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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. A Change Request was accepted into examination on 19 December 2025 which can be seen in the **Rule 9 – Notification of Procedural Decision (Ref: PD-015)**.

This letter sets out the documents that form the Applicant's submission at Deadline 8, the final deadline, of the Examination of the Beacon Fen Energy Park DCO Application. Where the document updates a previously submitted document it is confirmed where 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 alongside this letter at Deadline 8 (Revision 11).

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

#### *The Applicant's Updates (Annex E)*

- **Document Ref 1.3: Application Guide (Revision 11)**
- **Document Ref 3.1: Final Draft Development Consent Order (Revision 9) (Clean and Tracked)**
- **Document Ref 3.1: Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO (Revision 9)**
- **Document Ref 3.2: Explanatory Memorandum (Revision 9) (Clean and Tracked)**

- Document Ref 3.3: Validation Report (Revision 2) (Please note, this may be submitted late)
- Document Ref 4.4: Detailed Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker (Revision 8)
- Document Ref 4.4: Detailed Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker (Revision 8) (Excel version)
- Document Ref 8.2: Final Statement of Common Ground with North Kesteven District Council (Revision 6) (Clean and Tracked)
- Document Ref 8.5: Final Statement of Common Ground with National Gas Transmission (Revision 2) (Clean and Tracked)
- Document Ref 8.6: Final Statement of Common Ground with National Grid Viking Link Limited (Revision 2) (Clean and Tracked)
- Document Ref 8.9: Final Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency (Revision 4) (Clean and Tracked)
- Document Ref 8.19: Final Statement of Commonality (Revision 8) (Clean and Tracked)

Applicant's Closing Statement

- Document Ref 9.26 Applicant's Closing Statement

Any other Information submitted by the Applicant

- Document Ref 2.4: Works Plan (Revision 4)
- Document Ref 5.6: Design and Access Approach Document (Revision 4) (Clean and Tracked)
- Document Ref 6.2.7: Chapter 7 Ecology (Revision 4) (Clean and Tracked)
- Document Ref 6.3.7: Appendix 2.4 Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) (Revision 6) (Clean and Tracked)
- Document Ref 6.3.19: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Revision 6) (Clean and Tracked)

In accordance with Annex E of the **Rule 6 Letter (PD-003)**, we note that the ExA also expects the Applicant's Updates to the **Land Plans (Document Ref 2.2)**, the **Statement of Reasons (Document 4.1)** the **Book of Reference (Document Ref 4.3)** the **Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference (Document Ref 4.3)** and the **Other Consents and Licenses Document (5.4)**. However, because the Applicant has not made any amendments to these documents at this deadline, an updated version of this document has not been submitted. As it is Deadline 8, the final draft Development Consent Order has been submitted within the Statutory Instrument Template.

**The Applicant's responses to interested parties' Deadline 7 submissions**

The Applicant notes a number of submissions were made by interested parties at Deadline 7. As the substance of these submissions related to matters which have been addressed at length in the examination already and/or are features of the Statements of Common Ground with those relevant parties (including as updated at this deadline 8 in relation to North Kesteven District Council and the Environment Agency), the Applicant did not consider it to be necessary or helpful for the examination to produce a separate document responding to each submission. Instead, in the limited instances where new or material points were raised in the Deadline 7 submissions, the Applicant has instead incorporated its response (signposted as necessary) in its closing submissions against the relevant topic. The Applicant considered this consolidated approach to its final submissions would be more helpful to the Examining Authority when considering the relevant issue; however, should the ExA consider any further information/clarification is required then the Applicant would be happy to assist.

**Draft Development Consent Order/Protective Provisions/s135 consent**

The Applicant has submitted a final version of the **draft DCO** (version 9) at this Deadline 8, which reflects further minor updates made in response to requests from/agreement reached with relevant stakeholders, including in relation to a number of protective provisions (together with a comparison version against that submitted at Deadline 7, along with a word version and validation report, cognisant of this final proposed deadline. Please note, the validation report may be submitted late). A

further schedule of changes to the draft DCO has been submitted for completeness. The Explanatory Memorandum to the draft DCO has been submitted with one minor update to reflect the inclusion of a new set of protective provisions.

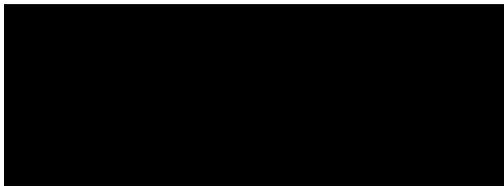
In relation to the protective provisions, the Applicant has provided an update (where applicable) in its closing submissions to the overview position previously provided in response to ExQ3:CA.3.4 at Deadline 7. It is possible that further update/agreement will be reached ahead of the anticipated close of the examination next week (23<sup>rd</sup>) and the Applicant will endeavour to update the ExA if that is the case; however, it has deliberately drafted its closing statement to provide the ExA with its summary position and case as matters stand at present, such that the ExA can prepare its recommendation report in this context. If, as expected, further progress is made with the identified parties during the recommendation stage then the Applicant will update PINS/the SoS such that it can be considered in the Decision.

Finally, the Applicant is pleased to confirm that s135 consent has been granted by The Crown Estate Commissioners (TCE) and it is understood TCE have written to PINS to confirm the same for this Deadline 8.

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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