

Tween Bridge Solar Farm

1.1 Application Form

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Dear Sir/Madam,

PLANNING ACT 2008 – APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER FOR TWEEN BRIDGE SOLAR FARM

APPLICATION REFERENCE: EN010148

On behalf of RWE Renewable UK Solar and Storage Limited (“the Applicant”), I am pleased to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) (“the Application”) pursuant to Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (“PA 2008”) for the proposed Tween Bridge Solar Farm (“the Scheme”).

Subject of the Application

The DCO Application is for a DCO to construct, operate (including maintain), and decommission ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays, Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), and supporting infrastructure.

The DCO Application is required because the Scheme is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) pursuant to subsections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the PA 2008, as an onshore generating station in England with a capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW). The decision whether to grant development consent will be made by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.

Application Fee and Documentation

The application fee has been submitted by BACS transfer and the Planning Inspectorate have confirmed receipt in advance of this submission. The Application has been submitted via a SharePoint system, which has been set up for file transfer of

the application documents, by the Planning Inspectorate. A GIS Shapefile showing the Order Limits for the Scheme was issued to the Planning Inspectorate via email on 20 August 2025. A Section 55 Checklist [Document Reference 1.6] has been completed by the Applicant and included with the Application to assist with the Planning Inspectorate's acceptance of the Application.

Application Formalities

This Application is made in the form required by Section 37(3)(b) of the PA 2008 and the application documents comply with the requirements in Section 37 of the PA 2008 and those set out in:

- a) The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (“the APFP Regulations”)
- b) The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“the EIA Regulations”)
- c) The Department for Communities and Local Government’s (DCLG, now known as the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) ‘Planning Act 2008 – Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects – Application Form Guidance’ (June 2013)
- d) Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Preparation and Submission of Application Documents (last updated 21 January 2025).

Description of the Scheme

The Scheme is a solar PV electricity generating and storage facility with an export capacity of 800 MW, 400 MW of battery energy storage system, and associated infrastructure. The Scheme comprises several areas of land connected by a series of underground cables.

A technical description is included within Chapter 2 of the Environmental Statement (‘ES’) [Document Reference 6.1.2]. A non-technical description summary of the Scheme is included in the Guide to Application [Document Reference 1.3].

The Need for the Project

The Scheme will provide approximately 800MW of renewable energy to the UK’s electricity grid contributing to the UK Government’s goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2050. In 2022, the Government published their Energy Security Strategy, announcing that they intend to accelerate and increase solar power capacity to 70GW by 2035. Power Up Britain, published in 2023, further confirmed the Government’s commitment to solar and energy production.

Most recently, the Government published the Solar Roadmap United Kingdom Powered by Solar (June 2025). In it, the Government confirmed at Q1 of 2025 there was 18GW of solar capacity installed. This identified a 52GW shortfall to be installed in the next 10 years to meet the targets set out the Energy Security Strategy, of which this Scheme would provide a valued contribution.

The Scheme would play an important role in helping the UK to reach its renewable energy targets, by providing enough low carbon energy to meet the equivalent annual needs of over 388,888 average UK homes.

Consent Flexibility

The design of the Proposed Development has been developed to a sufficient level of detail so as to allow the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and DCO Application examination to take place.

A degree of flexibility is provided for in the Draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1] and supporting Works Plans [Document Reference 2.3] and is required to allow for the rapid evolution of technology within the solar PV and energy storage markets. The flexibility is needed to successfully deliver the Project. The Design Approach Document [Document Reference 5.6] demonstrates how the design of the Proposed Development has been developed and the Design Parameters Document [Document Reference 5.6.1] sets out the maximum (and where relevant minimum) parameters within which the detailed design of the Proposed Development is to be undertaken.

The Applicant has considered the Planning Inspectorate's 'Advice Note Nine: Rochdale Envelope' (July 2018) and ES Volume 1, Chapter 2: Scheme Description [Document Reference 6.1.2] describes the reasonable worst-case scenario of the Proposed Development's design based on the maximum (and where relevant minimum) parameters of any element of the design that is not currently fixed. The EIA recognises that the worst-case parameter for one technical assessment may differ from another. Where this approach is applied, this has been confirmed within the relevant topic chapters of this ES.

Further to the meeting with the Inspectorate on 21 August 2025, and the Applicant's letter dated 22 August, in accordance with the Inspectorate's observations, the Applicant is confident that its approach, including in relation to surveys, meets the requirements of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 in providing information reasonably required to reach a reasoned conclusion based on a reasonable worst case scenario, is consistent with established precedent and practice of accepted DCO applications, and relevant case law (in particular, R (Jones) v Mansfield District Council [2003] EWCA Civ 1408 at [39], and National Trusts' Application [2013] NIQB 60 at [70]).

