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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of This Document

- 1.1.1 This **Guide to the Application [EN010152/APP/1.2]** has been prepared on behalf of Fenwick Solar Project Limited (the ‘Applicant’). It forms part of the application (the DCO ‘Application’) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) that has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the ‘Secretary of State’) under section 37 of ‘The Planning Act 2008’ (the PA 2008) for the Fenwick Solar Farm.
- 1.1.2 The Applicant is seeking a DCO for the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility and associated development. The associated development proposed includes, but is not limited to, a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) ; On-Site Substation; underground cabling to provide export and import connection to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS); and areas of landscaping and biodiversity enhancements (collectively referred to as the ‘Scheme’). The connection to the NETS will be either via underground cabling along a corridor in which three 400 kV cables would run for approximately 6.3 km from the Solar PV Site to the Existing National Grid Thorpe Marsh Substation; or via underground cabling between the On-Site Substation and existing overhead power lines within the Solar PV Site, which also connect to the Existing National Grid Thorpe Marsh Substation.
- 1.1.3 The DCO Application is required because the solar PV electricity generating facility is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the PA 2008 pursuant to sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of under the PA 2008, as it is an onshore generating station in England with a capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW).
- 1.1.4 This **Guide to the Application [EN010152/APP/1.2]** aims to help the Examining Authority (ExA) and Interested Parties understand the DCO Application by signposting to the documents that make up the DCO Application. The **Guide to the Application [EN010152/APP/1.2]** is an iterative document that will be updated as part of the Applicant’s submission for each Examination deadline, both to capture the latest versions of updated documents and to record new documents submitted as part of the Examination.
- 1.1.5 Regulation 5 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (APFP Regulations) sets out the documents that all DCO applications must include. It also provides at Regulation 5(2)(q) for the submission of “any other documents considered necessary to support the application” as well as at Regulation 5(2)(o) for “any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the proposals.”
- 1.1.6 Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations sets out the specific documentation required in support of DCO applications for particular types of development, including generating stations and grid connections. This document provides a full list of documents prepared to meet the requirements of Regulations 5 and 6.

- 1.1.7 The Scheme constitutes Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development and, therefore, the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) and requirements contained therein apply.
- 1.1.8 This **Guide to the Application [EN010152/APP/1.2]** provides an overview of the documents that have been submitted in order to satisfy the APFP Regulations, the EIA Regulations and section 37 of the PA 2008.

1.2 The Applicant

- 1.2.1 The Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of BOOM Developments Limited who specialise in non-subsidised solar and battery storage projects. BOOM Developments Limited was founded in 2020, and the name BOOM is an acronym for Build Own Operate Maintain. This reflects the organisation's intentions to be involved in sustainable energy projects from day one right the way through to operation. Further information on BOOM Developments Limited can be found in the **Funding Statement [EN010152/APP/4.2]**.
- 1.2.2 The BOOM Managing Director and team have been responsible in previous roles for constructing more than 700 MW of solar developments in the UK between 2015 and 2017 and developing more than 850 MW of solar projects, including the UK's first NSIP solar PV project Cleve Hill which was granted a DCO in 2020 and East Yorkshire Solar Farm which was accepted for examination at the end of 2023. In 2021, the UK-based BOOM, partnered with the Pelion Green Future group of companies based across Australia, America and the European mainland.
- 1.2.3 BOOM is committed to making a positive and significant impact on climate change and the achievement of the UK Government's aim for a fully decarbonised, reliable and low-cost power system and net zero emissions by 2050.
- 1.2.4 The Applicant received an electricity generation licence from the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority on 26 July 2023.

2. The Scheme

2.1 Scheme Description

2.1.1 The DCO Application is for a DCO to construct, operate and maintain, and decommission a ground-mounted solar PV electricity generating facility, together with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and other associated infrastructure.

