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Dear Sir/Madam

COMMENTS ON DEADLINE 5 SUBMISSIONS

Project: East Park Energy
Applicant: BSSL Cambsbed 1 Limited
Your Ref: EN010141

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC/the Council) has reviewed the Applicant's submission documents and has submitted the following to the Examining Authority (ExA) to date:

- [RR-494] Relevant Representations (14 January 2026);
- [REP1-076] Written Representations (7 April 2026);
- [REP1-077] Summary of RR exceeding 1500 words (7 April);
- [REP1-078] Local Impact Report (7 April 2026);
- [REP2-050] Comments on any updated or additional documents from the applicant and [REP2-051] Comments on responses to RRs (28th April 2026);
- [REP3-079] Responses to ExQ1 (22nd May 2026);
- [REP4-036] Deadline 4 Submission (10th July 2026);
- [REP4-037] Written Summary of Oral Representation Made by HDC at Issue Specific Hearing 3 (10th July 2026); and
- [REP5-028] Comments on the Applicant's Technical Note on Warren House (21st July 2026).

The Council notes the ExA's procedural decision of 4 August 2026 to vary the examination timetable, including the extension of Deadline 6 to 18 August 2026 and Deadline 7 to 1 September 2026. The Council welcomes the additional time afforded by this extension, which has enabled further constructive engagement with the Applicant and the Host Authorities in relation to the draft Development Consent Order, Statements of Common Ground and the suite of outline management plans.

Comments on the applicant's revised dDCO [REP5-006]

The Applicant submitted an updated Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) [REP5-006] at Deadline 5, incorporating amendments requested by the Host Authorities as part of the legal

review undertaken. Whilst some matters remain outstanding, progress has been made through ongoing discussions between the Applicant and Host Authorities, with a substantial number of issues now agreed, resolved or agreed in principle. The Council notes the Applicant's intention to provide a schedule at Deadline 6 identifying those provisions that remain under discussion or have not yet been agreed. Following review of those submissions, any remaining areas of disagreement or unresolved drafting points will be captured in the updated draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) to be submitted at Deadline 7.

Applicant Response to Host Authorities Deadline 4 submissions (Applicant Cover Letter For Deadline 5 [REP5-001])

In Appendix A and B of the Council's Deadline 4 submission [REP4-036], the Council set out comments on the Applicant's Outline Management Plans [REP3-048 – REP3-067] and the Technical Note on Replacement Works [REP3-075].

The Council acknowledges the Applicant's explanation in Section 7 of the Cover Letter regarding the limited time available between Deadline 4 and Deadline 5 to review and respond comprehensively to the detailed comments submitted by the Host Authorities on the outline management plans and the approach to replacement works.

The Council can confirm that constructive engagement with the Applicant has continued on these matters. Since Deadline 5, the Applicant has presented and shared with the Host Authorities a number of proposed amendments to the outline management plans for review and discussion. Subject to those amendments being reflected in the formal Deadline 6 submissions, the Council's preliminary view is that the majority of the concerns raised within its Deadline 4 submission [REP4-036] could be satisfactorily addressed.

The Council can also confirm that the Applicant has made extensive amendments to all management plans, to incorporate their approach to the Operational – replacement campaign – Phase as set out in the Technical Note on Replacement Works [REP3-075] to address the concerns raised by the Host Authorities.

The Host Authorities have reviewed and considered the Applicant's proposed approach to the replacement phase following ongoing discussions since Deadline 5. The Host Authorities consider that, as a matter of principle, the DCO should contain a defined replacement phase which is secured with the DCO itself. Whilst this is not yet common practice within precedent DCOs, the Host Authorities view is that this approach should be taken in light of the potential need for significant replacement works across the lifetime of the project and the known likelihood of technological change and advance over the duration of the Scheme. Notwithstanding this in principle position, the Host Authorities have reviewed the amended approach now set out in the updated outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (oOEMP), and other related Management Plans, and are content with the substantive details now contained within the oOEMP including the inclusion of, distinction between, and provision for, a) Routine Replacement Works, b) Planned Partial Replacement Campaign, and c) Major Replacement Campaign Method Statement and Environmental Review. Consequently, without prejudice to the Host Authorities' in-principle position that a "replacement phase" should be embedded within the DCO itself for this Scheme and others in the future, the Host Authorities agree that the Applicant's approach as now amended can be progressed.

The Council will undertake a detailed assessment of the outline management plans submitted at Deadline 6 and will provide its final position to the ExA at Deadline 7, including confirmation of

any remaining areas of disagreement or matters requiring further clarification. These matters will also be reflected within the final SoCG.

Other Deadline 5 submissions

The Council has no comments to make on any other Deadline 5 submissions.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you. Should you wish to discuss this matter further then please contact Lucy Pateman by email: [REDACTED]@[huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@huntingdonshire.gov.uk).

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