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Solar Park

Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Document

- 1.1.1 This document sets out the changes that have been made to the Draft Development Consent Order, relating to the Development Consent Order Application (the 'Application') for Lime Down Solar Park (the 'Scheme').

2 Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order

Table 1 Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order at Deadline 1

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Contents	The Applicant.	Correction.	<p>SCHEDULE 12 — HEDGEROWS TO BE REMOVED</p> <p>PART 1— REMOVAL OF HEDGEROWS</p> <p>PART 2 — REMOVAL OF POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT HEDGEROWS</p> <p>PART 2³ — REMOVAL OF IMPORTANT HEDGEROWS</p> <p>PART 3⁴ — TREES SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS</p>	1
Article 2(1) (Interpretation)	The Applicant	Amendment to clarify the scope of definition and align with the definition used in the Tillbridge Solar Project Order 2025.	“authorised development” means the development and associated development described in Schedule 1 (authorised development) and any other development within the meaning of section 32 (meaning of “development”) of the 2008 Act authorised by this Order;	1
Article 2(1) (Interpretation)	The Applicant	Correction to ensure definitions listed in correct alphabetical order.	<p>“date of final commissioning” means the date on which the authorised development commences operation by generating electricity on a commercial basis but excluding the generation of electricity during commissioning and testing;</p> <p>“date of decommissioning” means in respect of each part of the authorised development, the date notified under requirement 20 that that part of the authorised development has permanently ceased to generate electricity on a commercial basis;</p>	1

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			<p>“date of final commissioning” means the date on which the authorised development commences operation by generating electricity on a commercial basis but excluding the generation of electricity during commissioning and testing;</p>	
Article 25 (Private rights)	The Applicant	<p>Clarification that the undertaker may, by positive notice, extinguish private rights. This amendment is consistent with the compensation provisions in (renumbered) paragraph (5), and reflects that there may be circumstances where the permanent acquisition or extinguishment of a private right is necessary. This approach is less onerous than the provisions contained in solar DCOs made to date which automatically extinguished all private rights where land was acquired unless notice to the contrary was given. The amendment to paragraph (5) confirms that compensation is</p>	<p>[...]</p> <p><u>(4) The undertaker may by notice extinguish private rights and restrictive covenants over land subject to compulsory acquisition under this Order—</u></p> <p><u>(a) _____ from the date of acquisition of the land, or of the right, or of the benefit of the restrictive covenant by the undertaker, whether compulsorily or by agreement; or</u></p> <p><u>(b) _____ on the date of entry on the land by the undertaker under section 11(1) (power of entry) of the 1965 Act.</u></p> <p>(4)<u>(5)</u> Any person who suffers loss by the extinguishment, <u>cessation of effect</u> or suspension of any private right or restrictive covenant under this article is entitled to compensation in accordance with the terms of section 152 (compensation in case where no right to claim in nuisance) of the 2008 Act to be determined, in case of dispute, under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.</p> <p>(5)<u>(6)</u> This article does not apply in relation to any right to which section 138 (extinguishment of rights, and removal of apparatus, of statutory undertakers etc.) of the 2008 Act or article 33 (statutory undertakers) applies.</p>	1

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		available where private rights cease to have effect where they are inconsistent with the exercise of compulsory acquisition powers as well as in circumstances where private rights are extinguished.		
Article 40 (Felling or lopping of trees and removal of hedgerows)	The Applicant	Correction.	(4) The undertaker may, for the purposes of the authorised development or in connection with the authorised development and subject to paragraph (2), remove the hedgerows specified in the table in Part 1 and the table in Part 2 of Schedule 12 (hedgerows to be removed) to the extent set out in the ecological protection and mitigation strategy landscape and ecological management plan approved pursuant to requirement 7 ⁸ in Schedule 2 (requirements).	1
Article 42 (Certification of plans and documents, etc.)	The Applicant	Correction.	(3) Before submitting the environmental statement in accordance with paragraph (1), the undertaker must substitute any figures or appendices contained therein with the final revision of that figure or appendix that was submitted by the undertaker to the planning inspectorate ^{Planning Inspectorate} or the Secretary of State prior to the making of this Order.	1
Schedule 1 (Authorised Development)	The Applicant	Amendment following the amended threshold for onshore solar generating stations regarding the amount of installed	Work No. 1 — a ground mounted solar photovoltaic generating station with a gross electrical output capacity of over 50 ¹⁰⁰ megawatts including—	1