2.1.2 The key Scheme components comprise:

- a. Ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panels made up of multiple PV cells which convert sunlight into direct current (DC) electricity;
- b. Solar PV Mounting Structures (collectively referred to as ‘tables’);
- c. Field Stations including the following electrical equipment:
 - i. Transformers to change the voltage of the electricity generated which makes it more efficient to transport over longer distance;
 - ii. Centralised inverters to convert the direct current (DC) electricity generated from the solar PV panels into alternating current (AC); and
 - iii. Switchgear, protection and control equipment;
- d. String inverters, which would be standalone (located parallel to or at end of the Solar PV Mounting Structures), if centralised inverters are not used;
- e. One On-Site Substation which would:
 - i. Receive the electricity from Field Stations and BESS and step up the voltage from 33 kV to 400 kV ready to be exported to the Existing National Grid Thorpe Marsh Substation via the 400 kilovolt (kV) Grid Connection Cables either along the Grid Connection Corridor or via a Grid Connection Line Drop connecting into the existing on-site 400 kV overhead line tower;
 - ii. Receive excess electricity generated by the Solar PV Panels and send it to BESS for storage; and
 - iii. Import excess electricity from the grid via the 400 kV Grid Connection Cables, step down the voltage from 400 kV to 33 kV and send it to BESS for storage until it is exported at times of peak demand assisting in the balancing of the grid and wider NETS;
- f. Up to 432 individual BESS Containers, up to 1187 string inverters used in conjunction with 64 containerised Medium Voltage Power Station (MVPS) units consisting of transformers and switchgear, or up to 64 containerised or open sided containerised units comprising inverters, transformers and switchgear; underground power and control cabling; and a main control point for the supervision and management of the BESS equipment located within the Control Building;
- g. 400 kV and associated cables (the Grid Connection Cables or Grid Connection Line Drop Cables) installed between the On-Site Substation to the Existing National Grid Thorpe Marsh Substation along the Grid Connection Corridor or via a Grid Connection Line Drop connecting into the existing on-site 400 kV overhead line tower. The Grid Connection

Corridor for the Grid Connection Cables has an average width of 100 m with wider areas, for example, to allow additional working area for Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) or narrows to avoid sensitive receptors such as habitat designations;

- h. Operations and maintenance hub - a containerised unit providing welfare, office accommodation and facilities for maintenance and storage throughout the operation and maintenance phase of the Scheme. An existing agricultural building would be used for storage;
 - i. Fencing and security measures (e.g., lighting and CCTV);
 - j. Accesses including tracks and visibility splays;
 - k. Construction and decommissioning laydown areas; and
 - l. Landscaping, Ecology Mitigation Areas and Heritage Buffer Areas.
- 2.1.3 Subject to being granted development consent and following a final investment decision, the earliest construction could start is in 2028. Construction of the Solar PV Site and laying of the Grid Connection Cables is anticipated to start in tandem. The Grid Connection Cables would require approximately 12 months, and the construction of the Solar PV Site would require an estimated 24 months, with the operation and maintenance phase anticipated to commence in 2030.
- 2.1.4 The design life of the Scheme is 40 years with decommissioning to commence 40 years after final commissioning (currently anticipated to be 2030 to 2070). When the operation and maintenance phase ends, the Solar PV Site would be decommissioned. All Solar PV infrastructure, the BESS and the containerised unit of the Operations and Maintenance Hub would be removed from the Solar PV Site and recycled or disposed of in accordance with good practice and market conditions at that time. It is anticipated that some areas of habitat and biodiversity mitigation and enhancement within the Solar PV Site may be left in-situ given they could contain protected species and so relevant licences at the time would be obtained for any changes. However, the majority of the Solar PV Site would be available to be returned to its original use after decommissioning.
- 2.1.5 A more detailed technical description of the Scheme is included within **Environmental Statement (ES) Volume I, Chapter 2: The Scheme [EN010152/APP/6.1]**

2.2 The Order limits

- 2.2.1 The Order limits are shown on the **Location Plan [EN010152/APP/2.5]** and **Land Plan [EN010152/APP/2.1]** and are located entirely within the City of Doncaster Council's administrative area.
- 2.2.2 The Order limits include the land required for the Scheme within the Solar PV Site, the Grid Connection Corridor and Existing National Grid Thorpe Marsh Substation. The Order limits also include a section of highway at the junction of the A19 and Station Road in the town of Askern to allow for abnormal indivisible load (AIL) vehicle access and escort. This area is approximately 1 ha and is centred on the approximate National Grid Reference SE 56598 13647.
- 2.2.3 The Solar PV Site is approximately 407.3 ha and is the total area required for the ground-mounted Solar PV Panels, Field Stations, Battery Energy

Storage System (BESS), On-Site Substation and other associated infrastructure as well as landscaping, Ecology Mitigation Areas and Heritage Buffer Areas. The Solar PV Site is currently comprised predominantly of agricultural fields and is approximately centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) SE 604 161 (**ES Volume II, Figure 1-1: Scheme Location [EN010152/APP/6.2]**). The surrounding landscape largely comprises agricultural fields and small rural villages, including Fenwick, Moss, Sykehouse, and the hamlet of Topham.

