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# Appendix 1-C Statement of Competence

## 1 Background

1.1 European Union Directive 2014/52/EU (Ref 1) requires that developers ensure that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report (Environmental Statement) is prepared by 'competent experts'. In addition, Regulation 14 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (Ref 2) states that 'the environmental statement must be accompanied by a statement from the applicant outlining the relevant expertise or qualifications of such experts'. As such, this Statement of Competence has been prepared by AECOM, as lead EIA Coordinator for the Fosse Green Energy development (hereafter referred to as the 'Proposed Development'), to outline the capability of the companies and the competency of the individuals responsible for undertaking and reporting the EIA.

## 2 AECOM

2.1 AECOM is a leading provider of environmental services to a wide range of clients and development sectors in the UK. AECOM has a large and highly experienced team of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) practitioners (approximately 160 staff), who have managed hundreds of EIAs and prepared Environmental Statements and other technical reports to accompany applications under various consenting regimes. AECOM also provides specialist EIA review services and EIA training to a range of organisations, including government agencies. The EIA team is supported by more than 400 technical environmental specialists, covering a wide range of technical disciplines.

## 3 IEMA EIA Quality Mark

3.1 AECOM is a registrant to the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) EIA Quality Mark and undertakes all EIA work in line with the EIA Quality Mark Commitments. The EIA Quality Mark is a voluntary scheme through which EIA activity is independently reviewed, on an annual basis, to ensure it delivers excellence in: EIA management, EIA team capabilities, EIA regulatory compliance, EIA context and influence, EIA content, EIA presentation and improving EIA practice. Many of AECOM's EIA Coordinators hold Practitioner or Full (Chartered) Membership status with IEMA or are members of other appropriate professional institutions.



## 4 Competent Experts

4.1 Summaries of the qualifications and experience of the EIA Project Director, responsible for the checking and review of the Environmental Statement, and the EIA Project Manager, responsible for the coordination of the EIA, are presented below.

## 5 EIA Project Director, BSc (Hons), MSc, MEnvSc, CEnv

5.1 The AECOM EIA Project Director is a Technical Director with 24 years' experience delivering environmental assessments in the energy sector. They are a Chartered Environmentalist and qualified EIA Practitioner, with experience having led over 15 energy Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs), including the EIAs for Sunnica Energy Farm DCO in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk, Longfield Solar Farm DCO in Essex, Gate Burton Energy Park DCO in Lincolnshire, and East Yorkshire Solar Farm DCO in Yorkshire.

5.2 They have worked on and delivered over 30 solar projects in the UK, along with EIAs for the largest solar projects in Eastern Europe and the Caribbean. Other experience includes having contributed to or led the environmental work for NSIPs for two energy from waste facilities, two gas fired CCGT DCOs, and contribution to a tidal lagoon DCO.

## 6 EIA Project Manager, BSc, MEnvSc, CEnv

6.1 The AECOM EIA Project Manager is an Associate Director with 12 years' experience delivering impact assessments in the renewables, urban regeneration and greenfield development sectors. They are a Chartered Environmentalist and qualified EIA practitioner with significant experience in delivering renewable energy and BESS (Battery Energy Storage Systems), including Sunnica Energy Farm DCO in Cambridge and Suffolk, Chickerell BESS in Dorset and Culham BESS in South Oxfordshire.

6.2 They have experience in leading and coordinating all stages of the EIA process for a diverse range of projects, including 6 offshore wind projects across the UK, 3 BESS projects and several solar projects, 3 of which they have taken a lead role.

## 7 Environmental Statement Technical Chapter Leads

7.1 This Environmental Statement brings together the technical studies presented in **Chapters 6 to 14** of this ES [EN010154/APP/6.1]. These have been prepared and approved by competent experts, both within and external to AECOM, who hold professional memberships and are committed to undertaking continued professional development within their respective fields.

**Table 1: Technical Leads**

EIA Discipline	Technical Company	Qualifications/ Memberships/ Accreditations	Professional Experience	Years of Experience	Recent Relevant Project Experience
Air Quality	AECOM	MIAQM, MEnvSci		34	Sunnica Energy Farm, Gate Burton Energy Park, Sizewell C, and H2 Teesside DCOs
Climate Change	AECOM	MEng, PhD		10	Tillbridge Solar Farm, Maen Hir Solar Farm, H2 Teesside, and Immingham Green Energy Terminal (IGET) DCOs
Cultural Heritage	Cotswold Archaeology	BSc (Hons); MCIfA		25	Mallard Pass Solar Farm, Oikos Storage Facility, Penderi DNS Solar Scheme, and Eastgate Solar Scheme DCOs
		On the Advisory Panel for the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) /Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) / Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (ClfA)			
Ecology and Nature Conservation	AECOM	BSc (Hons), MCIEEM, CEnv		27	Sunnica Energy Farm, and Longfield Solar Farm
Glint and Glare	Neo-Environmental	BEng MSc		5	Longfield Solar Farm, Gate Burton Energy Park and East Yorkshire Solar Farm DCOs
Ground Conditions	AECOM	BSc (Hons), DIS, CSci		28	Sunnica Energy Farm, Longfield Solar Farm, and East Yorkshire Solar Farm DCOs.
Water Environment	AECOM	PhD, BSc (Hons)		14	Longfield Solar Farm, Gate Burton Energy Park, and East Yorkshire Solar Farm DCOs.
Landscape and Visual Amenity	ICENI	BA (Hons) PgDip CMLI		10	One Earth Solar Farm DCO
Materials and Waste	AECOM	BSc (Hons) MSc, MCIWM, CRWM, CEnv		18	One Earth Solar Farm, Lime Down Solar Farm, East Yorkshire Solar Farm, Fenwick Solar Farm,

Tillbridge Solar Farm, Longfield Solar Farm, and Gate Burton Energy Park DCOs				
Noise and Vibration	AECOM	BEng (Hons) IEng MIOA CEnv MIEnvSc	21	Sunnica Energy Farm, Longfield Solar Farm and Gate Burton Energy Park DCOs.
Socio-Economics and Land Use	AECOM	MSc MIED	17	Sunnica Energy Farm, Longfield Solar Farm, Gate Burton Energy Park, and Tillbridge Solar Farm DCOs.
Agricultural Classification	Land Roberts Environmental	BSc (Hons), M.I. Soil Sci, MIEnvSc	12	White Cross Wind Farm, Cottam Solar Project, Yorkshire GREEN Great Grid Update, and Steeple Renewables Solar and BESS DCOs.
Traffic and Transport	AECOM	BA (Hons) MCIHT MSoRSA	25	Longfield Solar Farm DCO, Gate Burton Energy Park, and Sealink DCOs
Other Environmental Topics	AECOM	BSc (Hons), MSc, MIEnvSc, CEnv.	24	Sunnica Energy Farm, Longfield Solar Farm, Gate Burton Energy Park, and Tillbridge Solar Farm DCOs.

## 8 References

Ref 1 Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 amending Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment Text with EEA relevance. Available at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eudr/2014/52> [Date Accessed: 27/02/2025]

Ref 2 HMSO (2017) The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Available at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/572> [Date Accessed: 27/02/2025]