



Little Crow

Solar Park

Little Crow Solar Park, Scunthorpe

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT: TECHNICAL APPENDICES

APPENDIX 4.1

OUTLINE CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan sets out the construction principles to be applied during the build out of the Little Crow Solar Park, Scunthorpe.
- 1.2 This document sits alongside the Construction and Ecological Management Plan (CEMP) prepared by Clarkson and Woods Ecological Consultants. The purpose of this document is to demonstrate the measures that could be used during the build out phase to adequately protect the environmental resources including potential impact upon human receptors.

2. Purpose of Document

- 2.1 This Outline CEMP details the appropriate pollution protection techniques that will be adopted by the appointed contractor team. Post-consent, the Outline CEMP will require updating in accordance with the proposed phasing of development.

3. Description of Works

- 3.1 The project consists of the construction of a ground mounted solar park with a design capacity over 50MWp (megawatts peak) together with a single main substation, battery energy storage system, landscaping, ecological measures, access, car parking, temporary construction compound and associated development.
- 3.2 The proposal comprises seven land use zones or works zones, these are: -
- Work No. 1: Arrays of Ground Mounted Solar Panels
 - Work No. 2A: Battery Energy Storage System
 - Work No. 2B: Battery Energy Storage System (alternative location)
 - Work No. 3: Formation of Ecological Corridors
 - Work No. 4: Substation Building and Compound
 - Work No. 5: Upgrade to Main Access Track
 - Work No. 6: Perimeter Development Buffer
 - Work No. 7: Temporary Construction and Decommissioning Compound

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- 3.3 These work zones are presented on the Works Plan (Document Ref 2.8 LC DRW).
- 3.4 An operational lifespan of 35 years would be sought linked to the first export date from the development. The development will progress in accordance with a phasing plan. A single substation compound will serve the whole development, and this will be required for the duration of the development and retained thereafter. The substation compound would be located near the northern boundary of the application site and to the east of the existing double row of 132kV overhead electricity pylons which traverse the site.
- 3.5 The development may not commence until a Phasing Plan setting out the proposed phases of construction of the development has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority.
- 3.6 Prior to commencement of any phase of development a Construction Environmental Management Plan and Construction Traffic Management Plan for that phase of development would be submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority.
- 3.7 During the construction phase one main construction compound will serve the development and this will be located off the main site entrance, thus reducing the distance delivery vehicles will need to travel after reaching the site's entrance.
- 3.8 The temporary construction compound would comprise: -
- Temporary portacabins providing office and welfare facilities for construction operatives
 - Parking area for construction and workers vehicles
 - Secure compound for storage
 - Temporary hardstanding
 - Wheel washing facilities
 - Temporary gated compound
 - Storage bins for recyclables and other waste
 - Passing bays would be provide between the compound and site access.

3.9 All construction vehicles will exit through the wheel wash area in order to reduce the spread of mud and dirt onto the local highway network. Temporary roadways may be utilised to access parts of the development site and this would be guided by weather conditions at time of construction. The objective would be to use temporary matting to avoid excessive soil disturbance or compaction. The temporary construction compound would be removed after the completion of works or each phase of works if development is constructed in phases.

4. Construction Principles

4.1 The site will be set up and managed with consideration to the principles laid out below:

- **Considerate:** All work is to be carried out with positive consideration to the needs of local businesses, neighbours, site personnel, visitors, and the public.
- **Environment:** Be aware of the environmental impact of the site and minimise the effects of dust, noise, light and air pollution. Attention will be paid to waste management to reuse and recycle materials where possible.
- **Cleanliness:** The site will be kept clean and in good order at all times. Site facilities, offices, toilets and drying rooms will be maintained to a good standard. Surplus materials and rubbish will not be allowed to accumulate on the site or spill over into the surroundings and dirt and dust from construction operations kept to a minimum.
- **Good Neighbour:** General information regarding the works will be provided for all neighbours affected by the work. Full and regular communication with neighbours, including adjacent residents, farmsteads and businesses, regarding programming and site activities to be maintained from prestart to completion.
- **Respectful:** Respectable and safe standards of dress to be maintained at all times. Pride in the management and appearance of the site and the surrounding environment shown at all times.

