

Planning Inspectorate

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Your ref: EN010151

Date: 09 February 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY COMMENTS ON DEADLINE 6 SUBMISSIONS. BEACON FEN ENERGY PARK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

We have reviewed the Deadline 6 submissions, in particular:

- Draft Development Consent Order [[REP6-003](#) and [REP6-004](#)]
- Appendix 11.1 Flood Risk Assessment (Revision 3) [[REP6-029](#) and [REP6-030](#)]

A summary of our latest position is provided in Appendix A to this letter.

EA23 Credible Maximum Scenario and EA29 Flood Risk – Solar Panels

The Flood Risk Assessment (Revision 3) submitted at Deadline 6 [[REP6-029](#) and [REP6-030](#)] does not contain the updates the Environment Agency requires in order to address our outstanding concerns relating to EA23 and EA29.

The Applicant has been engaging with the Environment Agency outside of the formal Examination process in order to make progress in resolving the outstanding issues relating to flood risk. The Applicant shared with the Environment Agency a revised Flood Risk Assessment on 19/01/26, and we issued a response to the Applicant on 23/01/26 which confirmed that the revisions to the Flood Risk Assessment were sufficient to address our concerns relating to EA23 (Credible Maximum Scenario) and EA29 (Flood Risk – Solar Panels). Our position on these matters will remain unchanged until this document is submitted into Examination, which we understand from the Applicant will be at Deadline 7. Further details of this can be found in Additional Submission [[AS-033](#)].

Separate from this, we note that following the Examining Authority's decision to accept the proposed change to the Development Consent Order (DCO) application [[AS-029](#)] on 19 December 2025, the Flood Risk Assessment (Revision 3) [[REP6-029](#) and [REP6-030](#)] has been updated. We wish to confirm that we have reviewed the design changes and are satisfied that the Applicant has appropriately assessed the fluvial flood risk to and from the Proposed Development and implemented sufficient mitigation.

EA34 Requirement 7 – LEMP and EA35 Requirement 12 – CEMP

In our Relevant Representation [[RR-006](#)], EA34 and EA35 related to the inclusion of the Environment Agency as a named consultee on the details submitted to discharge Requirement 7 (Landscape & Ecological Management Plan) and 12 (Construction

Environmental Management Plan). While the Applicant has informally agreed with us that we will be added as a named consultee for these requirements in an updated draft Development Consent Order, the most recent version of the Draft Development Consent Order which was submitted at Deadline 6 [[REP6-003](#) and [REP6-004](#)] does not name us on said Requirements.

EA34 and EA35 remain outstanding.

We trust this advice is useful.

Yours faithfully

Chloe Snowball
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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