Springwell Solar Farm Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO

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	"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;	Schedule 13 (Documents and plans to be certified).	
Article 2 (Interpretation)	Addition of definition "draft archaeological mitigation strategy" means the document of that name identified in the table at Schedule 13 and which is certified by the Secretary of State as the draft archaeological mitigation strategy for the purposes of this Order;	Definition added to enable the document to be used in Schedule 13 (Documents and plans to be certified).	3
Article 2 (Interpretation)	(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 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.	Amendment made in response to first written questions and to make clear that a materially new environmental effect would not include the creation of a new positive environmental effect.	1
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— []	Amendment made as the Applicant has agreed with the Environment Agency that the provision could be removed from the DCO, as the Applicant understands from the Environment Agency that	3



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	(d) the provisions of any byelaws made under, or having effect as if made under, paragraphs 5, 6 or 6A of Schedule 25 (byelaw making powers of the authority) to the Water Resources Act 1991(d); (d) 1991 c. 57. Paragraph 5 was amended by section 100 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16), section 84 of, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 11 to the 2009 Act and S.I. 2013/755. Paragraph 6 was amended by section 105 of, and paragraph 26 of Schedule 15 to, the Environment Act 1995, sections 224, 233 and 321 of and paragraphs 20 and 24 of Schedule 16 and Part 5(B) of Schedule 22 to the 2009 Act and S.I 2013/755. Paragraph 6A was inserted by section 103(3) of the Environment Act 1995.	they are not triggered by the Proposed Development.	
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;	Amendment made as the Applicant has agreed with the Environment Agency that the provision could be removed from the DCO.	1



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	(a) S.I. 2016/1154. Regulation 12 was amended by S.I. 2018/110.		
Article 6 (Disapplication and modification of statutory provisions)	(5) If planning permission is granted under the powers conferred by the 1990 Act for development any part of which is within the Order limits following the coming into force of this Order that is— (a) not itself a development for which development consent is required under the 2008 Act or part of such a development; (a)(b) not for development authorised by Schedule 1 of this Order; or (b)(c) required to complete or enable the maintenance, use or operation of any part of the development authorised by this Order,	Amendment made in response to a question raised in Issue Specific Hearing 4 held on 17 July 2025 (noted in Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at Issue Specific Hearings 2, 3 and 4) [EN010149/APP/8.22], which was also considered in Q1.8.2 of the Response to First Written Questions (ExQ1) [REP1-071]. The Applicant has further amended Article 6(5) to make clear that the paragraph does not relate to development that is authorised by Schedule 1 to the DCO.	3
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	1



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	[](a) any closure, prohibition, restriction, alteration or diversion of a street authorised by this Order;	permanent closure of roads, just temporary prohibitions/restrictions.	
Article 19 (Protective works to buildings)	 (a) protective works are carried out under this article to a building; and (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. 	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 22 (Compulsory acquisition of land)	Amendment to Article 22.(1) The undertaker may 22.(a)—(1) The undertaker may acquire compulsorily so much of the Order land as is required for the authorised development or to facilitate, or as is incidental, to it, and (b) use any land so acquired for the purpose authorised by this Order or for any other purposes in connection with or ancillary to the undertaking.	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)	40. — (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	1



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	 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). 	received 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	Definitions added: 1. In this Schedule— "aerodrome safeguarding zone" means the zone of that name defined in relevant statutory safeguarding directions and plans issued by the Ministry of Defence for RAF Barkston Heath, RAF Cranwell and RAF Waddington and provided to the undertaker and the relevant planning authority, as updated from time to time by the Ministry of Defence (such updates to be notified and provided to the undertaker and relevant planning authority as soon as reasonably practicable after being made):	Definitions added as a result of ongoing discussions with the Ministry of Defence.	3



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	"east 1 WAM network" means the network of that name shown in figure 2 to the outline construction environmental management plan as updated from time to time by the Ministry of Defence (such updates to be notified and provided to the undertaker and relevant planning authority as soon as reasonably practicable after being made): "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 (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		
	(v) "technical safeguarding zone" means the zone of that name shown in figure 1 to the outline construction environmental management plan as updated from time to time by the Ministry of Defence (such updates to be notified and provided to the undertaker and relevant planning authority as soon as reasonably practicable after being made).		
Schedule 2(3) (Phasing of the	3.—(1) No part of the authorised development may commence until a written scheme setting out the phase or phases of	Amendment as a result of joint comments received from	1



