

**BEACON FEN ENERGY PARK PROJECT (THE PROJECT)**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE – CONSULTATION 1**  
**CONSULTATION RESPONSE**  
**FIDRA ENERGY LIMITED**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Fidra Energy Limited (**Fidra**) has submitted a relevant representation (RR-020) (the **Relevant Representation**), a written representation respect of the Application (REP1-040) (the **Written Representation**), a deadline 2 submission (REP2-048) (the **Deadline 2 Submission**), a deadline 3 submission (REP3-014) (the **Deadline 3 Submission**), a deadline 7 submission (REP7-061), the draft protective provisions (REP7-065) and the closing statement (REP8-039) (the **Closing Statement**) (together **Fidra’s Submissions**) and Fidra attended issue specific hearing 1 (**ISH1**) to explain its concerns in respect of the Application.
2. Fidra is a UK-based battery and energy storage developer currently progressing a 1.2 GW Battery Energy Storage System (**BESS**) project located adjacent to the Bicker Fen Substation in Lincolnshire, under the subsidiary Bicker Drove Limited (the **Fidra Project**). Fidra is backed by EIG and The National Wealth Fund and is developing a portfolio of large BESS projects in the UK. In 2025 Fidra reached financial close on the 1.4GW Thorpe Marsh project, the UK’s largest, which is now in construction in the constituency of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. The Thorpe Marsh financing comprised funding of circa £1billion of capital secured from EIG and the National Wealth Fund, alongside a consortium of international lenders. Both the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero commented publicly on this financing. This demonstrates the scale and importance of these projects, and Fidra’s credibility in the industry.
3. Bicker Drove Limited has the benefit of an electricity generation licence pursuant to the Electricity Act 1989. Bicker Drove Limited is a statutory undertaker for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008.
4. As identified in the Fidra Submissions, Fidra a planning application for the Fidra Project (ref: B/25/0224) (the **Planning Application**) was submitted to Boston Borough Council (the **Council**). The Fidra Project represents a substantial investment in grid stability and energy resilience, complementing renewable generation across the region. Fidra has the benefit of an exclusive option agreement dated 10 April 2024 (the **Fidra Option**) in respect of the Fidra Project which covers the land included in Plot 18-11.
5. Fidra is making this submission in response to the Secretary of State’s first consultation letter dated 12 June 2026 (the **First Consultation**) which addresses matters relevant to the Fidra Submissions in relation to the land which is subject to the Fidra Option.

**PLANNING UPDATE**

6. The Planning Application was recommended for approval by the Council’s officers in the officer’s report included at Appendix A, and was approved at the Council’s planning committee on 2 June 2026. The decision notice pursuant to the Planning Application is expected to be issued shortly.
7. This update reiterates and adds weight to the submissions made by Fidra and the need for protection to be afforded to Bicker Drove Limited as a statutory undertaker given that the

Applicant has not justified the grant of powers of compulsory acquisition over the land subject to the Fidra Option or the interference with the Fidra Project.

#### **ENGAGEMENT TO DATE**

8. The Secretary of State's consultation letter update on the status of negotiations in relation to the voluntary agreements, and makes a specific request in respect of the freeholder of Plot 18-11.
9. In respect of Plot 18-11, which is subject to the Fidra Option, there has been no further engagement with Fidra in relation to this land and Fidra is not aware of any progress with the freeholder.
10. As highlighted in the Closing Statement, the Applicant withdrew from engagement with Fidra due to its perceived delay in the determination of the Planning Application; this was not justified at the time, and this is evidenced by the fact that the decision notice is expected to be issued imminently, following approval by the Planning Committee.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

11. If the Secretary of State is minded to make the DCO pursuant to the Application then Fidra's position is that it must include protection for the benefit of the Fidra Project as set out in the Fidra Submissions in the form of the Fidra Protective Provisions.

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