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To whom it may concern

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY'S DEADLINE 5 RESPONSE

EAST PARK ENERGY

This response constitutes the Environment Agency's Deadline 5 response.

We have reviewed the Applicants documentation updates submitted at Deadline 4 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
 - Additional Advice to Applicant
- [Appendix B:](#)
 - A summary of our position

Yours faithfully


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Appendix A: Our comments regarding the issues we raised in our Relevant Representation

Issues 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, oOEMP and oDEMP to ensure the measures are secured in the control documentation.

The Applicant has updated the wording within the [\[REP4-098\]](#) oOEMP Table 5.8 to align with tables 5.8 of the oCEMP and oDEMP. We considered this issue resolved as the appropriate protections and mitigations are secured for 'Leaks and spillages of fuels and chemicals' across all stages of the DCO.

Outline Battery Safety Management Plan (OBSMP)

EA035

The Applicant has provided the appropriate updates to the OBSMP [\[REP4-027\]](#) and associated documents, we now consider this issue to be resolved.

Additional Advice to Applicant

The updated maps presented in Figures 9a, 9b and 9c (revision 3) of the Flood Risk Assessment [\[REP4-018\]](#) appear to be based on the *Flood Map for Planning – Surface Water Spatial Planning Depths* dataset with climate change applied. However, it is important to note the climate change allowance incorporated within this dataset is the 2070s Upper End allowance, rather than the Central allowance referred to in Section 3.5.4 (page 12) of the updated Flood Risk Assessment.

This discrepancy does not materially affect the conclusions of the FRA. In fact, the assessment has been undertaken using a more precautionary climate change allowance for surface water flood risk than is described within the FRA text. We therefore raise this as a minor reporting inconsistency only, rather than a technical concern.

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		EA007
	Water Quality			
	GWCL	Cabling Infrastructure Decommissioning		EA008
Chapter 7: Ecology and Nature Conservation	GWCL	Sources of contamination		EA009
	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		EA035
Water Framework Directive Assessment	Water Quality	Management Plans Reference		EA036