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Dear Ms Margoum,

#### BEACON FEN ENERGY PARK

**APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT UNDER SECTION 37 'APPLICATIONS FOR ORDERS GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT' OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 FOR A GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRICITY GENERATING FACILITY OF OVER 50MW CAPACITY AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM.**

#### **LAND 6.5 KM NORTHEAST OF SLEAFORD AND 2.5 KM NORTH OF HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

On 1 October 2025, the Examining Authority ('ExA') issued a letter under Section 89 of the Planning Act 2008 and Rules 8 and 9 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 ('the Rule 8 letter') which confirmed the Examination timetable and procedure relating to the Beacon Fen Energy Park Development Consent Order ('DCO') application. The Rule 8 letter set out the submissions required by the ExA to be provided for each Deadline of the Examination.

This letter sets out the documents that form the Applicant's submission at Deadline 5 of the Examination of the Beacon Fen Energy Park DCO Application. Where the document updates a previously submitted document it is confirmed that a clean and tracked version has been submitted.

Further information on the documents, including their application document reference, statutory requirement, revision number, dates and examination library reference can be found in the updated **Application Guide (Document Ref 1.3)** submitted at Deadline 5 (Revision 8).

On 17 December 2025 a Change Request was submitted for the Beacon Fen Energy Park DCO Application. These documents have been added included within the **Application Guide (Document Ref 1.3)** which has been submitted at Deadline 5 (Revision 8).

The Applicant notes and welcomes the ExA's acceptance of the Change Request on Thursday 18 December. The Change Request was accompanied by an Application Index (CR-028) which denotes various documents that will be updated following the acceptance of the Change Request. For clarity those updated documents will be submitted at Deadline 6, as the Applicant had substantially finalised its Deadline 5 submission at the point the Change Request was accepted.

The Applicant submits, alongside this letter, the following documents into examination:

Statements of Common Ground

- Document Ref 8.9: Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency (Revision 3) (Tracked)
- Document Ref 8.9: Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency (Revision 3) (Clean)
- Document Ref 8.19: Statement of Commonality (Revision 5) (Tracked)
- Document Ref 8.19: Statement of Commonality (Revision 5) (Clean)

Any other Information submitted by the Applicant

- Document Ref 1.3: Application Guide (Revision 8)
- Document Ref 3.1: Draft Development Consent Order (Revision 6) (Clean)
- Document Ref 3.1: Draft Development Consent Order (Revision 6) (Tracked)
- Document Ref 3.1: Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO (Revision 6)
- Document Ref 3.2: Explanatory Memorandum (Revision 6) (Clean)
- Document Ref 3.2: Explanatory Memorandum (Revision 6) (Tracked)
- Document Ref 4.4: Detailed Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker (Revision 5) PDF)
- Document Ref 4.4: Detailed Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker (Revision 5) (Excel)
- Document Ref 5.5: Planning Statement (Revision 2)<sup>1</sup>
- Document Ref 6.2.6: ES Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual (Revision 2) (Clean)
- Document Ref 6.2.6: ES Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual (Revision 2) (Tracked)
- Document Ref 6.2.7: ES Chapter 7 Ecology (Revision 3) (Clean)
- Document Ref 6.2.7: ES Chapter 7 Ecology (Revision 3) (Tracked)
- Document Ref 6.2.11: ES Chapter 11 Water Resources and Flood Risk (Revision 2) (Clean)
- Document Ref 6.2.11: ES Chapter 11 Water Resources and Flood Risk (Revision 2) (Tracked)
- Document Ref 6.3.7: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Revision 4) (Clean)
- Document Ref 6.3.7: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Revision 4) (Tracked)
- Document Ref 6.3.8: Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (Revision 3) (Clean)
- Document Ref 6.3.8: Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (Revision 3) (Tracked)
- Document Ref 6.3.16: ES Appendix 6.4 Visual Assessment (Revision 2) (Clean)
- Document Ref 6.3.16: ES Appendix 6.4 Visual Assessment (Revision 2) (Tracked)
- Document Ref 6.3.17: ES Appendix 6.5 Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (Revision 2) (Clean)
- Document Ref 6.3.17: ES Appendix 6.5 Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (Revision 2) (Tracked)
- Document Ref 6.3.19: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Revision 3) (Clean)
- Document Ref 6.3.19: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Revision 3) (Tracked)
- Document Ref 6.3.81: ES Appendix 11.1 Flood Risk Assessment (Revision 2) (Clean)
- Document Ref 6.3.81: ES Appendix 11.1 Flood Risk Assessment (Revision 2) (Tracked)
- Document Ref 6.3.83: ES Appendix 11.3 Summary of Watercourse Crossings (Revision 2) (Clean)

