental management plan pursuant to sub-paragraph (1), where the plan relates to the construction of the authorised development in [the Technical Safeguarding Zone or the WAM Network], the relevant planning authority will consult with the Ministry of Defence.]	Amendment to add the Ministry of Defence as a consultee, as per a request from the Ministry of Defence in its Relevant Representation. The Applicant notes that this amendment to the requirement is not agreed and the Applicant is in ongoing	1



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		discussions with the Ministry of Defence about the drafting of the amendment.	
Schedule 2(13) (Operational environmental management plan)	Addition of sub paragraph  (3) [Prior to approving the operational environmental management plan pursuant to sub-paragraph (1), where the plan relates to the operation of the authorised development in [the Technical Safeguarding Zone or the WAM Network], the relevant planning authority will consult with the Ministry of Defence.]	Amendment to add the Ministry of Defence as a consultee, as per a request from the Ministry of Defence in its Relevant Representation. The Applicant notes that this amendment to the requirement is not agreed and the Applicant is in ongoing discussions with the Ministry of Defence about the drafting of the amendment.	1
Schedule 2(14) (Construction traffic management plan)	<b>14.</b> —No part of the authorised development may commence until a construction traffic management plan for that part has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority, such approval to be in consultation with North Kesteven District Council.	Amendment as a result of joint comments received from North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council, to remove North Kesteven District Council as a consulted authority.	1



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Schedule 2(15) (Operational noise)	<b>15.</b> —No part of Work Nos. 1 to 4 may commence until an operational noise assessment containing details of how the design of that numbered work has incorporated mitigation to ensure the operational noise rating levels as set out within Section 12.4.43 of Chapter 12 in the environmental statement are complied with for that part has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority.	Addition made to specify the operational noise rating levels used within Chapter 12 of the Environmental Statement [APP-052], to provide more clarity in response to first written questions.	1
Schedule 2(16) (Employment, skills and supply chain)	(4) The employment, skills and supply chain plan must be implemented as approved and maintained throughout the construction, operation and decommissioning of the relevant part of the authorised development to which the plan relates.	Amendment to ensure it is clear that plans remain in effect through operation where relevant. Amendment made for alignment with Gate Burton Energy Park and Cottam Solar Project Orders.	1
Schedule 2(18) (Soil management plan)	(3) The soil management plan must be implemented as approved and maintained throughout the operation of the relevant part of the authorised development to which the plan relates.	Amendment to ensure it is clear that plans remain in effect through operation where relevant. Amendment made per alignment with Gate Burton Energy Park and Cottam Solar Project Orders.	1
Schedule 2(19) (Decommissioni ng and restoration)	(5) No decommissioning works may be carried out until the relevant planning authority has approved the decommissioning environmental management plan submitted in relation to those works, in consultation with <u>Lincolnshire County Council in its</u>	Amendment as a result of joint comments received from North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire	1



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	capacity as the local highway authority and waste authority, the Environment Agency and Natural England.  (6) [Prior to approving the decommissioning environmental management plan pursuant to sub-paragraph (1), where the plan relates to the decommissioning of the authorised development in [the Technical Safeguarding Zone or the WAM Network], the relevant planning authority will consult with the Ministry of Defence.]  (7) (6) The decommissioning environmental management plan must be implemented as approved.  (8) (7) This requirement is without prejudice to any other consents or permissions that may be required to decommission any part of the authorised development.	County Council, to add Lincolnshire County Council as a consulted authority with respect to highways and waste.  Amendment to add the Ministry of Defence as a consultee, as per a request from the Ministry of Defence in its Relevant Representation. The Applicant notes that this amendment to the requirement is not agreed and the Applicant is in ongoing discussions with the Ministry of Defence about the drafting	
		of the amendment.	
Schedule 2(20) (Electrical noise)	New requirement added  20.—(1) [Unless otherwise agreed in writing between the undertaker and the Ministry of Defence, no part of [Work Nos. 1 - 6 ] may commence [in the Technical Safeguarding Zone or the WAM Network] until an electrical noise interference management plan for that part has been submitted to and approved by the	The Ministry of Defence has requested that an electrical noise interference management plan is added to the DCO in its Relevant Representation, which is captured in this requirement (Requirement 20).	1



