



Fosse Green Energy

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1.2 Introduction to the Application

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of This Document

- 1.1.1 This **Introduction to the Application** [EN010154/APP/1.2] has been prepared on behalf of Fosse Green Energy 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 s37 of ‘The Planning Act 2008’ (the PA 2008) [Ref 1] for the Fosse Green Energy project (the Proposed Development).
- 1.1.2 The DCO application is required because the solar PV electricity generating station is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the PA 2008 pursuant to s14(1)(a), s15(1) and s15(2) of the PA 2008 [Ref 1], as it is an onshore generating station in England with a capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW).
- 1.1.3 The Applicant is seeking a DCO for the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a ground-mounted solar PV generation station with on-site battery storage, on-site substation, and associated infrastructure to generate and export/import electricity. The associated development includes, but is not limited to, access provision, battery storage, underground cabling, areas of landscaping and biodiversity enhancement, and a 400kV underground Grid Connection Cable of approximately 10km length connecting the Proposed Development to the national electricity transmission network at the proposed National Grid substation near Navenby. National Grid anticipate the submission of the planning application for this proposed substation to North Kesteven District Council in Autumn 2025.
- 1.1.4 This **Introduction to the Application** [EN010154/APP/1.2] has been prepared to assist the Examining Authority (ExA) and Interested Parties in understanding the DCO application by signposting to the documents that make up the DCO application.
- 1.1.5 Regulation 5 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (APFP Regulations) [Ref 2] 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 of the APFP Regulations.

- 1.1.7 The Proposed Development 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 document comprises 11 chapters as set out below:
 - a. Chapter 1 – introduces the document and explains its purpose.
 - b. Chapter 2 – provides an overview of the Applicant.
 - c. Chapter 3 – provides an overview of the Proposed Development and includes a description of the key components of the Proposed Development.
 - d. Chapter 4 – provides a high-level summary of the application documentation.
 - e. Chapter 5 – provides a description of the documents that comprise Volume 1 of the DCO application (application information).
 - f. Chapter 6 – provides a description of the documents that comprise Volume 2 of the DCO application (plans and drawings).
 - g. Chapter 7 – provides a description of the documents that comprise Volume 3 of the DCO application (the Draft Development Consent Order and related documents).
 - h. Chapter 8 – provides a description of the documents that comprise Volume 4 of the DCO application (the land and compulsory acquisition information).
 - i. Chapter 9 – provides a description of the documents that comprise Volume 5 of the DCO application (the consultation report and its appendices).
 - j. Chapter 10 – provides a description of the documents that comprise Volume 6 of the DCO application (the Environmental Statement).
 - k. Chapter 11 – provides a description of the documents that comprise Volume 7 of the DCO application (other documents including Environmental Management Plans).

2. The Applicant

- 2.1.1 The Applicant, Fosse Green Energy Limited, is a partnership between Windel Energy Limited and Recurrent Energy.
- 2.1.2 Founded in 2018, Windel Energy is a privately held company dedicated to driving the transition towards a sustainable future. Specialising in the origination, development and integration of renewable energy projects and low-carbon disruptive technologies, Windel Energy is at the forefront of clean energy innovation.
- 2.1.3 With a portfolio exceeding 5 gigawatts of renewable power in various stages of development, Windel's team of talented professionals bring a deep understanding and high level of expertise in land viability, electricity networks, planning (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Developments of National Significance) and consenting for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, legal processes and construction feasibility.
- 2.1.4 Windel Energy adopt a long-term ownership approach, ensuring the efficient operation and management of renewable assets. Leveraging an extensive network of relationships, institutional grade infrastructure and in-house industry expertise, we are committed to delivering impactful and enduring energy solutions.
- 2.1.5 Recurrent Energy, a subsidiary of Canadian Solar Inc., is one of the world's largest and most geographically diversified utility-scale solar and energy storage project development, ownership, and operations platforms. With an industry-leading team of in-house energy experts, Recurrent Energy serves as Canadian Solar's global development and power services business.
- 2.1.6 To date, Recurrent Energy has successfully developed, built, and connected approximately 12 GWp of solar projects and more than 6 GWh of energy storage projects across six continents. As of the date of this document, its global pipeline includes over 25 GWp of solar and 69 GWh of energy storage capacity.

