

Dear Examining Authority,

We are instructed by and write on behalf of United Kingdom Industrial Fusion Solutions Limited (“UKIFS”) in relation to the Steeple Renewables Project (the “Proposed Development”). UKIFS is a wholly owned subsidiary of UK Atomic Energy Authority (“UKAEA”) and is the government funded delivery vehicle for the STEP project which will be built on the site of the former EDF West Burton Power Station (the “Site”).

We write by way of response to question Q7.0.2 of the Examining Authority’s first written questions in relation to the Applicant’s Report on the Interrelationships with other National Infrastructure Projects (REP1-012) (the “Report”).

We note that the STEP Fusion Project is identified in Appendix 1 of the Report, entitled ‘Plan showing the order limits for the Proposed Development and the other nearby National Infrastructure projects’. However, there is no other reference to the STEP Fusion Project in the Report.

As set out in the relevant representation submitted on behalf of UKIFS (RR-046), the Proposed Development includes underground cabling to the point of connection across the Site and the draft DCO includes powers of compulsory acquisition over parts of the Site.

We note that protective provisions have been provided for UKAEA within the Part 9 of Schedule 10 of the draft DCO (the “Protective Provisions”). As set out in the relevant representation submitted on behalf of UKIFS protective provisions should also be included for UKIFS within the draft DCO in substantively the same form as were included in Schedule 15 Part 19 of The West Burton Solar Project Order 2025. UKIFS is supportive of the Proposed Development and wishes to maintain a strong working relationship with the Applicant, however these protective provisions are necessary to ensure the Proposed Development can be implemented satisfactorily without compromising the ability of UKIFS to develop the STEP Fusion Project on the Site.

We are in the process of negotiating draft protective provisions for the protection of UKIFS with the Applicant’s solicitors Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP and we and the Applicant will keep the Examining Authority up to date on this point.

Kind regards

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