- 2.2.4 At the closest point, the Solar PV Site Boundary is located immediately adjacent to the east of the village of Fenwick and approximately 1 km west and 1 km north of the villages of Sykehouse and Moss respectively. The closest residential properties are located within 10 m of the Order limits, however, due to the provision of buffers and land for landscaping and habitat creation/enhancement, the actual distance of separation between residential properties and Solar PV Panels, Field Stations, the On-Site Substation and the BESS Area would be considerably greater, as shown in the indicative layout presented in **ES Volume II Figure 2-3: Indicative Site Layout Plan [EN010152/APP/6.2]**.
- 2.2.5 A naming system has been applied to fields within the Solar PV Site, as presented in **ES Volume II, Figure 1-3: Elements of the Site [EN010152/APP/6.2]**: Fields are loosely grouped by ordinal directions – north east (NE), south east (SE), south west (SW), and north west (NW) – and then numbered within each group.
- 2.2.6 The Grid Connection Corridor runs for approximately 6.3 km from the Solar PV Site to the Existing National Grid Thorpe Marsh Substation.
- 2.2.7 The Grid Connection Corridor is shown in **ES Volume II, Figure 1-2: Site Boundary Plan [EN010152/APP/6.2]** and on the **Location Plan [EN010152/APP/2.5]**. The land within the Grid Connection Corridor is predominantly agricultural in nature. The village of Thorpe in Balne and the hamlets of Hawkhouse Green and Trumfleet are located in proximity to the Grid Connection Corridor. These receptors are shown on **ES Volume II Figure 1-1: Scheme Location [EN010152/APP/6.2]**.
- 2.2.8 Key environmental and planning constraints within and surrounding the Order limits are shown on **ES Volume II Figure 2-1: Environmental and Planning Constraints Plan [EN010152/APP/6.2]**. Further detail regarding the Order limits and the surrounding areas is provided in the **ES Volume I Chapters 6 to 14 [EN010152/APP/6.1]** and are summarised in the **Planning Statement [EN010152/APP/7.1]**. The figures contained within **ES Volume I Chapters 6 to 14 [EN010152/APP/6.1]** also present the location of existing baseline features in relation to the Site.
- 2.2.9 The Order limits do not contain any statutory nature conservation designations. The closest designation is Shirley Pool Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) located approximately 2.7 km south-west of the Solar PV Site.
- 2.2.10 There are four non-statutory LWS located wholly or partially within the Site, one of which, Went Valley LWS, is located in the Solar PV Site and three of which are located in the Grid Connection Corridor. Wrancarr Drain and Braithwaite Delves LWS, Trumfleet Pit LWS and Trumfleet Pond LWS are all partially located within the Grid Connection Corridor. Further LWS are located in proximity to the Site.

- 2.2.11 There is one area of Ancient Woodland located adjacent to the Order limits, which is also designated as an LWS. This area of woodland is called Bunfold Shaw and is located approximately 15 m from the Solar PV Site.
- 2.2.12 Further details of the ecology within and surrounding the Order limits are reported in **ES Volume I Chapter 8: Ecology [EN010152/APP/6.1]**.
- 2.2.13 There are no World Heritage Sites, Registered Parks and Gardens, Registered Battlefields, or Protected Wrecks within the Order limits or within 3 km from the Solar PV Site and 1 km from the Grid Connection Corridor and the Existing National Grid Thorpe Marsh Substation. There are no designated heritage assets comprising Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas located within the Order limits, however, there are a number in close proximity. The Scheduled Monument Fenwick Hall moated site and six Grade II Listed Buildings are in close proximity to the Solar PV Site. The Scheduled Monument Thorpe in Balne moated site, chapel and fishpond, as well as four Grade II and one Grade II* Listed Buildings, are located in close proximity to the Grid Connection Corridor.
- 2.2.14 Further information regarding cultural heritage assets located within the Order limits and its surrounds is provided in **ES Volume I Chapter 7: Cultural Heritage [EN010152/APP/6.1]**. Areas of archaeological mitigation within the Solar PV Site are defined within the **Draft Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [EN010152/APP/7.19]**.
- 2.2.15 From published Environment Agency flood mapping, the majority of the Solar PV Site is located within Flood Zone 1 (low risk of flooding) and Flood Zone 2 (medium risk of flooding) with some areas of Flood Zone 3 (high risk of flooding). Flood Zones 2 and 3 are predominantly located to the north and east of the Solar PV Site with west and south-western areas falling in Flood Zone 1. The Grid Connection Corridor is located largely within Flood Zone 3 with smaller areas of Flood Zone 2 along its central section and approximately 700 m within Flood Zone 1 toward its northern extent. The Existing National Grid Thorpe Marsh Substation is located entirely within Flood Zone 2, however, the surrounding area is designated as a water storage area with flood defences present along adjacent watercourses. Flood Zones within and adjacent to the Order limits are illustrated in **ES Volume II Figure 9-4: Environment Agency Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Seas) [EN010152/APP/6.2]**. The Grid Connection Corridor is immediately west of the River Don to the north of the Existing National Grid Thorpe Marsh Substation.
- 2.2.16 There is a network of Public Rights of Way (PRoW) that surround and cross the Order limits as shown on **ES Volume II Figure 2-2: Public Rights of Way [EN010152/APP/6.2]**. There are no national trails or national cycle routes within the Solar PV Site; however, the Grid Connection Corridor intersects the Trans Pennine Trail. The PRoW network is mostly used by local residents for recreational purposes such as dog walking and guided walks by equestrians. Fir Tree Farm Equestrian Centre and the Orchard Equine College & Equestrian Centre lie close to the Order limits.
- 2.2.17 The Order limits are located in close proximity to the strategic road network including the A19 to the west, the M18 to the east and M62 to the north. Moss Road runs directly to the south of the Solar PV Site in an east-west direction providing access from the A19. The Grid Connection Corridor

