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## RESPONSE TO FOSSE GREEN ENERGY – EXAMINATION STAGE (DEADLINE 2)

### Ground-nesting Birds

Based on the information provided in ES Chapter 8 (Revision 2, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026), we are satisfied that appropriate mitigation for ground-nesting birds will be provided. The creation of skylark plots at a rate of 2 per ha, comprising of small uncropped/fallow areas of a minimum size of 16m<sup>2</sup>, with a minimum of 25m between plots and situated at least 50m from field boundaries, are appropriate and commendable measures.

We have one outstanding query on this topic. Table 8-13 of ES Chapter 8 (Revision 2) states, in reference to areas to be managed restrictively for the provision of ground-nesting birds:

*“These areas, will provide extensive benefits for other IEFs and wider biodiversity and include 64ha of permanent grassland and 181ha of managed arable”*

Meanwhile, Section 4.2.4 of the Framework Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (FLEMP) (Revision 4, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026), states:

*“Approximately 83ha of permanent grassland [will be created] for bird mitigation purposes”.*

Clarification on this discrepancy in the reported hectares of permanent grassland is required.

### Adjacent woodland (Tunman Wood, Housham Wood)

(In reference to FLEMP Revision 4) - Whilst we are satisfied that a minimum offset of 15m from woodlands will be observed (S4.1.14), and that there will be tree and shrub planting throughout the site (S4.1.21), we wish to see our initial requests for the creation of an ecotone at the site boundaries with existing woodland addressed. This can simply consist of the planting of scrub at these boundaries, ideally increasing in height towards the woodland. This would soften hard and unnatural boundaries between the development area and adjacent woodland, significantly enhancing biodiversity. We wish to see details of this presented in updated documents.

### Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)/Habitat Creation

We are satisfied with the expected BNG figures outlined in the updated documents, and have no further comments to make regarding habitat creation, aside from those already mentioned here.

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LWS Grass Verges

Table 3 of the Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan (FCEMP) (Revision 2, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026), states, regarding works at Navenby Green Man Road Verges LWS:

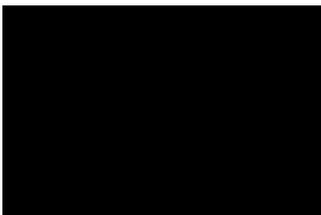
*“Vegetation clearance in these areas will be minimised as much as is practicable to facilitate the construction access track into the fields along Green Man Road. Post-construction habitat reinstatement will be undertaken soon after construction. This will comprise removing the soil and storing this, before re-instating this on completion of the cabling works, with re-seeding using locally sourced seed where practicable (potentially collected from other nearby higher quality calcareous grassland).”*

We support reinstatement using the same soil that is to be removed. It is essential that soil with high nutrient concentrations is not used for this reinstatement, as this would lead to domination of weed species. We encourage the applicant to pursue the approach of re-seeding using locally sourced seed; this can be done via green haying. If clarification/advice is needed on this topic, we welcome further discussions.

We note the proximity of the development’s red line boundary to several other LWS grass verges, including Boothby Graffoe Road Verge; High Dike, Coleby Mill to Harmston Verges; Gorse Lane; and Navenby Heath Road Verges, and wish to see evidence that the development will not impact these sites. Provision of a detailed map of this area, showing the relation of the development to these LWSs, would provide suitable clarification. Additionally, we wish to see more detail on exactly where, and how Navenby Green Man Road Verges LWS will be impacted.

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust hopes these comments are helpful at this stage and welcomes further discussion relating to the points covered. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or need clarification regarding the comments provided.

Yours sincerely,



  
Conservation Officer

