

Springwell Solar Farm

Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought

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1. Introduction

1.1. Project Background

- 1.1.1. This Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought alongside the **Statement of Reasons [EN010149/APP/4.1]** demonstrates that the Applicant has complied with the Department for Communities and Local Government's (DCLG) Guidance of the Compulsory Purchase Process (DCLG, October 2024), the 'CA Guidance'.
- 1.1.2. This document has been updated at post Deadline 3 to reflect the status of negotiations with Affected Persons, protective provision updates, and in response to action points raised from Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) 1. As part of those action points, the applicant has also appended the S. 135 received on 17/07/2025. The document references have not been updated from the original submission. Please refer to the **Guide to the Application [EN010149/APP/1.2]** for the list of current versions of documents.
- 1.1.3. The Applicant has been and continues to seek to acquire the relevant freehold interests, new rights and temporary use of land by private agreement, in order to ensure implementation of the Proposed Development. Whilst seeking compulsory acquisition powers, the Applicant will continue to negotiate and seek to reach voluntary agreement with affected persons wherever possible. This approach of seeking powers of compulsory acquisition in the application for Development Consent Order (DCO), in parallel with conducting negotiations to acquire land rights by agreement, accords with paragraph 2.8 of the CA Guidance.
- 1.1.4. Each of the tables below sets out the following for each prescribed interest (with slight differences, depending on the nature of the interest and the table it is included within):
- The Affected Person's contact name / organisation;
 - Plot number(s), as listed in the Book of Reference **[EN010149/APP/4.3]**;
 - Description of rights sought;
 - Work Numbers, by reference to the Work Numbers in the **Draft DCO [EN010149/APP/3.1]** and **Works Plans [EN010149/APP/2.3]**;
 - Reason for acquisition or possession;
 - Status of negotiations.
- 1.1.5. **Table 1** summarises the reason that acquisition of land/rights and temporary possession is required to accommodate the Proposed

Development and sets out the latest position in relation to the voluntary agreements sought. This aligns with the CA Guidance which states that there must be a clear idea how the land to be acquired is to be used.

- 1.1.6. **Table 2** lists plots within the Order land which comprise part of the highway network. While an explanation is provided on why the land is required to accommodate the Proposed Development, a summary of negotiations is not provided here as there are no voluntary rights being sought in relation to the highway other than engaging with the relevant highway's authority as part of the DCO process.
- 1.1.7. **Table 3** below sets out the position in relation to Statutory Undertakers who have been identified as having an interest or apparatus in the Order land and are therefore subject to compulsory acquisition as part of the Application.
- 1.1.8. In accordance with statutory requirements, all plots subject to compulsory acquisition are included within Tables 1 – 3.
- 1.1.9. This Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought is one of a number of documents accompanying the DCO application. It should be read in conjunction with the following documents:
- **Land Plans [EN010149/APP/2.2];**
 - **Works Plans [EN010149/APP/2.3];**
 - **Draft DCO [EN010149/APP/3.1];**
 - **Book of Reference [EN010149/APP/4.3];**
 - **Statement of Reasons [EN010149/APP/4.1]**
- 1.1.10. It is envisaged that this Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought will be updated at regular intervals throughout Examination, the latest updates will be included in this document in red text at the relevant deadline.