Habitats Regulations Assessment

This DCO Application includes a Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment (Shadow HRA) [Document Reference 5.4] as required by Regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP Regulations.

This report provides sufficient information relevant to the Shadow HRA screening (Stage 1) and to provide sufficient information for appropriate Assessment (AA) (Stage 2) of impacts which are not screened out.

This report concludes through the implementation of mitigation measures the Scheme can be constructed and operated with no likely significant effects to the qualifying features of the designations detailed which were screened in for Appropriate Assessment.

Summer surveys have been ongoing since the submission of the withdrawn DCO application and the Applicant are therefore in a position to provide the full set of survey data for Parcels A-E as part of the DCO application.

Appendix 3.4 of the Consultation Report [Document Reference 5.2] provides a tabulated response with, and direction to, further information in reply to the S51 advice from PINS (dated 15.08.25) regarding the surveys to inform the Shadow HRA.

Compulsory Acquisition

The land over which the Applicant is seeking powers of compulsory acquisition of land, rights and interests and powers of temporary possession in the Draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1] for the purposes of the Scheme is listed in the Book of Reference [Document Reference 4.3]. This is submitted in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(d) of the APFP Regulations and has been prepared with reference to the Department for Communities and Local Government guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance related to procedures for compulsory acquisition of land' (September 2013).

The Statement of Reasons [Document Reference 4.1] provides the justification for seeking these powers within the DCO, considers the impacts of these powers on Human Rights and sets out the status of agreement and negotiations to date with relevant land interests.

Details of the funding of the Scheme and the compulsory acquisition powers sought are provided in the Funding Statement [Document Reference 4.2]. The Statement of Reasons and Funding Statement are submitted in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(h) of the APFP Regulations.

The Applicant's Grid Connection Agreement

The Applicant has a Bilateral Connection Agreement from National Electricity System Operator Limited (NESO) for the connection of Tween Bridge Solar Farm ('the Scheme') to the transmission network. The Applicant originally received a grid connection offer from National Electricity System Operator Limited (NESO) on 13 December 2021, offering connection to a new National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) 400kV Substation with an export capacity of 340MW. That offer was accepted by the Applicant on 27 July 2022. Two subsequent grid connection offers to vary the agreement were received by the Applicant on 27 January 2022 for an additional 250MW and 26 September 2024 for an additional 210MW and were accepted by the Applicant on 26 April 2023 and 25 November 2024, respectively.

The agreement identifies that a new 400kV substation, which is to be consented and delivered separately by NGET, would be required to increase capacity on the network to facilitate delivery of the Scheme, and other potential projects which could be brought forward on the same network (the NGET 400kV substation). The Applicant understands that NGET are in ongoing discussions about the location of that substation with the local planning authority, but certainty on its precise location cannot be provided at this stage.

NGET has commenced their siting process for the NGET 400kV substation, and the exact location of the NGET 400kV substation will not be confirmed until this process is concluded. The final location of the NGET 400kV substation will be dependent on many factors such as technical, design and environmental factors, as well as other factors outside the control of the Applicant. This includes the requirements of NGET, the owners of the national transmission network infrastructure, and their further appraisal and connection considerations. The Applicant notes that the NGET 400kV substation is not just required for the Scheme, it is also required to facilitate the connection of other projects coming forward on the same network.

Following the conclusion of the substation siting work, NGET would then progress a separate consenting process for the NGET 400kV substation and would own and operate the NGET 400kV substation following construction.

A 400kV export connection cable will be required to connect the Scheme to the new NGET 400kV substation ("the 400kV export connection cable"). As the location of the new NGET 400kV substation is not yet known, it is not possible at this stage for the Applicant to identify and assess the potential route options the 400kV export connection cable would take from the RWE on-site 400kV substation to the NGET 400kV substation.

The Applicant's approach to the 400kV export connection cable

As it is not possible for the potential route options for the 400kV export connection cable until the location of the NGET 400kV substation has been confirmed, the 400kV export connection cable does not form part of the Scheme. Whilst the Applicant continues to engage with NGET, there is therefore currently no meaningful information for the Applicant to assess that this export cable connection in the accompanying Environmental Impact Assessment for the Scheme. This approach is consistent with the requirements of the EIA Regulations (see, for example, R (Khan v. London Borough of Sutton) ([2014] EWHC 3663 (Admin)).

