

# **The Keadby Next Generation Power Station Project**

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The Keadby Next Generation Power Station Development Consent  
Order 202[x]

Land at, and in the vicinity of, the existing Keadby Power Station  
(Trentside, Keadby, Scunthorpe DN17 3EF)

## **Statement of Common Ground with the Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board**

The Planning Act 2008

Applicant: Keadby Next Generation Limited

Date: March 2026

## Glossary

Abbreviation	Description
AOD	Above Ordnance Datum - a spot height (an exact point on a map) with an elevation recorded beside it that represents its height above a given datum.
CCGT	Combined Cycle Gas Turbine - a highly efficient form of electricity generation technology. An assembly of heat engines work in tandem using the same source of heat to convert it into mechanical energy which drives electrical generators and consequently generates electricity.
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan - a plan to outline how a construction project will avoid, minimise or mitigate effects on the environment and surrounding area.
DCO	Development Consent Order - made by the relevant Secretary of State pursuant to The Planning Act 2008 to authorise a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. A DCO can incorporate or remove the need for a range of consents which would otherwise be required for a development. A DCO can also include rights of compulsory acquisition.
FRA	Flood Risk Assessment - an assessment of the flood risk from all sources of flooding for a development.
IDB	Internal Drainage Board – a type of operating authority with permissive powers to undertake work to secure clean water drainage and water level management within drainage districts.
LBMEP	Landscape and Biodiversity Management and Enhancement Plan.
SoS	Secretary of State - the decision maker for DCO applications and head of Government department.

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1.1. This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared on behalf of Keadby Next Generation Limited ('the Applicant') and the Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board, which is the relevant Internal Drainage Board (IDB). It supports the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) ('the Application'), that has been submitted to the Secretary of State (the 'SoS') for Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of 'The Planning Act 2008' ('the 2008 Act').
- 1.1.2. The Applicant is seeking development consent for the construction, operation and maintenance of a new combined cycle gas turbine ('CCGT') electricity generating station on land at, and in the vicinity of, the existing Keadby Power Station, Trentside, Keadby, Scunthorpe DN17 3EF ('the Site').
- 1.1.3. The Keadby Next Generation Power Station ('the Proposed Development') is a new CCGT electricity generating station with a capacity of up to 910MW electrical output. The CCGT electricity generating station will be designed to run on 100% hydrogen and able to run on 100% natural gas or a blend of natural gas and hydrogen and will be located on land to the west of Keadby 1 and Keadby 2 Power Stations. The Proposed Development includes connections for cooling water, electricity, hydrogen and natural gas, and construction laydown areas and other associated development. It is described in full in Environmental Statement (ES) Volume I Chapter 4: The Proposed Development (Application Document Ref. 6.2.4).

## 2. Matters Agreed

2.1.1. Within Table 2.1 below, the date and location where matters have been agreed have been included. The corresponding meeting minutes, emails and letters referenced here are also provided in Appendix 1.

**Table 2.1 List of Matters Agreed**

Matter agreed	Date and place agreed	Commentary
Required IDB Consents	Email – 30 January 2025.	It is agreed that the Schedule of Other Consents and Licences (Application Document Ref 5.4) Rows 13, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 cover the range of consents that may be required from the IDB for the construction and operation of the Proposed Development.
Detailed Design – Watercourse Crossings	Email – 30 January 2025.	<p>It is agreed that details for the following matters will be shared by the Applicant with the IDB at the detailed design stage prior to commencement of construction of the relevant part of the development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culverting/ crossing design of a section of Glew Drain to the north of Main Site to facilitate an emergency access route.</li> <li>• Boundary treatments and fencing which will respect the 9m byelaw distance from the drainage network.</li> <li>• Details of all permanent surface water drainage systems (in accordance with Requirement 11, Schedule 2 of the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1).</li> </ul> <p>The Applicant acknowledges the requirement for the above details to be consented by IDB and intends, when able at the detailed design stage, to take forward discussions on these matters as</p>

Matter agreed	Date and place agreed	Commentary
		necessary and conclude the discussions.
Planting and habitat creation	Consultation Response Letter – 16 January 2025	It is agreed that the proposals for planting related to grassland enhancement around IDB drains set out in Section 5.2 of the LBMEP (Application Document Ref. 5.10) will not be detrimental to the flow or stability of IDB watercourses/ or inhibit the ability for the IDB's machinery to access watercourses for annual maintenance, periodic improvement and emergency works.
Effects on surface water runoff	Consultation Response Letter – 16 January 2025	It is agreed that the principles set out in the Outline Drainage Strategy (contained within the Flood Risk Assessment (FRA)) to manage surface water runoff from the Site are acceptable and the proposed rate of discharge (greenfield runoff rate) for surface water can be accommodated within the IDB network.
Effects on flood risk	Email – 15 April 2025	It is agreed that the IDB is satisfied with the approach adopted for the FRA. It is also agreed that the proposed mitigation and resilience measures as set out in the FRA are sufficient to minimise flood risk and ensure compliance with the IDB byelaws.
Protective provisions	TBC	In light of the controls which any works would be subject to, the Parties agree that no further protective provisions are required in the draft DCO.

### 3. Matters Not Yet Agreed

- 3.1.1. The Applicant and the IDB confirm that there are no outstanding matters to be agreed.

## 4. Signatures

This SoCG is agreed

**On behalf of the Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board:**

**Name:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**On behalf of the Applicant:**

**Name:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

08/06/2026

# Appendix 1 Correspondence





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16 January 2025

North Lincolnshire Council - [planning@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:planning@northlincs.gov.uk)

Dear Sirs,

**Reference:** EN0110001  
**Location:** Land at, and in the vicinity of the existing Keadby Power Station, Trentside  
**Parish:** Keadby with Althorpe CP  
**Proposal:** Notice of proposed application for a development consent order pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 for the Keadby Next Generation Power Station.  
**Applicant:** DWD  
**NGR:** 482255 - 411863

We refer to the above application and make the following observations:

The site is within the Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board district.

There are numerous Board maintained watercourses in proximity to the site. These are shown on the attached plan.

The Board's consent is required to erect any building or structure (including walls and fences), whether temporary or permanent, or plant any tree, shrub, willow or other similar growth within 9 metres of the top edge of any Board maintained watercourse or the edge of any Board maintained culvert.

The Board's consent is required for any works, whether temporary or permanent, in, over or under, any Board maintained watercourse or culvert. The Board will require any cable crossings to be provided by means of HDD (or other trenchless methods) at a depth no less than 2 metres PLUS the cable safety distance below the hard bed level.

The erection or alteration of any mill dam, weir or other like obstruction to the flow, or erection or alteration of any culvert, whether temporary or permanent, within the channel of a riparian watercourse will require the Board's prior written consent. The Board's Planning and Byelaw Policy, Advice Notes and Application form is available on the website - [www.wmc-idbs.org.uk/IOAANN](http://www.wmc-idbs.org.uk/IOAANN)

The Board's consent is required for any works that increase the flow or volume of water to any watercourse or culvert within the Board's district (other than directly to a main river for which the consent of the Environment Agency will be required).

The Board's consent is required irrespective of any permission gained under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The Board's consent will only be granted where proposals are not detrimental to the flow or stability of the watercourse/culvert or the Board's machinery access to the watercourse/culvert which is required for annual maintenance, periodic improvement and emergency works. It is not anticipated that the dissipation of powers will be needed or appropriate in the case of this development and as such the Board's consent will be required where appropriate.

Surface water run-off rates to receiving watercourses must not be increased as a result of the development.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Planning and Development Control Officer, Darren Cowling.

Yours faithfully,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the Engineer.

Engineer.