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Dear Sir/Madam

Application by Beacon Fen Energy Park Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Beacon Fen Energy Park Project

This letter contains Lincolnshire County Council's (LCC) comments on further information and submissions received at Deadline 1.

Highways

It is noted that document 9.2 Applicant Responses to Relevant Representations [REP1-029] contains an updated section regarding Traffic and Access confirming LCC's recent discussions with the Applicant regarding passing places and the need for all mitigations in Highway Land to go through standard LCC Technical Checks, S184 and Minor Works, prior to implementation. Therefore we are satisfied that the documents reflect our current position on transport.

LCC note the Applicant's response in REP1-029 regarding the need to follow the Council's permitting scheme. LCC remain of the view that this should be addressed in the dDCO as set out in our Local Impact Report (LIR) [REP1-044] and in line with provisions that have been made in other DCO's.

Agriculture

LCC have reviewed the documents submitted at deadline 1 which includes an updated outline Soil Management Plan (oSMP) [REP1-013], the outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) [REP1-009] and outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (oDEMP)[REP1-011] and have the following comments in respect of agriculture.

oSMP

The updates to the oSMP Section 3.4 are noted which includes the provision for an appointed Principal Contractor who would be responsible for implementing the detailed SMP. The updated oSMP and tables and are comprehensive and compliant with existing guidance.

oCEMP

Section 3, Construction Management, has been revised at 3.2.14 and the role of Agricultural Liaison Officer has been added. This is welcomed as a measure to mitigate likely impacts on soils.



oDEMP

The description of the measures to be implemented in the event of the proposed access road being reinstated at the end of the lifetime of the proposed development plan does not include provision of suitable soils for restoration to the original land use. Provision should be made for the storage of soils for reuse in line with the oDEMP.

Waste

It is noted that the Applicant will address comments regarding Waste and Recycling through comments on the LIR and through the SoCG discussions.

Despite the Applicant's reassurance under Cumulative Impacts on page 73 of the Applicant Responses to Relevant Representations [REP1-029], LCC remain concerned regarding the quantity of waste generated across all phases of the project, particularly of materials which require specialist processing, e.g. failed or end of life PV panels. These concerns are exacerbated by the cumulative waste from multiple similar projects which are likely to produce similar waste at similar times.

Yours faithfully,

For Neil McBride

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