crosses the Network Rail freight line north of the Existing National Grid
Thorpe Marsh Substation.

3. Application Documents

3.1 Structure

3.1.1 The documents submitted as part of the DCO Application have been grouped into volumes as detailed in **Table 1 Guide to the Volumes in the Application** below. A plain English summary of the documents is below, with a full list of documents provided in each volume provided in later sections of this Guide to the Application. The documents provided meet the requirements of the APFP Regulations and their inclusion in the DCO Application also accords with the Planning Inspectorate’s (PINS) Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Preparation and Submission of Application Documents published in August 2024.

Table 1 Guide to the Volumes in the Application

Application Document Reference	Documents provided
1. Application Form	Contains the completed application form, the DCO Application cover letter, this Guide to the Application, the electronic application index, and the section 55 checklist completed by the Applicant demonstrating the DCO Application can be accepted pursuant to section 55 of the PA 2008.
2. Plans / drawings / sections	Contains relevant plans for the Scheme, as required by the APFP Regulations and other plans, including the location plan, works plans and plans related to transport provided to support the DCO Application.
3. Draft Development Consent Order and related documents	Contains the draft Statutory Instrument containing the legal powers the Applicant is seeking, together with separate documents explaining the provisions of the DCO and how other required consents will be obtained.
4. Compulsory Acquisition Information	Provides evidence for why legal powers of compulsory acquisition are sought, as well as information on how the Scheme is to be funded and details of the land interests that are required for the Scheme.
5. Reports / Statements	Contains the Consultation Report and its supporting appendices relating to the pre-application consultation undertaken on the Scheme and how consultation feedback has been taken into account.
6. Environmental Impact Assessment and other assessments	Provides environmental information and an assessment of the likely significant effects of the Scheme, as well as a description of proposed mitigation measures.
7. Other Documents	Contains additional documents pertaining to the Scheme, required by the APFP Regulations regulation 6 and considered

Application Document Reference	Documents provided
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by the Applicant to be required to support the DCO Application in accordance with APFP Regulations regulation 5(2)(q).

3.1.2 Sections 4 to 10 of this **Guide to the Application [EN010152/APP/1.2]** provide a summary of the purpose of the documents and plans included in each volume and Appendix A provides a document schedule. The latter is a live part of this document and will be updated during the subsequent stages of the application process.

3.1.3 A copy of the application documents will be available on the PINS website upon acceptance of the DCO Application. Requests for printing and distribution of hard copies can be made to the project team by contacting fenwick.enquiries@boom-power.co.uk or calling 01964 782219 and will be subject to a reasonable charge.

3.2 Document Reference Numbering

3.2.1 Documents are numbered in sequence within the respective volumes (as outlined in Appendix A of this **Guide to the Application [EN010152/APP/1.2]**), with the volume number being the first digit of a document number. This is followed, where relevant, by the document number, the Chapter and/or Appendix number if these are standalone documents. For example, documents within 'Volume 1, Application Form' are numbered 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 etc.

