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1. Introduction

Overview

- 1.1. This document provides a guide to the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for Steeple Renewables Project (the 'Proposed Development'). The Application is made by Steeple Solar Farm Limited (the 'Applicant') to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the 'Secretary of State') pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 ('PA 2008').
- 1.2. The Applicant is seeking a DCO for the construction, operation (including maintenance), and decommissioning of ground mounted solar photovoltaic ('PV') generating stations (incorporating the solar arrays); grid connection infrastructure and energy storage; and the Cable Route Corridors (the 'Proposed Development'). The Application is required because the Proposed Development is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP') under the PA 2008.
- 1.3. This Guide 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.

2. Document Referencing

- 2.1. Each document that forms part of this Application has been assigned a reference number that will allow it to be located within the Application document library. When an Application document refers to another document, then the full reference information is provided, highlighted with bold. This comprises the PINS reference ('EN010163'), followed by an indication that the document forms part of the Application ('APP') and then the specific document number (for example, '2.1'); this produces a full reference in the format **[EN010163/APP/2.1]**.

3. Master document List

- 3.1. The master document table, provided on the following page at **Table 3.2**, offers a full list of all documents submitted to date, indicating either the latest version (if applicable) or when a new document was submitted. These documents have been grouped in the master document table by volume as follows:

Table 3.1: Volume Contents Table

Volume	Content of Each Volume
1 - Application Information	Provides details of the specific application information required by the Planning Inspectorate
2 - Plans and Drawings	Contains the plans which show where we propose to undertake the work
3 - Draft Development Consent Order	Outlines the legal powers we are seeking from the Government to build the proposed connection
4 - Compulsory Acquisition Information	Provides evidence of why we may require legal powers of compulsory acquisition
5 - Reports/Statements	Provides details of the pre-application consultation that we have undertaken during the project and other reports undertaken.
6 - Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment	A document which shows how we assessed the likely significant impacts on the environment (vol.1). This volume also contains the Appendices (vol.2) and Figures (vol.3) associated with the likely significant impacts
7 – Other Documents	Includes additional documents produced for the application submission.

Table 3.2: Master Document Table

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Typical Fence Details	EN010163/APP/2.19	5(2)(0)
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