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authorised development and date of final commissioning)	construction of the authorised development has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority, <u>such</u> approval to be in consultation with Lincolnshire County Council.	North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council, to add Lincolnshire County Council as a consulted authority.	
Schedule 2(3) (Phasing of the authorised development and date of final commissioning)	3.—(1) No-Thepart of the authorised development must not be may-commenced 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, such approval to be in consultation with Lincolnshire County Council. 3.(2) The scheme submitted pursuant to sub paragraph (1) must include a timetable for the construction of the phases of the authorised development and a plan identifying the phasing areas. (3) The scheme submitted and approved pursuant to subparagraph (1) must be implemented as approved. (4) Nothing shall prevent the undertaker and the relevant planning authority agreeing from time to time to amend the written scheme setting out the proposed phases of construction. (1)(5) The agreed written scheme may contain flexibility and optioneering for different proposed phases of construction provided that the undertaker notifies the relevant planning authority of the final intended phasing prior to commencement. (2)(6) Notice of the date of final commissioning with respect to each phase of Work No.1 must be given to the relevant planning	Amendments made to reflect recently made orders, to provide clarity as to the content of the phasing plan in line with The Oaklands Farm Solar Park Order 2025 and to allow for flexibility in the construction phasing of the authorised development, as per the approach The Byers Gill Solar Order 2025.	3



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	authority within 15 working days of the date of final commissioning for that phase.		
Schedule 2(4) (Requirement for written approval)	 4.—(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 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. (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. 	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 where it has had involvement in the approval of the document or plan sought to be amended.	1



Schedule 2(5) (Detailed design approval) 5.—(1) No part of Work Nos. 1 to 6 and 9 may commence until details of— (b) the layout; (c) scale; (d) proposed finished ground levels; (e) external appearance; (f) hard surfacing materials; (g) vehicular and pedestrian access, parking and circulation areas; and (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 a consulted authority with respect to access. Amendment to 5(1) as a result of joint comments received from North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council as a consulted authority with respect to access. 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.	Reference	Change	Reason for Change	Deadline
	(Detailed design	details of— (b) the layout; (c) scale; (d) proposed finished ground levels; (e) external appearance; (f) hard surfacing materials; (g) vehicular and pedestrian access, parking and circulation areas; and (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). (2) The details submitted must accord with— (a) accord with the design commitments and project parameters; and (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	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. 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	1



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	 (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. (3) The authorised development must be carried out in accordance with the approved details. 		
Schedule 2(5) (Detailed design approval)	 (2) The details submitted must— (a) accord with the design commitments and project parameters; (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 (drainage), 11 (archaeology), 15 (operational noise) and 17 (public right of way and permissive path management plan); and (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 requirement 11 (archaeology). 	Amendment made to align Requirement 5 with the revised Requirement 11.	3
Schedule 2(7) (Battery safety management)	(3) The relevant planning authority must consult with the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service, North Kesteven District Council and the Environment Agency before determining an application for approval of the battery safety management plan.	The Applicant has added North Kesteven District Council as a consultee to Requirement 7, as agreed at	3



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		Issue Specific Hearing 3 on 16 July 2025.	
Schedule 2(7) (Battery safety management)	(4) The battery safety 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 live through operation where relevant. Amendment made for alignment with Gate Burton Energy Park and Cottam Solar Project Orders.	1
Schedule 2(8) (Landscape and ecology management plan)	(2) The landscape and ecology management plan must be substantially in accordance with the outline landscape and ecology management plan and for that part of the authorised development to which it relates must include details of how the plan proposals will contribute to the achievement of a minimum 31.66% biodiversity net gain for area-based habitat units, 20.68% biodiversity net gain for hedgerow units and 10% biodiversity net gain for watercourse units in habitat units and hedgerow units for all of the authorised development during the operation of the authorised development, using the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' 4.0 metric to calculate those percentages (or such other biodiversity metric approved by the relevant planning authority in consultation with the relevant statutory nature conservation body) and the metric that has been used to calculate the biodiversity net gain.	Amendment in response to recent Secretary of State decisions and representations from NKDC and LCC.	3