The exception is that the DCO includes powers for the provision of cables from the RWE on-site 400kV substation to the Order Limits, in order to facilitate a connection at the appropriate point with the remainder of the 400kV export cable to the NGET substation (once the location is confirmed), which has been assessed within the Applicant's Environmental Statement.

The 400kV export connection cable beyond the Order Limits would be progressed via a separate consenting process once the location of the NGET 400kV substation is confirmed. The most appropriate consenting route will be determined at the appropriate stage once NGET have defined the location of the NGET 400kV substation and the cable route options can be established. This, in turn, will ensure that the 400kV export connection cable beyond the Order Limits would be subject to appropriate environmental assessment.

Assets such as 400kV cables at the transmission level can be consented, designed, built and operated by NGET as the transmission licence holder. In the scenario where the Applicant was to seek consent for the 400kV export connection cable, there are several options available. Each option would be accompanied by the relevant environmental assessment. They include:

- Utilising on-road cable routes for the section of the 400kV export connection cable beyond the Order Limits, which would be possible under the Applicant's permitted development rights;
- A subsequent planning application under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to the relevant local planning authority;
- Pursuing a change to the DCO for the Scheme to include the full extent of the 400kV export connection cable; or
- Submitting a request to the Secretary of State for the 400kV export connection cable to be treated as a project of national significance in its own right, under Section 35 of the Planning Act 2008, in turn allowing a standalone DCO to be sought for the 400kV export connection cable.

The Applicant has proposed a Requirement within Schedule 2 of the Draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1] which will ensure that consent is in place for the 400kV export connection cable prior to commencement of the Scheme, providing certainty that the grid connection will be in place before the DCO is implemented.

Policy support for the Applicant's approach

The Applicant would note that the approach of consenting a grid connection separately from the generating station element of a scheme is not uncommon and there are a number of made DCOs that have taken this approach, including Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm, Brecha Forest West Wind Farm and Hinkley Point C Nuclear Power Station. This approach is recognised and provided for within Section 4.11 of the Overarching National Policy Statement (NPS) for Energy (EN-1) and paragraphs 2.7.2-2.7.4 of the NPS for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5).

While paragraph 4.11.7 of EN-1 encourages applications for new generating stations and related infrastructure to be contained in a single application or in separate applications submitted in tandem where possible, paragraph 4.11.8 acknowledges that there will be instances where this is not possible. In such instances, paragraph 4.11.8 states that applicants should explain the reasons for the separate applications, including information on the elements to be consented separately to the extent they are available. Importantly, footnote 160 to paragraph 4.11.8 acknowledges that different levels of information may be available at different times and as such, applicants should take a proportionate approach to what information should be included.

Summary of justification

The Applicant has explained the reason why the 400kV export connection cable needs to be progressed via a separate application. There is limited information that can be included at this stage, given the point of connection to the NGET 400kV substation has not yet been defined, however the Applicant has provided an outline of the potential consenting routes above and the Environmental Statement submitted with the DCO Application includes a description of the works involved in the provision of a 400kV export connection cable within the Order Limits.

Due to the limited information available at this stage regarding the route the 400kV export connection cable will take beyond the Order Limits, an assessment of the part of the 400kV export connection cable beyond the Order Limits and the NGET 400kV substation itself is not possible as part of the application. The Applicant notes that there would be a legal requirement that subsequent consent applications for the 400kV export connection cable and the NGET 400kV substation would be subject to

their own planning and regulatory processes. This would include consideration of environmental matters. The new, aforementioned Requirement included in the Applicant's draft DCO ensures there only works which have been assessed are proposed to be consented by way of this application for development consent.

As required by paragraph 4.11.8 of EN-1, the Applicant confirms that there are no known reasons why the 400kV export connection cable or the NGET 400kV substation cannot be successfully secured through separate consenting processes, which will progress once NGET confirms the location of the point of connection. It will be a matter for the Secretary of State to consider whether they are satisfied the appropriate arrangements are or will be in place at the point of taking a decision on the DCO application for the Scheme, as per paragraph 4.11.12 of EN-1.

Other Consents

A summary of other consents and licences likely to be required in addition to those being requested as part of the draft DCO is provided in the Consents and Licences Required Under Other Legislation [Document Reference 5.7].

Pre-Application Consultation

The Applicant has carefully complied with the pre-application consultation requirements of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008), the associated guidance issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), and the *Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects*. The Applicant has also engaged in pre-application discussions with PINS, in accordance with Section 50(3) of the PA 2008.

