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SLR Project No.: 405.065786.00001

RE: Application for construction and operation of Kirknewton Solar and BESS on land south of Kirknewton

Dear Mahlon,

I enclose an application for consent under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for planning permission for the construction and operation of Kirknewton Solar and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) located approximately 1.5 km south of Kirknewton at Leyden Road, East Calder, West Lothian, EH2 8DQ, British National Grid NT 10783 65217.

The application is made by BLC Energy on behalf of Trio Power Limited (the Applicant); Company Number: 15032495 with the Registered Address of UK House, 164-182 Oxford Street, London, W1D 1NN.

The Applicant is applying to install and operate a solar generating station with an export capacity of up to 40 MW with collocated BESS with an export of up to 9 MW (the Proposed Development), for an operational period of up to 40 years.

The Proposed Development comprises:

- A ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) array with an export capacity of up to 40MW.
- A BESS with an export capacity of 9 MW, designed to store electricity generated by the solar array for release during periods of high demand or low generation.
- Perimeter fencing (up to 2.4 m in height) around the site and key infrastructure for security.
- New internal access tracks constructed throughout the site to support construction and maintenance activities, surfaced with local aggregate.
- Existing trees and woodland along site boundaries are retained where possible to maintain screening and reduce landscape impact.
- Controlled site access via gated entrances on Leyden Road, designed to accommodate construction and maintenance vehicles safely.

Environmental Impact Assessment

Following receipt of the Screening Opinion (reference: 0717/EIA/25) on the 9 October 2025 confirming the requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). This application is supported by an EIA Report, which reports the results of the EIA process. The EIA has been prepared in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 as amended. The EIA process has identified and evaluated the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development – where these are anticipated, an EIA Report Chapter has been provided. For all other technical topics not anticipated to have likely environmental effects as a result of the Proposed Development, technical assessment reports are provided as appendices to the EIA Report.

The EIA Regulations Part 1 Schedule 5 (5) states:

“In order to ensure the completeness and quality of the EIA report-

- (a) The developer must ensure that the EIA report is prepared by competent experts; and*
- (b) The EIA report must be accompanied by a statement from the developer outlining the relevant expertise or qualification of such experts.”*

To satisfy this requirement, the Applicant has provided details of the qualifications and credentials of the competent experts who led the EIA and authored the EIA Report in Chapter 1 of the EIA Report.

The application fee of £29,760 has been transferred by BACS to the nominated Scottish Government bank account.

The application package includes the following application documents as required:

EIA Report:

- Volume I – Written Statement;
- Volume II – Figures;
- Volume III – Technical Appendices;
- Volume IV – Confidential Technical Appendices: and
- Non-Technical Summary.

Also included in the application package are the following non-EIA documents:

- Planning Statement;
- Design and Access Statement; and
- Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report.

I trust that the enclosed information is sufficient for you to formally validate and commence determination of the application. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and acceptance of the application by email.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any queries or require further information.



Yours sincerely,

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