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Boston Borough Council's comments on Lincolnshire County Council's Local Impact Report.

Dear Sir / Madam

Boston Borough Council (BBC) notes the representation and LIR which have been supplied by Lincolnshire County Council (LCC).

Whilst BBC accepts that the responses provided by LCC are not a matter for the Borough Council and we have no control over them, we would wish to draw the Examining Authority's attention to the apparent disparity between the formal LCC responses and the resolution of its own Planning & Regulation Committee (dated 26/7/21).

This is identified by the following:

- Consideration of the BAEF DCO at the committee on 26/7/21 – under item 23 -[See here](#) for full minutes.
- The Committee made the clear resolution as follows:
"On a motion proposed by Councillor Ashton and seconded by Councillor Austin, it was:
RESOLVED (8 to 1 with 1 abstention (Councillor Smith))

That the Committee support this application and includes an informative that the Committee would encourage the use of carbon capture if that was feasible.

That the Head of Planning, in Consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning and Regulation Committee, be given delegated authority to amend the Council's response to this application during the Examination Process should further information be provided that addresses Members' comments and observations."

- The minutes were then confirmed on the 6th September meeting as being an accurate record.
- Based on the above, it can be seen that the committee determined to **'support'** (my emphasis). This does not appear to have translated in to the LCC responses to date.

BBC would therefore suggest that the Examination Authority may wish to seek clarification on this point as the responses provided through the Relevant Representation and LIR do not appear to match with the aspiration of the Committee and its Membership.

This inconsistency is not helpful. Further, it is somewhat disappointing that the responses do not take on board the clear resolution to **'support'** (my emphasis).




In particular it is disappointing that the LIR does not clearly set out the views of its membership that the proposals would be in accordance with the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan; does not place weight on the fact that this facility will respond to climate change issues in the widest sense; as well as providing opportunities for energy supply within the County.

BBC and its Elected Members would wish to highlight that it is our view that the proposal would not interfere with the County wide strategies relating to waste. This is first and foremost an energy proposal, not a waste one, therefore we do not agree that bringing in waste to the County should be seen as a negative, especially when that waste is then used to create renewable forms of power. Thus the proposals contribute to two national aims; the production of renewable power and the management of waste in a national sense.

BBC would also highlight that whilst LCC continues to question the carbon capture technologies that are proposed, it is clear that this is an integral part of the proposals as put forward by the applicant. As highlighted by our earlier responses, local discussions with business within the Borough have highlighted a demand for 'food grade' carbon dioxide, and that this would indicate a ready market for any such bi-products of this facility. This is something which the applicant has acknowledged.

BBC would also like to comment that notwithstanding LCC's views, there is clear support locally for this proposal which has potential to have a significant positive effect on our local economy, both directly and in-directly.

Yours faithfully



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