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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview and purpose of the document

1.1.1 The planning application history information contained within this document has been compiled using the online application search function available from North Yorkshire Council (NYC)¹. The Planning Inspectorate website's project search function² has also been used to consider relevant applications for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NISPs).

~~1.1.1~~ 1.1.2 An update to this appendix has been prepared for Examination Deadline 2 on 2nd September 2026. The application search has included a review of data available from the Landstack search tool.

~~1.1.2~~ 1.1.3 The planning history has been collected for the area within and directly adjacent to the Proposed Development's Order Limits. Planning applications relating to each Solar Development Site (SDS) and the Cable Route Corridor (CRC) segments are documented below. Both planning applications within and intersecting with the Order Limits have been included.

2 Planning Applications for Solar Development Sites

2.1.1 All planning applications within or intersecting with the seven SDSs, which have been submitted within the past 10 years, are documented below. Furthermore, planning applications located directly adjacent to the Order Limits which have been submitted within the past 3 years, have been included below.

2.1.2 Note that where extant consents are identified in relation to the SDSs those developments are unlikely to progress on the basis the relevant applicants (the landowners) are support of the Proposed Development. The exception to this is the SSE NSIP application at Ferrybridge (EN0110011) where Light Valley Solar Limited and SSE are in dialogue.

2.1.3 Relevant planning applications, collected using this approach, are set out for each SDS in Table 2-1 to Table 2-6. Where no relevant planning applications were found, this has been noted.

¹ <https://public.selby.gov.uk/online-applications/>

² <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/project-search>

Solar Development Site 1

Table 2-1 Planning applications within or adjacent to Solar Development Site 1

Within or adjacent to Order Limits	Reference and Application Date	Description	Decision and Date
Within	2022/0052/SCN received 17/11/22	EIA screening request for proposed solar farm	EIA Not Required 07/03/22

Solar Development Site 2

2.1.4 No relevant planning applications within the specified time period.

Solar Development Site 3

Table 2-2 Planning applications within or adjacent to Solar Development Site 3

Within or adjacent to Order Limits	Reference and Application Date	Description	Decision and Date
Adjacent	ZG2023/0557/SCN received 23/05/23	EIA Screening Opinion in relation to a solar farm with associated infrastructure	EIA Not Required 22/06/23
Adjacent	ZG2023/1271/FULM ³ received 28/11/23	Erection of a solar farm together with ancillary development thereto ⁴	Refused 25/03/25
	Appeal of refused application (ZG2023/1271/FULM ⁵): AP/2025/0037/REF lodged 16/06/2025		Appeal allowed 19/12/25

³ EIA Screening Request for application ZG2023/1271/FULM can be found here: <https://public.selby.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RV7EAMNX0EX00>

⁴ ~~The application reference ZG2023/1271/FULM can be found here: <https://public.selby.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S4UC8FNXJ6X00>~~

⁵ The application reference ZG2023/1271/FULM can be found here: <https://public.selby.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S4UC8FNXJ6X00>

Solar Development Site 4

Table 2-3 Planning applications within or adjacent to Solar Development Site 4

Within or adjacent to Order Limits	Reference and Application Date	Description	Decision and Date
Adjacent	ZG2025/0526/FUL received 05/06/25	Demolition of existing single storey tea room and adjacent toilet building and erection of a new single storey tea room with an attached male/female and disabled toilet block	Approved 28/07/25
Adjacent	ZG2024/0945/CPE received 03/09/24	Lawful development certificate for existing single storey ice cream parlour extension, single storey rear kitchen extension and toilet block	Approved 27/11/24
Adjacent ⁴	ZG2023/1271/FULM received 28/11/23 ³	Erection of a solar farm together with ancillary development	Refused 25/03/25
	Appeal of refused application (ZG2023/1271/FULM): AP/2025/0037/REF lodged 16/06/2025		Appeal allowed 19/12/25
Adjacent	ZG2023/1051/FUL received 19/04/24	Partial demolition, conversion and extension of existing livery buildings to form a residential dwelling	Approved 19/04/24
Within	Ferrybridge Next Generation Power Station EN0110011 ⁶	A generating station of up to 1.2GW output capacity designed to run on 100% hydrogen and able to run on 100% natural gas and associated infrastructure including a gas pipeline of up to 10km to connect with the existing Feeder 29 of the National Grid transmission system; water supply and electricity connections; above ground installations; utilities connections; construction and operational laydown areas; access(es); and other associated and ancillary development.	Pre-application stage: expected to be submitted March 2026