3. The Proposed Development

3.1 Site Location and Wider Context

- 3.1.1 The Site is located approximately 9km south and south west of Lincoln in proximity to the villages of Thorpe on the Hill, Witham St Hughs, Haddington, Thurlby, Navenby, and Bassingham. The Site lies within the administrative boundaries of North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council.
- 3.1.2 The Site refers to the maximum extent of land required for the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of the Proposed Development and equates to the land contained within the Order Limits. The maximum extent of land expected to be included within the DCO application is shown on the **Location Plan [EN010154/APP/2.5]** and **Land Plans [EN010154/APP/2.1]**.
- 3.1.3 The Site covers a total area of 1,368 hectares (ha) and comprises the Principal Site and the Cable Corridor.
- 3.1.4 The Principal Site is the area of the Site covered by the ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, Solar Stations, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Onsite Substation, planting and mitigation areas, interconnecting cables between solar PV areas, and associated infrastructure. It has a total area of approximately 1,068 ha.
- 3.1.5 The Cable Corridor is the area of the Site in which the 400 kilovolt (kV) and associated cables (the Grid Connection Cables) will be installed between the Onsite Substation and the proposed National Grid substation near Navenby. The proposed National Grid substation near Navenby is the subject of a separate planning application by National Grid and does not form part of the Proposed Development. The Cable Corridor partially overlaps the Principal Site, covering an area of approximately 351ha, and is approximately 10km in length. The Order Limits overlap with the proposed National Grid substation near Navenby in order that works can be undertaken to connect this with the Proposed Development once it is in operation. However, all infrastructure within the proposed National Grid Navenby Substation would remain under National Grid's control and the Applicant is only seeking the acquisition of rights over this area in order to carry out the required connection works.
- 3.1.6 There are no Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Special Protection Areas (SPAs) or Local Wildlife Sites (LWSs) within the Site Boundary. For further details refer to **Chapter 8: Ecology and Nature Conservation** of the ES **[EN010154/APP/6.1]**.
- 3.1.7 There are no scheduled monuments, listed buildings, conservation areas, or registered parks and gardens, or battlefields within the Site Boundary. Further information on archaeology and built heritage is presented in **Chapter 7: Cultural Heritage** of the ES **[EN010154/APP/6.1]**.

- 3.1.8 Most of the Site is located within an area of Flood Zone 1, although there are small sections of Flood Zone 2 within parts of the Principal Site, and Flood Zones 2 and 3 within parts of the Cable Corridor. Further information on flood risk is presented in **Chapter 9: Water Environment** of the ES [EN010154/APP/6.1] and the Flood Risk Assessment (**Appendix 9-C** of the ES) [EN010154/APP/6.3].
- 3.1.9 ALC surveys of the Principal Site show that the vast majority of land within the Order Limits comprises land of Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Grade 3b, with small areas of ALC Grade 3a. There are no areas of ALC Grade 1 or 2 Best and Most Versatile land within the Principal Site.
- 3.1.10 The A46, part of the Strategic Road Network from Lincoln to Newark, intersects the Principal Site within the northern section. Roads forming the local highway network including Moor Lane, Bassingham Road, Clay Lane, Thurlby Road, Stone Lane, Fen Lane, The Avenue and Fosse Lane are located within or adjacent to the Principal Site.
- 3.1.11 The A607 intersects the Cable Corridor, with the A15 lying to the east of the Proposed Development. The Cable Corridor also crosses Broughton Lane, Heath Lane, Green Man Lane, Gorse Hill Lane and an unnamed road.
- 3.1.12 The River Brant is located in the Cable Corridor and passes through the Site to the north east of Bassingham. The River Witham passes through the south east of the Principal Site to the north east of Thurlby and to the west of Bassingham.
- 3.1.13 There is no operational railway infrastructure within the Site Boundary. A privately owned dismantled railway line is located within the Cable Corridor, to the east of the River Brant.
- 3.1.14 **Chapter 2: The Site and Surroundings** of the ES [EN010154/APP/6.1] contains a detailed overview of the Site and its surrounding area and context.

3.2 Description of the Proposed Development

- 3.2.1 The **Draft Development Consent Order** [EN010154/APP/3.1] provides that subject to the provisions of the DCO, including the requirements in Schedule 2, development consent is granted for the “*authorised development*”. The “*authorised development*” means the development (Work No. 1 – a generating station with a gross electrical output capacity of over 50 megawatts) and associated development as described in Schedule 1 of the **Draft Development Consent Order** [EN010154/APP/3.1]. This includes all works required for the construction, operation (including maintenance and repair), and decommissioning of the Proposed Development which comprises ground-mounted solar PV panels, switchgear, inverters and transformers and associated development including battery storage, onsite cabling, an Onsite Substation, and green infrastructure and environmental mitigation.

3.2.2 The principal components of the Proposed Development are summarised below. Please refer to the **Chapter 3: The Proposed Development** of the ES **[EN010154/APP/6.1]** for a detailed description of the Proposed Development.

3.2.3 The principal works defined in Work No. 1 is a ground mounted solar PV generating station with a gross electrical output capacity of over 50 megawatts.

