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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose of this Document

1.1.1. This document provides a guide to Mallard Pass Solar Farm Limited's (the 'Applicant') application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for Mallard Pass Solar Farm made to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (the 'Secretary of State') pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008).

1.1.2. The Applicant is seeking a draft DCO for the construction, operation (including maintenance), and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) farm and supporting infrastructure (the 'Proposed Development'). The Application is required because the Proposed Development is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure project (NSIP) under the PA 2008.

1.1.3. This Guide aims to help the Examining Authority (ExA) and interested parties understand the draft DCO Application through signposting to the documents that make up the Application.

1.1.4. Regulation 5 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (APFP Regulations) sets out the documents that all draft DCO applications must include. It also provides at Regulation 5(2)(q) for the submission of "any other documents considered necessary to support the application" as well as at Regulation 5(2)(o) for "any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the proposals."

1.1.5. Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations sets out the specific documentation required in support of draft DCO applications for particular types of development, including generating stations and grid connections.

1.1.6. The Proposed Development constitutes an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development and therefore the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) and requirements contained therein apply.

1.1.7. 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.

1.2. **The Applicant**

1.2.1. The Applicant is Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd, a subsidiary of Windel Energy Ltd.

1.2.2. Windel Energy Ltd, founded in 2018, is a privately held company that specialises in the development and asset management of renewable energy projects and low carbon, including solar, battery energy storage systems, onshore wind and green hydrogen technologies with projects ranging from 10MW to 320MW output across England and Wales. Windel Energy works closely with landowners, giving them the opportunity to diversify their income stream by leasing their land for solar development.

1.2.3. Canadian Solar Inc is the development partner of Windel Energy. It was founded in 2001 in Canada and is one of the world's largest solar power companies. It is a leading manufacturer of PV Modules and provider of solar energy solutions and has a geographically diversified pipeline of utility-scale solar power projects in various stages of development. Over the past 19 years, Canadian Solar Inc has successfully delivered over 49 GW of premium-quality, PV Modules to customers in over 150 countries.

2. The Proposed Development

2.1. Proposed Development Description

2.1.1. Mallard Pass Solar Farm is a proposed solar farm that will generate energy for exporting to the National Grid (the ‘Proposed Development’).

2.1.2. The Proposed Development comprises the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a solar PV array electricity generating facility with a total capacity exceeding 50MW in approximately 825ha of land within Lincolnshire and Rutland. A full description of the Proposed Development can be found within Chapter 5 of the Environmental Statement **[EN010127/APP/6.1]** and Design and Access Statement **[EN010127/APP/7.3]**.

2.1.3. The main objective for the Proposed Development is to generate low-carbon renewable energy, that can be used to contribute to addressing the urgent need to decarbonise the UK’s energy supply. Further details on this can be found within the Statement of Need **[EN010127/APP/7.1]**.

2.2. The Order Limits

2.2.1. The Order limits are shown on the Location, Order Limits and Grid Coordinates Plans **[EN010127/APP/2.6]**, Land Plans **[EN010127/APP/2.1]** and Works Plan **[EN010127/APP/2.2]** which accompany this Application.

2.2.2. The Proposed Development comprises of approximately 825ha of land that is located within the administrative areas of South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) and Rutland County Council (RCC).

3. Overview of Application Documentation

3.1.1. The documents submitted as part of the Application have been grouped into the below document parts noted within Table 3.1 to accord with the Planning Inspectorate’s (PINS) Advice Note Six: Preparation and submission of application documents (version 11) published in August 2022.

Table 3.1 - Guide to Document Parts of the Application

Document Part	Context
Part 1 – Application Form	Contains the completed application form, the Application cover letter, this Guide, the electronic application index, and the section 55 checklist completed by the Applicant demonstrating the Application can be accepted pursuant to section 55 of the PA 2008.
Part 2 – Plans; Drawings; Sections	Contains relevant plans for the Proposed Development, as required by the APFP Regulations and other plans provided to support the Application.
Part 3 – Development Consent Order (DCO)	Contains the draft Statutory Instrument containing the legal powers the Applicant is seeking, together with separate documents explaining the provisions of the DCO and how other required consents will be obtained.
Part 4 – Compulsory Acquisition Information	Provides evidence for why legal powers of compulsory acquisition are sought, as well as information on how the Proposed Development is to be funded and details of the land interests that are required for the Proposed Development.
Part 5 – Reports and Statements	Contains the consultation report and its supporting appendices relating to the pre-application consultation undertaken on the Proposed Development and how consultation feedback has been taken into account.