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Schedule 2(8) (Landscape and ecology management plan)	(3) [Prior to approving the landscape and ecology management plan pursuant to sub-paragraph (1), where the plan relates to land within the [Aaerodrome Safeguarding safeguarding Zonezone], the relevant planning authority will consult the Ministry of Defence.] (3)(4) Where the undertaker is notified by the Ministry of Defence of an update to the aerodrome safeguarding zone that includes additional land in the Order limits after the landscape and ecology management plan for such additional land has been approved, pursuant to sub-paragraph (1), the undertaker shall submit an amendment to the relevant part of the approved plan to include the additional land to the Ministry of Defence for approval. The undertaker shall not be deemed to be in breach of this requirement whilst such an update to the approved plan is being prepared, submitted and approved.	Addition of sub-paragraph as the Ministry of Defence could update the area of its aerodrome safeguarding zone that includes additional land within the Order Limits.	3
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	1



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		Ministry of Defence about the drafting of the amendment.	
Schedule 2(9) (Fencing and other means of enclosure)	(4) The written details provided under sub-paragraph (2) must accord be substantially in accordance—with the relevant design commitments and project parameters.	Amendment made following discussions with the Councils and to ensure consistency with Requirement 5.	3
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. (2) The written details under sub-paragraph 1 must be substantially in accordance with the outline drainage strategy. (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.] (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.	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. 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



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	(5) Any approved scheme must be implemented as approved and maintained throughout the construction and operation of the authorised development.	Amendment to add the Environment agency as a consultee, as agreed with the Environment Agency.	
Schedule 2(10) (Drainage)	(3) [Prior to approving the drainage strategy pursuant to subparagraph (1) where the plan relates to drainage in the [Aaerodrome Safeguarding safeguarding Zonezone], the relevant planning authority will consult the Ministry of Defence.] (3)(4) Where the undertaker is notified by the Ministry of Defence of an update to the aerodrome safeguarding zone that includes additional land in the Order limits after the drainage strategy for such additional land has been approved, pursuant to sub-paragraph 10(1), the undertaker shall submit an amendment to the relevant part of the approved plan to include the additional land to the relevant planning authority for approval (such approval to be in consultation with the Ministry of Defence). The undertaker shall not be deemed to be in breach of this requirement whilst such an update to the approved plan is being prepared, submitted and approved.	Addition of sub-paragraph as the Ministry of Defence could update the area of its aerodrome safeguarding zone that includes additional land within the Order Limits.	3
Schedule 2(11) (Archaeology)	 11.—(1) [No part of Work Nos 1 to 7] may commence until for that part: (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; 	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	1



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	(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	the County, however, the part shown in square brackets is part of ongoing discussion.	
	 (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 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 subparagraph (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 anyparts (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.		



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Schedule 2(11) (Archaeology)	11.—(1) No part of the authorised development [No part of Work Nos. 1 to 7] may commence until for that part: (a) a written scheme of investigation for that part has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority in consultation with Historic England;	Amendment as a result of discussions between the Applicant, Lincolnshire County Council and Historic England.	3
	(b) any archaeological evaluation as required pursuant to the approved written scheme of investigation to inform the approach to mitigation has been carried out in accordance with the approved written scheme of investigation 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		
	(c) updates are made to the draft archaeological mitigation strategy to account for the results of the additional archaeological evaluation carried out and such updated draft archaeological mitigation strategy has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority in consultation with Historic England (at which time, such document shall become the archaeological mitigation strategy) 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 approved under sub-paragraph (b) to account for the results of the additional trial trenching carried out and such updated written scheme of investigation		



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	has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority in consultation with Historic England.		
	(2) The written scheme of investigation under sub-paragraph(1)(a) must be substantially in accordance with the outline written scheme of investigation.		
	(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), "commence" includes parts (a) to (h) inclusive of the permitted preliminary works.		
	(4) Any approved written scheme of investigation or archaeological mitigation strategy (whether pursuant to subparagraph (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 discussions with the	1



