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Dear Sir/Madam

NSIP Reference Name / Code: EN010116 North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park

Please see Natural England's response to ExQ3 for North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park below. Please note, this should be read further to our response to the questions in the Report for Implications on European Sites for which we provided comments in our letter dated 28.04.2023.

Environmental Permits/ Licences/ Permissions

Q6.0.2. Can you advise whether there are any impediments that may stand in the way of granting any licence, permission or permit within your area of responsibility

The requirement for, and granting of protected species licences, will be dependent on the evidence provided by the applicant pre-construction. As detailed in Statement of Common Ground between Natural England and the developer which was submitted to deadline 4 (dated February 2023), water voles were identified 0.7km away from the location of the energy park. We advise this distance is sufficient. However, in line with water vole guidance, the developer will undertake repeat surveys prior to commencement of the construction work. The results of the repeat surveys will determine whether the developer is required to apply for a class licence. If a class licence is required the developer will need to produce an appropriate method statement.

For badger the requirement for a licence will depend on the outcome of the pre-construction badger surveys, and if determined to be required the developer will need to prepare an appropriate method statement, as identified in the developer's Code of Construction Practice (4.3).

Yours faithfully

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