Part 6 – Environmental Statement	Provides environmental information and an assessment of the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development, as well as a description of proposed mitigation measures.
Part 7 – Other Documents	Contains additional documents pertaining to the Proposed Development, required by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations and considered by the Applicant to be required to support the application in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(q) of the APFP Regulations.

3.1.2. The remainder of this Guide (sections 4 to 10) provides a summary of the purpose of the documents and plans noted included within each part noted in the above Table 3.1.

3.1.3. In addition, Appendix A provides a document schedule, which is a live document and will be updated during subsequent stages of the application should additional documents be required.

3.1.4. A copy of all of the application submission documents will be available on the PINS website following submission to the Secretary of State .

3.2. Document Referencing Numbering

3.2.1. Documents are numbered in sequence within the respective parts (as outlined in Appendix A of this Guide), with the part number being the first digit of a document number. This is followed, where relevant, by the document number, the chapter and/or Appendix number.

4. Part 1 – Application Form

4.1.1. The Covering Letter **[EN010127/APP/1.1]** provides a brief description of the Proposed Development, its location and a general introduction to the Application.

4.1.2. The purpose of the Guide to the Application **[EN010127/APP/1.2]** is referred to above.

4.1.3. The Application Form **[EN010127/APP/1.3]** is the standard application form required by Section 37(3)(b) of the PA 2008 to be submitted with the application and provides a high-level summary of the Proposed Development and the documents that have been submitted for the Applicant's DCO Application.

4.1.4. A Section 55 Checklist **[EN010127/APP/1.4]** is included to demonstrate how the Application fulfils the conditions for acceptance by the Inspectorate under Section 55 of the 2008 Planning Act.

4.1.5. The Electronic Application Index **[EN010127/APP/1.5]** is the list of electronic file names, reference numbers for each document, and the regulation numbers provided in each part submitted with the Application.

5. Part 2 – Plans, Drawings, Sections

5.1.1. In addition to the Location Plan **[EN010127/APP/2.6]**, an additional seven plans are submitted as part of the application. In accordance with Regulation 5(4) of the APFP Regulations, where there are three or more separate drawing sheets, a key plan is provided to enable the reader to understand the relationship between the different sheets.

5.1.2. The Land Plans **[EN010127/APP/2.1]** illustrate the land required for, or affected, by the Proposed Development. This includes (a) land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any right to use land (b) land in which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights and (c) land over which temporary possession is sought. These plans correspond to the Book of Reference **[EN010127/APP/4.3]**.

5.1.3. The Works Plans **[EN010127/APP/2.2]** demonstrate the relationship between the proposed location of the Proposed Development and the limits of deviation within which the development and works may be carried out. The areas on the Works Plans are numbered, and these correspond to the numbered works set out in Schedule 1 of the draft DCO **[EN010127/APP/3.1]** which are proposed to be authorised by the DCO.

5.1.4. The Access and Rights of Way Plans **[EN010127/APP/2.4]** illustrate any new or altered means of access, permanent and temporary alteration of streets, street works and authorisation of use of motor vehicles over public rights of way.

5.1.5. The Traffic Regulation Measures Plans **[EN010127/APP/2.7]** (two sets: road closures, temporary measures) show details of temporary speed changes, temporary traffic signals, temporary road closures and public rights of way closures required for the Proposed Development.

5.1.6. The Claimed Right of Way Plan **[EN010127/APP/2.8]** demonstrates the public rights of way and claimed right of way area running throughout the Proposed Development Order Limits.

5.1.7. The Hedgerows Plans **[EN010127/APP/2.5]** addresses which hedgerows are to be removed from the Order Limits as part of the Proposed Development.

5.1.8. Illustrative/Indicative Layout Plans **[EN010127/APP/2.3]** are provided to demonstrate the anticipated design and layout of the Proposed Development.

5.1.9. Other plans/drawings illustrating the Proposed Development are provided in the Environmental Statement **[EN010127/APP/6.1]** and within the Design and Access Statement **[EN010127/APP/7.3]**.

