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Dear Sir or Madam,

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE GREEN ENERGY PARK PROJECT**

**THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES  
2010**

**APPLICATION BY THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE GREEN ENERGY PARK LIMITED (“THE APPLICANT”) FOR  
AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE PROPOSED THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE  
GREEN ENERGY PARK (“THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT”)**

We write further to the response received from Defra dated 7th October 2024.

In their letter, Defra focus on the circular economy and the target of net zero – an objective that the Project clearly supports. The full scope of NLGEP's project, beyond the core energy from waste facility, has been set out in previous correspondence and is clear from the application documents which includes a commitment for carbon capture and plastic recycling. It will prioritise and promote the circular economy proposition to recycle plastic rather than to recover energy from its combustion, as well as driving towards net zero with the capture and mineralisation of carbon dioxide. The full evidence is set out in the relevant application and examination documentation to support this. If net-zero is to be achieved in the waste industry, all energy recovery facilities will need to include carbon capture which has been made ever more important with the suggested removal of carbon tax exemptions under the UK Energy Trading Scheme by 2028.

Defra do not suggest there is going to be any update to their policy on energy from waste in the next few months and as such, we reiterate the points raised on our letter dated 27th September 2024 as to what their current policy is and upon which the application must be determined.

Whilst Defra do indicate that they propose to publish a Residual Waste Infrastructure Capacity Note before the end of the year, we are told that this will merely summarise the 'latest information' on the residual capacity and which we note is already publicly available from the Environment Agency.

The position on residual capacity is continually altering as energy from waste plants are commissioned, shut down and/or decommissioned.

As we have already pointed out in our previous correspondence, the Secretary of State has not considered it necessary to delay other decisions and there is no justification for the inconsistent approach being applied to the NLGEP project.

It is not appropriate to delay the Decision any further to await such a 'Note' which may or may not, land before the end of the year and respectfully, we do not consider it would be an appropriate exercise of the Secretary of State's power under section 107 of the Planning Act 2008 to seek to delay the determination of this Application any further.

Yours Sincerely,



Colin Hammond  
Director