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To whom it may concern

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY'S DEADLINE 4 RESPONSE

EAST PARK ENERGY

This response constitutes the Environment Agency's Deadline 4 response.

We have reviewed the [Applicant Response to Deadline 2 Submissions - Host Authorities and Statutory Environmental Bodies](#) submitted at Deadline 3 for East Park Energy.

Following our review, we have responded to the outstanding issues raised within our Relevant Representation [\[RR-367\]](#) (dated 23 December 2025, ref. XA/2025/100504/01 in turn below.

For our response, we have provided the following appendices consisting of:

- [Appendix A:](#)
 - Our comments regarding the issues we raised in our Relevant Representation
 - Issues Resolved
 - Issues Under Discussion
- [Appendix B:](#)
 - A summary of our position

Yours faithfully



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APPENDIX A – Our comments regarding the issues raised in our Relevant Representation

Issues Resolved

The Applicant has provided updates to the appropriate documents in the examination, and we therefore consider the following issues resolved.

Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)

EA004

The Applicant has confirmed they are now going to apply for a FRAP (Flood Risk Activity Permit). The following have now been removed from the draft DCO [[REP3-010](#)]

- The disapplication of regulation 12 (requirement for an Environmental Permit)
- the Protective Provisions for the Environment Agency from Schedule 13

Chapter 8: Hydrology and Flood Risk

EA015

We requested that the Applicant includes details within the Flood Risk Assessment of Chapter 8 Hydrology and Flood Risk regarding the volume of storage lost from solar panel support frames and the effect on flood risk elsewhere.

The applicant has updated the Flood Risk Assessment [[REP3-039](#)] to include post development modelling to quantify the impact of the panels on flood risk.

EA016

The reporting of groundwater receptors sensitivities was not consistent and therefore we requested these sensitivities be addressed in the reporting, however the updates to the last submission were not aligned in the Environmental Statement (ES).

The applicant has now updated Page 47 and 48 of the ES [[REP3-026](#)] which now shows that 'Above a Principal Aquifer' has been removed from the document.

EA019

We asked for a commitment to include Water Quality monitoring. Table 5.4 of the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (OCEMP) [[REP3-049](#)] has now been updated. Further information on locations, frequency of sampling and methods will be decided in agreement with the Environment Agency as we are a named consultee on Requirement 5 - Construction environmental management plan (CEMP) in the Draft DCO.

Chapter 12: Ground Conditions

EA020

We asked if Chapter 12 paragraph 12.8.22 could be updated to provide clarity as there was no mention of access roads.

The applicant has updated Paragraph 12.8.22 in the ES [[REP3-030](#)].

EA023

We asked if Chapter 12 paragraph 12.8.33 could be updated to provide clarity as there was no mention of Private Water Abstractions.

The applicant has updated Paragraph 12.8.33 of the ES [[REP3-030](#)] with information to support the paragraph in Appendix F of [[APP-114](#)].

Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan

EA032

Table 5.4 and Table 5.8 of OCEMP [[REP3-049](#)] and 4.1.26 of oSWMP Outline Surface Water Management Plan [[REP3-065](#)] have been updated to acknowledge protective measures are for all aspects of the water environment. The risks associated with chemical and fuel spillages are now sufficiently minimised.

The Environment Agency is a named consultee on Requirement 5 (CEMP) in the Draft DCO [[APP-016](#)] so we will review any final details confirmed in the final CEMP.

EA033

Table 5.4 and Table 5.8 of OCEMP [[REP3-049](#)] and 4.1.26 of oSWMP [[REP3-065](#)] have been updated to acknowledge protective measures are for all aspects of the water environment. The risks associated with generation of silty and otherwise contaminated run-off are now sufficiently minimised.

The Environment Agency is a named consultee on Requirement 5 (CEMP) in the Draft DCO [[APP-016](#)] so we will review any final details confirmed in the final CEMP.

Water Framework Directive Assessment

EA036

The latest submission now references all the management plans in section 4.1.1 of the ES Vol 2 Appendix 8-2 Water Framework Directive (WFD) Assessment [[REP3-041](#)]

Issues under discussion

We can agree the following issues in principle subject to further information being submitted at Deadline 5. We are in contact with the applicant on the relevant issues that are not resolved.