6. Part 3 – Draft Development Consent Order

6.1.1. The Draft Development Consent Order [EN010127/APP/3.1] is the draft statutory instrument which contains the legal powers that the Applicant is seeking to enable it to construct, operate (including maintenance), and decommission the Proposed Development should consent to be granted. It sets out the parameters for what development would be permitted. It is comprised of 46 articles and 16 schedules. The Schedules are outlined below:

- a) **Schedule 1 (Authorised development)** – lists the works that would be authorised by the grant of development consent, which are shown on the Works Plans [EN010127/APP/2.2] and to which the Schedule refers;
- b) **Schedule 2 (Requirements)** – sets out the conditions that the Applicant would be required to accord with when implementing the development authorised by the DCO;
- c) **Schedule 3 (Legislation to be disapplied)** – lists the historic legislation that the Applicant is seeking to disapply for the purposes of the Proposed Development.
- d) **Schedule 4 (Streets subject to street works)** – sets out the streets that would be subject to street works in connection with the development that would be authorised by the DCO;
- e) **Schedule 5 (Alteration of streets)** – is split into two sections, the first listing the streets that would be subject to permanent alteration of layout and the second listing streets that would subject to temporary alteration of layout during the life of the Proposed Development;
- f) **Schedule 6 (Public rights of way)** – is split into two sections, the first detailing public rights of way to be temporarily stopped up and the second detailing temporary use of motor vehicles on public right of way;
- g) **Schedule 7 (Access to works)** – contains details of the means of access that would be created as a result of the Proposed Development.;
- h) **Schedule 8 (Traffic regulation measures)** – sets out areas where traffic regulation measures are proposed and is split into three sections, the first detailing the temporary speed limits for specific roads, the second detailing the temporary road closures and the third detailing the extent of temporary traffic signals;
- i) **Schedule 9 (Land in which only new rights etc. may be acquired)** – sets out the land over which the Applicant is seeking to acquire new land rights only rather than acquiring the entire freehold interest in that land. This Schedule should be read in conjunction with the Land Plans [EN010127/APP/2.1];
- j) **Schedule 10 (Modification of compensation and compulsory purchase enactments for the creation of new rights and imposition of new**

- restrictive covenants)** – amends relevant compulsory purchase legislation to ensure that it can apply to the DCO (particularly in connection with land and rights compulsorily acquired under the DCO);
- k) **Schedule 11 (Land of which temporary possession may be taken)** – sets out the land of which only temporary possession may be taken, pursuant to Article 29 (Temporary use of land for constructing the authorised development).
 - l) **Schedule 12 (Hedgerows to be removed)** – sets out details of hedgerows to be removed;
 - m) **Schedule 13 (Documents and plans to be certified)** - contains a list of documents that would be ‘certified’ if the DCO is made by the Secretary of State.
 - n) **Schedule 14 (Arbitration rules)** – sets out the arbitration process for how any differences under any provision of the DCO will be resolved.
 - o) **Schedule 15 (Protective provisions)** – sets out protective provisions for the benefit of statutory undertakers whose equipment may be affected by the authorised development.
 - p) **Schedule 16 (Procedure for discharge of requirements)** – provides a bespoke procedure for dealing with an application made to the relevant authority (as defined in the Schedule) for any consent, agreement or approval required or contemplated by the provisions of the DCO. It sets out time periods within which decisions must be made and provides for deemed approval of the applications in certain circumstances. It also makes provision for appeals to be made in the event of a refusal of an application or if the relevant authority requires further information to be provided in relation to that application.

6.1.2. The Explanatory Memorandum to the draft DCO **[EN010127/APP/3.2]** explains the purpose and effect of each provision in the draft DCO including why it is considered necessary. It also identifies examples of precedents from other DCOs where applicable.

6.1.3. The Applicant requires a range of consents and agreements to construct and operate the Proposed Development. As explained in the Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Development Consent Order **[EN010127/APP/3.1]** some of these are included in the Order, however, there are other consents from different regulatory organisations that will be required separately to the Order. The need for such consents and how these are to be obtained is explained in the Consents and Licenses required under other legislation **[EN010127/APP/3.3]**.

7. Part 4 – Compulsory Acquisition Information

7.1.1. Part 4 provides the evidence to justify the legal powers sought for compulsory acquisition as well as information on how the Proposed Development is to be funded. The Statement of Reasons **[EN010127/APP/4.1]** explains that there is a compelling case in the public interest which would justify the Applicant's exercise of powers of compulsory acquisition in order to acquire land and rights permanently and to use land temporarily to enable it to construct, operate (including maintenance) and decommission the Proposed Development. The Schedule of Negotiations **[EN010127/APP/4.4]** should be read alongside the Statement of Reasons and sets out the status of negotiations with landowners and the powers sought over the Order land.