4. Volume 1: Application Form

- 4.1.1 The **Covering Letter [EN010152/APP/1.1]** has been prepared by the Applicant and provides a brief overview of the Scheme, its location, and an introduction to the DCO Application.
- 4.1.2 The purpose of the **Guide to the Application [EN010152/APP/1.2]** (this document) is described in section 1.1 above.
- 4.1.3 The **Application Form [EN010152/APP/1.3]** is the standard application form required by Section 37(3)(b) of the PA 2008 to be submitted with the application and provides a high-level summary of the Scheme and the documents that have been submitted with the DCO Application.
- 4.1.4 The **Section 55 Checklist [EN010152/APP/1.4]** is provided as a schedule of compliance to evidence how the DCO Application fulfils the conditions for acceptance by the Planning Inspectorate to accord with section 55 of the PA 2008.
- 4.1.5 The **Electronic Application Index [EN010152/APP/1.5]** is the list of electronic file names, document reference numbers and regulation numbers for all documents provided in each volume submitted with the DCO Application. The **Electronic Application Index [EN010152/APP/1.5]** was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate via email on 10 October 2024. The final version is submitted alongside the DCO Application.

5. Volume 2: Plans

- 5.1.1 There are nine plans provided to meet the regulatory requirements of the PA 2008 and provide information regarding the Scheme.
- 5.1.2 The **Location Plan [EN010152/APP/2.5]** identifies the location of the Scheme.
- 5.1.3 The **Land Plan [EN010152/APP/2.1]** corresponds to the **Book of Reference [EN010152/APP/4.3]** provided in Volume 4 and illustrates the land required for, or affected, by the Scheme. This includes:
- land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any right to use land;
 - land in relation which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and
 - land over which temporary possession is sought.
- 5.1.4 The **Works Plan [EN010152/APP/2.2]** illustrates the proposed location of the Scheme.
- 5.1.5 The areas on the Works Plan are numbered, and these correspond to the numbered works set out in Schedule 1 of the **draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1]** which are proposed to be authorised by the DCO.
- 5.1.6 The **Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plan [EN010152/APP/2.3]** illustrates any new or altered means of access and any diversions of Public Rights of Way (PRoW).
- 5.1.7 The **Traffic Regulation Measures Plan [EN010152/APP/2.4]** show details of temporary traffic signals that may be required for the Scheme.
- 5.1.8 A plan illustrating the non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation and important habitats likely to be affected by the Scheme **[EN010152/APP/2.6]** and a plan illustrating water bodies in a river basin management plan likely to be affected by the Scheme **[EN010152/APP/2.8]** are provided as required by APFP Regulations regulation 5(2)(l). The Applicant wishes to bring to the Planning Inspectorate's attention that there are no statutory sites of nature conservation affected by the Scheme and therefore only non-statutory sites are shown on the **Non-Statutory Sites or Features of Nature Conservation, and Important Habitats Plan [EN010152/APP/2.6]** submitted to accord with Regulation 5(2)(l) of the APFP Regulations.
- 5.1.9 Sites of geological importance have not been identified and have therefore not been shown on any plans. Supporting assessments of the effects of the Scheme on these sites and features required by this regulation are presented in **ES Volume I, Chapter 8: Ecology; Chapter 9: Water Environment**; and supporting survey and baseline reports provided in **ES Volume III, Appendices [EN010152/APP/6.3]**.
- 5.1.10 A plan illustrating the statutory and non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment likely to be affected by the Scheme is provided **[EN010152/APP/2.7]** as required by APFP Regulations regulation 5(2)(m). The assessment of the Scheme's effects on these sites and features required by this regulation is presented in **ES Volume I, Chapter 7: Cultural Heritage [EN010152/APP/6.1]**.

5.1.11 Other drawings illustrating the Scheme are provided in the Environmental Statement Figures **[EN010152/APP/6.2]** and also accompany the **Design and Access Statement [EN010152/APP/7.2]** submitted under **Volume 7**.