Table 1: Summary of Rights Sought and Status of Negotiations/Objection

Affected Person – Contact Name/ Organisation	Plot Number(s)	Category of Interest (where relevant)	Description of Rights Sought	CA	Works Number(s)	Reason of Acquisition or Possession	Status of Negotiations / Objection (where relevant)
Blankney Estates Limited	1/1, 1/3, 1/4, 2/1, 2/3, 2/5, 2/7, 2/8, 2/11, 2/12, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5, 3/6, 4/2, 4/15, 4/16, 4/19, 4/20, 5/1, 5/2, 6/6, 6/8, 7/13, 7/17, 7/18, 8/2, 8/7, 8/9, 9/1, 9/5, 10/4, 10/5, 10/7, 12/2, 12/5, 13/1, 13/2, 13/5, 13/7, 13/9, 14/1, 14/3, 14/7,	Part 1 (Category 1 – Owner)	Freehold	Y	1, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7A, 7B, 8, 9,	1 - Ground-mounted Solar PV Generating Station 2A - Springwell Substation Compound 2B - Springwell Substation Transformer 3 - Satellite Collector Compounds 4 - Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)	<p>The Applicant and the Affected Person already secured an option agreement over the majority of the Site in June 2022, to secure the land and rights required to construct and operate the Proposed Development.</p> <p>On 10 July 2023, the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person introducing the Proposed Development and inviting them to complete and return a Land Interest Questionnaire form.</p> <p>On 11 January 2024 the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person inviting them to take part in the statutory consultation taking place between 11 January 2024 and 22 February 2024.</p>

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	15/1, 15/3, 15/9, 15/12					5 - Grid Connection Infrastructure 6 – Cables 7A - Primary Temporary Construction Compounds 7B - Secondary Temporary Construction Compounds 8 - Highway Works 9 - Green Infrastructure	On 15 July 2024 the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person inviting them to take part in the targeted statutory consultation taking place between 17 July 2024 and 16 August 2024. The Applicant and the Affected Person are negotiating a variation to the signed option agreement, based on changes required to align with submitted application of the Proposed Development, which has evolved following discussions with Blankney Estate and information from statutory consultation and surveys since signing the original option agreement. The Applicant and their agents (Gateley Hamer) have held numerous meetings with the Affected Person and their agent, throughout the Pre-Application stage to discuss the design of the Proposed
	1/2, 2/2, 2/4, 2/6, 2/9, 2/10, 4/1, 4/3, 4/4,	Part 1 (Category	Permanent Rights	Y	5, 6, 7B, 8, 9	5 - Grid Connection Infrastructure	

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	4/5, 4/7, 4/9, 4/12, 4/14, 4/17, 4/18, 6/2, 6/3, 6/4, 6/5, 6/7, 7/1, 7/15, 7/16, 8/4, 8/6, 8/8, 9/2, 9/6, 10/2, 10/3, 11/3, 11/4, 12/3, 12/4, 12/10, 12/13, 12/14, 12/16, 12/17, 12/18, 12/19, 13/6, 13/8, 13/11, 14/2, 14/6, 15/2, 15/5, 15/8, 15/10, 15/13	1 – Owner)				6 – Cables 7B - Secondary Temporary Construction Compounds 8 - Highway Works 9 - Green Infrastructure	Development and the option variation. The expectation is the varied option agreement will be entered into by close of Examination. The Applicant's legal team and the Affected Person's legal team are engaged in discussions to finalise the required legal documents and is confident that an agreed position will be reached prior to end of the Examination.
	3/2, 4/21, 12/1	Part 1 (Category	Temporary Rights	Y	9	9 - Green Infrastructure	

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		1 – Owner)					
The Secretary of State for Defence	6/3,	Part 1 (Category 1 – Owner)	Permanent Rights (Crown)	Y	8	8 - Highway Works	On 10 July 2023, the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person introducing the Proposed Development and inviting them to complete and return a Land Interest Questionnaire form.
	7/14	Part 1 (Category 1 – Owner)	Temporary Rights (Crown)	Y	8	8 - Highway Works	<p>On 11 January 2024 the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person inviting them to take part in the statutory consultation taking place between 11 January 2024 and 22 February 2024.</p> <p>On 15 July 2024 the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person inviting them to take part in the targeted statutory consultation taking place between 17 July 2024 and 16 August 2024.</p> <p>The Applicant has been engaging with the Ministry of Defence in order to secure the</p>

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							<p>necessary agreement to carry out the relevant parts of the authorised development.</p> <p>The Applicant continues to progress discussions with this Affected Person and is confident that an agreed position will be reached prior to end of the Examination.</p> <p>The Section 135 consent has been granted and appended to this document.</p>
Pamela Leathley	10/1, 10/6, 15/4	Part 1 (Category 1 – Owner)	Freehold	Y	1, 6, 8, 9	<p>1 - Ground-mounted Solar PV Generating Station</p> <p>6 – Cables</p> <p>8 - Highway Works</p> <p>9 - Green Infrastructure</p>	<p>On 10 July 2023, the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person introducing the Proposed Development and inviting them to complete and return a Land Interest Questionnaire form.</p> <p>On 11 January 2024 the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person inviting them to take part in the statutory consultation</p>