As required by Section 37(3)(c) of the PA 2008, the application is accompanied by the Consultation Report [Document Reference 5.1], which sets out how the Applicant has complied with Sections 42, 46, 47, 48, and 49 of the PA 2008, the *Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009* (APFP Regulations), the *Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017* (EIA Regulations), and relevant guidance. No further consultation has been held between withdrawing the former application and the submission of this application. In accordance with guidance regarding consultation, set out in 'Guidance on the pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects'¹, the

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-act-2008-pre-application-stage-for-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects#pre-application-consultation>

Applicant concludes that, as a whole the changes are not very significant to the Scheme, and not to such a large degree which is being taken forward is fundamentally different from what was previously consult on.

The main proposals for the above ground solar PV and associated infrastructure remain the same as previously consulted on. Parcel F which has been removed was an as yet undefined potential cable route and works to facilitate connection to the future NGET substation and did not represent a significant proportion of proposals within the Scheme. The Scheme is therefore has not fundamentally changed, nor has any new land been added into the Order limits.

The Guidance is clear that *“Only where the project taken as a whole changes very significantly, and to such a large degree that what is being taken forward is fundamentally different from what was previously consulted on, should re-consultation on the proposed application as a whole be considered”*. The Applicant notes that the overall Scheme remains materially the same, there are no new materially worse environmental effects, and the likelihood of public interest in removing that land is likely to be low and capable of examination, noting that there is no prejudice to any individuals. On that basis, the Applicant considers that the decision not to reconsult on the Scheme, without Area F, is proportionate and wholly in accordance with the NSIP guidance.

Other Matters

As required under Regulation 5(3) of the APFP Regulations, all relevant application document plans, drawings or sections provided under Regulation 5(2) are no larger than A0 size, are drawn to an identified scale (not smaller than 1:2500) and, in the case of plans, show the direction of north.

In accordance with Regulation 5(5) of the APFP Regulations, the Applicant retains all responses to the consultation carried out under Part 5 of the PA 2008 and can make them available at the request of the Planning Inspectorate and/or the Secretary of State.

The Applicant has identified statutory and non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation; these are referenced in the Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Designations Plan [Document Reference 2.7].

The Applicant recognises that some of the application documents, including the outline plans, are documents which may require updates during the examination of the Application and in response to questions from the Examining Authority and comments from interested parties. The Applicant will therefore keep all application documents under review and will provide updates (where necessary) during the examination of the

Application. An application document tracker is provided at Appendix A of the Guide to Application [Document Reference 1.3] which will be updated as and when appropriate.

The Applicant explained to PINS during a meeting on 15 May 2025, and again on 15 August 2025, that, in response to the recent reforms informed by the Government's drive to accelerate the delivery of renewable energy, the submission of this application has been brought forward from the latest project programme's date of October 2025. Given the advanced stage of the application and the extensive non-statutory and statutory consultation already undertaken, the Applicant has been able to complete a robust Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to inform this submission. In light of the accelerated submission, the Applicant intends to ensure that notification under s56 allows for sufficient time to continue engagement with interested parties prior to the start of the Examination, including the preparation of Statements of Common Ground.

We look forward to hearing from you in relation to a formal acceptance of this Application. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any queries in the meantime.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. P. Hunt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Table 1 - The Applicant's Amendments to the Application Submitted to PINS on the 21st July

Applica- tion Vol- ume	Ref or Plan/Drawing Number	Document Title	Has the document changed since the Ap- plicant's DCO Applica- tion (21 st July)	Applicant's amendments since the Applicant's DCO Application (21 st July)
1	1.1	Application Form	Yes	The Application Form has been amended to reflect the new application.
	1.2	Application Cover Letter	Yes	This document is a new Application Cover Letter.
	1.3	Guide to the Application	Yes	The Guide to the Application has been amended to reflect the new application.
	1.4	Copies of newspaper notices	No	No changes required.
	1.5	Section 55 Checklist	Yes	The Section 55 Checklist has been amended to reflect the latest Section 51 advice.
2	2.1	Location Plan	Yes	The Plan has been amended to reflect the new Order Limits.
	2.2	Land Plans	Yes	The Plans have been amended to reflect the new Order Limits.