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		Ministry of Defence about the drafting of the amendment.	
Schedule 2(12) (Construction environmental management plan)	(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 technical Safeguarding safeguarding Zone zone or the east 1 WAM Networknetwork], the relevant planning authority will consult with the Ministry of Defence.] (3)(4) Where the undertaker is notified by the Ministry of Defence of an update to the technical safeguarding zone or the east 1 WAM network that includes additional land in the Order limits after the construction environmental management plan for such additional land has been approved, pursuant to sub-paragraph 12(1), the undertaker shall submit an amendment to the relevant part of the approved plan to include the additional land to the relevant planning authority for approval (such approval to be in consultation with the Ministry of Defence). The undertaker shall not be deemed to be in breach of this requirement whilst such an update to the approved plan is being prepared, submitted and approved.	Amendment made to align the terms with the definition added in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2. Addition of sub-paragraph as the Ministry of Defence could update the area of its technical safeguarding zone or the east 1 WAM network that includes additional land within the Order Limits. The sub-paragraph intends to keep the Applicant not in breach of this requirement whilst the approved plan is amended.	3
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	1



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		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(13) (Operational environmental management plan)	(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 technical Safeguarding safeguarding Zone zone or the east 1 WAM Networknetwork], the relevant planning authority will consult with the Ministry of Defence.] (3)(4) Where the undertaker is notified by the Ministry of Defence of an update to the technical safeguarding zone or the east 1 WAM network that includes additional land in the Order limits after the operational environmental management plan for such additional land has been approved, pursuant to sub-paragraph 13(1), the undertaker shall submit an amendment to the relevant part of the approved plan to include the additional land to the relevant planning authority for approval (such approval to be in consultation with the Ministry of Defence). The undertaker shall not be deemed to be in breach of this requirement whilst such an update to the approved plan is being prepared, submitted and approved.	Amendment made to align the terms with the definition added in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2. Addition of sub-paragraph as the Ministry of Defence could update the area of its technical safeguarding zone or the east 1 WAM network that includes additional land within the Order Limits.	3



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Schedule 2(14) (Construction traffic management plan)	14.—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
Schedule 2(15) (Operational noise)	15.—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		



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management plan)	and approved by the relevant planning authority, such approval to be in consultation with Natural England.	Natural England as a consulted authority with respect of the soil management plan.	
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) (Decommissioning 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 Lincolnshire County Council in its 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. 	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 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	1



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	(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.	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(19) (Decommissioning and restoration)	Amendment made to sub-paragraph: (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 Lincolnshire County Council in its capacity as the local highway authority and waste planning authority, the Environment Agency and Natural England.	Amendment made to more accurately reflect the role of Lincolnshire County Council.	3
Schedule 2(19) (Decommissioni ng and restoration)	(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 technical Safeguarding safeguarding Zone zone or the east 1 WAM Networknetwork], the relevant planning authority will consult with the Ministry of Defence.] (6) (7) Where the undertaker is notified by the Ministry of Defence of an update to the technical safeguarding zone or the east 1 WAM network that includes additional land in the Order limits	Amendment made to align the terms with the definition added in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2. Addition of sub-paragraph as the Ministry of Defence could update the area of its technical safeguarding zone or the east 1 WAM network	3



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	after the decommissioning environmental management plan, after pursuant to paragraph 19 of this requirement has been approved, the undertaker shall submit an amendment to the relevant part of the approved plan to include the additional land to the Ministry of Defence for approval. The undertaker shall not be deemed to be in breach of this requirement whilst such an update to the approved plan is being prepared, submitted and approved.	that includes additional land within the Order Limits.	
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 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: (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];	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). The Applicant notes that this requirement is not in agreed form and is the subject of ongoing discussion with the Ministry of Defence.	1



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	 (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. 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 2(20) (Electrical noise)	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 Ţtechnical Safeguarding Zzone or the east 1 WAM Nnetwork] until an electrical noise interference management plan for that part has been submitted to and	Amendment made to align the terms with the definition added in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2.	3



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approved by the 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:
- (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 [Eeast 1 WAM Wide Area Multilateration Nnetwork];
- (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 <u>Ee</u>ast 1 W<u>AM networkide Area Multilateration</u>] is prevented or reduced to a level <u>below a threshold set by the Ministry of Defence-such that the normal running and operation of such site installations is not affected; and</u>
- (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.

Wording amended as a result of discussions with the Ministry of Defence.

The drafting is not entirely agreed by the Ministry of Defence and the position is explained in agenda item 6.4 of Issue Specific Hearing 4 in the Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at Issue Specific Hearings 2, 3 and 4

[EN010149/APP/8.22].