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<sup>1</sup> The only updates to the Planning Statement relate to the Site Selection Report and relates to additional assessment relating to the Sequential Test. Therefore, no tracked version has been provided.

- **Document Ref 6.3.83: ES Appendix 11.3 Summary of Watercourse Crossings (Revision 2) (Tracked)**
- **Document Ref 6.3.95: Outline Soil Management Plan (Revision 3) (Clean)**
- **Document Ref 6.3.95: Outline Soil Management Plan (Revision 3) (Tracked)**
- **Document Ref 6.3.103: Waste and Recycling Strategy (Revision 2) (Clean)**
- **Document Ref 6.3.103: Waste and Recycling Strategy (Revision 2) (Tracked)**
- **Document Ref 7.2: Outline Safety Battery Management Plan (Revision 2) (Clean)**
- **Document Ref 7.2: Outline Safety Battery Management Plan (Revision 2) (Tracked)**
- **Document Ref 7.3: Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy (Revision 3) (Clean)**
- **Document Ref 7.3: Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy (Revision 3) (Tracked)**
- **Document Ref 7.4: Biodiversity Net Gain Metric (Revision 2)**
- **Document Ref 9.5: Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (Clean)**
- **Document Ref 9.5: Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (Tracked)**
- **Document Ref 9.18: Applicant's Responses to Remaining Action Points**
- **Document Ref 9.19: Applicant's Responses to Other Parties D4 Submissions**
- **Document Ref 9.20: Applicant's Responses to ExQ2**
- **Document Ref 9.21: Technical Note: Cumulative Effects Assessment Update**

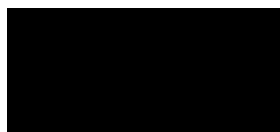
In accordance with Annex E of the **Rule 6 Letter (PD-003)**, we note that the ExA expects the Applicant's Updates to be submitted at each Deadline, which includes the Statements of Common Ground, **Land Plans (Document Ref 2.2)**, **Statement of Reasons (Document Ref 4.1)**, **Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker (Document Ref 4.4)**, **Book of Reference (Document Ref 4.3)**, **Draft DCO (Document Ref 3.1)**, **Other Consents and Licenses (Document Ref 5.4)** and **Explanatory Memorandum (Document Ref 3.2)**. However, because the Applicant has not made any amendments to the **Land Plans (Document Ref 2.2)**, the **Book of Reference (Document Ref 4.3)**, the **Statement of Reasons (Document Ref 4.1)** and **Other Consents and Licenses (Document Ref 5.4)** at this deadline, an updated version of these documents have not been submitted. These documents will be updated as required at future deadlines.

A new revision of the **Planning Statement ('PS') (Document Ref 5.5)** has been submitted at this Deadline. However, the only updates to the PS relate to the Site Selection Report and features additional assessment. Therefore, due to the changes being minimal, no tracked version has been provided.

We look forward to receiving PINS' confirmation of receipt of this letter and the documents listed above. If you have any questions or clarifications with regards to the documents submitted alongside this letter or other parts of the Application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

For and on behalf of DWD



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