				The Applicant has responded to each of the points raised in section 9 of the Section 51 advice amending the Plot numbers listed where it had been identified there were discrepancies between the Plots and the Book of Reference. The cut lines shown on the Land Plans have also been extended to ensure that the distinction between sheets is made more clear.
2.3	Works Plans		Yes	The Applicant has responded to section 10 of the Section 51 advice to include a key plan and has used alternative notations to ensure the distinction between Works is made more clear.
2.4	Street Works, Access and Public Rights of Way Plan		Yes	The Plan has been amended to reflect the new Order Limits.
2.5	Water Bodies in a River Basin Management Plan		Yes	The Plan has been amended to reflect the new Order Limits.
2.6	Trees and Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans		Yes	No changes required.

	2.7	Plan of statutory and non-statutory sites or features	Yes	The Plan has been amended to reflect the new Order Limits.
	2.8	Plan showing Statutory and Non-Statutory Historic or Scheduled Monument Sites	Yes	The Plan has been amended to reflect the new Order Limits.
	2.9	Indicative Layouts and Cross Sections plans	No	No changes required.
3	3.1	Draft Development Consent Order	Yes	The Applicant has responded to section 2 of the Section 51 advice. The draft DCO has also been amended to address the removal of former Work No.6 and to provide for the inclusion of an additional requirement to manage the connection to the national electricity transmission system. Accordingly, the draft DCO has updated where appropriate to reflect the above matters.
	3.2	Explanatory Memorandum	Yes	The Applicant has updated the Explanatory Memorandum to reflect the above-mentioned amendments to the draft DCO.

	3.3	Development Consent Order Validation Report	Yes	The Applicant has validated the draft DCO.
4	4.1	Statement of Reasons	Yes	The Statement of Reasons has been amended to reflect the new Order Limits.
	4.2	Funding Statement	Yes	The Applicant has responded to section 3 of the Section 51 advice by appending the RWE Interim Report on the First Half of 2025 to the Funding Statement replacing the hyperlink that was used in the Applicant's DCO submission on 21 st July.
	4.3	Book of Reference	Yes	The Book of Reference has been amended to reflect the new Order Limits. The Applicant has responded to each of the points raised in section 12 of the Section 51 advice.
5	5.1	Consultation Report	Yes	The Consultation Report has been updated to reflect the changes since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.

	5.2	Consultation Report Appendices (Parts 1 to 5)	Yes	<p>Appendix 4.5 has been amended to remove ref to Parcel F & confidential development.</p> <p>Appendix 3.5 has been updated to respond to the Section 51 advice provided to the Applicant by the Planning Inspectorate on 15th August 2025.</p> <p>Appendix 7.1 has been added in response to section 7 of the section 51 advice provided to the Applicant by the Planning Inspectorate on 15th August 2025.</p>
	5.3	Report to Inform Habitat Regulation Assessment	Yes	<p>This has been updated in response to section 4 of the section 51 advice provided to the Applicant by the Planning Inspectorate on 15th August 2025.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of the scope of surveys at paragraph 6.2.9 • Clarification of the search area at paragraph 4.2.4 • Consistency of the description of qualifying features and pathways for

				<p>Likely Significant Effects on Integrity throughout the document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further reasoning for the species taken forward to the assessment of LSE has been included at paragraphs 6.2.37 and 6.2.38 of the document. • Conservation objectives have been updated in section 5.1 of the document. • Table 7-2 has been updated to clarify species specific mitigation • Reference to Parcel F has been removed from the document • The document has been updated to remove references to beneficial effects.
	5.4	Statement of Statutory Nuisance	Yes	The Statement of Statutory Nuisance has been updated to reflect the changes since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.

	5.5.	Planning Statement	Yes	The Planning Statement has been updated to reflect the changes since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	5.5.1	Appendix A: Policy Compliance Document	Yes	The Policy Compliance Document has been updated to reflect the changes since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	5.6	Design Approach Document	Yes	The Design Approach Document has been updated to reflect the changes since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	5.6.1	Appendix A: Parameters Document	Yes	The Applicant's Parameters Document has been amended to remove Works No.6 associated with the connection to the NGET 400kV Substation and the 400kV cable connection route.
	5.7	Other Consents and Licences	Yes	The Other Consents and Licences document has been updated to reflect the changes since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.

	5.8	Grid Connection Statement	Yes	The Grid Connection Statement has been amended to reflect the change in the Applicant's consenting strategy and seeking to deliver the connection to the NGET 400kV Substation via a secondary consent.
	5.9	Potential Main Issues for Examination	No	No changes required.
6	6.1.0	ES Chapter 0 Contents, Glossary and Abbreviations	Yes	This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	6.1.1	ES Chapter 1 Introduction	Yes	This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	6.1.2	ES Chapter 2 Scheme Description	Yes	This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025. The construction phasing has been clarified in this Chapter.

