

# Rosefield Solar Farm

## Environmental Statement

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Appendix 1.1: Statement of Competence

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# 1. Statement of Competence

## 1.1. Introduction

- 1.1.1. Regulation 14(4) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 states:

*“In order to ensure the completeness and quality of the environmental statement –*

*The applicant must ensure that the environmental statement is prepared by competent experts; and*

*The environmental statement must be accompanied by a statement from the applicant outlining the relevant expertise or qualifications of such experts.*

- 1.1.2. This Statement of Competence has been prepared by RSK Environment Limited, as the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Coordinator for the Proposed Development, and outlines the relevant professional experience, capabilities and competency of the individuals responsible for preparing the Environmental Statement (ES).

## 1.2. RSK Environment Limited

**Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (ISEP) (formally ‘IEMA’) Quality Mark**

- 1.2.1. RSK Environment Limited is registered to the EIA Quality Mark scheme operated by the Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (ISEP), recognising that RSK Environment Limited produces Environmental Statements (and EIA Reports in Scotland) in accordance with current best practice standards. This scheme is based around a set of EIA Commitments. The EIA Quality Mark provides a benchmark for EIA activities and allows registrants to demonstrate a commitment to delivering quality EIA and ESs.



### 1.3. Competent Experts

- 1.3.1. **Table 1** and **Table 2** below summarise the relevant professional experience, capabilities and competency of the individuals responsible for preparing the Environmental Statement.

Table 1: Environmental Impact Assessment

#### EIA Director

**Technical Director** with over 24 years' experience in the environment sector, 23 of which have been spent in environmental consultancy. Their main experience relates to the environmental assessment and management of a wide range of projects including energy, road infrastructure projects (motorway, smart motorway, trunk road and local authority road schemes in Wales, England and Scotland), residential/mixed-use developments, pipelines and gas storage facilities.

As a Chartered Environmentalist, they have demonstrated an excellent level of EIA and planning knowledge, with particular areas of expertise in Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects; project management of small, medium and large scale EIAs; providing pragmatic advice to clients on environmental issues and opportunities; working closely with clients and statutory/non-statutory organisations; and undertaking stakeholder consultation.

They are also a former chair of ISEP's Impact Assessment Steering Group.

#### EIA Lead Coordinator

**Principal Environmental Consultant** with over 8 years' experience in managing and coordinating Environmental Impact Assessments. Their key experience relates to the environmental assessment, coordination, management and delivery of a broad range of projects including renewable energy and mixed-use projects of varying scales and complexity.

A Practitioner member of the **Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (ISEP)** (IEMA), with excellent expertise in EIA, particularly related to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. Skilled in leading and coordinating multidisciplinary teams to deliver high-quality outcomes across complex projects.

#### EIA Coordinator

**Senior Environmental Consultant** with five years' experience in EIA. Holds a Bachelor of Science on Environmental Science and is an Practitioner member of ISEP. Demonstrates strong expertise across all aspects of the EIA process, delivering top-quality projects for clients in the UK and worldwide. Has led the preparation and review of ES chapters and technical reports for a variety of projects, from holiday park developments to renewable energy projects. Coordinated and

supported multiple projects simultaneously, ensuring timely delivery and effective communication with clients and technical consultants.

Table 2: Qualifications and experience of technical leads

EIA technical discipline	Qualifications/professional memberships/accreditation	Years of Experience	Summary of previous project experience of technical leads
Air Quality	PhD Air Quality, MEng Environmental Engineering, BEng Civil Engineering, Practitioner Member of the Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (ISEP) , Full Member of Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM) and Institute of Environmental Sciences (IEnvSc), chartered scientist (CSci), chartered environmentalist (CEnv)	30	Air Quality lead with over thirty years of experience in environmental consultancy and has undertaken, coordinated or reviewed AQIAs for several infrastructure development projects in the UK and overseas, including solar, BESS, onshore and offshore wind, carbon capture, hydrogen and electrical infrastructure projects. He is currently working on a further five large scale solar NSIPs. He is experienced in preparing and presenting evidence at public inquiries and oral hearings.
Arboriculture	FdSc Arboriculture and Tree Management Level 6, Level 3 Technician's Certificate in Arboriculture, National Diploma Horticulture, National Diploma Forestry, LANTRA professional tree inspection, ISA tree risk assessment qualification, Professional member of the Arboriculture Association	15	Arboricultural lead with over 15 years experience in arboricultural consultancy. Has proven experience as technical lead within National Significant Infrastructure Projects to Development Consent Order (DCO) and discharging of related arboricultural DCO requirements through to construction, which include solar, wind, tidal and large housing development sites.
Biodiversity	BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences FCIEEM, CEcol, CEnv	30	Biodiversity lead with extensive experience in conducting EIA for renewable energy projects in the UK.

