

GEN.1.10	<p>Could the relevant planning authorities (RPAs) confirm if you are in agreement with and provide any other comments regarding the overall approach to the cumulative impact assessment, including the developments considered, and the conclusions therein as set out in both ES Appendix 2.3 [APP-175] and the Interrelationship with other NSIPs [REP1-021].</p>																												
LA reply	<p>The list in Appendix 2.3 [APP-175] contains proposals up to December 2022 and was a reasonable interpretation of the situation at that time.</p> <p>However, since December 2022 further proposals have come forward and so the long list does not include the NSIP proposals at Beacon Fen, Fosse Green and One Earth. The short list does not include Springwell, which is on the long list.</p> <p>During the discussions held at ISH2 the applicant indicated their wish to add these to the cumulative assessment [REP-021]. The Borough Council agrees with this approach and the conclusions reached in the column headed 'Potential for cumulative effects'.</p> <p>As Beacon Fen solar park is further from the Borough boundary than Heckington Fen visual and construction noise and air quality issues are reduced. The combination effects of Heckington Fen and Beacon Fen are therefore likely relate to highway impact and the cable route. Highway impacts will be controlled by the Transport Management Plan that will have to be agreed with the County Council as Highway Authority. The cable route for Beacon Fen within the Borough is currently shown to be shorter than Heckington Fen's is and so the impact will be less. It is noted that the two developers have been in communication to work together. The Borough supports this and urges shared construction of the cable route, where possible, to reduce the impact of its construction on the local area, affected residents and the farmers who own affected land. This will reduce the time they are unable to farm their land.</p> <p>In relation to the housing planning applications listed in Boston Borough and South Holland listed in APP-175:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="363 1115 1487 1951"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="363 1115 603 1155">Boston Borough</th> <th data-bbox="603 1115 1487 1155">Comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="363 1155 603 1227">B/20/0161</td> <td data-bbox="603 1155 1487 1227">This is under construction and should be complete before this scheme starts.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="363 1227 603 1267">B/21/0277</td> <td data-bbox="603 1227 1487 1267">This has not commenced</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="363 1267 603 1339">B/20/0115</td> <td data-bbox="603 1267 1487 1339">This is under construction and should be complete before this scheme starts.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="363 1339 603 1447">B/21/0413</td> <td data-bbox="603 1339 1487 1447">This is a modification to B/18/0039 and awaits a decision. B/18/0039 is under construction and the total site will not be complete before this scheme starts.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="363 1447 603 1518">B/19/0383</td> <td data-bbox="603 1447 1487 1518">This is under construction and will not be complete before this scheme starts.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="363 1518 603 1590">B/20/0293</td> <td data-bbox="603 1518 1487 1590">This is under construction and should be complete before this scheme starts.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="363 1590 603 1662">B/19/0317</td> <td data-bbox="603 1590 1487 1662">This has commenced to preserve the planning permission and is inactive.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="363 1662 1487 1702">South Holland</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="363 1702 603 1774">H08-1335-21</td> <td data-bbox="603 1702 1487 1774">This has commenced to preserve the planning permission and is inactive.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="363 1774 603 1814">H08-1256-21</td> <td data-bbox="603 1774 1487 1814">This awaits a decision.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="363 1814 603 1886">H08-0744-21</td> <td data-bbox="603 1814 1487 1886">This is under construction and should be complete before this scheme starts.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="363 1886 603 1926">H04-1029-20</td> <td data-bbox="603 1886 1487 1926">This has not commenced</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="363 1926 603 1951">H04-0268-20</td> <td data-bbox="603 1926 1487 1951">This has not commenced</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Boston Borough	Comments	B/20/0161	This is under construction and should be complete before this scheme starts.	B/21/0277	This has not commenced	B/20/0115	This is under construction and should be complete before this scheme starts.	B/21/0413	This is a modification to B/18/0039 and awaits a decision. B/18/0039 is under construction and the total site will not be complete before this scheme starts.	B/19/0383	This is under construction and will not be complete before this scheme starts.	B/20/0293	This is under construction and should be complete before this scheme starts.	B/19/0317	This has commenced to preserve the planning permission and is inactive.	South Holland		H08-1335-21	This has commenced to preserve the planning permission and is inactive.	H08-1256-21	This awaits a decision.	H08-0744-21	This is under construction and should be complete before this scheme starts.	H04-1029-20	This has not commenced	H04-0268-20	This has not commenced
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GEN.1.12	<p>The shortlisted cumulative sites [APP-175, PS-084, PS-085] and the Interrelationship with other NSIPs report [REP1-021] include planning applications at Vicarage Drove and Land West of Cowbridge Road.</p> <p>Could Boston Borough Council (BBC):</p> <p>i) Provide a copy of site location and layout plans, officer report and decision notice for both applications.</p> <p>ii) Confirm if development has commenced.</p>
LA reply	<p>i) Copies of the information requested B/21/0443, Vicarage Drove and B/22/0356, Cowbridge Drove have been submitted.</p> <p>ii) The two developments have not commenced. This can be re-checked during the accompanied site inspection.</p>
DLV.1.2	<p>Can the RPAs provide comment:</p> <p>i) Do the DAS [PS-144], the Technical Guide [PS-045] and the Outline Design Principles Document (DPD) [PS-138] provide enough detail and a sufficient basis to guide detailed design development post consent? Are any further visuals or illustrative drawings required?</p> <p>ii) Is Requirement 6 of the dDCO [PS-024] sufficient to secure the detailed design of the structures listed at Tables 1.1 to 1.6 of the Outline DPD [PS-138]?</p> <p>iii) Do the RPAs have the necessary experience and expertise to take on the design approval post-consent, or would an external design review be necessary? If so, please could the RPAs indicate what additional support you believe would be required and from whom such support should come.</p>
LA reply	<p>i) Since the main work package in the Borough is the buried cable and works within the sub-station the submitted information is suitable.</p> <p>ii) Requirement 6 is sufficient.</p> <p>iii) The Borough has experience of other buried cable developments and dealt with the sub-station application in 2005 and DCO discharge of requirements relating to Tritton Knoll sub station.</p>
DCO1.1	<p>At ISH1 the references to the individual RPAs in the dDCO [PS-024] was referred to in relation to numerous Articles and Schedules. The ExA understands that the Applicant is working with the RPAs to agree which authority is responsible for each of the individual discharge of requirements. References to individual consultees is also to be reviewed. The Applicant is asked to reflect this review and agreed wording with the RPAs in the D2 submission of the dDCO.</p>
LA reply	<p>Updated wording has been prepared and sent to the applicant. It is understood the applicant will use this to amend the dDCO at Deadline 2.</p>