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Work No. 1		capacity required to be considered as a nationally significant infrastructure project in the Infrastructure Planning (Onshore wind and Solar Generation) Order 2025.		
Schedule 1 (Authorised Development) Work No. 2	The Applicant	Amendment to enable flexibility in the type of piling used for BESS, for example to allow for steel piling.	Work No. 2 — an energy storage facility comprising— (a) battery energy storage system units each containing fire protection systems and components; (b) a structure protecting the battery energy storage cells comprised in Work No. 2(a) and ancillary equipment, being either one container or multiple containers joined to each other, mounted on a reinforced concrete foundation slab or concrete piling;	1
Schedule 2 (Requirements) Requirement 2 (Commencement of the authorised development)	The Applicant and Wiltshire Council.	A requirement to provide details of the phasing of construction and a timeline has been added to allow Wiltshire Council to have greater sight of when applications to discharge Requirements will be made. This drafting was included in	<u>(2) No part of the authorised development may commence until a written scheme setting out the phase or phases of construction of the authorised development has been submitted to the relevant planning authority.</u> <u>(3) The written scheme submitted pursuant to sub-paragraph (2) must include a timetable for the construction of the phase or phases of the authorised development and a plan identifying the phasing areas.</u> (2) (4) The undertaker must notify the relevant planning authority within fourteen days of the date of final commissioning for a part or parts of the authorised development that the final commissioning of that part or parts has taken place.	1

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		the West Burton Solar Project Order 2025.		
Schedule 2 (Requirements) Requirement 5 (Detailed design approval)	The Applicant	Correction.	(4) Work No. 5 must be carried out in accordance with Table 2- 4 ⁵ of the design principles and parameters.	1
Schedule 2 (Requirements) Requirement 11 (Surface and foul water drainage)	The Applicant	Amendment made for clarity.	(1) No part of the authorised development may commence until written details of the surface water drainage scheme and (if any) foul water drainage system for that part have been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority in consultation with the Environment Agency. (2) The written details under sub-paragraph (1) must be substantially in accordance with the outline drainage strategy. (3) <u>Before approving the written details under sub-paragraph (1), the relevant planning authority must consult with the Environment Agency.</u> (3)(4) Any approved scheme must be implemented as approved.	1
Schedule 2 (Requirements) Requirement 15 (Construction traffic)	The Applicant	Amendment made for clarity.	(1) No part of the authorised development may commence until a construction traffic management plan for that part must be ^{has been} submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority in consultation with South Gloucestershire Council. (2) The construction traffic management plan must be substantially in accordance with the outline construction traffic management plan.	1

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management plan)			<p>(3) Before approving the construction traffic management plan the relevant planning authority must consult with South Gloucestershire Council and the relevant highway authority.</p> <p>(4) All construction works associated with the authorised development must be carried out in accordance with the approved construction traffic management plan.</p>	
Schedule 2 (Requirements) Requirement 20 (Decommissioning and restoration)	The Applicant	Amendment to ensure that associated development cannot remain in place beyond the decommissioning date of the relevant part of Work No. 1. This provides certainty and prevents the operational lifetime of the authorised development being extended by later-commissioned ancillary works.	<p>(1) The date of decommissioning for each part of the authorised development must be no later than 60 years following the date of final commissioning:</p> <p>(a) for each part of Work No. 1 must be no later than 60 years following the date of final commissioning for that part; and</p> <p>(b) with respect to the associated development in Work Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 must be no later than the date of decommissioning for the part of Work No. 1 to which such associated development relates, and where such associated development relates to more than one part of Work No. 1 must be no later than the latest date of decommissioning of the parts of Work No. 1 to which such associated development relates.</p>	1
Schedule 2 (Requirements) Requirement 20 (Decommissioning and restoration)	The Applicant and National Highways	Amendment following the request by National Highways to be added as a consultee to Requirement 20.	<p>(5) No decommissioning works must be carried out until the relevant planning authority has approved the decommissioning plan submitted in relation to those works, in consultation with South Gloucestershire Council and the Environment Agency and the relevant highway authority.</p>	1

