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Date: 21st October 2025

Email: [REDACTED]

Our ref: B/25/0225

Your ref: EN 010151

Dear Sir,

**Re: EN 010151 - Beacon Fen Energy Park**

**Boston Borough Council's - Deadline Two Submission - 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025.**

The letter sets out Boston Borough Council (BBC) response to the Applicants Deadline 1 submissions for the above Project.

## **Introduction**

This letter provides a response at Deadline 2 (21 October 2025) from Boston Borough Council (hereafter 'BBC') on the following Deadline 1 submissions by the Applicant;

- REP1-015 – Updated Vegetation Removal Plan.
- REP1-029 - Applicants Response to RR's.
- REP1-031 – Draft ASI Itinerary

The submission should be read in conjunction with the Council's Written Representation Local Impact Report submitted at Deadline 1. BBC have also submitted their response to ExA Q1 and in some instances these answers are cross referenced.

## **Updated Vegetation Removal Plan.**

BBC welcomes the Applicant's update to Figure 6.32 Vegetation Removal Plan (REP1-015) that provides the following clarification;

- that there will be no requirement to remove existing vegetation within the South Forty Foot Drain; and
- of the extent of potential vegetation removal and retention at Bicker Fen Substation.

BBC seeks further clarity on how the vegetation shown as retained on the updated Vegetation Removal Plan and the Vegetation to be removed are secured within the Requirements of the draft DCO.

## **Applicants Response to RR's.**

**BMVAL**





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The Applicants response is noted but BBC still have concern over the loss of BMVAL as set out within our WR and LIR submitted at deadline 1 which we note the Examination timetable provides for the Applicant to respond too by Deadline 2.

### Vegetation Loss

As noted above the Applicants update to the Vegetation Removal Plan is welcomed.

In the Applicants response to BBC's RR and the point in respect of Vegetation loss the Applicant confirms that the vegetation removal is the worst-case scenario and goes onto state that - *'the precise extent and locations of vegetation removal will be confirmed during detailed design.'*

BBC wishes to ensure that vegetation shown as retained on the updated Vegetation Removal Plan and the Vegetation to be removed are secured and approved by the relevant Planning Authority within the Requirements of the draft DCO.

As per BBC Written Representation the use of the phrase 'substantially in accordance with' and coupled with the limited direction within the Requirements as to what shall be included within the full control documents is of concern.

### South Forty Foot Drain

As noted above the Applicants update to the Vegetation Removal Plan is welcomed and provides the necessary clarity at this location provided that vegetation shown as retained on the updated Vegetation Removal Plan are adequately secured and that they will be approved by the relevant Planning Authority within the Requirements of the draft DCO.

### Socio-Economic

The Applicants response is noted but BBC still have concerns as set out within our WR and LIR submitted at deadline 1 which we note the Examination timetable provides for the Applicant to response by Deadline 2. We also note that BBC's response to the ExA Q1 GCT.1.11 will provide further clarity on BBC's concern here.

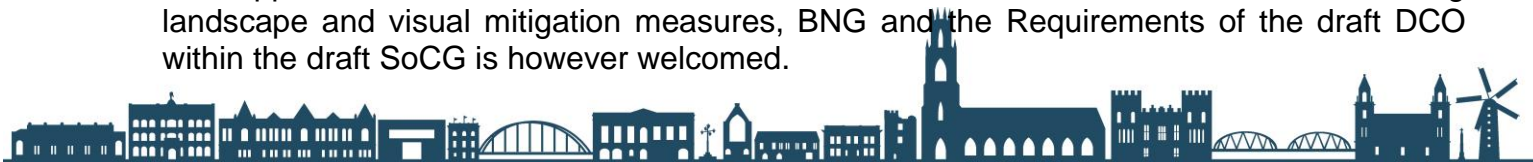
### **Draft ASI itinerary**

BBC welcomes the Applicants inclusion of locations for the ASI that are located within the Borough.

### **Conclusions**

BBC have been progressing dialogue with the Applicant on topic areas within the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) and intends on reaching agreement in areas where possible. There are, however, areas of disagreement remaining.

The Applicant's commitment to further discussions with BBC on these matters including landscape and visual mitigation measures, BNG and the Requirements of the draft DCO within the draft SoCG is however welcomed.





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BBC wishes to engage proactively with the Applicant to reduce these areas of concern and seek to achieve the best possible outcomes for the local communities and other sensitive receptors that would be most affected by the impacts of the Project.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case officer Joe O'Sullivan.  
Many Thanks.

Yours Faithfully



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