7.1.2. The Funding Statement **[EN010127/APP/4.2]** details how the Proposed Development, including any compulsory purchase acquisition, would be funded.

7.1.3. The Book of Reference **[EN010127/APP/4.3]** identifies all the parties who own or occupy land and/or have an interest in or right over the land affected by the Proposed Development, and/or who may be entitled to make a 'relevant claim' as defined in Section 57 of the 2008 Planning Act. It is structured in five parts, in accordance with the regulatory requirements:

7.1.3.1. Part 1: Categories 1 & 2: Owners, Lessees, Tenants, Occupiers, Other Interest, Power to Convey or Release Land;

7.1.3.2. Part 2: Category 3: Section 10 Land Compensation Act 1965 and Part 1 Land Compensation Act 1973;

7.1.3.3. Part 3: Easements or other private rights proposed to be interfered with, suspended or extinguished;

7.1.3.4. Part 4: Crown Interests; and

7.1.3.5. Part 5: Special Category and Replacement Land.

8. Part 5 – Reports/Statements

8.1.1. Part 5 includes the Consultation Report **[EN010127/APP/5.1]** and its supporting appendices **[EN010127/APP/5.2]**. The Consultation Report explains how the Applicant has complied with the consultation requirements set out in the PA 2008; the APFP Regulations and the EIA Regulations. The report also accords with the guidance set out in ‘Planning Act 2008: guidance on the pre-application process’ published by the Department for Levelling-Up, Housing and Communities in March 2015 and the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note Fourteen: Compiling the Consultation Report.

8.1.2. The Consultation Report **[EN010127/APP/5.1]** is structured as follows:

- a) Chapter 1 – Executive Summary.
- b) Chapter 2 - Introduction
- c) Chapter 3 – Legislation, guidance and advice.
- d) Chapter 4 – Early engagement and non-statutory consultation (2021).
- e) Chapter 5 – Consultation under EIA regulations.
- f) Chapter 6 – Ongoing non-statutory consultation meetings for EIA development.
- g) Chapter 7 – Preparation for statutory consultation (17 February 2022 – 22 April 2022).
- h) Chapter 8 – Statutory consultation under section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (May 2022 – August 2022).
- i) Chapter 9 – Statutory consultation under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (May 2022 – August 2022).

- j) Chapter 10- Statutory consultation under section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 (26 May 2022 – 04 August 2022).
- k) Chapter 11 – Statutory consultation under section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (May 2022 – August 2022): responses received, issues raised, and changes made.
- l) Chapter 12 – Statutory consultation under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (May 2022 – August 2022): responses received, issues raised, and changes made.
- m) Chapter 13 – Ongoing consultation activities and statements of common ground.
- n) Chapter 14 – Conclusion.

8.1.3. Appendices of the Consultation Report **[EN010127/APP/5.2]** are included within the report as follows:

- a) Appendix 1 – Consultation Compliance Checklist
- b) Appendix 2 – Section 46 Notification to Planning Inspectorate (20 May 2022)
- c) Appendix 3 – Section 42 Consultees and Consultation (26 May – 04 August 2022)
- d) Appendix 4 – Applicant response in regard to Section 47 comments (26 May – 04 August 2022)
- e) Appendix 5 – Applicant response in regard to Section 42 comments (26 May – 04 August 2022)
- f) Appendix 6 – Section 47, Duty to consult the local community and Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

- g) Appendix 7 – Non-statutory Consultation Outputs (04 November 2021 – 26 May 2022)
- h) Appendix 8 – Section 48 Consultation (26 May – 04 August 2022)
- i) Appendix 9 – Stage Two Statutory Community Consultation Outputs (26 May 2022 – 04 August 2022)
- j) Appendix 10 – Statutory Consultation Zone (26 May – 04 August 2022)
- k) Appendix 11 – Section 44 Consultees and Consultation
- l) Appendix 12 – Elected Members’ Distribution List
- m) Appendix 13 – Ongoing Community Engagement (26 May 2022 – 24 November 2022)

9. Part 6 – Environmental Statement

9.1.1. The Applicant has conducted an Environmental Impact Assessment for the Proposed Development to consider what significant effects the Proposed Development is likely to have on the surrounding environment.