3.2.4 Work No. 2 – Work No. 9 comprise associated development and include the following:

- a. either a centralised BESS compound to store energy generated by the solar panels (Work No. 2), or a distributed BESS (Work No. 3);
- b. the Onsite Substation (Work No. 4);
- c. high voltage cables and connection works to the proposed National Grid Substation near Navenby (Work No. 5);
- d. works to lay electrical cables up to 33kV connecting Work No. 1 to Work Nos. 2 or 3 and Work No. 4. (Work No. 6);
- e. temporary construction and decommissioning compound and laydown areas (Work No. 7);
- f. works and ancillary work to facilitate access (Work No. 8); and
- g. works to create, enhance and maintain green infrastructure and environmental mitigation (Work No. 9).

3.2.5 The limits of the proposed works are shown on the **Works Plans [EN010154/APP/2.2]** and defined in Article 2(1) of the **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]**.

3.2.6 Subject to development consent being granted, construction of the Proposed Development is anticipated to start in 2031 to enable completion for the agreed connection date of 2033. As stated in **Chapter 5: Environmental Impact Assessment Methodology** of the ES **[EN010154/APP/6.1]**, the assumed 2031 construction start date for the purposes of assessment within the ES is based upon information currently available, including the construction of the proposed National Grid substation near Navenby, which allows for the connection of the Proposed Development to the national electricity transmission network. If construction of the proposed National Grid substation near Navenby is progressed quicker than anticipated, the Proposed Development construction may commence sooner. The construction phase is anticipated to take 24 months if multiple construction teams are mobilised simultaneously, or 30 months if it is built sequentially.

3.2.7 The operational life of the Proposed Development will be 60 years from the point of commissioning of the entirety of the Proposed Development which is currently anticipated to be 2033 to 2093. Decommissioning is expected to take between 24 and 30 months and would be undertaken in phases. All PV panels,

the Onsite Substation, mounting structures, inverters, transformers and BESS would be removed and recycled or disposed of in accordance with good practice and market conditions at the time. Buried cables would either be removed or left in situ. It is anticipated the majority of the Principal Site would be returned to landowners after decommissioning and will be available for its original use and any planting would be retained as far as practicable.

4. Overview of Application Documents

4.1.1 The documents submitted as part of the DCO application have been grouped into volumes as detailed in **Table 4-1** 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 Introduction 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 (the Inspectorate) Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Preparation and Submission of Application Documents published in August 2024.

Table 4-1 - Guide to the Volumes in the Application

Application Document Reference	Documents Provided
1. Application Documents	Contains the completed application form, the covering letter, this Introduction to the Application, a 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	/ Contains relevant plans for the Proposed Development, 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 Development Consent Order 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 Proposed Development is to be funded and details of the land interests that are required for the Proposed Development.
5. Reports Statements	/ Contains the Consultation Report and its supporting appendices relating to the pre-application consultation undertaken and how consultation feedback has been taken into account.
6. Environmental Statement	Provides environmental information and an assessment of the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development, as well as a description of proposed mitigation measures.

Application Document Reference	Documents Provided
7. Other Documents	Contains additional documents considered by the Applicant to be required to support the DCO application in accordance with APFP Regulations regulation 5(2)(q) and documents required by the APFP Regulations regulation 6.
4.1.2	Chapters 5 to 10 of this Introduction to the Application [EN010154/APP/1.2] provide a summary of the purpose of the documents and plans included in each volume.
4.1.3	Requests for printing and distribution of hard copies of the application documents can be made to the project team by contacting info@fossegreenenergy.co.uk and will be subject to a reasonable charge.

5. Volume 1: Application Information

- 5.1.1 The Application **Cover Letter [EN010154/APP/1.1]** provides an overview of the Application.
- 5.1.2 The **Introduction to the Application [EN010154/APP/1.2]** (this document) provides a summary of the DCO Application and the documents it contains.
- 5.1.3 The **Guide to the Application [EN010154/APP/1.3]** provides an application document schedule to help the ExA and interested parties understand the Application as it evolves through examination by identifying the latest version of any application document, as well as providing a record of all new documents prepared. The **Guide to the Application [EN010154/APP/1.3]** will be updated and submitted at each deadline throughout the examination as requested by the ExA.
- 5.1.4 The **Application Form [EN010154/APP/1.4]** is required by s37(3)(b) of the PA 2008 to be submitted with the Application and provides a high-level summary of the Proposed Development and the documents that have been submitted with the Application.
- 5.1.5 The **Section 55 Checklist [EN010154/APP/1.5]** has been completed by the Applicant to demonstrate how the Application fulfils the criteria for acceptance by the Planning Inspectorate under s55(3) of the PA 2008.
- 5.1.6 The **Electronic Index [EN010154/APP/1.6]** lists the electronic file names for all of the application documentation.

