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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Beacon Fen Energy Park DCO – Rule 17 Response for North Kesteven District Council

The Council refers to the questions raised by the ExA within his Rule 17 letter dated 18 February 2026.

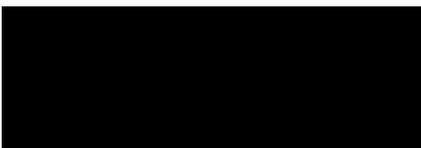
Comments on Article 51 of the draft DCO (Ecology and Planting Contribution):

The Council is satisfied that that the proposed planting provision should take place within the geographical area of Boston Borough Council to mitigate the impact of the loss of woodland near Bicker Fen Substation. It notes that all the BNG provision proposed by the applicant would be within the solar array area located within North Kesteven District Council.

Comments on Article 50 of the draft DCO (Funding Contributions):

The Council considers that the funding for the establishment of the Stepping Out Walk is adequately secured via the provisions of Art 50 (1)(d) and (3) of the dDCO. The Council respectfully suggests that the ExA has omitted to acknowledge these provisions in his Rule 17 letter. Art 50 (3) specifically states that *'North Kesteven District Council is to allocate the funding contribution referred to in paragraph (1)(d) to officer time and, materials or other measures for publicising its Stepping Out (or successor) programme including taking photography of the path, creating a PDF map available for public download and installing wayfinding signage, rubbish bins, and footfall counter'*.

Yours faithfully



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