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Dear Case Team,

Re: Beacon Fen Energy Park – Issue Specific Hearing 1: Need, Site Selection & Alternatives (24 September 2025, virtual)

I confirm that I, [REDACTED], Director of LCJ Mountain Farms Ltd (Interested Party), will attend virtually and make a brief oral submission.

As requested, my key points are set out below (succinct and not a repeat of our 2 July submission):

Key Points (ISH1)

1) Update since 2 July

- AGR3 (49.9 MW solar + BESS) on our land has now been consented at appeal 13.08.25.
- This is a committed scheme, and its interaction with the DCO route must be considered.
- We are also in active discussions on further expansion and associated infrastructure, which reinforces the need for future-proofing.

2) Reasonable Alternatives (EN-1 / EN-3) not properly assessed

- In November 2021 we offered 516 acres (now c. 660 acres), only 2.7 km from Bicker Fen, predominantly ALC Grade 3a/3b, as a willing host.
- This was discounted early and not revisited when Beacon Fen South fell away.
- EN-1 and EN-3 require minimising BMV land loss and demonstrating efficient use of grid infrastructure.

3) Inaccuracies / omissions in appraisal

- LWS 4722 has been mis-identified; the proposed route directly affects it.
- Cumulative impacts with Viking Link works and compounds have not been assessed.
- Soil impacts are understated: our before/after soil surveys from Viking Link show lasting degradation despite “embedded mitigation.”

4) Integration & efficient grid use not demonstrated (EN-1)

- The scheme has been designed as a sealed linear export.
- In practice, this area is an emerging integrated energy and demand hub (AGR3 consented; Root Power; AGR iDNO licence; Ecotricity Heckington Fen).
- Pragmatic alternatives should have safeguarded node, spur and substation options,

enabling local integration rather than sterilising opportunities.

Summary request

We respectfully ask the Examining Authority to ensure that:

- Alternatives are robustly assessed,
- Environmental effects are accurately tested, and
- Infrastructure efficiency/integration is fully examined.

We will provide supporting expert evidence at Deadline 1 (7 October 2025).

Kind regards,

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