6. Volume 2: Plans

- 6.1.1 There are nine plans provided to meet the regulatory requirements of the PA 2008 and provide information regarding the Proposed Development.
- 6.1.2 The **Land Plans [EN010154/APP/2.1]** correspond to the **Book of Reference [EN010154/APP/4.3]** provided in Volume 4 and illustrate the land required for, or affected, by the Proposed Development. This includes:
 - a. land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any right to use land;
 - b. land in relation which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and
 - c. land over which temporary possession is sought.
- 6.1.3 The **Works Plans [EN010154/APP/2.2]** set out the works required to construct and operate the Proposed Development. The areas on the Works Plans are numbered, and these correspond to the numbered works set out in Schedule 1 of the **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]** which are proposed to be authorised by the DCO.
- 6.1.4 The **Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans [EN010154/APP/2.3]** illustrate any new or altered means of access and any diversions of Public Rights of Way (PRoW).
- 6.1.5 The **Traffic Regulation Measures Plans [EN010154/APP/2.4]** show details of temporary traffic measures that may be required for the Proposed Development.
- 6.1.6 The **Location Plan [EN010154/APP/2.5]** identifies the location of the Proposed Development.
- 6.1.7 The **Statutory or Non-Statutory Sites or Features of Nature Conservation Plan [EN010154/APP/2.6]** illustrates the statutory and non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation and important habitats likely to be affected by the Proposed Development, as required by APFP Regulation 5(2)(l). The **Waterbodies in a River Basin Management Plan [EN010154/APP/2.7]** illustrates the water bodies in a river basin likely to be affected by the Proposed Development and the management of these, as required by APFP Regulation 5(2)(l). There are no statutory sites of nature conservation affected by the Proposed Development and therefore only non-statutory sites are shown in the **Statutory or Non-Statutory Sites or Features of Nature Conservation Plan [EN010154/APP/2.6]** submitted, as required by APFP Regulation 5(2)(l).
- 6.1.8 No sites of geological importance have been identified and therefore there are no plans relating to these. Supporting assessments of the effects of the Proposed Development on geological features required by this regulation are presented in **Chapter 8: Ecology and Nature Conservation** and **Chapter 9:**

Water Environment of the ES [EN010154/APP/6.1]; and supporting survey and baseline reports provided in **Appendices** of the ES [EN010154/APP/6.3].

- 6.1.9 The **Statutory or Non-Statutory Sites or Features of the Historic Environment Plan** [EN010154/APP/2.8] illustrate the statutory and non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment likely to be affected by the Proposed Development as required by APFP Regulations regulation 5(2)(m). The assessment of the Proposed Development's effects on statutory and non- statutory sites is presented in **Chapter 7: Cultural Heritage** of the ES [EN010154/APP/6.1].
- 6.1.10 The **Hedgerow Plan** [EN010154/APP/2.9] illustrate the location of important Hedgerows.
- 6.1.11 Other drawings illustrating the Proposed Development are provided in the **Figures** of the ES [EN010154/APP/6.2] and the **Design Approach Document** [EN010154/APP/7.3].

7. Volume 3: Draft Development Consent Order

7.1.1 The **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]** is the draft statutory instrument which contains the legal powers that the Applicant is seeking to enable it to construct, operate and maintain, and decommission the Proposed Development should consent be granted.

7.1.2 The **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]** comprises 6 parts and is accompanied by 15 schedules as outlined below [list schedules below].

- a. Schedule 1- Authorised Development
- b. Schedule 2- Requirements
- c. Schedule 3- Legislation to be disapplied
- d. Schedule 4- Streets subject to street works
- e. Schedule 5- Alteration of streets
- f. Schedule 6- Streets and public rights of way
- g. Schedule 7- Access to works
- h. Schedule 8- Traffic regulation measures
- i. Schedule 9- Land in which only new rights etc. may be acquired
- j. Schedule 10- Modification of compensation and compulsory purchase enactments for the creation of new rights and imposition of new restrictive covenants
- k. Schedule 11- Hedgerows to be removed
- l. Schedule 12- Documents and plans to be certified
- m. Schedule 13- Arbitration rules
- n. Schedule 14- Protective provisions
- o. Schedule 15- Procedure for discharge of requirements

7.1.3 A **Draft Development Consent Order Statutory Instrument Validation [EN010154/APP/3.1]** is also submitted.

7.1.4 The **Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft DCO [EN010154/APP/3.2]** explains the purpose and effect of each provision in the **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]** including why it is considered necessary. It also identifies examples of precedents from other DCOs where applicable.