⁶ A section of this development's pipeline intersects with SDS4, not the entirety of the development.

Solar Development Site 6

Table 2-4 Planning applications within or adjacent to Solar Development Site 6

Within or adjacent to Order Limits	Reference and Application Date	Description	Decision and Date
Within	ZG2023/0505/AGN received 09/05/23	Prior notification for a bio fertiliser storage tank	Prior approval not required 07/06/23

Solar Development Site 7

Table 2-5 Planning applications within or adjacent to Solar Development Site 7

Within or adjacent to Order Limits	Reference and Application Date	Description	Decision and Date
Adjacent	ZG2024/1101/FULM received 18/10/2024	Erection and operation of a mushroom and algae cultivation facility, ancillary structures and associated scheme of landscaping and biodiversity enhancement	Awaiting decision

Solar Development Site 8

Table 2-6 Planning applications within or adjacent to Solar Development Site 8

Within or adjacent to Order Limits	Reference and Application Date	Description	Decision and Date
Adjacent	2021/1531/EIA received 20/12/21 (including reserved matters application: ZG2025/0529/REM M received 22/05/25)	Outline application for the demolition of existing colliery buildings and the construction of up to 1,460,000 sq ft of employment floorspace comprising Use Classes B2, B8 and E(g) to include access (with all other matters reserved)	Approved 18/06/24
		Reserved Matters application including layout of planning permission 2021/1531/EIA Outline application for the demolition of existing colliery buildings and the construction of up to 1,460,000 sq ft of employment floorspace comprising Use Classes B2, B8 and E(g) to include access (with all other matters reserved)	Approved 11/12/25

3 Planning Applications for Cable Route Corridor Segments

- 3.1.1 All planning applications within, intersecting with or directly adjacent to the nine CRC segments (including alternatives), submitted within the past 3 years, are documented below.
- 3.1.2 Relevant planning applications, collected using this approach, are set out for each CRC segment in Table 3-1 to Table 3-6. Where no relevant planning applications were found, this has been noted.

Cable Route Corridor 1-4

Table 3-1 Planning applications within or adjacent to Cable Route Corridor 1-4

Within or adjacent to Order Limits	Reference and Application Date	Description	Decision and Date
Within	ZG2024/0588/AGN received 06/06/24	Prior notification for erection of a new straw/bale store	Prior Approval refused 03/07/24
Within	ZG2023/0551/OUT M received 23/05/23	Outline application with all matters reserved except for means of access to, but not within, the site for the development of up to 140 dwellings and associated landscaping and infrastructure	Approved 19/12/25

Cable Route Corridor 2-4

Table 3-2 Planning applications within or adjacent to Cable Route Corridor 2-4

Within or adjacent to Order Limits	Reference and Application Date	Description	Decision and Date
Within	ZG2024/0174/HPA received 19/03/24	Application of 150 mm thick external wall insulation, render finished, replacement of existing fenestration with triple glazed timber framed windows and doors, installation of air source heat pump, internal remodelling and conversion of part of roof-space to create additional residential accommodation and installation of photovoltaic solar panels	Approved 14/05/24

Cable Route Corridor 2-6

- 3.1.3 No relevant planning applications within the specified time period.