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Schedule 13 (Documents and plans to be certified)	The Applicant	Amendments to reflect new and updated documents at Deadline 1.	[Changes not reproduced].	1
Schedule 15 (Protective Provisions) Part 5 (For the protection of National Highways)	The Applicant and National Highways	Amendments to form of Protective Provisions proposed in favour of National Highways as a result of discussions with National Highways.	[Changes not reproduced].	1
Schedule 15 (Protective Provisions) Part 10 (For the protection of National Grid Electricity Distribution (South West) Plc)	The Applicant and National Grid Electricity Distribution (South West) Plc (NGED)	Amendments to form of Protective Provisions proposed in favour of NGED as a result of discussions with NGED.	[Changes not reproduced].	1
Schedule 16 (Procedure for	The Applicant	Updated definition to clarify that the relevant	requirement consultee” means —	1

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discharge of requirements) Paragraph 1 (Interpretation)		bodies are to be consulted on amendments to approved documents, rather than being left to the discretion of the relevant planning authority. This amendment applies to all consultees identified in Requirements.	(a) any body or authority named in a requirement as a body to be consulted by the relevant planning authority in discharging that requirement; and (b) <u>in relation to an application made under requirement 3 to amend an approved document (as defined in requirement 3), any body or authority that was required to be consulted in relation to the approval of that approved document; and</u>	
Schedule 16 (Procedure for discharge of requirements) Paragraph 1 (Interpretation)	The Applicant	Amendment to provide clarification that each application for discharge of a requirement or other consent will be treated as separate applications, even if made at the same time.	(2) In the event an application is made to discharge more than one consent, agreement or approval, this must be treated as though separate applications were made for the discharge of each consent, agreement or approval.	1
Schedule 16 (Procedure for discharge of requirements) Paragraph 2 (Applications made under requirement)	The Applicant and Wiltshire Council	Determination period extended to ten weeks to be consistent with the Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024, following comments from Wiltshire Council.	(2) Where an application has been made to the relevant planning authority for any consent, agreement or approval required by a requirement, the relevant planning authority must give notice to the undertaker of its decision on the application within a period of eight <u>ten</u> weeks beginning with the later of—	1

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Schedule 16 (Procedure for discharge of requirements) Paragraph 3 (Further information and consultation)	The Applicant and Wiltshire Council	Extension of time periods by 5 working days.	(2) In the event that the relevant planning authority considers such further information to be necessary and the provision governing or requiring the application does not specify that consultation with a requirement consultee is required, the relevant planning authority must, within 40 <u>15</u> working days of receipt of the application, notify the undertaker in writing specifying the further information required. (3) If the provision governing or requiring the application specifies that consultation with a requirement consultee is required, the relevant planning authority must issue the consultation to the requirement consultee within 5 <u>10</u> working days of receipt of the application, and must notify the undertaker in writing specifying any further information the relevant planning authority considers necessary or that is requested by the requirement consultee within 5 <u>10</u> working days of receipt of such a request and in any event within 45 <u>20</u> working days of receipt of the application (or such other period as is agreed in writing between the undertaker and the relevant planning authority).	1
Explanatory note	The Applicant	Amendment following the amended threshold for onshore solar generating stations regarding the amount of installed capacity required to be considered as a nationally significant infrastructure project in the Infrastructure Planning (Onshore wind	This Order authorises Lime Down Solar Park Limited (referred to in this Order as the undertaker) to construct, operate, maintain and decommission a ground mounted solar photovoltaic generating station with a gross electrical output capacity over 50 <u>100</u> megawatts and associated development. The Order would permit the undertaker to acquire, compulsorily or by agreement, land and rights in land and to use land for this purpose.	1

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		and Solar Generation) Order 2025.		