7.1.5 The Applicant requires a range of consents and agreements to construct and operate the Proposed Development. As explained in the **Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft DCO [EN010154/APP/3.2]** some of these are

included in the **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]**, however there are other consents from different regulatory organisations that will be required separately. The need for such consents and how these are to be obtained is explained in the **Consents and Agreements Position Statement [EN010154/APP/3.3]**.

8. Volume 4: Compulsory Acquisition Information

8.1.1 Volume 4 provides the evidence to justify the legal powers sought for compulsory acquisition as well as information on how the Proposed Development is to be funded.

8.1.2 The **Statement of Reasons [EN010154/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 Proposed Development. The **Statement of Reasons [EN010154/APP/4.1]** also sets out the status of negotiations with landowners and the powers sought over the Order Limits.

8.1.3 The **Funding Statement [EN010154/APP/4.2]** details how the Proposed Development, including any compulsory acquisition, would be funded.

8.1.4 The **Book of Reference [EN010154/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 Proposed Development, and/or who may be entitled to make a 'relevant claim' as defined in s57 of the PA 2008. It is structured in accordance with the regulatory requirements and corresponds to the **Land Plans [EN010154/APP/2.1]** provided in Volume 2. The **Book of Reference [EN010154/APP/4.3]** should be read in conjunction with the **Land Plans [EN010154/APP/2.1]** and is structured in five parts which are as follows:

- a. Part 1 of the **Book of Reference [EN010154/APP/4.3]** contains the names and addresses for service for every person who is known, after making diligent inquiry, to be an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of each relevant plot (known as Category 1 persons) or, has an interest in or, has the power to sell, convey or release the land (known as Category 2 persons).
- b. Part 2 of the **Book of Reference [EN010154/APP/4.3]** contains the names and addresses (if known by the Applicant after making diligent inquiry) of each person within Category 3, as defined by s57 of the 2008 Act.
- c. Part 3 of the **Book of Reference [EN010154/APP/4.3]** contains the names of all those with easements or other private rights over land which it is proposed shall be extinguished, suspended or interfered with for the purposes of the DCO for which the application is being made. .
- d. Part 4 of the **Book of Reference [EN010154/APP/4.3]** specifies the owner of any Crown interest in the land which is proposed to be used for the purposes of the DCO for which the application is being made. No Crown land has been identified within the Order Limits.
- e. Part 5 of the **Book of Reference [EN010154/APP/4.3]** specifies land –

- i. The acquisition of which is subject to special parliamentary procedure
- ii. Which is special category land
- iii. Which is replacement land

8.1.5 However, it is not proposed to acquire land which is subject to special parliamentary procedure, and no special category land or replacement land is affected by the use of compulsory acquisition powers.

9. Volume 5: Consultation and Engagement

9.1.1 The **Consultation Report [EN010154/APP/5.1]** and the supporting **Consultation Report Appendices [EN010154/APP/5.2]** explain 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 The Inspectorate's Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Consultation Report published in August 2024.

9.1.2 The following section sets out the structure and contents of the **Consultation Report [EN010154/APP/5.1]**.

- a. Chapter 1: Provides the Executive Summary of the **Consultation Report [EN010154/APP/5.1]**.
- b. Chapter 2: Introduction – sets out the Applicant's approach to consultation and the purpose and structure of the document.
- c. Chapter 3: Legislation, Guidance and Advice - sets out the legislation and guidance relevant to the consultation report.
- d. Chapter 4: Early Engagement and Non-statutory Consultation – describes the approach to early engagement with stakeholders and the non-statutory consultation. Highlights the schedule of pre-consultation briefings and details of how key stakeholders were engaged. Includes feedback received from the non-statutory consultation and design changes following consultation feedback.
- e. Chapter 5: Consultation under EIA Regulations - provides an overview of the EIA scoping phase, including EIA consultation.
- f. Chapter 6: Preparation for Statutory Consultation (21 October 2024 – 2 December 2024) – outlines the statutory requirements and guidance and the development of the Statement of Community Consultation.
- g. Chapter 7: Statutory Consultation under Section 47 of The Planning Act 2008 (21 October 2024 – 2 December 2024) – sets out the consultation activities undertaken by the Applicant with the people living in the vicinity of the land.
- h. Chapter 8: Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of The Planning Act 2008 (21 October 2024 – 2 December 2024) – details the statutory consultation under s42 of the PA 2008 and provides an overview of the statutory consultation activities that took place during the formal consultation period.
- i. Chapter 9: Statutory Consultation - Duty to Publicise the Application under Section 48 (21 October 2024 – 2 December 2024) - sets out how the requirements of s48 of the PA 2008 have been complied with.