9.1.2. Part 6 reports the findings of the EIA within the Environmental Statement **[EN010127/APP/6.1]** and its supporting appendices **[EN010127/APP/6.2]** and figures **[EN010127/APP/6.3]**.

9.1.3. Volume 1 of the Environmental Statement **[EN010127/APP/6.1]** is formed of the following chapters:

Chapters of the Environmental Statement
Chapter 0 - Glossary
Chapter 1 - Introduction
Chapter 2 - Overview of the EIA Process
Chapter 3 - Description of Order Limits
Chapter 4 - Alternatives and Design Development
Chapter 5 – Project Description
Chapter 6 – Landscape and Visual
Chapter 7 – Ecology and Biodiversity
Chapter 8 – Cultural Heritage
Chapter 9 – Highways and Access
Chapter 10 – Noise and Vibration
Chapter 11 – Water Resources and Ground Conditions
Chapter 12 – Land Use and Soils
Chapter 13 – Climate Change
Chapter 14 – Socio-economics

Chapter 15 – Other Environmental Topics
Chapter 16 – Interaction of Effects and Summary of Cumulative Effects
Chapter 17 – Summary of Effects and Mitigation

9.1.4. Volume 2 of the Environmental Statement **[EN010127/APP/6.2]** includes the relevant Appendices which support the findings discussed within the Environmental Statement. The Appendices are listed as follows:

Appendices of the Environmental Statement
Appendix 1.1 - Statement of Competence
Appendix 2.1 - EIA Scoping Opinion Request
Appendix 2.2 - EIA Scoping Opinion
Appendix 2.3 - EIA Scoping Opinion Response Matrix
Appendix 2.4 - Cumulative Long List Table
Appendix 5.1 - Project Development Parameters
Appendix 6.1 - Legislation and Planning Policy Relevant to the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA)
Appendix 6.2 - Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Methodology
Appendix 6.3 - Consultation Record and responses relevant to ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual
Appendix 6.4 - Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (RVAA)
Appendix 6.5 - Amenity and Recreation
Appendix 7.1 - Ecological and Biodiversity Policy and Legislation
Appendix 7.2 - Ecological and Biodiversity Assessment Methodology

Appendix 7.3 - Consultation Record and Responses Relevant to Ecology and Biodiversity
Appendix 7.4 - Ecological Baseline Report
Appendix 7.5 - Shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report
Appendix 7.6 - Biodiversity Net Gain
Appendix 8.1 - Legislation and Planning Policy relevant to Cultural Heritage
Appendix 8.2 - Cultural Heritage Assessment Methodology
Appendix 8.3 - Consultation Record and Responses relevant to Cultural Heritage
Appendix 8.4 - Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment
Appendix 8.5 - Geophysical Survey
Appendix 8.6 - Interim Trial Trenching Summary Report
Appendix 9.1 - Legislation and Planning Policy Relevant to Transport and Access
Appendix 9.2 - Highways and Access Assessment Methodology
Appendix 9.3 - Consultation Record and Responses Relevant to Transport and Access
Appendix 9.4 - Transport Assessment
Appendix 9.5 - Baseline and Future Baseline Traffic Flows
Appendix 9.6 - Construction Traffic Impact Assessment
Appendix 10.1 - Legislation and Planning Policy Relevant to Noise and Vibration
Appendix 10.2 - Noise and Vibration Assessment Methodology
Appendix 10.3 - Consultation Record and Responses Relevant to Noise and Vibration

Appendix 10.4 - Baseline Noise Survey
Appendix 10.5 - Noise Modelling
Appendix 11.1 - Legislation and Planning Policy Relevant to Water Resources and Ground Conditions
Appendix 11.2 - Water Resources and Ground Conditions Assessment Methodology
Appendix 11.3 - Consultation Record and Responses Relevant to Water Resources and Ground Conditions
Appendix 11.4 - Baseline Data
Appendix 11.5 - Flood Risk Assessment
Appendix 11.6 - Outline Surface Water Drainage Strategy
Appendix 12.1 - Planning Policy Relevant to Land Use and Soils
Appendix 12.2 - Land Use and Soils Assessment Methodology
Appendix 12.3 - Consultation Record and Responses Relevant to Land Use and Soils
Appendix 12.4 - Agricultural Land Classification
Appendix 12.5 - Agricultural Land Classification Measurements Explained
Appendix 12.6 - Farm Interview Notes
Appendix 12.7 - British Society of Soil Science “Soil Carbon” (2021)
Appendix 12.8 - Construction Methodology
Appendix 13.1 - Legislation and Planning Policy Relevant to Climate Change
Appendix 13.2 - Climate Change Assessment Methodology
Appendix 13.3 - Consultation Record and Responses Relevant to Climate Change