	6.1.3	ES Chapter 3 Site Description, Site Selection and Iterative Design Process	Yes	This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	6.1.4	ES Chapter 4 Approach to Environmental Impact Assessment	Yes	This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	6.1.5	ES Chapter 5 Policy and Legislative Context	Yes	This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	6.2.6	ES Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual	Yes	This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	6.2.7	ES Chapter 7 Ecology and Nature Conservation	Yes	This Chapter confirms which surveys have been carried out for the bird mitigation area, which include breeding and wintering bird surveys.

	6.2.8	ES Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage and Archaeology	Yes	This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	6.2.9	ES Chapter 9 Ground Conditions	Yes	This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	6.2.10	ES Chapter 10 Water Resource	Yes	This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	6.2.11	ES Chapter 11 Socio Economics	Yes	This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	6.2.12	ES Chapter 12 Transport and Access	Yes	This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	6.2.13	ES Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration	Yes	This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the

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				Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
6.2.14	ES Chapter 14 Air Quality & Greenhouse Gases	Yes		This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
6.2.15	ES Chapter 15 Agricultural Circumstances	Yes		This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
6.2.16	ES Chapter 16 Other Environmental Topics	Yes		This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
6.2.17	ES Chapter 17 Cumulative Impacts	Yes		This Chapter has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
6.2.18	ES Chapter 18 Summary	No		No changes required. The conclusions of the ES Chapters remained valid from the previous submission.

	6.3.1.0	ES Non-Technical Summary	Yes	The NTS has been updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits and Project description since the DCO Application withdrawn on 15 August 2025.
	6.3.1.1	Planning Inspectorate's EIA Scoping Opinion	No	No changes required.
	6.3.1.2	Applicant's EIA Scoping Report	No	No changes required.
	6.3.1.3	Statement of Competence	No	No changes required.
	6.3.4.1	Schedule 4 Requirements of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, As Amended	No	No changes required.
	6.3.6.1	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Criteria	No	No changes required.
	6.3.6.2	Residential Visual Amenity Assessment	No	No changes required.
	6.3.6.3	Viewpoint Photographs Parts 1 to 4	No	No changes required.
	6.3.6.4	Photomontage Visualisations Parts 1 and 2	No	No changes required.
	6.3.6.5	Viewpoint Assessment	No	No changes required.

	6.3.6.6	Arboricultural Impact Assessment	Yes	The Assessment has been updated to reflect the changes to Area E and the potential to impact a single Ash tree during the operational phase.
	6.3.6.7	Stainforth & Keedby Canal - Thorne to Crowles Corridor Study	No	This has not been updated.
	6.3.7.1	Baseline Habitats and Desk Study Report	Yes	Figure 1 has been updated to show the margin hedgerows within the bird mitigation area.
	6.3.7.2	Breeding Bird Survey Report	Yes	The appendix has been updated to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.3.7.3	Non-Breeding Bird Survey Report (Year 1 and Year 2)	Yes	The appendix has been updated to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.3.7.4	Nightjar Survey Results	No	This has not been updated.
	6.3.7.5	Confidential Report - Badger Survey Report	Yes	Figure 1 has been updated to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.3.7.6	Confidential Report - Otter and Water Vole Survey Report	Yes	The appendix has been updated to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.3.7.7	Great Crested Newt Presence / Absence Survey Report	Yes	The appendix has been updated to reflect the new Order Limits.

	6.3.7.8	Natural England Request for Discretionary Advice Note – 2023	No	No changes required.
	6.3.7.9	Natural England Discretionary Advice Note – December 2024	No	No changes required.
	6.3.7.10	Non-Breeding Bird Mitigation Strategy	Yes	The appendix has been updated to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.3.7.11	Invertebrate Scoping Report	No	This has not been updated.
	6.3.7.12	Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment	Yes	The appendix has been updated to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.3.7.13 (New Document)	Bat Survey Results Spring and Summer 2025	N/A	The appendix is a new document and was therefore not submitted for the Applicant’s previous submission.
	6.3.8.1	Heritage Baseline Assessment		
	6.3.8.2	Geophysical Survey Report Parts 1 to 7	No	No changes required.
	6.3.8.3	Geoarchaeological Assessment	No	No changes required.
	6.3.8.4	Trial Trenching Report	No	No changes required.
	6.3.8.5	Test Pitting Report	No	No changes required.
	6.3.8.6	Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy	Yes	The appendix has been amended to reflect the new Order Limits.