- j. Chapter 10: Statutory Consultation under Section 47 of The Planning Act 2008 (21 October 2024 – 2 December 2024): sets out how the Applicant has complied with its duty under s49 of the PA 2008 to take account of consultation responses received under s47 of the PA 2008.
- k. Chapter 11: Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of The Planning Act 2008 (21 October 2024 – 2 December 2024): provides an overview of the feedback and key comments received by consultees in response to the s42 statutory consultation, including s42 and s44 consultees.
- l. Chapter 12: Ongoing Consultation Activities – sets out details of ongoing engagement and the production of the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report.
- m. Chapter 13: Conclusion – provides the concluding remarks.

9.1.3 The **Consultation Report Appendices [EN010154/APP/5.1]** that support the **Consultation Report [EN010154/APP/5.1]** are set out below:

Table 9-2 - List of Consultation Report Appendices

Appendix 1 - Consultation Compliance Checklist

1.1 - Table 1-1 SoCC Compliance Checklist

1.2 - Legislation and guidance followed

Appendix 2 - Section 46 Notification to Planning Inspectorate (18 October 2024)

2.1 - Section 46 Notification to Planning Inspectorate (18 10 24)

2.2 - Combined Section 47 / 48 Notice

2.3 - Acknowledgement of Section 46 Notification (24 10 24)

Appendix 3 - Section 42 Consultees and Consultation (21 October 2024 – 2 December 2024)

3.1 - Table 3-1 Consultees consulted under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008

3.2 - Early Engagement Briefings

3.2.1 - Lincolnshire County Council Briefing

3.2.2 - North Kesteven District Council Briefing

3.2.3 - Caroline Johnson MP Briefing

3.2.4 - Witham and Brant Cluster Meeting

3.3 - Section 42 Notification of Statutory Consultation (21 10 24)

3.4 - Section 42 Digital Notification of Statutory Consultation (21 10 24)

3.4.1 - Email

3.4.2 - Additional Consultation Notifications (24 10 24)

3.5 - Section 42 Notification of Non-Statutory Public Consultation (11 09 23)

3.5.1 - Covering Email and Mailing List

3.4.2 - Non-Statutory Community Consultation Postcard

3.6 - Regulation 8(1)(b) Notification and Regulation 10(1) cover letter (19 06 23)

3.7 - Stakeholder Briefings for Statutory Consultation

3.8 - Cathedral View Holiday Park Meeting

Appendix 4 - Applicant Response in Regard to Section 47 Comments (21 October 2024 – 2 December 2024)

4.1 - Table 4-1 Applicant Response in Regard to Section 47 Comments

Appendix 5 - Applicant Response in Regard to Section 42 Comments (21 October 2024 – 2 December 2024)

5.1 - Table 5-1 Applicant Response in Regard to Section 42 Comments

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6.1 - Statement of Community Consultation Cover Emails to Planning Authorities (06 11 23)

6.2 - Draft Statement of Community Consultation

6.2.1 - Draft Statement of Community Consultation issued to local authorities (30 10 23)

6.2.2 - Seldom Heard Groups, Community Groups and Local Information Points reference databases (21 10 24)

6.2.3 - Updated Draft Statement of Community Consultation issued to local authorities before statutory consultation (06 09 24)

6.2.4 - Non-prescribed and Seldom Heard Group (SHG) mailout list

6.3 - Final Statement of Community Consultation

6.4 - Combined Section 47 / 48 Notice publication

6.4.1 - The Guardian (21 10 24)

6.4.2 - The London Gazette (21 10 24)

6.4.3 - The Lincolnshire Echo (17 10 24 and 24 10 24)

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7.1.2 - Feedback Form

7.1.3 - Poster

7.1.4 - Early Layout Plan

7.1.5 - Project Location Map

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7.1.7 - Website

7.1.8 - Photos and Summaries of In-Person Events

7.1.9 - Webinar and slides

7.2 - Non-Statutory Public Consultation Notifications (11 09 23 – 20 10 23)

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10. Volume 6: Environmental Statement

- 10.1.1 The Applicant has undertaken an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to support the DCO application which considers what likely significant effects the Proposed Development may have on the environment.
- 10.1.2 Volume 6 reports the findings of the EIA in the **Environmental Statement (ES) [EN010154/APP/6.1]** and its supporting **Figures [EN010154/APP/6.2]** and **Appendices [EN010154/APP/6.3]**. The findings of the EIA are also summarised in non-technical language in the **Non-Technical Summary [EN010154/APP/6.4]**. Other supporting assessments and documents are provided in the Environmental Statement appendices.
- 10.1.3 The **ES Volume 1 [EN010154/APP/6.1]** also provides general information on the Proposed Development including site context, a detailed description of the Proposed Development and its construction, the alternatives considered, the consultation process that was part of the EIA and technical information on a range of topics. The content of the ES is based on the Scoping Opinion, published in July 2023 by the Planning Inspectorate and set out within **Appendix 1-B EIA Scoping Opinion** of the ES [EN010154/APP/6.3].
- 10.1.4 **ES Volume 1 [EN010154/APP/6.1]** comprises the chapters listed in **Table 10-1**.

