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FAO: eastparkenergyproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk**Application Reference: EN010141****Applicant Cover Letter for Examination Deadline 7**

I write on behalf of BSSL Cambsbed 1 Ltd (the 'Applicant') in response to the Examining Authority's (ExA) Rule 8 letter **[PD-006]** dated 01 April 2026, and subsequent Rule 8(3) letters on 04 August 2026 **[PD-011]** and 20 August 2026 **[PD-012]** in respect of Examination Deadline 7. This letter sets out the submissions made by the Applicant for Deadline 7.

1. The Applicant's revised documents submitted at Deadline 7

The Applicant has provided the following updated application documents as part of this submission:

Document	Rev.	Reason(s) for updates
Application Document Tracker <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P10	Updated to accurately set out the current status of all documents submitted by the Applicant as of Deadline 7.
Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P07	Updated to reflect the latest position in relation to land and compulsory acquisition.

2. The Applicant's additional documents submitted at Deadline 7

The Applicant has provided the following additional documents to support the Examination:

Document	Rev.	Reason(s) for submission
Applicant Response to Deadline 6 Submissions	P01	As requested in the Rule 8(3) and 17 Letter [PD-012] .
Applicant Response to Rule 17 Request	P01	As requested in the Rule 8(3) and 17 Letter [PD-012] .
Applicant Response to Eaton Socon Power Limited Deadline 6 Submission	P01	As requested in the Rule 8(3) and 17 Letter [PD-012] .
Note on updated National Planning Policy Framework	P01	As set out under Item 4 below.

3. Statutory undertakers and protective provisions

The Applicant is continuing to negotiate with statutory undertakers regarding the provision of bespoke protective provisions within the draft DCO, and will provide a final update on progress at the next deadline. The Applicant also notes that the ExA has issued a further Rule 17 request addressed to affected parties in relation to protective provisions.

The Applicant received confirmation on 1 September 2026 that Anglian Water Services Limited has withdrawn its objection to the Scheme, and the Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker will be updated accordingly at the next deadline.

4. National Planning Policy Framework

The Applicant has prepared a **Note on updated National Planning Policy Framework [EN010141/DR/8.78]** to consider the implications for the East Park Energy application of the recently updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which was published by Government on the 17th August 2026.

The August 2026 NPPF is therefore capable of being an important and relevant consideration for the purposes of section 104(2)(d) of the Planning Act 2008. It does not, however, displace the statutory decision-making framework or the relevant designated energy National Policy Statements (NPS), principally NPS EN-1 and NPS EN-3, with NPS EN-5 relevant to the electricity network elements of the Scheme.

Overall, the updated August 2026 NPPF does not change the Applicant's opinion on the planning balance that should be applied to the Scheme, which is set out in Section 8 of the **Planning Statement [REP6-010]**, nor alter the Applicant's conclusion that development consent should be granted.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant if you have any questions or require any further information regarding this submission.

Yours sincerely,

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