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Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION NO: 26/02256/GOV

DESCRIPTION: Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (The EIA Regulations) - Regulations 10 and 11 Proposed application by Vattenfall Wind Power Limited (the applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Redmere Wind Farm (the proposed development) Scoping consultation and notification of the applicants contact details and duty to make available information to the applicant if requested

LOCATION: Redmere Wind Farm

Thank you for consulting Braintree District Council on the above proposal.

The proposal comprises up to 32 wind turbines reaching 220 meters in (maximum tip) height, together with a battery energy storage system (BESS), an on-site substation and associated infrastructure. Having reviewed the information provided, the Council considers that the following matters should be appropriately assessed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment.

Visual Impact

The site is situated within a predominantly flat, open agricultural landscape, with relatively limited built development in the immediate surrounding area. The nearest residential properties to the site are identified as being within the surrounding settlements of Feltwell (2.9km), Lakenheath (5.7km) and Isleham (6.3km). The Council notes the separation distances between the site and the nearest residential properties however, given the substantial height and scale of the proposed turbines, together with the open nature of the surrounding landscape, the proposed development has the potential to result in significant changes to the long range views in and around the surrounding area.

Whist the extent of visibility from neighbouring residential properties remains to be established, the turbines are likely to be prominent from surrounding roads, public rights of way and other publicly accessible locations. The Council therefore supports the inclusion of a detailed visual

impact assessment within the EIA to establish the extent and significance of these effects.

Landscape

The proposed development would introduce substantial vertical structures into an otherwise predominantly flat, open agricultural landscape. The site also consists of fragmented hedgerows, sparse tree cover and a distinctive geometric arrangement of fields, roads and drainage channels which collectively contribute to the distinctive character of the Fenland landscape. It is therefore important that the assessment considers the existing condition and value of these features and the extent to which they may be lost or altered as a result of the proposal. The scale and prominence of the turbines, together with the associated infrastructure have the potential to significantly alter the existing rural character and sense of openness of the surrounding area. The Council therefore supports the inclusion of a landscape assessment within the EIA to establish the extent of these effects, including any cumulative impacts arising from other developments in the surrounding area.

Noise Impact

The Council acknowledges the predominantly rural location of the sites and the separation distances from surrounding settlements. Notwithstanding this, the operation of the proposed turbines has the potential to generate noise, whilst construction activities may also give rise to temporary noise and disturbance. The Council therefore supports the inclusion of a noise assessment within the EIA to establish the potential effects on the nearest residential and other noise-sensitive receptors, together with any mitigation measures.

Conclusion

Braintree District Council considers that the potential visual, landscape and noise impacts have been appropriately identified as matters requiring assessment within the EIA Scoping Report. The Council therefore supports their inclusion within the scope of the EIA and has no further comments to make at this stage.

Yours faithfully

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