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# WHITESTONE SOLAR FARM

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## Glossary

Term	Meaning
<i>Environment Statement (ES)</i>	The Environmental Statement which presents the environmental information relating to the Proposed Development and assessment of potential effects. The ES has been prepared as part of the Application.
<i>The Applicant</i>	Whitestone Net Zero Ltd
<i>The Application</i>	The Application submitted to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order.
<i>The Proposed Development</i>	The proposed Whitestone Solar Farm.

## Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
<i>DCO</i>	Development Consent Order
<i>EBRD</i>	European Bank for Reconstruction Development
<i>EIA</i>	Environmental Impact Assessment
<i>ES</i>	Environmental Statement
<i>ESIA</i>	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
<i>IEMA</i>	Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment
<i>IFC</i>	International Finance Corporation
<i>ISEP</i>	Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals
<i>NSIP</i>	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project

## 1.1 Environmental Impact Assessment Authors

- 1.1.1 The following document has been prepared to support **ES Volume 1, Chapter 1: Introduction [EN0110020/APP/6.1]** of the Environmental Statement (ES).
- 1.1.2 The information detailed below has been provided in line with the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended)<sup>1</sup> (the EIA Regulations). Regulation 14(4)(b) of the EIA regulations states “*the environmental statement must be accompanied by a statement from the applicant outlining the relevant expertise or qualifications of such experts.*”
- 1.1.3 **Table 1.1-1** presents the qualifications and experience of the lead authors of this EIA.

**Table 1.1-1 EIA Authors**

Chapter	Author	Qualifications and Experience
ES Lead Author	██████████	██████████ has over 14 years’ experience in renewable project development and has led the consenting of some of the UK’s largest offshore wind farms. As an experienced Project Director and Chartered Environmentalist, ██████████ has a thorough understanding of the environmental and consenting legislation in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. ██████████ has significant experience in leading renewable projects through site selection, risk identification, lease applications, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), securing consent and post consent discharge of requirements. ██████████ has led extensive stakeholder engagement strategies and has a thorough understanding of the key concerns raised by statutory and non-statutory stakeholders. ██████████ has held a number of positions on industry bodies including the Impact Assessment Steering Group for the Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (formerly the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)).
Biodiversity	██████████	██████████ is a Principal Consultant Ecologist, with 17 years of consultancy experience plus earlier public sector experience and is a renewables ecology technical lead in his present role. ██████████ has worked on infrastructure and renewable energy projects (solar, wind and hydrogen), including the largest DCO consented solar scheme in the UK (Cleve Hill, Kent). He has extensive experience working on projects in terrestrial and aquatic environments, and is knowledgeable in a range of ecology

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		specialisms, environmental legislation, and planning policy.
Biodiversity	██████████	██████████ is an Ecologist specialising in Ornithology with 20 years' experience working in bird survey and conservation, including 10 years in the consultancy sector. He has worked on a range of conservation projects around the world and since working at ERM has specialized in the renewable energy sector, including all aspects of developments from feasibility through to post-construction monitoring.
Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment	██████████	██████████ has over 25 years' landscape and environmental consultancy experience to the company. He is a Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute and specialises in Landscape Architectural services but has proven experience in the management and delivery of EIAs.
Cultural Heritage and Archaeology	██████████	██████████ has over 24 years' experience in the cultural heritage sector. Beginning his career in UK and Irish archaeology, he has gone on to lead large World Bank funded mitigation projects in archaeologically sensitive regions of Africa. He has extensive experience both in research and development-led heritage management and has published widely on archaeological practice and heritage management policy.
Ground Conditions	██████████	██████████ is a Chartered Geologist with 30 years' experience and a diverse earth science background. Formerly, he was a consultant in both mineral and hydrocarbon exploration industries. At ERM, he has significant experience in a wide range of projects: as topic lead for soil, sediment, groundwater and geology on numerous Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) projects to International Finance Corporation (IFC) and European Bank for Reconstruction Development (EBRD) standards and Equator Principles; environmental due diligence and compliance audits; and site investigation, risk assessment and remediation of contaminated land.
Water Resources and Flood Risk	██████████ ██████████	██████████ is a Chartered Hydrologist with 9 years' experience working in the water, renewables, linear infrastructure, and transportation sectors. Briony has led, project managed and delivered EIAs for numerous successful renewable energy applications.

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Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Assessment	██████████	██████████ is a Principal Consultant and is experienced in the development and delivery of sustainability projects that cut carbon emissions. For the past decade, Rachel led the development and delivery of SSE's Net Zero Transition Plan.
Air Quality	██████████ ██████████	██████████ is a Managing Technical Consultant with 8 years' experience within the UK Air Quality team. ██████████ core role is supporting on the technical and project management aspects of the air quality practice. He has supported on a wide variety of different international dispersion modelling and monitoring projects in a number of different sectors including renewables, mining, oil and gas and heavy industry.
Traffic and Transport	██████████	██████████ is a Principal Transport Planner with over 12 years' experience working on transport planning projects and has gained a breadth of experience on a wide range of topics including development planning and management, transport appraisal, travel planning and traffic engineering. He has gained experience in the various stages of the development planning process from policy reviews, stakeholder engagement, access strategies through to detailed transport assessments.
Traffic and Transport (Access Design)	██████████ ██████████	██████████ is a Chartered Civil Engineer with extensive experience in various aspects of project delivery including planning submissions, project controls and highways design. Having gained experience on both local and strategic highways projects within the design consultancy environment, ██████████ has a diverse engineering background, allowing a holistic approach in the successful delivery of infrastructure projects.
Noise and Vibration	██████████	██████████ is a Chartered Engineer and Member of the Institute for Acoustics, with 15 years' experience in the field of Acoustics. Will has led the noise and vibration assessments on a diverse portfolio of developments for EIA. ██████████ is experienced in providing evidence as an expert witness as part of the planning process at public inquiry.
Socio-Economics, Tourism, and Land-Use	██████████ ██████████	██████████ has over 10 years of experience of delivering high quality economic and socio-economic research and analysis for major infrastructure projects across the energy, transport and water sectors, and in support of local development plans. Her recent experience includes EIA socio-economic, land

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		use, tourism and recreation assessments for renewable energy projects.
Other Environmental Topics	██████████	██████████ is a Principal Consultant specialising in EIA and management with 17 years' experience. ██████████ has extensive experience leading the management and delivery of environmental assessment of large and complex infrastructure projects under various consenting schemes. With experience in managing complex industrial developments such as high-speed rail, nuclear power plants, linear infrastructure projects, ██████████ is capable in leading on the environmental design, EIA and consultation activities in support of project delivery.
Other Environmental Topics / Waste	██████ ██████████	██████████ has 15 years consultancy experience, focusing on Phase 1 and 2 geo-environmental site investigations, risk assessment and remediation, and fulfils technical lead roles in these areas on multi-disciplinary projects including in support of EIA projects.
Cumulative Effects Assessment	██████████	██████████ is a Managing Consultant with five years' experience in consultancy. She specialises in supporting and co-ordinating EIAs, particularly for onshore renewable energy schemes such as solar and onshore wind. She has worked on multiple multi-disciplinary projects within the UK, from project feasibility to project submission, and has experience providing post-submission support.

## References

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Communities and Local Government (2017) *Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017*. Available at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/572> [Accessed January 2026]



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