	6.3.9.1	Phase 1 Ground Conditions Desk Study – Main Reports Land Parcels and Appendices A to F Parts 1 to 20	Yes	The appendix has been amended to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.3.9.2	Phase 1 Ground Conditions Desk, Volume 3: Tween Bridge Wind Farm Factual Site Investigation Report	No	No changes required.
	6.3.10.1	Flood Risk Assessment Parts 1 to 3	Yes	The Applicant has amended the FRA with the updated Order Limits and scheme description. The amendments have been made in line with section 5 of the Section 51 advice.
	6.3.10.2	Water Framework Directive Assessment	Yes	The Applicant has amended the Water Framework Directive Assessment with the updated Order Limits and scheme description.
	6.3.12.1	Transport Statement	Yes	The Applicant has amended the Transport Statement with the updated Order Limits and updated scheme description.
	6.3.12.2	Summary of Sensitive Receptors	No	No changes required.

	6.3.12.3	Baseline Traffic Survey Report	Yes	The Applicant has amended the Baseline Traffic Survey Report with the updated Order Limits and updated scheme description.
	6.3.13.1	Baseline Noise Survey Report	No	No changes required.
	6.3.14.1	Air Quality Impacts On Designated Ecological Sites	Yes	The Applicant has amended the appendix with the updated Order Limits and updated scheme description.
	6.3.14.2	Environmental Protection UK and The Institute For Air Quality Management Planning For Air Quality Guidance Profess	No	No changes required.
	6.3.14.3	GHG Footprint Methodology	No	No changes required.
	6.3.14.4	Construction Dust Assessment Procedure	No	No changes required.
	6.3.14.5	Construction Mitigation	No	No changes required.
	6.3.15.1	Agriculture Land Classification	Yes	The Agricultural Land Classification Report has been amended to reflect the updated Order Limits.

	6.3.15.2	Farm Reports	Yes	The Farm Reports have been amended to reflect the updated Order Limits.
	6.3.16.1	Glint and Glare Assessment (Fixed and Tracker Design)	Yes	The Glint and Glare Assessment has been amended to reflect the updated Order Limits and updated scheme description.
	6.3.16.2	Glint and Glare Assessment (Fixed Design)	Yes	The Glint and Glare Assessment has been amended to reflect the updated Order Limits and updated scheme description.
	6.3.16.3	High Level Electromagnetic Fields Assessment (Human Health)	Yes	The Glint and Glare Assessment has been amended to reflect the updated Order Limits and updated scheme description.
	6.3.16.4	Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation Assessment	Yes	The Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation Assessment has been amended to reflect the updated Order Limits and updated scheme description.
	6.3.17.1	Cumulative Long List	No	No changes required.
	6.3.17.2	Cumulative Short List	No	No changes required.
	6.3.17.3	Transport Assessment Table	No	No changes required.
	6.4.1.1	Order Limits	Yes	The Applicant has updated the figures that support the
	6.4.1.2	Land Parcel Plan	Yes	

	6.4.1.3	Development Parcel Plan	Yes	Introduction ES Chapter with the new Order Limits.
	6.4.2.1	Indicative Construction Layout Plan	Yes	The Applicant has amended the figure that supports the Scheme Description ES Chapter with the new Order Limits.
	6.4.2.2a	Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed Solar Panel)		
	6.4.2.2b	Indicative Operational Layout Plan (Fixed and Tracker Solar Panel)		
	6.4.2.3	Heights Parameters Zonal Plan		
	6.4.2.4	Indicative HDD Crossing Plan		
	6.4.2.5	Indicative Culverts Crossing Plan		
	6.4.2.6	Indicative Layouts and Cross Section Plans	No	No changes required.
	6.4.3.1	Environmental Designations Plan	Yes	The Applicant has amended the figures that support the Site Description, Site Selection and Iterative Design Process ES Chapter to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.4.3.2	Design Evolution (PEIR)	Yes	The Applicant has amended the figures that support the Site Description, Site Selection and Iterative Design Process ES Chapter
	6.4.3.3	Design Evolution (ES)		

				to reflect the new Order Limits. The figures have also been updated in line with section 6 of the Section 51 advice.
	6.4.3.4	Local Ecological and Geological Designations Plan	Yes	The Applicant has amended the figures that support the Site Description, Site Selection and Iterative Design Process ES Chapter to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.4.3.5	Site Constraints Plan		
	6.4.6.1	Site Context	Yes	The Applicant has amended the Landscape ES Figures to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.4.6.2	Landscape Character Areas		
	6.4.6.3	Screened Zone of Theoretical Visibility With Viewpoints and Photomontage Locations		
	6.4.6.4	Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy		
	6.4.6.5	Residential Properties		
	6.4.6.6	Screened Zone of Theoretical Visibility with Landscape Character Area and Viewpoints		
	6.4.8.1	Designated Heritage Assets	Yes	The Applicant has amended the Heritage ES Figures to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.4.8.2	Non- Designated Heritage Assets		

