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Subject: Little Crow Solar Park Development Consent Order

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Forestry Commission have no further comments than it's original comments made to the applicant in 2019 please see attached.

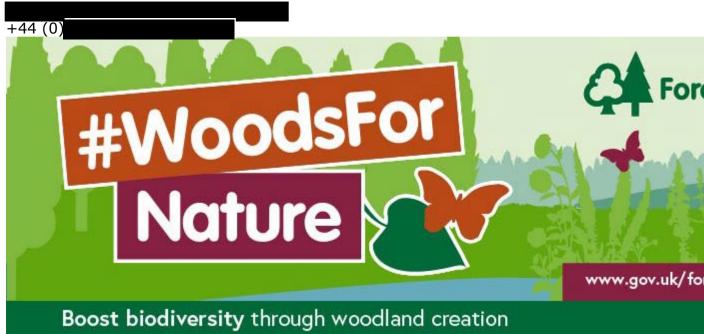
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Dear Mr Virtue,

Thank you for seeking our advice on the consultation for the works to be undertaken as part of Little Crow Solar Park, Scunthorpe.

The Forestry Commission's responsibility is to discharge its consultee roles as efficiently, effectively and professionally as possible, based on the forestry principles set out in the UK Forestry Standard (4th edition published 2017). **Page 23** "Areas of woodland are material considerations in the planning process and may be protected in local authority Area Plans. These plans pay particular attention to woods listed on the Ancient Woodland Inventory and areas identified as Sites of Local Nature Conservation Importance (SLNCIs).

The Forestry Commission has prepared joint with Natural England on ancient woodland and veteran trees which we refer you to as it notes that ancient woodland is an irreplaceable habitat, and that, in planning decisions, Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS) should be treated equally in terms of the protection afforded to ancient woodland. It highlights the Ancient Woodland Inventory as a way to find out if woodland is ancient.

As highlighted in the *Irreplaceable habitats including ancient woodland and veteran trees* section of the (published July 2018). **Paragraph 175** – "development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats (such as ancient woodland and ancient or veteran trees) should be refused, unless there are wholly exceptional reasons and a suitable compensation strategy exists".

If you need more information on the role of the Forestry Commission in the Planning System please see :

If you require bespoke advice on the above consultation please don't hesitate to contact me.

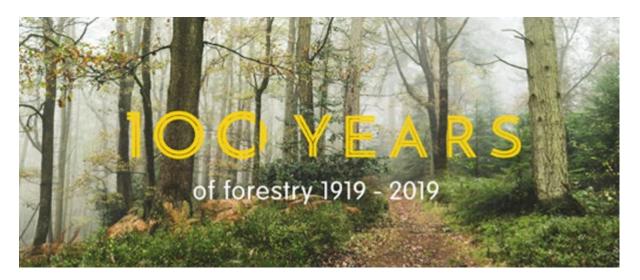
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