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	10/2, 15/2, 15/8	Part 1 (Category 1 – Owner)	Permanent Rights	Y	6, 8, 9	<p>6 – Cables</p> <p>8 - Highway Works</p> <p>9 - Green Infrastructure</p>	<p>taking place between 11 January 2024 and 22 February 2024.</p> <p>The Applicant and their agents (Gateley Hamer) issued detailed Heads of Terms in August 2023 to secure the rights required to construct and operate the Proposed Development. Gateley Hamer have had numerous meetings with the Affected Person’s agent to discuss the Heads of Terms in October 2023, December 2023, January 2024 and March 2024.</p> <p>Heads of Terms were agreed on 18 July 2024 and the option agreement is being drafted by solicitors with the expectation it will be exchanged by close of Examination.</p> <p>The Applicant and their agents (Gateley Hamer) have continued to have numerous meetings with the Affected</p>

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							<p>Person's agent to provide updates in July 2024 and August 2024.</p> <p>The Applicant's legal team and the Affected Person's legal team are engaged in discussions to finalise the required legal documents and is confident that an agreed position will be reached prior to end of the Examination.</p>
Ian Leathley	10/1, 10/6, 15/4	Part 1 (Category 1 – Owner)	Freehold	Y	1, 6, 8, 9	<p>1 - Ground-mounted Solar PV Generating Station</p> <p>6 – Cables</p> <p>8 - Highway Works</p> <p>9 - Green Infrastructure</p>	<p>On 10 July 2023, the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person introducing the Proposed Development and inviting them to complete and return a Land Interest Questionnaire form.</p> <p>On 11 January 2024 the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person inviting them to take part in the statutory consultation</p>

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	10/2, 15/2, 15/8	Part 1 (Category 1 – Owner)	Permanent Rights	Y	6, 8, 9	6 – Cables 8 - Highway Works 9 - Green Infrastructure	<p>taking place between 11 January 2024 and 22 February 2024.</p> <p>The Applicant and their agents (Gateley Hamer) issued detailed Heads of Terms in August 2023 to secure the rights required to construct and operate the Proposed Development. Gateley Hamer have had numerous meetings with the Affected Person's agent to discuss the Heads of Terms in October 2023, December 2023, January 2024 and March 2024.</p> <p>Heads of Terms were agreed on 18 July 2024 and the option agreement is being drafted by solicitors with the expectation it will be exchanged by close of Examination.</p> <p>The Applicant and their agents (Gateley Hamer) have continued to have numerous meetings with the Affected</p>

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							<p>Person's agent to provide updates in July 2024 and August 2024.</p> <p>The Applicant's legal team and the Affected Person's legal team are engaged in discussions to finalise the required legal documents and is confident that an agreed position will be reached prior to end of the Examination.</p>

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Charles Peter Hayward	11/1	Part 1 (Category 1 – Owner)	Permanent Rights	Y	5	5 - Grid Connection Infrastructure	<p>On 30 October 2023 the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person introducing the Proposed Development and inviting them to complete and return a Land Interest Questionnaire form.</p> <p>The Applicant and their agents (Gateley Hamer) have had meetings with the Affected Person and their agent in December 2023 and February 2024.</p> <p>On 11 January 2024 the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person inviting them to take part in the statutory consultation taking place between 11 January 2024 and 22 February 2024.</p> <p>On 15 July 2024 the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person inviting them to take part in the statutory consultation taking place between 17 July 2024 and 16 August 2024.</p>

