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Dear Sirs

Application by North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park Project, on land adj to Flixborough Industrial Estate, Stather Road/First Avenue, Flixborough, DN15 8SF – Rule 17 request for further information

In response to the Examining Authority's Rule 17 letter, dated 14 February 2023, we provide answers to the questions directed to the Environment Agency as follows:

Q: The Applicant confirmed in their response that a package treatment plant has not specifically been assessed within the ES, do the parties consider there could be any significant effects from either plant or any cumulative effects which would need to be addressed. In responding, please set out a justification in support of your submission.

The Applicant has advised the Environment Agency (and we have also obtained confirmation from Severn Trent Water) that a private treatment plant is no longer being proposed as there is capacity available in the mains sewerage system to accommodate the Project's domestic effluent.

The Environment Agency understands that Severn Trent Water does not currently have the capacity to accept any trade effluent into its system. The Applicant has advised us that they intend to recycle all process wastewater to reuse in the plant and will not require any discharges to waterbodies in this respect.

Accordingly, we do not consider that there are likely to be any significant effects or cumulative effects that need to be addressed.

Q: The Applicant's description of the sewage treatment plant (STP) as 'small', is not precise and the level of effect in these circumstances is equally imprecise, do the parties agree that the scale of each plant and the potential effects would need to be defined for each plant?

As above – STP is no longer required.

Q: Clarity is required from the Applicant on the two plants, the scale that they would operate at, and the methods they would use for the disposal of waste water. Do the parties consider parameters are required for each plant so that their scale, capacity and potential effect is understood?

As above – we understand that plants for the disposal of wastewater with external discharges are no longer required.

Q: If one of the plants is a closed system, how is this secured?

Please refer to the Applicant's response to this question.

Q: In light of the Environment Agency concern raised at ISH3 that a long term solution would be required, how the potential for a conflict between the DCO and any Environmental Permit might be addressed. Should the DCO have a time limit built into it limiting the time period that a plant or plants could operate prior to a permanent solution?

As above – we understand that plants for the disposal of wastewater are no longer required: disposal of domestic effluent to the mains sewage system is the appropriate long-term solution and we understand the intention to recycle process water within the plant is also the intended long-term proposal.

Q: Should the ES now be updated to provide clear descriptions of these works, both within Chapters 3 and 9 or any other relevant chapter

Although STPs are no longer being proposed, Chapter 3 could usefully be updated so that it is clearer what the intention is in respect of the disposal of domestic and trade effluents for each of the facilities listed in sections 7.2 to 7.6 and 7.10.

Q: Whether as a consequence, the changes now described in Schedule 1 of the latest version of the dDCO should have formed part of a change request as set out within the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) [Advice Note 16](#) and be subject to consultation.

On the basis of the Applicant's intention as outlined above, we are not aware of any changes now being proposed that would require a change request.

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Yours sincerely

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