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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This note summarises the submissions made by BSSL Cambsbed 1 Limited (the “Applicant”) for the East Park Energy project (the “Scheme”) at Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1) on 17th March 2026.
- 1.1.2 This document does not purport to summarise the oral submissions of parties other than the Applicants; summaries of submissions made by other parties are only included where necessary in order to give context to the Applicants’ submissions.
- 1.1.3 The Applicant has supplemented the written summary below with additional information where relevant to the action points raised in OFH1.

1.2 Open Floor Hearing 1

OFH1 took place on the afternoon of 17th March 2026 and followed the following Agenda which was published by the Examining Authority (ExA) in the **Rule 6 Letter [PD-005]**:

Agenda for Open Floor Hearing 1	
1	Welcome and Introductions
2	Purpose of the Open Floor Hearing
3	Confirmation of those who notified the ExA of a wish to be heard at the OFH
4	Oral Submissions from Interested Parties
5	Responses by the Applicant
6	Next Steps
7	Closing

- 1.2.1 The Applicant did not provide any material comments on Agenda Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 of the Agenda for OFH1.

1.3 Note about National Policy Statements

- 1.3.1 Section 1.6 of the 2026 National Policy Statement (NPS) EN-1 confirms that for schemes accepted for examination before the final publication of the approved 2025 amendments, the 2024 suite of NPSs should have effect. East Park Energy was accepted for examination in October 2025 prior to the final publication of the 2025 amendments. The 2024 NPSs therefore have effect for decision making.
- 1.3.2 All references to the NPSs in this document are to the 2024 NPSs unless stated otherwise.
- 1.3.3 The Applicant has prepared a separate **Note on updated National Policy Statements EN-1, EN-3 and EN-5 [PDA-018]**.

2.0 THE APPLICANTS' SUMMARY OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS MADE AT OFH1

2.1 Agenda Item 5 – Responses by the Applicant

2.1.1 The Applicant noted that they could not reply to all points raised by IPs on the day and would not attempt to do so. The concerns raised by IPs had been noted and responses are covered either by the Applicant's already submitted evidence, or will be covered by further written submissions and issue specific hearings as considered appropriate by the ExA. The Applicant would instead focus on two key points:

2.1.2 In terms of the enhancement of bridleway 37 mentioned by Ms Kennedy of the British Horse Society, it was not possible for the Applicant to provide an enhancement at the point of submission, but the **Consultation Report [APP-023]** confirmed that the Applicant was continuing to look at the request. The Applicant has continued to engage with landowners on this matter and can confirm that agreement has been reached to provide permissive equestrian access between the B660 and Green End, Little Staughton.

Post-hearing note: *The above permissive access is identified in Table 2 of the **outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP) [as updated alongside this submission]** as Permissive Path 1 and shown on the Illustrative Landscape Proposals drawing at Appendix A of the oLEMP.*

2.1.3 In terms of safety in connection with the BESS mentioned by some IPs, the Applicant noted that at Procedural Deadline A the Applicant submitted an agreed and signed **Statement of Common Ground with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service [PDA-019]**. This covers a wide range of topics in relation to the BESS including safety and the confirmation from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Services that mitigation proposed is acceptable.