- **Safe:** Construction operations and site vehicle movements are to be carried out with care and consideration for the safety of site personnel, visitors, the public and the environment.
- **Responsible:** Ensure that everyone associated with the site understands implements and complies with this code.

4.2 The health, safety and environmental expectations are as follows:

- To have no accidents or dangerous occurrences on site
- To have no occupational ill health arising from the project
- To ensure no environmental damage occurs from the project
- To ensure the least disruption to the local community from the project, and
- To exclude as far as is reasonably practicable all unauthorised persons from the project

5. Site Establishment

5.1 During the mobilisation period of development, or each phase of development, a security cabin will be placed within the area designed for the temporary construction compound. If the development is constructed in phases then the temporary construction compound will be removed from site between each phase of development.

5.2 The construction compound is positioned at an appropriate distance into the site to prevent the likelihood of any construction traffic having to queue on the adjacent public highway during busy periods.

- A project notice board would be installed at the main entrance to the construction site.
- Site welfare facilities and offices will consist of linked "Portakabin" type units.
- The facilities will have hot and cold running water, with a clean drinking water supply. Washing facilities and showers will be provided for the

duration of the works, to include soap and towels or other suitable means of drying.

- All units will always be kept clean, tidy, and hygienic.
- First aid facilities will be provided together with a trained first aider during working hours.
- The temporary construction compound will be equipped with Fire Points and a wireless evacuation alarm system. Designated Fire Marshall and Fire Coordinator would be appointed as part of a Construction Phase Health and Safety Plan.

5.3 Construction works will be carried out Monday to Friday 07:00-18:00 and between 08:00 and 13:30 on Saturday, unless otherwise agreed by the relevant planning authority. The following works may occur outside these hours: -

- emergency works; and
- works which do not cause noise that is audible at the boundary of the Order limits.

5.4 Any emergency works carried out under sub-paragraph must be notified to the relevant planning authority within 72 hours of their commencement.

6. Dust and Emission Mitigation

6.1 Residential areas potentially exposed to dust may be present in close proximity to the site and will be regarded as sensitive receptors during construction period. The following three principles are well established and are central to the control measures suggested in this guidance. They follow a hierarchy to control the emissions of dust and other emissions to air, and reduce human exposure:

- Prevention
- Suppression
- Containment

6.2 These principles are embedded in this document and are promoted in a way that is appropriate to the scale of a particular development and the potential exposure of

site workers, residential areas and other susceptible receptors. Dust can be created from movement of construction traffic and from general construction activities and can be carried by prevailing winds impacting upon the local area. Construction traffic carrying loose material will be covered to reduce dust generation. This measure will be combined with wheel washing at site access points. A water bowser will be provided for dust suppression on site if necessary and areas of concern can be 'dampened down' during periods of dry weather. If necessary, arrangements will be made for sweeping public highways in the vicinity of the site access using a standard road sweeper. The Site Manager will be responsible for determining if additional measures will be required. A site log book will be used to record details and actions taken in response to exceptional incidents or dust causing episodes.

7. Local Community Responsibility

- 7.1 The Site Manager will manage and co-ordinate on-site environmental activities and act as a point of contact for local residents. Liaison between the Construction Contractor and local residents will seek to ensure that any concerns are resolved quickly.
- 7.2 The Site Manager will be responsible for briefing the Construction Environmental Management Plan to construction staff; fulfilling environmental obligations on site; attending to any on-site environmental incidents or concerns; reporting and monitoring any environmental incidents; and ensuring waste management procedures are followed.

8. Control of Lighting

- 8.1 Depending on the time of year, some artificial lighting maybe required to facilitate safe working environment during the working hours as set out in Section 5.3. Any artificial lighting would be limited to the winter to reflect the shorter daylight hours.
- 8.2 Any lighting will be deployed in accordance with the following recommendations:-
- Use of lighting will be minimised to that required to achieve safe site operations;
 - Use of any portable lighting will utilise downward directional fittings to minimise outward light glare. Construction vehicles will use dipped headlights.

9. The Management and Movement of Concrete

9.1 Ready-mix concrete will be used for the substation and transformer foundations and as such concrete will not be batched on site. If the truck cannot discharge directly into the works then transport to move the concrete from the delivery truck to the works must be provided. On completion of discharge and before the truck returns to public highway the discharge chute will be cleaned. The contractor will provide suitable facilities, such as lined skip, within the construction compound. The ready-mix concrete delivery lorries will then return to the batching plant for washout. Excess concrete will be sent back to the batching plant. To prevent pollution, it is important that all concrete pours are planned in advance and that specific procedures are adopted where there may be a risk of surface water or groundwater contamination.

