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By submission on-line only:
East Park Energy Project Web Page (PINS)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Application by BSSL Cambsbed 1 Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent (DCO) for the East Park Energy Farm (EN010141). Response to the notification of Preliminary Meeting (Rule 6) letter.

This letter is a response from Cambridgeshire County Council (the council) to the Preliminary (Rule 6) Letter issued by the Examining Authority's (ExA), on 17th February 2026.

The council would like to use this opportunity to confirm Cambridgeshire County Council will be attending the Preliminary Meeting (the PM) 17th March 2026, as well as Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) and 2 (ISH 2) 18th March 2026. The council will register attendees via the Planning Inspectorate's website.

Please find below comments on the matters relating to how the application should be examined:

1. Draft Examination Timetable

The council wishes to raise the following points in relation to timetabling:

Deadline 1 and 2

We note that the draft timetable shows Deadline 1 as 7th April 2026. Whilst the council recognises that Development Consent Order (DCO) Examination timetables inevitably do carry over bank holidays and recognised holiday periods, the council will find meeting the current deadline challenging due to its proximity to the Easter weekend, and the number of documents requested for Deadline 1, most notably the Local Impact Report (LIR), and internal governance procedures required.

It is therefore requested that the ExA consider moving the date of Deadline 1 to the 14th April 2026 to give the councils and other Interested Parties sufficient time to address what is required. In doing this, it is acknowledged that Deadline 2 needs to be moved

accordingly to allow the same amount of time for Interested Parties to review and comment on documents submitted at Deadline 1. Therefore, it is suggested Deadline 2 is moved to 1st May 2026.

The council appreciates that timetabling around the Easter period may be difficult however would respectfully suggest that extra time is justified, to ensure robust and helpful evidence can be submitted, and in the interests of fairness.

Related to Deadline 1, the council can confirm that each host authority will be submitting separate LIRs and Written Representations.

The council notes the ExA's requests for Statements of Common Ground at least in initial form by Deadline 1 and is currently in discussion with the Applicant regarding this.

Deadline 3, 26th May 2026, is immediately after the spring bank holiday. It is suggested this is moved ahead of the bank holiday weekend to Friday 22 May 2026.

2. Arrangements for future Examination hearings, including the use of virtual methods

The council supports both blended (part in-person and part virtual) and fully virtual events. This gives greater flexibility in securing the relevant technical officers to attend and inform a hearing. The council will seek to have some representatives attend in person with support of others online for all blended events.

3. Principal issues

The Council can confirm they have nothing to raise with the ExA in respect of the initial assessment of the Principal Issues.

4. Other comments on Examination procedures

Lastly, we ask the ExA and all Interested Parties to please note that anything received by the council after 5pm is considered to have been received the following working day.

Your sincerely,

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