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ES Chapter 3	The Proposed Development
ES Chapter 4	Alternatives and Design Evolution
ES Chapter 5	Environmental Impact Assessment Methodology
ES Chapter 6	Climate Change
ES Chapter 7	Cultural Heritage
ES Chapter 8	Ecology and Nature Conservation
ES Chapter 9	Water Environment
ES Chapter 10	Landscape and Visual Amenity
ES Chapter 11	Noise and Vibration
ES Chapter 12	Socio-Economics and Land Use
ES Chapter 13	Traffic and Transport

Chapter Number Chapter Name

ES Chapter 14	Other Environmental Topics
ES Chapter 15	Cumulative Effects and Interactions
ES Chapter 16	Summary of Environmental Effects

10.1.5 **Figures, ES Volume 2 [EN010154/APP/6.2]** contains a series of figures which support the findings of the EIA. These are listed in **Table 10-4 - List of Environmental Statement Figures**

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10.1.6 **ES Volume 3 [EN010154/APP/6.3]** comprises a series of Appendices which support the findings of the EIA. These are listed in Error! Reference source not found.

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Appendix 12-A	Socio-Economics and Land Use Policy and Legislation
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Appendix 13-C	Traffic and Transport Significance Assessment Summary
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Appendix 14-E	Materials and Waste Impact Assessment Methodology and Baseline

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Appendix 14-F	Electromagnetic Fields Assessment
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Appendix 15-A	Long List of Cumulative Developments

10.1.7 **Appendix 9-B Water Framework Directive Assessment [EN010154/APP/6.3]** provides a Water Framework Directive Assessment prepared in accordance with the Inspectorate's Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Water Framework Directive published in September 2024 [Ref 3]. This explains how the requirements of the Water Framework Directive and the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017 [Ref 4] have been met.

10.1.8 **Appendix 9-C: Flood Risk Assessment [EN010154/APP/6.3]** provides a Flood Risk Assessment submitted in accordance with APFP Regulation 5(2)(e). This provides an assessment of the flood risk posed to, and from the Proposed Development from all sources of flooding.

10.1.9 **Appendix 13-E: Transport Assessment Note [EN010154/APP/6.3]** provides the Transport Assessment of the Proposed Development.

10.1.10 The following Application documents contain confidential information and therefore versions with the sensitive information removed, are provided for public viewing:

- Appendix 8-G: Annex A Breeding Birds; and
- Appendix 8-K: Annex A Badger.

10.1.11 Other documents within Volume 6 consist of the **Environmental Commitments Register [EN010154/APP/6.5]** which sets out all the mitigation measures to be delivered for the Proposed Development and how they are to be secured. The measures are set out in a table which contains the primary topic driver for the commitment, other relevant topics, a description of the measure; whether it will be delivered during construction, operation and maintenance, or decommissioning; and how its delivery is secured.

11. Volume 7: Other Documents

11.1.1 Volume 7 provides a range of additional documents which the Applicant has submitted to comply with the APFP Regulations and/or which are considered by the Applicant to be required to support the DCO application.

11.1.2 The **Statement of Need [EN010154/APP/7.1]** describes how the Proposed Development is consistent with the relevant aspects of UK Government policy as it relates to the provision of energy infrastructure. In particular, the Proposed Development complies with the requirements of National Policy Statements EN-1 and EN-3, which came into force in January 2024.

11.1.3 The **Planning Statement [EN010154/APP/7.2]** details the Proposed Development's compliance with the Overarching National Policy Statement for energy (EN-1), the National Policy Statement for renewable energy infrastructure (EN-3) and the National Policy Statement for electricity networks infrastructure (EN-5) and other matters which the Applicant considers are important and relevant to the Secretary of State's decision, including local planning policy. **Appendix A of the Planning Statement [EN010154/APP/7.2]** provides the Site Selection Report which explains the process used for selection of the site. **Appendices B and C of the Planning Statement [EN010154/APP/7.2]** provide tables detailing the Proposed Development's compliance with national planning policy, set out in the energy National Policy Statements, the National Planning Policy Framework and relevant local planning policy.