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							<p>Between March 2024 to July 2024 Gateley Hamer have had numerous conversations regarding survey access requirements and also to provide project updates.</p> <p>Gateley Hamer are aware of ongoing negotiations between the Affected Party and National Grid regarding the land required for the proposed Navenby Substation. Gateley Hamer have been engaging jointly with National Grid, the Affected Persons and their agent to discuss voluntary agreements.</p> <p>Gateley Hamer have issued detailed Heads of Terms for the voluntary acquisition of the rights required to enable the Project to install the Cable Route. Gateley Hamer will continue to engage with the Affected Person's and their agent to progress matters forward.</p>

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							<p>Gateley Hamer have had continued engagement with the Affected Person's agent and are confident that an agreed position will be reached prior to end of the Examination.</p> <p>Post Compulsory Acquisition hearing the applicant has had a further meeting with the Affected Persons agent and continue to engage in an attempt to seek voluntary agreement prior to the end of Examination.</p>

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Georgina Willow Hayward	11/1	Part 1 (Category 1 – Tenant)	Permanent Rights	Y	5	5 - Grid Connection Infrastructure	<p>On 30 October 2023 the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person introducing the Proposed Development and inviting them to complete and return a Land Interest Questionnaire form.</p> <p>The Applicant and their agents (Gateley Hamer) have had meetings with the Affected Persons and their agent in December 2023 and February 2024.</p> <p>On 11 January 2024 the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person inviting them to take part in the statutory consultation taking place between 11 January 2024 and 22 February 2024.</p> <p>On 15 July 2024 the Applicant wrote to the Affected Person inviting them to take part in the statutory consultation taking place between 17 July 2024 and 16 August 2024.</p>

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							<p>Gateley Hamer have had continued engagement with the Affected Person's agent and are confident that an agreed position will be reached prior to end of the Examination.</p> <p>Post Compulsory Acquisition hearing the applicant has had a further meeting with the Affected Persons agent and continue to engage in an attempt to seek voluntary agreement prior to the end of Examination.</p>

Table 2: Plots within the highway boundary over which rights are sought

Plot Number(s)	Description of rights sought	CA	Works Number(s)	Reason of Acquisition or Possession
4/9, 7/15, 8/4, 12/17, 12/19	Permanent Rights	Yes	6	6 - Cables
12/11	Temporary Rights	Yes	8	8 - Highway Works
7/2, 7/3, 7/4, 7/5, 7/6, 7/11, 13/4	Temporary Rights	Yes	8	8 - Highway Works
6/3	Permanent Rights Crown	Yes	8	8 - Highway Works
7/14	Temporary Rights (Crown)	Yes	8	8 - Highway Works
3/1, 4/13, 4/21	Temporary Rights	Yes	9	9 - Green Infrastructure
12/10	Temporary Rights	Yes	5, 6, 8, 9	5 - Grid Connection Infrastructure 6 - Cables 8 - Highway Works 9 - Green Infrastructure
11/2	Temporary Rights	Yes	5, 8	5 - Grid Connection Infrastructure 8 - Highway Works
12/4	Permanent Rights	Yes	5, 8, 9	5 - Grid Connection Infrastructure 8 - Highway Works 9 - Green Infrastructure

Plot Number(s)	Description of rights sought	CA	Works Number(s)	Reason of Acquisition or Possession
15/7	Permanent Rights	Yes	6, 7A, 8, 9	6 - Cables 7A - Primary Temporary Construction Compounds 8 - Highway Works 9 - Green Infrastructure
6/4, 8/6, 10/2, 10/3, 13/8 14/2, 15/2, 15/8, 15/10, 15/11, 15/13	Permanent Rights	Yes	6, 8, 9	6 - Cables 8 - Highway Works 9 - Green Infrastructure
4/6, 8/5	Temporary Rights	Yes	8, 9	8 - Highway Works 9 - Green Infrastructure
9/2, 12/14, 14/6, 15/5	Permanent Rights	Yes	6, 9	6 - Cables 9 - Green Infrastructure
8/1, 8/3, 12/12, 12/15, 13/10	Temporary Rights	Yes	9	9 - Green Infrastructure
4/3, 6/1, 6/2	Permanent Rights	Yes	8, 9	8 - Highway Works 9 - Green Infrastructure
4/8, 4/10, 4/11, 11/7, 11/8 11/9, 11/10, 11/11, 12/6, 12/7	Temporary Rights for Traffic Management	Yes	No Works Number	Temporary use (including access) to carry out Work No. 8 (being works to the street or highway to facilitate access) and management of traffic and vegetation to facilitate the construction of Work Nos. 1 to 9.

