

**Response of Breckland Council to The Examining Authority's further written questions and requests for information issued on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Deadline 10.**

<b>Question Number</b>	<b>Response of Breckland Council</b>
Q4.5.3.1	Breckland Council is of the view that it is important to understand the programme at the earliest stage to allow proper planning of resource. A clear timetable needs to be submitted in advance for the agreement of all RPAS and any changes agreed with RPAs' not just "notifying" them. PPAs' can be utilised to do this but again the RPA has to be able to control the process. All RPAs' need to be able to anticipate, fund and resource appropriately with proper notice.
Q4.5.7.2	Answered as part of Deadline 9 responses.
Q4.5.7.3	Schedule 16 (1) (3) – This indicates an 8 week decision period. It is considered that this is a short timeframe having regard to the matters to be considered by Breckland Council in relation to the Sub-station. It is considered that a maximum of 16 weeks as would normally benefit an EIA planning application would be more appropriate. Alternatively or alongside, the Schedule is specific about the ability of RPAs' to agree with the applicant through a PPA the precise timetable for discharging conditions.
Q4.5.7.4	<p>Any co-ordinator will need to be funded by the applicant. Its role should be confined to just managing the process. It should not be a discharging body. Each RPA should retain the ability to discharge plans within its own administrative area following its own democratic process. BDC would support individual PPAs' with each RPA which provides funding for each RPA to manage its process and engage appropriate support and resource.</p> <p>It does, however, see sense in all RPAs' meeting regularly together and with the applicant through the auspices of any co-ordinating group.</p>
Q4.9.6.3	<p>a – Breckland Council responded at Deadline 9 to question 3.9.6.5 which addresses similar issues and relies on that response.</p> <p>b - Breckland Council is aware of the view of Necton Parish Council that it is not representing the views of Necton. It points out that Necton PC represent residents of Necton. It is the role of Breckland Council to represent the views of the residents of Breckland. BDC will seek to ensure thorough the discharge process that the applicants maximise landscaping, screening and mitigation for the sub-station. It is also important to minimise impact through choice of technology and not ruling any screening/landscaping options out including bunding and possible level changes to minimise the impact of the development. The Examining Inspector and the Secretary</p>

	<p>of State needs to be confident, given the differing impacts of the two technology choices, that the technology choice is not made purely for economic reasons.</p> <p>c- Yes</p>
Q4.9.6.8	See deadline 9 response to Q3.9.6.7