	6.4.8.3	Important Hedgerows (Heritage)		
	6.4.10.1	Flood Map for Planning	Yes	The Applicant has amended the Water Resources ES Figures to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.4.10.2	Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea		
	6.4.10.3	Risk of Flooding from Surface Water Extents		
	6.4.10.4	Risk of Flooding from Surface Water Depths		
	6.4.10.5	Bgs Bedrock Geology		
	6.4.10.6	Hydrogeology Aquifer Classification		
	6.4.10.7	Environment Agency Reservoir Flood Extents		
	6.4.10.8	Environment Agency Historic Flood Map		
	6.4.11.1	Site Location In Context Of Surrounding Administrative Boundaries	Yes	The Applicant has amended the Socio-Economics ES Figures to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.4.11.5	IMD Map Of LSOAS Covered by Scheme		
	6.4.12.1	Indicative Access Strategy		
	6.4.13.1	Identified Noise Sensitive Receptors	Yes	

	6.4.13.2	Noise Monitoring Locations		The Applicant has amended the Noise and Vibration ES Figures to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.4.13.3	Indicative Daytime Noise Contour Plot		
	6.4.13.4	Indicative Nighttime Noise Contour Plot		
	6.4.14.1	Locations Of Nearest Air Quality Management Areas	Yes	The Applicant has amended the Air Quality ES Figures to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.4.14.2	Air Quality Monitoring Locations and The Scheme		
	6.4.14.3	20 M and 50 M Distance Bands around Construction Area		
	6.4.14.4	20 M and 50 M Distance Bands Around Roads Used By Construction Traffic Within 200 M of the Exits For Each Construction Compound		
	6.4.15.1	Agricultural Land Classification	Yes	The Applicant has amended the Agricultural Land ES Figures to reflect the new Order Limits.
	6.4.15.2	Landownership Plan		

	6.4.17.1	Cumulative Sites Plan	Yes	The Applicant has amended the Cumulative Effects ES Figure to reflect the new Order Limits.
7	7.1	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan	Yes	The Applicant has amended the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan to reflect the new scheme description, removing references to the cable search area and connection to the NGET 400kV Substation. In line with section 6 of the Section 51 advice, the Applicant has amended the programme of the construction phasing for consistency across the Application.
	7.2	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan	Yes	The Applicant has amended the Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan to reflect the new scheme description, removing references to the cable search area and connection to the NGET 400kV Substation. In line with section 6 of the Section 51 advice, the Applicant has amended the programme of the construction phasing for consistency across the Application.

	7.3	Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan	Yes	The Applicant has amended the Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan to reflect the new scheme description, removing references to the cable search area and connection to the NGET 400kV Substation. In line with section 6 of the Section 51 advice, the Applicant has amended the programme of the construction phasing for consistency across the Application.
	7.4	Outline Battery Safety Management Plan	No	No changes required.
	7.5	Outline Ecological Construction Management Plan	Yes	The Outline Ecological Construction Management Plan has been updated to reflect the new Order Limits and updated scheme description.
	7.6	Outline Landscape Ecological Management Plan	Yes	The Outline Landscape Ecological Management Plan has been updated to reflect the new Order Limits and updated scheme description.

	7.7	Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan	Yes	The Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan has been updated to reflect the new Order Limits and updated scheme description.
	7.8	Outline Soil Management Plan	Yes	The Applicant has responded to section 6 of the Section 51 advice by amending the Outline Soil Management Plan to ensure a consistent response on the scheme description. The Applicant has also amended the wording within the Outline Soil Management Plan to ensure a consistent approach to decommissioning of cables post the operational phase.
	7.9	Outline Supply Chain, Employment and Skills Plan	Yes	The Outline Supply Chain, Employment and Skills Plan has been amended to reflect the removal of the NGET 400kV Substation and cable search area.
	7.10	Commitments Register	No	No changes required.
	7.11	Flood Risk Sequential Test and Exception Test	Yes	The Flood Risk Sequential Test and Exception Test has been updated to reflect the new Order

				Limits and updated scheme description.
	7.12	Statutory Undertakers Position Statement	No	No changes required.