Table 3: Status of negotiations with Statutory Undertakers

Affected Person – Contact Name / Organisation	Plot Number(s)	Description of rights sought	Status of negotiations / objection (where relevant)
Exolum Pipeline System Ltd	2/1, 2/3, 2/7, 2/12, 4/19	Permanent acquisition	<p>The Applicant's legal team provided its standard protective provisions for electricity, gas, water and sewerage undertakers in July 2024 and has been in correspondence with Exolum Pipeline System's legal team since August 2024.</p> <p>Exolum Pipeline System provided the Applicant with its standard protective provisions in September 2024. The Applicant returned comments on these draft protective provisions in May 2025 to Exolum Pipeline System. Exolum Pipeline System returned <u>provided</u> comments to the Applicant in June 2025 <u>and July 2025. The Applicant returned comments to Exolum in July and August 2025 in response. and the Applicant is currently considering its response.</u></p>
	2/4, 4/12, 4/14, 4/17	Permanent acquisition of new rights	
National Grid Electricity Distribution plc	1/1, 2/1, 2/3, 2/12, 3/5, 3/6, 4/2, 4/19, 4/20, 7/13, 8/9, 9/5, 10/4, 10/6, 10/7, 15/12	Permanent acquisition	<p>The Applicant's legal team provided its standard protective provisions for electricity, gas, water and sewerage undertakers in August 2024 to which an initial response from National Grid Electricity Distribution Midlands plc was received.</p>
	1/2, 2/6, 2/9, 4/1, 4/3, 4/4, 4/5, 4/12, 4/14, 4/17, 4/18, 6/1, 6/4, 6/7, 7/1, 10/2, 10/3, 11/4, 15/11	Permanent acquisition of new rights	

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			<p>The Applicant’s legal team followed up via email for a response from National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) Plc in September 2024 and October 2024. National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) Plc responded in an email of November 2024 and confirmed that it had assets in the site, that the correct consultee name is National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) Plc and that it requires protective provisions.</p> <p>Further correspondence occurred between the Applicant and National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) Plc and a bespoke set of protective provisions was received by the Applicant in March 2025. The Applicant returned its comments on National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) Plc’s protective provisions in May 2025. National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) Plc has returned its comments to the Applicant <u>and the Applicant is currently considering its response and the Applicant provided its response in July 2025. National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) Plc has returned its comments to the Applicant</u></p>

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			<u>and the Applicant is currently considering its response.</u>
	6/3	Permanent acquisition of new rights (Crown)	
	4/8, 4/10, 4/11, 4/13, 4/21, 7/3, 7/4, 11/8	Temporary possession	
	7/14	Temporary possession (Crown)	
National Grid Electricity Transmission plc	8/9, 10/4, 10/6, 10/7, 13/1, 13/9, 14/3, 14/7, 15/9	Permanent acquisition	The Applicant's legal team provided its standard protective provisions for electricity, gas, water and sewerage undertakers in July 2024 to which an initial response from National Grid Electricity Transmission plc was received.
	6/1, 6/2, 6/4, 6/7, 4/3	Permanent acquisition of new rights	
	6/3	Permanent acquisition of new rights (Crown)	The Applicant's legal team followed up via email for a further response in September 2024 and have subsequently been in correspondence with National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's legal advisors since October 2024. In October 2024 National Grid Electricity Transmission plc confirmed that its own set of protective provisions will be required. National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's bespoke protective provisions were received by the Applicant in February 2025 and were returned to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc by the Applicant in May 2025. <u>National</u>
	7/14	Temporary possession (Crown)	