6. Volume 3: Draft Development Consent Order

- 6.1.1 The **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010152/APP/3.1]** is the draft statutory instrument which contains the legal powers that the Applicant is seeking to enable it to construct, operate (including maintenance), and decommission the Scheme should consent be granted. It sets out the parameters for what development would be permitted.
- 6.1.2 A **Draft DCO Statutory Instrument Validation [EN010152/APP/3.1]** is also submitted.
- 6.1.3 The **Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Order [EN010152/APP/3.2]** explains the purpose and effect of each provision in the draft DCO including why it is considered necessary. It also identifies examples of precedents from other DCOs where applicable.
- 6.1.4 The Applicant requires a range of consents and agreements to construct and operate the Scheme. As explained in the **Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Order [EN010152/APP/3.2]** some of these are included for in the draft DCO, however there are other consents from different regulatory organisations that will be required separately to the DCO. The need for such consents and how these are to be obtained is explained in the **Consents and Agreements Position Statement [EN010152/APP/3.3]**.

7. Volume 4: Compulsory Acquisition Information

- 7.1.1 Volume 4 provides the evidence to justify the legal powers sought for compulsory acquisition as well as information on how the Scheme is to be funded. The **Statement of Reasons [EN010152/APP/4.1]** explains that there is a compelling case in the public interest which would justify the Applicant's exercise of powers of compulsory acquisition in order to acquire land and rights permanently and to use land temporarily to enable it to construct, operate and maintain, and decommission the Scheme. The **Statement of Reasons [EN010152/APP/4.1]** also sets out the status of negotiations with landowners and the powers sought over the Order land. The **Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought [EN010152/APP/4.4]** sets out the status of negotiations with landowners and the powers sought over the Order land.
- 7.1.2 The **Funding Statement [EN010152/APP/4.2]** details how the Scheme, including any compulsory purchase acquisition, would be funded. The **Book of Reference [EN010152/APP/4.3]** identifies all the parties who own or occupy land and/or have an interest in or right over the land affected by the Scheme, and/or who may be entitled to make a 'relevant claim' as defined in Section 57 of the PA 2008. It is structured in accordance with the regulatory requirements and corresponds to the **Land Plan [EN010152/APP/2.1]** provided in **Volume 2**.

8. Volume 5: Reports/Statements

- 8.1.1 **Volume 5** provides the **Consultation Report [EN010152/APP/5.1]** and its supporting **Appendices [EN010152/APP/5.2]**. The **Consultation Report [EN010152/APP/5.1]** explains how the Applicant has complied with the consultation requirements set out in the PA 2008; the APFP Regulations and the EIA Regulations. The report also accords with the guidance set out in 'Planning Act 2008: guidance on the pre-application process' published by the Department for Communities and Local Government in March 2015 and the Planning Inspectorate's Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Consultation Report published in August 2024.
- 8.1.2 The following section sets out the structure and contents of the **Consultation Report [EN010152/APP/5.1]**.
- 8.1.3 **Chapter 1: Introduction** – sets out the purpose of the document, the applicant, provides context to the scheme and the consultation requirements, and provides a summary of consultation activities undertaken.
- 8.1.4 **Chapter 2: Non-statutory consultation** – discusses what activities took place during the non-statutory consultation of the Scheme, including what issues were raised and changes made to the Scheme since.
- 8.1.5 **Chapter 3: Statutory Consultation** – discusses what activities took place during the Statutory Consultation for the Scheme, including how the applicant responded to general scheme enquiries during the Statutory Consultation.
- 8.1.6 **Chapter 4: Consultation Responses** – sets out the methodology of recording feedback, what responses were received, and summary of issues raised, and what changes were made to the Scheme as a result of consultation specific requests.
- 8.1.7 **Chapter 5: Engagement Following Statutory Consultation** – outlines ongoing engagement with key stakeholders following the Statutory Consultation, and their feedback.
- 8.1.8 **Chapter 6: Targeted Consultation (Post Statutory Consultation)** – details what activities took place during the post Statutory Consultation Targeted Consultation. The Applicant received no response to the Targeted Consultation.
- 8.1.9 **Chapter 7: Conclusion** – sets out how the Consultation Report has complied with Advice and Governance.
- 8.1.10 **The Consultation Report [EN010152/APP/5.1]** also includes a number of **Appendices [EN010152/APP/5.2]** which are set out in full in Appendix A: Application Document Schedule of this document, and in the **Electronic Application Index [EN010152/APP/1.5]**.