Appendix 14.1 - Socio-Economics Policy Context
Appendix 14.2 - Socio-Economics Assessment Methodology
Appendix 14.3 - Consultation Record and Responses Relevant to Socio-Economics
Appendix 15.1 - Air Quality Passive Diffusion Tube Monitoring
Appendix 15.2 - Arboricultural Impact Assessment
Appendix 15.3 - Solar Photovoltaic Glint and Glare Study
Appendix 16.1 - Cumulative Sites Long List
Appendix 17.1 - Mitigation Schedule

9.1.5. Appendix 7.5 of the Environmental Statement **[EN010127/APP/6.2]** provides the Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment to inform an Appropriate Assessment. It demonstrates the Proposed Development's compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and provides sufficient information to enable the Secretary of State to make an appropriate assessment in relation to European Sites, as required by APFP Regulation (Regulation 5(2)(g)).

9.1.6. Appendix 7.6 of the Environmental Statement **[EN010127/APP/6.2]** presents the predicted biodiversity net gain that would be delivered by the Proposed Development.

9.1.7. Appendix 9.4 of the Environmental Statement **[EN010127/APP/6.2]** provides a Transport Assessment of the Proposed Development.

9.1.8. Appendix 11.5 of the Environmental Statement **[EN010127/APP/6.2]** provides a Flood Risk Assessment to accord with APFP Regulations (Regulation 5(2)(e)).

9.1.9. Appendix 17.1 of the Environmental Statement **[EN010127/APP/6.2]** sets out all the mitigation measures to be delivered for the Proposed Development and how they are to be secured.

9.1.10. Finally, Volume 3 of the Environmental Statement **[EN010127/APP/6.3]** includes the relevant figures which support the findings discussed within the Environmental Statement. The figures are as follows:

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Figure 1.1 - Order Limits
Figure 1.2 - Administrative Boundaries
Figure 2.1 - Cumulative Developments Shortlisted for Cumulative Effects Assessment (100k scale)
Figure 2.2 - Cumulative Developments Shortlisted for Cumulative Effects Assessment (450k scale)
Figure 3.1 - Extents of the Order Limits, Solar PV Site, Mitigation and Enhancement Areas and Potential Highway Works
Figure 3.2 - Field Numbering System
Figure 4.1 - Stage 1 Concept Masterplan
Figure 4.2 - Stage 2 Concept Masterplan
Figure 4.3 - Concept Masterplan
Figure 5.1(a) - Fixed South Facing String Inverter Illustrative Development Layout
Figure 5.1(b) - Single Axis Tracker String Inverter Illustrative Development Layout
Figure 5.1 (c) - Fixed South Facing Central Inverter Illustrative Development Layout
Figure 5.1 (d) - Single Axis Tracker Central Inverter Illustrative Development Layout

Figure 5.2 - Illustrative Elevations of Fixed South Facing and Single Axis Tracker Arrays
Figure 5.3 (a) - Illustrative Elevations of Container Solar Station
Figure 5.3 (b) - Illustrative Elevations of Cabinet Solar Station
Figure 5.3 (c) - Illustrative Elevations of Container Solar Station for String Inverters
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Figure 5.6 - Illustrative Cable Trench Section
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Figure 5.8 - Cable Crossing Options of the East Coast Mainline Railway
Figure 5.9 - Illustrative Fencing and Access Gate Elevation
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Figure 6.3 - Natural England, National Character Area Profiles
Figure 6.4 - Local Landscape Character Areas
Figure 6.5 - Access and Recreation
Figure 6.6 - Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) Study, Representative Viewpoints and Illustrative Viewpoint

