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Our Ref: EN010151

Beacon Fen Energy Park Limited
The Crown Estate Commissioners
Natural England
National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) PLC
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
Triton Knoll OFTO Limited
Vicarage Drove BESS Limited
Vicarage Drove Energy Centre

12 June 2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Beacon Fen Energy Park Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Beacon Fen Energy Park (“the Proposed Development”)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Following the completion of the Examination on 23 February 2025, the Examining Authority submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 22 May 2026. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application.
2. There are issues on which the Secretary of State would be grateful if the **Applicant, The Crown Estate Commissioners, Natural England, National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) PLC, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, Triton Knoll OFTO Limited, Vicarage Drove BESS Limited and Vicarage Drove Energy Centre** could provide updates or information as appropriate.

Biodiversity

3. The **Applicant** is requested to update their Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (“oLEMP”) and Outline Construction Management Plan (“oCEMP”) to specify and secure the mitigation and enhancements that the Proposed Development has put forward for Skylark. It is noted that throughout the Examination the Applicant stated there will be a photovoltaic exclusion zone in place, restrictions to grass cutting and the potential for offsite enhancements with

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. However, none of these mitigation or enhancement measures are mentioned in either the oLEMP or oCEMP.

4. The Secretary of State notes that there is the potential for bats to be disturbed during the construction of the Proposed Development, including a rare species (*barbastelle*) and that the Applicant has considered various mitigation and avoidance options within their oLEMP and oCEMP. **Natural England** is invited to provide its advice on the suitability of the mitigation and avoidance measures proposed and whether the Applicant would require a Protected Species licence for the proposed works.

Land Rights

5. **The Crown Estate Commissioners** and the **Applicant** are requested to provide an update on the status of negotiations regarding the section 135 consent sought by the Applicant. Please advise whether agreement is expected to be reached and confirm when the consent is expected to be granted if so.
6. The **Applicant** is requested to provide an update on the status of negotiations in relation to the voluntary agreements for the following affected persons:
 - **Gerard Amaury Arnaud March Phillipps de Lisle**
 - **Peter Andrew March Phillipps de Lisle**
 - **Simon John Henry Still de Lisle**
 - **Patrick Simon Benjamin**
 - **Roythornes Trustees Limited**
 - **The Lincoln Diocesan Trust and Board of Finance Limited**
 - **The Vicarage Drove Project Limited**
7. The **Applicant and the following statutory undertakers** are requested to provide an update on the status of negotiations in relation to its protective provisions, including any updates to drafting of protective provisions:
 - **National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) PLC**
 - **Network Rail Infrastructure Limited**
 - **Triton Knoll OFTO Limited**
 - **Vicarage Drove BESS Limited**
 - **Vicarage Drove Energy Centre**

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE

8. The deadline for response is **23:59 on 25 June 2026**.
9. Responses should be submitted **by email only** to beaconfen@planninginspectorate.gov.uk
10. Responses will be published on the Beacon Fen Energy Park project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website **as soon as possible after 25 June**

2026: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010151>

11. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Proposed Development or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,



John Wheadon
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Department of Energy Security & Net Zero