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Application by Fosse Green Energy Limited for an order granting Development Consent for the Fosse Green Energy project (Application Reference EN010154)

Response to The Examining Authority's third written questions and requests for information (ExQ3)

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

Introduction

I write on behalf of Navenby Energy Limited is a registered Interested Party (unique reference number FGES-001) (the "**Interested Party**") to the Fosse Green Energy project development consent (Application Reference EN010154) (the "**Application**").

This letter will provide an update on the ongoing commercial discussions between NEL and Fosse Green Energy Limited (the "**Applicant**"), plus a response to question LR3.02 as set out under The Examining Authority's third written questions and requests for information (ExQ3), dated 23 April 2026.

General Update

Following the letter dated 20 March 2026 (your reference REP3-070) (the "**Objection Letter**"), where the Interested Party set out their objections to the proposed cable route (limited to the cable route and its overlapping with land on which the Interested Party has an interest in), positive discussions have been held with the Applicant.

The Interested Party has drafted a co-operation agreement as part of this positive engagement. The Applicant has reviewed this agreement and provided comments

Without prejudicing or fettering future commercial discussions, the Interested Party considers that the Applicant has made meaningful progress in demonstrating that the reasons for the objection to the Application can likely be formally removed before the closing of the Examination on 15 June 2026.

Question LR3.02 b) i - *The applicant has summarised the details for this proposed BESS in section 2.2 of its Interrelationships Report [REP4-019]. In that summary the applicant has questioned where the intended point of connection to the transmission system would be for the proposed BESS. Clarify where the intended point of connection for the proposed BESS would be.*

The intended point of connection for the proposed BESS is to be the proposed Navenby National Grid 400kV substation.

Question LR3.02 b) ii – *Explain precisely why “...the easternmost field cannot accommodate a cable easement for the technical and operational reasons set out above” [foot of page 3 in REP3-070].*

As set out in the Objection Letter, the Interested Party’s concern is not solely the extent of the easement sought by the Applicant, but the operational consequences arising from the location and width of that easement within the easternmost field.

The Interested Party is progressing a Long Duration Energy Storage (“**LDES**”) project through Ofgem’s Cap and Floor Scheme (the “**Scheme**”) and is currently at the final Project Assessment stage.

A key requirement of the Scheme is the ability to demonstrate not only a viable initial layout, but also the availability of realistic expansion land capable of accommodating future infrastructure necessary to increase storage duration and discharge capacity to the National Grid.

The easternmost field forms the only contiguous and operationally suitable expansion area available to the Interested Party for that purpose. The Applicant’s proposed cable easement would traverse and materially constrain that field.

The field cannot accommodate the easement for the following technical and operational reasons:

- the easement would physically constrain the layout and future expansion of above-ground LDES infrastructure and associated plant;
- the operational stand-off and protection requirements associated with the cable corridor would restrict the placement of equipment, access routes, foundations and ancillary infrastructure necessary for future expansion phases;

- the presence of the easement would fragment the only viable expansion area into severed parcels, thereby preventing the delivery of a coherent and operationally efficient extension to the scheme; and
- as a consequence, the Interested Party would be unable to demonstrate deliverable future expansion capacity as required under the Ofgem Scheme assessment criteria.

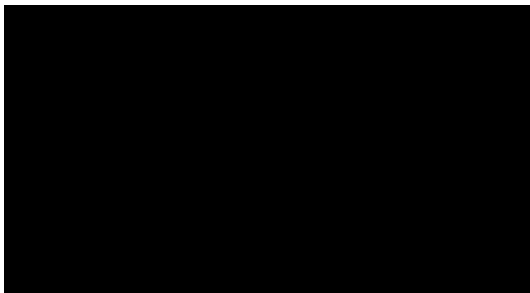
Accordingly, the concern is not merely one of reduced developable area, but that the Applicant's proposed easement would sterilise the only operationally suitable expansion land available to the Interested Party and thereby prejudice compliance with the requirements of the Scheme.

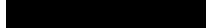
The Interested Party and the Applicant have continued to engage constructively following submission of the Objection Letter in order to explore whether a mutually acceptable solution can be identified. The Interested Party is confident that a solution will be found.

Conclusion

To summarise the above, the Interested Party will continue to engage positively with the Applicant in the hope that the Objection Letter can be formally withdrawn before the closing of the examination on 15 June 2026.

Yours faithfully,




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(on behalf of Navenby Energy Limited)