Cable Route Corridor 3-4

Table 3-3 Planning applications within or adjacent to Cable Route Corridor 3-4

Within or adjacent to Order Limits	Reference and Application Date	Description	Decision and Date
Within	ZG2023/1271/FULM received 28/11/23 ³	Erection of a solar farm together with ancillary development thereto	Refused 25/03/25
	Appeal of refused application (ZG2023/1271/FULM): AP/2025/0037/REF lodged 16/06/2025		Appeal allowed 19/12/25

Cable Route Corridor 6-7

3.1.4 No relevant planning applications within the specified time period.

Cable Route Corridor 2-8

3.1.5 No relevant planning applications within the specified time period.

Cable Route Corridor 4-POC⁷

Table 3-4 Planning applications within or adjacent to Cable Route Corridor 4-POC

Within or adjacent to Order Limits	Reference and Application Date	Description	Decision and Date
Within	ZG2024/1317/FULM received 20/12/24	Installation and operation of battery energy storage system (BESS) including energy storage units, substation, site access, landscaping and associated infrastructure	Approved 21/08/25
Within	ZG2024/1099/SCN received 04/10/24	EIA Screening Opinion in relation to the development of Battery Energy Storage System ('BESS') and associated infrastructure	EIA Not Required 21/02/25
Within	ZG2024/0861/FUL received 14/08/25	Formation of concrete pad foundation, installation of steel frames for overhead buss bars and excavation for cable routes	Approved 31/01/25
Within	ZG2023/0726/COU received 17/07/23	Change of class use to B8 Storage and siting of 10no. shipping containers	Awaiting decision

⁷ Point of Connection (POC) refers to the existing Monk Fryston Substation.

Within or adjacent to Order Limits	Reference and Application Date	Description	Decision and Date
Within	ZG2023/0557/SCN received 23/05/23	EIA Screening Opinion in relation to a solar farm with associated infrastructure	EIA Not Required 22/06/23
Within	2022/1482/S73 received 19/12/22	Section 73 application to vary condition 03 (discontinuance date) of approval 2021/0633/FULM Installation and operation of a battery storage facility and ancillary development on land allowed on appeal APP/N2739/W/22/3290256 granted on 01 August 2022	Approved 31/10/23
Within	Yorkshire GREEN EN020024	A proposed reinforcement project comprising a new 400kV and 275kV electricity transmission connection and associated development	Granted on 14/03/24
Within	2021/0789/FULM received on 23/06/2021	Construction of a zero-carbon energy storage and management facility including containerised batteries, synchronous condensers and associated infrastructure, access and landscaping.	Refused on 15/12/2021
	Appeal of refused application (2021/0789/FULM-): APP/N2739/W/22/3300623 lodged on 07/06/2022	Please note this scheme is under construction and almost complete.	Appeal allowed on 01/12/2022
	Section 73 application received on 28/04/2026	Section 73 application to vary conditions 2 (plans), 5 (landscaping), 9 (drainage) and 15 (noise) of approval 2021/0789/FULM Construction of a zero-carbon energy storage and management facility including containerised batteries, synchronous condensers and associated infrastructure, access and landscaping	Awaiting decision

Cable Route Corridor 1-4a (alternative)

Table 3-5 Planning applications within or adjacent to Cable Route Corridor 1-4a

Within or adjacent to Order Limits	Reference and Application Date	Description	Decision and Date
Adjacent	ZG2023/0551/OUTM received 23/05/23	Outline application with all matters reserved except for means of access to,	Approved 19/12/25

Within or adjacent to Order Limits	Reference and Application Date	Description	Decision and Date
		but not within, the site for the development of up to 140 dwellings and associated landscaping and infrastructure	

Cable Route Corridor 3-4a (alternative)

Table 3-6 Planning applications within or adjacent to Cable Route Corridor 3-4a

Within or adjacent to Order Limits	Reference and Application Date	Description	Decision and Date
Within	ZG2023/1271/FULM received 28/11/23	Erection of a solar farm together with ancillary development thereto	Refused 25/03/25
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