11.1.4 The **Design Approach Document [EN010154/APP/7.3]** sets out the Design Vision and the Design Principles which provide a framework for development of the design and furthermore how the design of the Proposed Development has evolved in response to ongoing environmental assessment and responses received from non-statutory and statutory consultation. Design commitments set out how the Design Principles will be delivered at the site level.

11.1.5 The **Proposed Development Parameters [EN010154/APP/7.4]** sets out the design parameters for the Proposed Development which are secured under Requirement 6 at Schedule 2 to the **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]**.

11.1.6 The **Grid Connection Statement [EN010154/APP/7.5]** has been submitted in accordance with regulation 6(1)(a)(i) of the APFP Regulations. It explains how the Proposed Development will connect to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS).

11.1.7 The **Statutory Nuisance Statement [EN010154/APP/7.6]** identifies the matters set out in s79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in respect of statutory nuisances and considers whether the Proposed Development 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 the relevant mitigation measures.

- 11.1.8 The **Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.7]** sets out the measures that will be included in a detailed Construction Environmental Management Plan to control and minimise the potential environmental and amenity impacts of construction. Requirement 12 of the **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]** states that the detailed Construction Environmental Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the **Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.7]**.
- 11.1.9 The **Framework Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.8]** sets out the measures that will be included in a detailed Operational Environmental Management Plan to control and minimise the potential environmental and amenity impacts of operation of the Proposed Development. Requirement 13 of the **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]** states that the detailed Operational Environmental Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the **Framework Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.8]**.
- 11.1.10 The **Framework Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.9]** sets out the measures that will be included in a detailed Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan to control and minimise the potential environmental and amenity impacts of decommissioning. Requirement 20 of the **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]** states that the detailed Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the **Framework Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.9]**.
- 11.1.11 The **Framework Soil Management Plan [EN010154/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 Proposed Development. Requirement 15 of the **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]** states that the detailed Soil Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the **Framework Soil Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.10]**.
- 11.1.12 The **Potential Main Issues for Examination [EN010154/APP/7.11]** document provides a summary of the main issues raised by key stakeholders in their response to statutory consultation, which are likely to remain as topics of debate during the Examination. The **Potential Main Issues for Examination [EN010154/APP/7.11]** will inform the Statements of Common Ground that will be prepared with various parties during the pre-examination stage, should the DCO application be accepted for examination.
- 11.1.13 The **Biodiversity Net Gain Report [EN010154/APP/7.12]** 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 Proposed Development.

11.1.14 A **Habitats Regulations Assessment Report [EN010154/APP/7.13]** is submitted in accordance with regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP Regulations and has been prepared in accordance with the Inspectorate's Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Habitats Regulations Assessments published in September 2024. The **Habitats Regulations Assessment Report [EN010154/APP/7.13]** has been prepared to support the Secretary of State with their 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 Proposed Development. The Report concludes that there will be no significant effects to European sites either from the construction, operation and maintenance or decommissioning of the Proposed Development or in combination with other plans and projects.

11.1.15 The **Framework Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.14]** outlines how Public Rights of Way (PRoW) will be managed by the Applicant for the Proposed Development in terms of both user safety and accessibility. Requirement 18 at Schedule 2 to the **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]** states that the detailed Public Rights of Way Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the **Framework Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.14]**.

11.1.16 The **Framework Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.15]** sets out the framework for delivering the landscape strategy and ecological mitigation and enhancement for the Proposed Development. Requirement 8 of the **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]** states that the detailed Landscape and Ecological Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the **Framework Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.15]**.

11.1.17 The **Framework Employment, Skills and Supply Chain Plan [EN010154/APP/7.16]** identifies potential opportunities for activities relating to skills, supply chain and employment that the Applicant could take forward should the DCO be granted. Requirement 19 of the **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]** states that the detailed Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan must be substantially in accordance with the **Framework Employment, Skills and Supply Chain Plan [EN010154/APP/7.16]**.

11.1.18 The **Framework Battery Safety Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.17]** outlines the safety and property protection fire safety risks associated with the BESS and demonstrates that the location of the BESS does not give rise to a significant increase in fire risk. The **Framework Battery Safety Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.17]** sets out that any risk that does exist can be addressed by ensuring that the Proposed Development is constructed,

operated and maintained and decommissioned in accordance with the final Battery Safety Management Plan. Requirement 7 of the **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]** states that the final Battery Safety Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the **Framework Battery Safety Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.17]**.

11.1.19 The **Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.18]** provides details on the management of construction traffic within the vicinity of the Order limits on the Strategic Road Network and local highway network during the construction period in order to limit any potential disruptions and implications on the wider transport network, as well as for the existing road users. Requirement 14 of the **Draft Development Consent Order [EN010154/APP/3.1]** states that the detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan must be substantially in accordance with the **Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN010154/APP/7.18]**.

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