9. Volume 6: Environmental Statement

- 9.1.1 The Applicant has undertaken an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to support the DCO Application which considers what likely significant effects the Scheme may have on the environment.
- 9.1.2 Volume 6 reports the findings of the EIA in the **Environmental Statement (ES) [EN010152/APP/6.1]** and its supporting **Figures [EN010152/APP/6.2]** and **Appendices [EN010152/APP/6.3]**. The findings of the EIA are also summarised in non-technical language in the **ES Non-Technical Summary [EN010152/APP/6.4]**. Other supporting assessments and documents are provided in the Environmental Statement appendices and as separate documents within this volume.
- 9.1.3 The **ES Volume I [EN010152/APP/6.1]** also provides general information on the Scheme including context, description of the Scheme and its construction, main alternatives considered, the consultation process that was part of the EIA and technical information on a range of topics.
- 9.1.4 **ES Volume I [EN010152/APP/6.1]** comprises the chapters listed in Table 2.

Table 2 ES Chapters

Chapter Number	Chapter Name
ES Chapter 0	Table of Contents, Glossary and Abbreviations
ES Chapter 1	Introduction
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9.1.7 **ES Volume III, Appendix 9-2: Water Framework Directive**
[EN010152/APP/6.3] provides a Water Framework Directive Assessment prepared in accordance with the PINS Nationally Significant Infrastructure

Projects: Advice on the Water Framework Directive published in September 2024. This explains how the requirements of the Water Framework Directive and the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017 have been met.

- 9.1.8 **ES Volume III, Appendix 9-3: Flood Risk Assessment**
[EN010152/APP/6.3] provides a Flood Risk Assessment submitted in accordance with APFP Regulations 5(2)(e). This provides an assessment of the flood risk posed to, and from the Scheme from all sources of flooding.
- 9.1.9 **ES Volume III, Appendix 13-4: Transport Assessment**
[EN010152/APP/6.3] provides the Transport Assessment of the Scheme.
- 9.1.10 The following Application documents contain confidential information and therefore redacted versions are provided for public viewing:
- a. **Appendix 8-4 Badger Report** (including a Confidential Annex); and
 - b. **Appendix 8-7 Breeding Birds Report** (including a Confidential Annex).
- 9.1.11 Other documents within Volume 6 consist of the **Schedule of Environmental Mitigation and Commitments Register** [EN010152/APP/6.5] which sets out all the mitigation measures to be delivered for the Scheme and how they are to be secured. This is set out in a table which contains a description of the measure; whether it is embedded or additional; the relevant topic; the party responsible for delivering the measure; whether it will be delivered during or post construction; and how its delivery is secured.

10. Volume 7: Other Documents

- 10.1.1 Volume 7 provides other documents which the Applicant has submitted to adhere with the APFP Regulations and/or which are considered by the Applicant to be required to support the DCO Application.
- 10.1.2 The **Planning Statement [EN010152/APP/7.1]** details the Scheme's compliance with the relevant planning policy framework, at national and local levels, and other matters which the Applicant considers are important and relevant to the Secretary of State's decision. Appendices A and B of the **Planning Statement [EN010152/APP/7.1]** provide tables detailing the Scheme's compliance with specific national and local planning policies considered relevant, respectively. Appendix C provides an assessment of the Scheme's harm to designated heritage assets.
- 10.1.3 The **Design and Access Statement [EN010152/APP/7.2]** provides information regarding the context of the Scheme's location; the design concept; how the design has evolved including how it has been influenced by planning policy and consultation.
- 10.1.4 The **Statement of Need [EN010152/APP/7.3]** explains the need for the Scheme and extends the case made in the National Policy Statements designated in 2024 relevant to energy infrastructure for low carbon energy generation and specifically solar. It draws upon established and emerging primary analysis and opinion by respected third parties, to support the case that the Scheme is required to ensure that the UK remains on track through the critical 2020s to meet its legally binding carbon emissions reduction targets, while enhancing national security of supply, and at a cost which, in relation to other electricity generation infrastructure developments, provides value for money for end-use consumers.
- 10.1.5 The **Outline Design Parameters Statement [EN010152/APP/7.4]** sets out the design parameters for the Scheme which are proposed to be secured by the draft DCO and are referred to in Requirement 4(2) of the **draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1]**.
- 10.1.6 The **Grid Connection Statement [EN010152/APP/7.5]** has been submitted in accordance with regulation 6(1)(a)(i) of the APFP Regulations. It outlines the details for connecting the solar PV infrastructure to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS).
- 10.1.7 The **Statutory Nuisance Statement [EN010152/APP/7.6]** identifies the matters set out in Section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in respect of statutory nuisances and considers whether the Scheme would engage one or more of those matters, as required by regulation 5(2)(f) of the APFP Regulations. Where any matters may be potentially engaged, this statement sets out its proposals for mitigating or limiting them.
- 10.1.8 The **Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN010152/APP/7.7]** sets out the measures that will be included in a detailed Construction Environmental Management Plan to control potential environmental and amenity impacts of construction. Requirement 11 of the **draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1]** states that the detailed Construction Environmental Management Plan must be in accordance with the Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan.