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	(3) 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 Removal 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 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 13 (Documents and plans to be certified)	Various updates to listed documents to align with latest versions as at Deadline 3.	To ensure up to date Schedule as at Deadline 3.	3



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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 Deadline 1 submission at ISH1.	1
Schedule 15 (Protective provisions)	Insertion of fees in the protective provisions for Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Services: 28.—(1) Pursuant to the provisions set out at paragraph 27, the undertaker must pay to Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service— (a) £16,665[X] in the first year of operation of the authorised development for, or in connection with Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service's attendance at the site familiarisation exercise facilitated by the undertaker pursuant to paragraph 27(1), such sum to be paid within 30 days following the date of the site familiarisation exercise; and (b) £1,530[X] in each subsequent year of operation of the authorised development until the date of decommissioning of Work No. 4, such sums to be paid within 30 days of the date of the annual review for that year, if in that year an annual review has taken place pursuant to paragraph 27(2).	The Applicant has agreed the costs with Lincolnshire County Council and the protective provisions have been updated to reflect this change.	3
Schedule 15 (Protective provisions)	Protective provisions included for Network Rail Infrastructure Services, Anglian Water Services Limited, National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc, National Grid Electricity Distribution	The Applicant has included the protective provisions for statutory undertakers. The latest status of negotiations	3



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	(East Midlands) Plc, Cadent Gas Limited and Exolum Pipeline System Limited at Part 5 to Part 10 of Schedule 15.	can be found in the Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought (EN010149/APP/4.4.4). Note, the protective provisions included are not in agreed form with the exception of Anglian Water Services Limited.	
Schedule 16(3) (Further information and consultation)	 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. (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. 	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
	(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		



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	consultee within 2015 working days of receipt of the application (or such other period as is agreed in writing between the undertaker and the relevant planning authority).		
Schedule 16(3) (Further information and consultation)	 (6) If the provision governing or requiring the application specifies that consultation with a requirement consultee is required: (a) A requirement consultee is required to notify the relevant planning authority in writing specifying any further information it considers necessary in order to comment on the application within 1015 working days of receipt of the application pursuant to paragraph 2(5); 	The Applicant agreed with the local authorities at Issue Specific Hearing 4, held on 17 July 2025, to extend the notification period that a requirement consultee is required to give the relevant planning authority if it needs further information to comment on the discharge of a requirement.	3
Schedule 16(5) (Fees)	 5.—(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. (2) The fee payable for each application under sub-paragraph (1) is as follows— (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; (b) a fee of £578588 for each subsequent application for the discharge of each of the requirements listed in paragraph 	North Kesteven District Council notified the Applicant that there would be an increase in planning fees in April 2025. The amendment reflects this increase in planning fees in a proportionate manner in Schedule 16 and in line with the increase.	1



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	 (a) and any application under requirement 5 in respect of the requirements listed in paragraph (a); and (c) a fee of £145298 for any application for the discharge of— (i) any other requirements not listed in paragraph (a); (ii) any application under requirement 4 in respect of requirements not listed in paragraph (a); and (iii) any approval required by a document referred to by any requirement or a document approved pursuant to any requirement. 		
Schedule 16(5) (Fees)	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 by this Order, so that "the relevant amount" means the fee payable under sub paragraph (2)(a), 2(b) or 2(c) above.	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 with inflation, as per the regulatory approach.	1
Schedule 16(6) (Pre-application engagement)	Addition of new paragraph: 6. Where the undertaker engages with the relevant planning authority or requirement consultee ahead of submitting an application pursuant to paragraph 2(1) by providing a draft version of documents proposed to be submitted with such application, the relevant planning authority or requirement	Addition of paragraph made to add timeframes for draft documents pre-submission with the relevant planning authorities or requirement consultees. The Applicant	3



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	consultee (as relevant) must, within 15 working days of receipt of the draft documents (or such other period as is agreed in writing between the undertaker and the relevant planning authority or requirement consultee (as relevant)), notify the undertaker of comments on the draft documents either by email or in a meeting, and the undertaker will note this timescale in its correspondence providing any draft documents to the relevant planning authority or requirement consultee (as relevant).	must be notified of a response within 15 working days, or such other time as agreed in writing, either by email or in a meeting. The intention is to facilitate preapplication engagement, which is likely to assist with the formal application to discharge requirements.	



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