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			<u>Grid Electricity Transmission plc returned its comments to the Applicant in July 2025 and the Applicant is considering its response.</u> The Applicant is currently awaiting a response from National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's lawyers to progress negotiations further.
Cadent Gas Limited	5/2, 6/6	Permanent acquisition	The Applicant's legal team provided its standard protective provisions for electricity, gas, water and sewerage undertakers in July 2024.
	4/3, 6/1, 6/2, 6/4, 6/7	Permanent acquisition of new rights	
	6/3	Permanent acquisition of new rights (Crown)	The Applicant's legal team has been in contact with Cadent Gas Limited's lawyers to negotiate protective provisions since August 2024. The Applicant received a first draft of Cadent Gas Limited's protective provisions in August 2024 and returned its comments to Cadent Gas Limited in May 2025. Cadent Gas Limited has returned its comments to the Applicant <u>in May 2025</u> and the Applicant <u>returned its comments in August 2025 to progress negotiations further.</u> is considering its response so that negotiations can progress further between the parties.
	7/14	Temporary possession (Crown)	
Anglian Water Services Limited	2/1, 4/19, 5/1, 7/13, 9/5, 13/9, 14/3, 14/4, 14/5, 14/7	Permanent acquisition	Anglian Water Services Limited's agent, Jacobs, provided the Applicant with a copy of its protective provisions in April

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	2/2, 4/3, 4/5, 4/9, 4/12, 4/14, 4/18, 6/1, 6/2, 6/4, 7/15, 7/16, 13/8, 14/6	Permanent acquisition of new rights	<p>2023. The Applicant's legal team initially contacted Anglian Water Services Limited in August 2024, and the Applicant returned its comments on the protective provisions to Anglian Water Services Limited in February 2025. Anglian Water returned its comments to the Applicant in May 2025 <u>and the Applicant returned its comments in July 2025. The protective provisions were agreed by both parties on 4 August 2025 and are included at Schedule 15 of the Draft DCO [EN010149/APP/3.1.3]. The protective provisions are expected to be returned to Anglian Water Services Limited imminently so that negotiations can progress further between the parties.</u></p>
	6/3	Permanent acquisition of new rights (Crown)	
	4/6, 4/8, 4/10, 4/11, 4/21, 7/3, 7/4, 7/6, 7/11, 8/1, 13/4, 13/10	Temporary possession and use of	
	7/14	Temporary possession and use of (Crown)	
Openreach Limited	1/3, 2/5, 2/7, 2/8, 3/5, 6/6, 9/5, 10/4, 13/7, 13/9, 14/5, 14/7, 15/9	Permanent acquisition of	<p>The Applicant's legal team provided a copy of the standard protective provisions included for telecommunications providers to British Telecommunications Plc in August 2024. These are included at Schedule 15 of the Draft DCO [EN010149/APP/3.1]. After initial inquiries, British Telecommunications referred the Applicant to Openreach Limited later in August 2024. The Applicant has sent several emails in- September, October and November 2024 to progress</p>
	2/4, 2/6, 4/3, 4/4, 4/5, 4/9, 6/1, 6/2, 6/4, 7/15, 7/16, 8/4, 8/8, 9/2, 10/2, 10/3, 11/3, 11/4, 12/10, 12/14, 12/17, 12/19, 12/3, 13/8, 14/6, 15/10, 15/11, 15/13, 15/5, 15/7, 15/8	Permanent acquisition of new rights over	
	6/3	Permanent acquisition of new rights over (Crown)	

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	3/1, 3/2, 4/6, 4/8, 4/10, 4/11, 7/4, 7/6, 7/7, 8/1, 8/3, 11/2, 11/8, 11/9, 11/10, 12/6, 12/7, 12/15, 13/4, 13/10	Temporary possession and use of	negotiations. This continued in 2025 with emails in January, February, March, May, and June , <u>July, August</u> and a phone call in March. A substantive response is still awaited from Openreach Limited. In any event, the Applicant has included standard telecommunications protective provisions in the draft DCO submitted with the application.
	7/14	Temporary possession and use of (Crown)	
Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd			<p>Network Rail have confirmed at Deadline 1 within [REP1-097] and [REP1-099] that “<i>there are no plots or rights in land being acquired under the Order in which Network Rail have an interest and no unidentified property interests,</i>”</p> <p><u>The Applicant and Network Rail have had further discussions and Network Rail provided a draft Framework Agreement for the Applicant to review in July 2025. The Applicant provided comments on the draft Framework Agreement and Protective Provisions in July and August 2025. The Applicant is currently awaiting a response from Network Rail’s lawyers to progress negotiations further.</u></p>



