

## **BY EMAIL ONLY**

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Dear Mr Bennett

## ECOTRICITY (HECK FEN SOLAR) LIMITED IN RELATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE HECKINGTON FEN SOLAR PARK

## ADEQUACY OF CONSULTATION REQUEST

I write on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) in response to your letter dated 20 February 2023 regarding the above.

I have read the Consultation Report (Document Reference 5.1 dated February 2023) and can confirm that LCC is satisfied that Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited ("the promoter") has carried out adequate pre-application consultation in accordance with the provisions as set out in Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). More specifically:

Section 42 (Duty to consult) - LCC (as an upper-tier host authority) has been consulted on the proposed development as summarised within the Consultation Report and is satisfied that the promoter has complied with Section 42 of the PA2008.

Section 47 (Duty to consult the local community) - LCC were invited to comment and give feedback on the promoters proposed Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and are satisfied that an extensive and inclusive consultation programme has been carried out in line with the final SoCC which took into account those comments.

Section 48 (Duty to publicise) - LCC is satisfied that the application has been publicised in accordance with the requirements of Section 48 of the PA2008.

## Yours faithfully



for Neil McBride Head of Planning