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	relevant planning authority, such approval to be in consultation with the Ministry of Defence.  (2) The electrical noise interference management plan (unless otherwise agreed in writing between the undertaker and the Ministry of Defence) must include but is not limited to:	The Applicant notes that this requirement is not in agreed form and is the subject of ongoing discussion with the Ministry of Defence.	
	(a) manufacturer's specifications for the infrastructure included within [Work Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6];		
	(b) details of measures designed to prevent electrical noise interference being caused to technical installations at RAF Digby or forming part of the [East 1 Wide Area Multilateration Network];		
	(c) report(s) and supporting evidence, using methodologies and standards accredited by the Ministry of Defence, to demonstrate how the works the subject of the plan will be constructed, tested, operated, and maintained throughout their life to ensure that any deleterious electrical noise interference to technical site installations in relation to [RAF Digby and the East 1 Wide Area Multilateration] is prevented or reduced to a level such that the normal		
	running and operation of such site installations is not affected; and		
	(d) a protocol through which the undertaker can be notified by the Ministry of Defence of electrical noise interference issues or observations, the measures that would be taken to investigate, and a description of the approach to resolving, rectifying or mitigating those impacts.		



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	Unless otherwise agreed in writing between the undertaker and the Ministry of Defence, the electrical noise interference management plan must be implemented as approved and maintained throughout the operation of the relevant part of the authorised development to which the plan relates.]		
Schedule 12 (Hedgerows to be removed), Part 1 (Removal of hedgerows)	Two additions to the table in Part 1  District of North Kesteven  District of North  Emoval of part of approximately 2m of hedgerow within the area identified by blue shading on figure 3.11C of the vegetation removal parameters, reference R49  District of North North Kesteven  District of North North Less to the table in Part 1  Removal of part of approximately 2m of hedgerow within the area identified by blue shading on figure 3.11E of the vegetation removal parameters, reference R50	Amendments to the vegetation removal parameters to allow for footpath connections.	1
Schedule 13 (Documents and plans to be certified)	Various updates to listed documents to align with latest versions as at Deadline 1.	To ensure up to date Schedule as at Deadline 1.	1
Schedule 15 (Protective provisions)	Protective provisions included for Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service at Part 4 of Schedule 15.	The Applicant agreed to include protective provisions for Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service as part of its	



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		Deadline 1 submission at ISH1.	
Schedule 16(3) (Further information and consultation)	<ul> <li>3.—(1) In relation to any application made under paragraph 2, the relevant planning authority may request such reasonable further information from the undertaker as is necessary to enable it to consider the application.</li> <li>(2) In the event that the relevant planning authority considers such further information to be necessary and the provision governing or requiring the application does not specify that consultation with a requirement consultee is required, the relevant planning authority must, within 1510 working days of receipt of the application, notify the undertaker in writing specifying the further information required.</li> <li>(3) If the provision governing or requiring the application specifies that consultation with a requirement consultee is required, the relevant planning authority must notify the undertaker in writing specifying any further information the relevant planning authority considers necessary or that is requested by the requirement consultee within 2015 working days of receipt of the application (or</li> </ul>	The Applicant is agreeable to amending paragraphs 3(2) and 3(3) of Schedule 16 to provide the relevant planning authority additional time in which to request further information required. This was following a request from North Kesteven District Council.	1
	such other period as is agreed in writing between the undertaker and the relevant planning authority).		
Schedule 16(5) (Fees)	<b>5.</b> —(1) Where an application is made to the relevant planning authority for a discharge, a fee is to apply and must be paid to the relevant planning authority for each application.	North Kesteven District Council notified the Applicant that there would be an increase in planning fees in	1



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		<ul> <li>(2) The fee payable for each application under sub-paragraph (1) is as follows— <ul> <li>(a) a fee of £2,5352,578 for the first application for the discharge of each of the requirements 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18 and 19;</li> <li>(b) a fee of £578588 for each subsequent application for the discharge of each of the requirements listed in paragraph (a) and any application under requirement 5 in respect of the requirements listed in paragraph (a); and</li> <li>(c) a fee of £145298 for any application for the discharge of— <ul> <li>(i) any other requirements not listed in paragraph (a);</li> <li>(ii) any application under requirement 4 in respect of requirements not listed in paragraph (a); and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(iii) any approval required by a document referred to by any requirement or a document approved pursuant to any requirement.</li> </ul></li></ul>	April 2025. The amendment reflects this increase in planning fees in a proportionate manner in Schedule 16 and in line with the increase.	
Schedule (Fees)	16(5)	Addition of sub paragraph  (3) Where an application under sub-paragraph (1) is made and a fee payable on or after 1 April 2025, then section 18A of the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended by the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits (England) Amendment Regulations 2023) will apply as modified	New sub paragraph added per Secretary of State Decision Letter for West Burton Solar Project 2025 and as requested by the local authorities. Ensures fees captured within the Schedule are updated to increase in line	1



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	by this Order, so that "the relevant amount" means the fee payable under sub paragraph (2)(a), 2(b) or 2(c) above.	with inflation, as per the regulatory approach.	



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