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Your Ref:
Our Ref:

Dear Sirs,

Application by Springwell Energyfarm Limited (the “Applicant”)

Property: Plots 6/3, 7/14 and 7/17 as shown on the Crown Land Plans forming part of the Application

Application for a Development Consent Order (Springwell Solar Farm, North Kesteven, Lincs) (the “Application”)

Planning Inspectorate Application Reference: EN010149

I am instructed to respond on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence (“SofSD”) in respect of the above matter.

The land required for the DCO includes land in which the SofSD has an interest and therefore constitutes Crown land as defined in section 227 of the Planning Act 2008 (the “Act”). The Crown land in question comprises the Property as defined herein and identified in the Book of Reference for the Application:

Plot Number on Land Plans	Extent of acquisition or use	Description of Land
6/3	Permanent acquisition, excluding all Crown interests, of new rights.	Over approximately 916 square metres of public road, verges and access way (Heath Road, B1191, Scopwick.)
7/14	Temporary possession, excluding all Crown interests, and use.	Approximately 2442 square metres of public road, footway and bus stops No. lingpmwd and No. lindawmj (Heath Road, B1191, Lincoln.)
7/17	Permanent acquisition, excluding all Crown interests.	Approximately 135223 square metres of agricultural land, private access track, public footpath No. Rows/5/1 and hedgerows (east of Heath Road, B1191, Ashby de la Launde.)

The locations of the plots comprising the Property are also shown on the Crown Land Plans, also forming part of the Application.

The Applicant has confirmed that none of the SofSD's rights or interests will be breached, amended or extinguished by the intended use of the plots comprising the Property and that the SofSD's interests will remain on title. Nevertheless, the Applicant seeks consent to the inclusion of the Property in the Order. The Applicant has confirmed that it does not intend to compulsorily acquire any interest in the Crown land which are held by the SofSD.

I confirm that the appropriate Crown authority (as defined in section 227 of the Act) to give Crown consent under section 135 of the Act is the SofSD. The consent under section 135 is granted subject to the Applicant's inclusion of Article 49 (Crown Rights) in its draft DCO, which states:

49.—(1) Nothing in this Order affects prejudicially any estate, right, power, privilege, authority or exemption of the Crown and in particular, nothing in this Order authorises the undertaker or any lessee or licensee to take, use, enter upon or in any manner interfere with any land or rights of any description (including any portion of the shore or bed of the sea or any river, channel, creek, bay or estuary)—

(a) belonging to His Majesty in right of the Crown and forming part of The Crown Estate without the consent in writing of the Crown Estate Commissioners;

(b) belonging to His Majesty in right of the Crown and not forming part of The Crown Estate without the consent in writing of the government department having the management of that land; or

(c) belonging to a government department or held in trust for His Majesty for the purposes of a government department without the consent in writing of that government department.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to the exercise of any right under this Order for the compulsory acquisition of an interest in land (as defined in the 2008 Act) which is for the time being held otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown.

(3) A consent under paragraph (1) may be given unconditionally or subject to terms and conditions and is deemed to have been given in writing where it is sent electronically.

On the basis of the above, I am authorised to confirm the following on behalf of the SofSD:

1. The SofSD consents in accordance with section 135(1)(b) of the Act to the compulsory acquisition of any interests in the Crown land comprising the Property and falling within section 135(1)(a) of the Act; and
2. In accordance with section 135(2) of the Act the SofSD consents to Article 49 of the DCO as drafted, and must be consulted on any further amendments to the inclusion of provisions within the draft DCO which would apply to the plots listed (to the extent that they relate to the detail specified in the Application).

Yours faithfully



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**Authorised signatory for and on behalf of the
Secretary of State for Defence**



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