Figure 6.7 - Visual Receptor Groups (VRG) and Zone of Visual Influence, Representative Viewpoints and Illustrative Viewpoints and Visual Receptor Groups
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Figure 6.11 - Green Infrastructure Strategy Plan
Figure 6.12 - Cumulative Schemes and ZVI Plan
Figure 7.1 - Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Designations Plan (Maps 1-2)
Figure 7.2 - Ponds within 500m of the Order Limits
Figure 7.3 - Phase 1 Habitats Plan (Maps 1-3)
Figure 7.4 - Trees with Bat Roost Suitability (Maps 1-2)
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Figure 11.2 - Illustration of solid geology
Figure 11.3 - Illustration of Superficial Geology
Figure 11.4 - Flood risk map

Figure 11.5 - Private Water Supplies

Figure 11.6 - Water Bodies in a River Basin Management Plan

Figure 12.1 - Agricultural Land Classification Results
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9.1.11. Other documents within Part 6 of the application include the Non-Technical Summary **[EN010127/APP/6.4]**.

10. Part 7 – Other Documents

10.1.1. Part 7 provides other documents which the Applicant has submitted to adhere to the APFP Regulations and/or which are considered by the Applicant to be required to support the Application.

10.1.2. The Statement of Need **[EN010127/APP/7.1]** explains the need for the Proposed Development and extends the case made in the National Policy Statements relevant to energy infrastructure for low carbon energy generation. It draws upon established and emerging primary analysis and opinion by respected third parties, to support the case that the Proposed Development is required to ensure that the UK remains on track to meet its legally binding carbon emissions reduction targets, while enhancing national security of supply, and at a cost which, in relation to other electricity generation infrastructure developments, provides value for money for end-use consumers.

10.1.3. The Planning Statement **[EN010127/APP/7.2]** details the Proposed Development compliance with the relevant planning policy framework, at national and local levels, and other matters which the Applicant considers are important and relevant to the Secretary of State's decision.

10.1.4. The Design and Access Statement **[EN010127/APP/7.3]** provides information regarding the context of the Proposed Development's location and context, the design approach and evolution, the green infrastructure strategy and the detailed design process. .

10.1.5. The Grid Connection Statement **[EN010127/APP/7.4]** has been submitted in accordance with Regulation 6(1)(a)(i) of the APFP Regulations. It outlines the details for connecting the solar PV arrays to the National Grid.

10.1.6. The Statutory Nuisance Statement **[EN010127/APP/7.5]** identifies the matters set out in Section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in respect of statutory nuisances and considers whether the Proposed Development would engage one or more of those matters, as required by Regulation 5(2)(f) of the APFP

Regulations. Where any matters may be potentially engaged, this statement sets out its proposals for mitigating or limiting them.

10.1.7. The Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan **[EN010127/APP/7.6]** sets out the measures that will be included in a detailed Construction Environmental Management Plan to control potential environmental and amenity impacts of construction.

10.1.8. The Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan **[EN010127/APP/7.7]** sets out the measures that will be included in a detailed Operational Environmental Management Plan to control potential environmental and amenity impacts of the operation of the Proposed Development.

10.1.9. Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan **[EN010127/APP/7.8]** sets out the measures that will be included in a detailed Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan to control potential environmental and amenity impacts of decommissioning.

10.1.10. The Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan **[EN010127/APP/7.9]** sets out the measures that will be included in a detailed Landscape and Ecology Management Plan.

10.1.11. The Outline Employment, Skills and Supply Chain **[EN010127/APP/7.10]** sets out how the Applicant plans to work with local stakeholders to make provisions for the Proposed Development to create opportunities for improvement and employment of local skills and to engage in ethical procurement of the supply chain.

10.1.12. The Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan **[EN010127/APP/7.11]** sets out the measures that will be provided in a detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan for the traffic that is generated during the construction phase of the Proposed Development.

10.1.13. The Outline Soil Management Plan (including Excavated Materials Management Plan) **[EN010127/APP/7.12]** sets out the principal construction and decommissioning activities that will be included in a detailed Soil Management Plan (including Excavated Materials Management Plan) and the measures that will be followed during these stages. This will be a live document, and where necessary modifications can be made as construction and decommissioning phases are carried out.

10.1.14. The Outline Water Management Plan **[EN010127/APP/7.13]** sets out the measures that will be included in a detailed Water Management Plan required during construction and operation phases of the Proposed Development to adequately protect water resources.

10.1.15. The Outline Travel Plan **[EN010127/APP/7.14]** sets out the framework for the measures that will be included in a detailed Travel Plan which will provide mitigation for the travel of construction staff to the Proposed Development and promote the use of sustainable transport.

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