

Planning Inspectorate

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Our ref: XA/2025/100456/04-L01

Your ref: EN010151

Date: 22 December 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

**ENVIRONMENT AGENCY RESPONSE TO EXAMINING AUTHORITY QUESTIONS
EXQ2. BEACON FEN ENERGY PARK, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

We have reviewed the questions directed to us within your letter dated 8 December 2025 [\[PD-013\]](#) and have responded below. The Environment Agency's latest position is shown in Appendix A.

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
BIO.2.2	Applicant, Natural England, Environment Agency, NKDC	Please see questions included in the RIES published on the 8 December 2025.

Environment Agency Response:

The Applicant provided us with a draft updated Outline Construction Environment Management Plan (oCEMP, Revision 4) on 7 November 2025, which included additional detail on what the Water Monitoring Plan will contain. On the basis of this additional detail, we are satisfied that this issue has been sufficiently addressed, provided that we are included as a named consultee for Requirement 12 (something that the Applicant has stated they will add into an updated draft Development Consent Order). Our understanding is that the Revision 4 oCEMP will be submitted into the examination at Deadline 5 by the Applicant, in which case this matter will be resolved.

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
WFR.2.1	Applicant, Environment Agency	Following from ISH3, the ExA requests an update from the applicant and the Environment Agency in relation to flood risk and the applicant's approach to flood risk. The ExA also wishes to highlight the need for both parties to reach agreement on this matter with enough time left in the examination to properly scrutinise and assess the effects of the proposal on flood risk. If this is not the case and agreement is not reached early enough as to allow for appropriate consideration, the ExA's recommendation report will have to reflect that.

Environment Agency Response:

The Applicant and the Environment Agency have been working closely since ISH3 to address the outstanding flood risk matters and this response represents a jointly agreed position statement from the Applicant and the Environment Agency. Details of the consultation undertaken are detailed within the draft Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and the Environment Agency, submitted at D5. To summarise, the Environment Agency provided comment on the updated draft Flood Risk Assessment (APP-162) to the applicant on 17 November and a virtual meeting was held to discuss outstanding matters on 18 November. Since then, the Flood Risk Assessment (APP-162) has been further updated to include the finalised flood modelling results and to address the associated outstanding Environment Agency concerns. The updated draft Flood Risk Assessment was issued to the Environment Agency on 8 December for review ahead of D5. The Environment Agency provided comments on the draft document during a virtual meeting held between the EA and Applicant on 16 December. The following flood risk related EA Relevant Representation comments were mutually agreed as being addressed, subject to the updated Flood Risk Assessment being formally submitted into the Examination: EA03, EA27, EA28, and EA30.

7No. outstanding matters relating to EA01, EA02, EA21, EA23, EA24, EA25, EA26, and EA29 were discussed at the virtual meeting held on 16 December and agreement reached on how these could be resolved. The updated Flood Risk Assessment submitted at D5 aims to address all outstanding flood risk matters raised by the Environment Agency.

We trust this advice is useful.

Yours faithfully

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APPENDIX A – SUMMARY OF EA POSITION

Subject	Work package	Scope	Method and Assumptions	Results of Assessment (i.e Impact)	Mitigation / Enhancements Agreed	Requirement	RR ID
Ecology	Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy					8	
	Ecological Assessment					7	EA01, EA02, EA03, EA04, EA05, EA06, EA20
	Water Environment Regulations Compliance						EA01, EA02, EA03, EA04, EA05, EA06
Water Resources	Water Supply Strategy						EA08, EA15
Flood Risk	Flood Risk Assessment						EA01, EA02, EA03, EA21, EA22, EA23, EA24, EA25, EA26, EA27, EA28, EA29, EA30
	Hydraulic Model						EA23, EA26, EA29
Water Quality	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan					12	
	Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan					18	
	Outline Battery Safety Management Plan					6	EA32
	Foul & Surface Water Drainage					10	EA10, EA33
	Water Environment Regulations Compliance						EA05
Groundwater Protection	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan					12	EA13, EA14, EA19
	Groundwater Protection						EA09, EA10, EA12, EA13, EA19, EA31, EA32, EA33
	Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan					18	EA17, EA19
Waste	Waste Management Strategy						EA16
Geomorphology	Water Environment Regulations Compliance						EA01, EA02