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Climate	BSc (Hons) Earth and Environmental Science PhD Palaeoclimate	8	Climate lead with extensive experience in quantifying GHG emissions for a range of infrastructure projects, companies and products, as well as compiling Climate Change Risk Assessments for assets in the UK and globally, including for over 70 EIA and ESIs.
Cultural Heritage	BA (Hons), PG Dip, MCIFA	22	Cultural heritage lead with 22 years experience, has provided inputs for all stages of ES developments for numerous projects including solar farms, onshore wind farms, housing and mixed use developments and linear developments.
Glint and Glare	BSc (Dist) Architecture MSc Sustainable Environmental Design MSc Renewable Energies	15	Daylight Design Consultant specialized in daylight, sunlight, overshadowing, light pollution, solar reflections and glare studies for over 300 projects on a wide range of scales.  Published paper "Evaluation of solar glare from reflective façades: A general method" (Lighting Research & Technology 2012)
Landscape/Visual	BSc (Hons) Zoological Science Bachelor of Landscape Design (BLD) CMLI	22	Landscape/Visual lead with over twenty years of experience in environmental consultancy and has undertaken, coordinated or reviewed LVIs for several infrastructure development projects in the UK and overseas, including solar, BESS and linear infrastructure projects. He is experienced in preparing

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			and presenting evidence at public inquiries and oral hearings.
Land and Groundwater	BSc (Hons) Environmental Geology MSc Environmental Diagnostics Chartered Geologist European Geologist	24	Land and Groundwater lead with over 24 years experience, has provided inputs for all stages of ES developments for numerous projects, including solar farms, onshore wind farms, linear infrastructure projects and onshore elements of offshore wind farm projects.
Soil	BSc (Hons) Soil Science and Ecology MSc Environmental Policy and Economics Early Careers Member British Society of Soil Science	3	Agriculture and Soil specialist with over 3 years experience, has provided inputs for all stages of ES developments for numerous projects, including solar farms, linear infrastructure projects and onshore elements of offshore wind farm projects.
Noise	Corporate Member of the Institute of Acoustics (MIOA) IOA Diploma in Acoustics and Noise Control BSc (Hons) Civil Engineering	16	Acoustics lead with over 16 years' professional experience in the assessment of noise and vibration. Widely experienced in the fields of environmental noise and vibration, which has been applied across a wide range of renewable energy schemes, including solar and wind projects.
Population	BSc Geography MA Planning and Sustainability	18	Director of Infrastructure and Economics at Planning Consultancy Quod; 18 years experience in energy infrastructure DCOs, leading on socio-economic impact



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			assessment, stakeholder engagement / management, mitigation development on nuclear, OSW, solar projects in the UK.
Transport and Access	BEng (Hons), MSc, CEng, FCIHT, CMILT	28	Transport lead with 28 years experience. Worked on extensive number of renewable energy projects across the UK, Ireland, Scandinavia and Baltic States, providing EIA / ES support, preparation of Transport Assessments and abnormal load studies.
Water	BSc(Hons) Geography. Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management. C.WEM MCIWEM	23	Water lead with over 20 years of experience. Worked on numerous energy sector projects across the UK. Have provided inputs for all stages of ES developments for numerous projects, including solar farms, linear infrastructure projects and residential/commercial developments. Produced numerous supporting Flood Risk Assessments in support of application for sites across the UK.



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