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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Beacon Fen Energy Park DCO – Deadline 5 Submissions for North Kesteven District Council

The Council refers to the submissions made to the examination at Deadline 4 and ongoing discussions with the applicant, Beacon Fen Energy Park Ltd.

Responses to ExQ2:

BIO.2.2: The parties are now agreed on this matter. The original concern was raised prior to formal consultation on the HRA and with reference to the impacts and effects reported by the Applicant. NKDC had a concern, based on prior experience, that the 70dB threshold might not be accepted by Natural England, with implications for agreement of the potential impacts and effects and possible mitigation needs. The Applicant has since completed their consultation with Natural England as the Statutory Nature Conservation Body (SNCB), and they have advised NKDC of the outcome of this process. Given this, NKDC has no further concerns and defers to the SNCB on this matter.

Request for a S106 Agreement:

The Council and the Applicant have exchanged emails in respect of the possible means to secure the following:

- ESG/BNG monitoring fee
- Financial Contribution to Skills and Training package
- Financial Contribution to establishment of a Stepping Out Walk

Discussions are still ongoing, and the matters have not yet been agreed. Whilst we welcome the Applicant's commitment in principle to the funding of a number of tasks associated with the ESG, of which reviewing the Applicant's BNG monitoring will be a central element, we do not agree that the funding should be secured solely as a commitment within the LEMP.

The Council's position remains that as a financial contribution, the ESG/BNG monitoring fee should be secured in the usual way through a s106 Agreement. This the Council's preferred means of securing the financial contributions and is consistent with the approach being

taken by the Springwell solar farm NSIP whose draft s106 Agreement (which includes the ESG/BNG monitoring fee) is at an advanced stage.

dDCO amendments:

Article 46 – the amendment to 10 weeks is noted and welcomed.

Requirement 16 – the amendment to change the relevant authority to NKDC to Requirement 16 Soils Management is noted and welcomed.

Requirement 8 – the amendment to include BNG figures within the text of the Requirement is noted and welcomed.

Article 24(2)a - inclusion of Requirements 8 and 17 are noted and welcomed.

Yours faithfully




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