Chapter 2: The Scheme

EA007

We required the applicant to confirm the impermeable areas will be created in areas where the storage of chemicals, fuels etc during construction and decommissioning and requested that information be included as a commitment in the oCEMP, oEMP and oDEMP to ensure the measures are secured in the control documentation.

We note that the wording in Table 5.8 of the oDEMP [\[REP3-055\]](#) and Table 5.8 of the OCEMP [\[REP3-049\]](#) has been updated. This provides sufficient measures for decommissioning, however, there have been no updates to the Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (OOEMP) [\[REP3-053\]](#).

Table 5.8 of the OOEMP [\[REP3-053\]](#) under topic 'Leaks and spillages of fuel, chemicals, or hazardous materials' should align with wording already committed to in the OCEMP [\[REP3-049\]](#) and the ODEMP [\[REP3-055\]](#).

The Applicant should either update the wording in the OOEMP [\[REP3-053\]](#) at the next deadline or provide a sentence which states that if materials need to be stored temporarily during operation, it will do so in line with protections already agreed for construction.

Outline Battery Safety Management Plan (OBSMP)

EA035

The updated OBSMP is inadequate, however, we have reviewed the Applicants response [\[REP3-073\]](#) and note that further updates at Deadline 4 to the OBSMP should resolve any outstanding matters.

We welcome that the Applicant has informed us that the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) will be developed in consultation with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and Environment Agency, but we wish the Applicant to confirm how this is secured. Table 5.4 of OOEMP, topic 'Uncontrolled release of fire water in the event of a fire', does not include this wording.

We acknowledge that section 6.5.6 of the outline Surface Water Management Plan [\[REP1-046\]](#) already stated that the discharge of surface runoff would be into an unnamed watercourse location within the development boundary in the northeast of the Site.

APPENDIX B – EA Summary of Position

Work package	Subject	Note:	Status	RR Issue number
Draft DCO	OEMP	Request to be consultee on requirement 9		EA001
	BSMP	Request to be consultee on requirement 10		EA002
	SWMP	Request to be consultee on requirement 14		EA003
	PP and FRAP	Disapplication of FRAP		EA004
Chapter 2: The Scheme	GWCL	PFA commitment/ mitigation in OEMP/DEMP		EA005
	Water Quality			
	GWCL	Foul Water		EA006
	Water Quality			
	GWCL	Impermeable Areas	Agreed in principle	EA007
	Water Quality			
	GWCL	Cabling Infrastructure Decommissioning		EA008
	GWCL	Sources of contamination		EA009
Chapter 7: Ecology and Nature Conservation	Biodiversity	Otter surveys		EA010
	Biodiversity	Watercourse buffers		EA011
Chapter 8: Hydrology and Flood Risk	Water Resources	Water Supply Strategy		EA012
	Flood Risk	Sensitivity Test		EA013
	Flood Modelling	Credible Maximum Scenario Flood Event		EA014
	Flood Modelling	Solar Panel Freeboard		EA015
	GWCL	Groundwater Sensitivity		EA016
	GWCL	Hydrogeological Modelling		EA017

	GWCL	Private Water Supply and hydraulic linkages		EA018
	Water Quality	Water Quality Monitoring		EA019
Chapter 12: Ground Conditions	GWCL	BESS Maximum Conditions		EA020
	GWCL	Reporting Inconsistencies		EA021
	GWCL	Pilling Risk Assessment		EA022
	GWCL	Private Water Supplies impacts are assessed		EA023
	GWCL	Groundwater Monitoring		EA024
	GWCL	Hardscaping		EA025
	GWCL	Unexpected Contamination Protocol		EA026
	GWCL	Preliminary works impacts to controlled waters		EA027
Biodiversity Net Gain	Biodiversity	Ditch Creation		EA028
	Geomorphology	Watercourse Uplift		EA029
Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan	Biodiversity	Great Crested Newts		EA030
	Water Quality	Concrete Management		EA031
	Water Quality	Storage of Fuel, Oil and Chemicals		EA032
	Water Quality	Washout Water		EA033
Outline Soil Management Plan	GWCL	Unexpected Contamination Protocol		EA034
Outline Battery Safety Management Plan	Water Quality	Battery Energy Storage System Design	Agreed in principle	EA035
Water Framework Directive Assessment	Water Quality	Management Plans Reference		EA036