- 10.1.9 The **Framework Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN010152/APP/7.8]** sets out the measures that will be included in a detailed Operational Environmental Management Plan to control potential environmental and amenity impacts of operation of the Scheme. Requirement 12 of the **draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1]** confirms that that the detailed Operational Environmental Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the Framework Operational Environmental Management Plan.
- 10.1.10 The **Framework Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN010152/APP/7.9]** sets out the measures that will be included in a detailed Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan to control potential environmental and amenity impacts of decommissioning. Requirement 18 of the **draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1]** states that that the detailed Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the Framework Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan.
- 10.1.11 The **Framework Soil Management Plan [EN010152/APP/7.10]** sets out principles and procedures for general good practice mitigation tailored to specific soil types, for the handling, storage and reinstatement of soil to be affected by the Scheme. Requirement 15 of the **draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1]** states that that the detailed Soil Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the Framework Soil Management Plan.
- 10.1.12 The **Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment [EN010152/APP/7.11]** provides an indication of the biodiversity net gain that could be delivered, and the methodology applied to calculate the biodiversity net gain metrics for the Scheme.
- 10.1.13 A **No Significant Effects Report [EN010152/APP/7.12]** is submitted in accordance with regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP Regulations and has been prepared in accordance with the PINS Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Habitats Regulations Assessments published in September 2024. The No Significant Effects Report has been prepared to support the Secretary of State with its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2017) (as amended) (Habitats Regulations). The baseline evidence gathering, and survey work identified no European Sites within or surrounding the Order limits that may be impacted by the Scheme. The Report concludes that there will be No Significant Effects to European sites either from the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Scheme or in combination with other plans and projects.
- 10.1.14 The **Framework Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN010152/APP/7.13]** outlines how Public Rights of Way (PRoW) will be managed by the Applicant for the Scheme in terms of both user safety and accessibility. Requirement 17 of the **draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1]** states that that the detailed Public Rights of Way Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the Framework Public Rights of Way Management Plan.
- 10.1.15 The **Framework Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010152/APP/7.14]** sets out the framework for delivering the landscape strategy and ecological mitigation and enhancement for the Scheme.

Requirement 6 of the **draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1]** confirms that that the detailed Landscape and Ecological Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the Framework Landscape and Ecological Management Plan.

- 10.1.16 The **Framework Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan [EN010152/APP/7.15]** identifies potential opportunities for activities relating to skills, supply chain and employment that the Applicant could take forward post-consent. Requirement 16 of the **draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1]** states that that the detailed Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan must be substantially in accordance with the Framework Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Management Plan.
- 10.1.17 The **Framework Battery Safety Management Plan (FBSMP) [EN010152/APP/7.16]** outlines the safety and property protection fire safety risks associated with BESS and demonstrates that the location of the BESS does not give rise to a significant increase in fire risk and that any risk that does exist can be addressed by ensuring that the Scheme is constructed, operated and decommissioned in accordance with the FBSMP. Requirement 5 of the of the **draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1]** states that the final FBSMP must be substantially in accordance with the FBSMP.
- 10.1.18 The **Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN010152/APP/7.17]** provides details on the management of construction traffic within the vicinity of the Order limits on the local highway network during the construction period of the works, in order to limit any potential disruptions and implications on the wider transport network, as well as for the existing road users. Requirement 13 of the **draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1]** states that that the detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan.
- 10.1.19 The **Framework Site Waste Management Plan [EN010152/APP/7.18]** sets out the standard good practice measures that will be implemented by the Principal Contractor to manage waste generated by the construction of the Scheme. Requirement 11(c) of the **draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1]** states that that the detailed Site Waste Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the Framework Site Waste Management Plan.
- 10.1.20 The **Draft Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [EN010152/APP/7.19]** makes provisions for the archaeological evaluation and mitigation works for the Scheme. Requirement 10 of the **draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1]** states that a written scheme of investigation must be substantially in accordance with the Draft Archaeological Mitigation Strategy.
- 10.1.21 The **Equality Impact Assessment [EN010152/APP/7.20]** provides relevant information to assist the Secretary of State in adhering to the Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010 when making the decision whether to grant DCO for the Scheme.

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