10. Hydrocarbon Contamination

10.1 Machinery, plant and vehicles have the potential to cause pollution via hydrocarbon contamination. All vehicles and plant used for construction must be maintained to good working order to ensure that there is minimal risk for potential fuel or oil leaks within the site. Refuelling of any plant and site-based vehicles will be carried out by a suitable qualified person to ensure that potential pollution incidents are prevented, and a quick response plan is implemented should a spill occur. Fuel delivery and refuelling will take place in the construction compound(s).

11. Soil Management Plan

11.1 Key threats to the soil resource at construction sites are trafficking of vehicles/plant and incorrect handling, which can cause damage to soil structure through compaction and smearing. These effects compromise the ability of the soil to perform its functions, such as providing adequate amounts of water, air and nutrients to plant roots. The risk of compaction and smearing increases with soil wetness. To minimise the risk of damage to soil structure, the generic guidance for construction sites is as follows:

- no trafficking of vehicles/plant over in situ or banded soils to occur outside demarcated working areas;
- no trafficking of vehicles/plant on reinstated soil (topsoil or subsoil);

- Where practicable soil handling when soil moisture content is above the plastic limit (the moisture content at which soil begins to behave as a plastic material and the soil is deemed too wet to handle without causing damage to the soil structure), will be avoided. Where operational constraints require the disturbance of plastic soil material, suitable remediation should be specified for instance the wind rowing of loose tipped material;
- soil handling should be by excavator and dump truck as per sheets 1 to 4 of the Defra Good Practice Guide for Handling Soils
- avoid handling of soils to be carried out during periods of prolonged, heavy rainfall;
- no mixing of topsoil with subsoil, or of soil with other materials;
- soil only to be stored in designated soil storage areas to be agreed as part of the approved CEMP;
- plant and machinery only work when ground or soil surface conditions enable their maximum operating efficiency (i.e. when machinery is not at risk of being bogged down or skidding causing compaction or smearing);
- all plant and machinery must always be maintained in good working condition to ensure that the soil is stripped correctly, for example to ensure that the depth of the strip can be accurately controlled, and to minimise the risk of contamination through spillages.

12. Management of surface water run-off and ditches during construction

12.1 During construction there is a risk of silt runoff especially if construction continues during wet weather.

12.2 The following precautions should be considered by the Contractor: -

- Planning the construction work to minimise repeated trips over the ground;
- Forming the permeable tracks early in the process;
- Using machines with low pressure tyres – e.g. farm type machinery;
- Monitoring the weather and being alert to the implications of wet weather;

- Inspecting surfaces to identify areas at risk of causing silt pollution to watercourses;
- Restricting operations in areas vulnerable to causing pollution, especially in wet weather;
- Keeping a store of straw/hay bales and geofabric fence equipment to delay and filter runoff;
- Being ready with trained staff to deploy the equipment if a risk of silt pollution arises;
- Early preparation, seeding and protection to encourage vegetation to establish on all bare areas as soon as possible after construction.

13. Segregation of Construction Waste

13.1 Key environmental consideration for construction sites include the reduction of waste and the re-use of recycling of waste materials. Waste such as packaging, plastic, pallets, metal, general waste, etc, will be segregated on site and removed from site by an appointed waste contractor(s) for either reuse, recycling or disposal.

14. Crushing / Screening of Materials On-Site

14.1 Construction does not involve the use of a mobile unit for crushing / screening of material on site.

15. Recommendations

15.1 The purpose of this Outline CEMP is to detail appropriate pollution protection techniques that will be adopted by the appointed contractor team. The purpose of this document is to demonstrate the measures that could be used during the build out phase to adequately protect the environmental resources including potential impact upon human receptors. Post-consent, the CEMP will require updating in accordance with approved documentation by the appointed contractor prior to any construction commencing onsite. A detailed CEMP should be submitted to the LPA for approval prior to the start of construction specifying the details of the persons / bodies responsible for the activities associated with the CEMP and emergency contact details.