HE.1.1	<p>ES Chapter 10 [APP-063] includes assessment of heritage assets within a minimum area of 5km. Mill Green Farmhouse, the former Primitive Methodist Chapel, Elm Grange and the Rectory are surrounding buildings within the 5km assessment zone which have all been identified by the Applicant as non-designated heritage assets (NDHA) in the heritage desk-based assessment [APP-206]. The derelict cottages and barn of Six Hundreds Farm, the low boundary wall at Elm Grange, and the former drainage pump at Head Dike are identified as NDHAs within the order land.</p> <p>Could the Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Label all of the above-mentioned buildings on a plan. ii) Explain the criteria and or/documentation that led them to identify these buildings as NDHAs. iii) Explain why only Mill Green Farmhouse was considered for further setting assessment but not the other NDHAs. <p>Could NKDC and BBC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Confirm if you are in agreement with the identification of the above buildings as NDHAs and that only Mill Green Farmhouse should be considered for further assessment. ii) Provide comment on the proposed mitigation set out in paragraph 10.6.2 of ES Chapter 10 [APP-063]
LA reply	<p>All of the named buildings are in North Kesteven District. Boston Borough Council support any comments North Kesteven DC say on them.</p>
NV.1.1	<p>ES Chapter 12: Noise and Vibration [PS-069] relates to noise and vibration effects primarily in relation to the energy park, access and cable route where it crosses the A17. NKDC in their LIR [REP1-033] provide a detailed response in respect of the energy park and accesses. BBC provide limited comment in section 12 of their LIR [REP1-025]. RRs from local residents have raised objections relating to construction noise in the area of the Bicker Fen substation [RR-008].</p> <p>Could the Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Explain on what basis the noise generated by the works to extend the existing substation at Bicker Fen have been scoped out of ES Chapter 12 [PS-069]. ii) Further to the above, explain how the conclusions in section 12.8 of ES Chapter 12 were arrived at regarding cumulative effects with Vicarage Drove and other nearby projects. <p>Could BBC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Provide any comments you may have specifically on construction and operational noise in the Bicker Fen area arising from the grid connection and substation works, and cumulative effects with other developments. ii) Explain how the overall 'neutral' impact as set out in section 17 of the LIR [REP1-025] was arrived at.
LA reply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Borough Council's Environmental Health records are held for 6 years. There is nothing on record from the author of RR-008 and there is no recollection of any similar complaints in 'recent times'. Viking Link have been connecting their new sub-station in South Holland District to the National Grid sub-station in Bicker Fen over the last few years and so it appears this has not caused concern despite requests from the developers of that scheme to work outside the permitted operational hours at the National Grid Sub-station. This is still ongoing. Environmental Health have also commented that the comments made seem to be related to noise and other issues associated with traffic which are specifically excluded from the statutory nuisance provisions. ii) The solar park will operate for 40 years. On either side of this time period there will be a period to construct (30 months) and decommission (6-18 months) the site. Therefore the total period of impact from the development is 43 or 44 years.

	<p>Decommissioning will be mainly on the solar park as it is suggested in paragraph 1.7.3 of the Outline Decommissioning and Restoration Plan that the connection cable to the National Grid sub-station could be left in situ.</p> <p>As a result the impact of the total scheme on the Borough is during the construction period from laying the export cable. Clearly during this time there could be disturbance as vehicles have noisy engines and may bounce over rough, rutted terrain.</p> <p>The council is expected to judge whether the proposal will have a positive, neutral or negative impact. Clearly with the potential of some disturbance during construction 'positive' is not a defensible stand point. Given the impact could be over a 30 months, and not necessarily for all of that time, over a total scheme time of about 43 or 44 years, to cover construction, operation and decommissioning saying it will be negative over all is also difficult to defend. As a result neutral seems the most likely impact.</p>
PPL1.3	<p>Could the RPAs:</p> <p>i) Provide to the Examination full copies of any Development Plan policies that have or will be referred to in your LIRs.</p> <p>ii) Provide copies of any Supplementary Planning Documents that may be of relevance.</p> <p>iii) Confirm whether there are any relevant made or emerging neighbourhood plans that the ExA should be aware of, and if so provide details.</p> <p>iv) Confirm whether the Applicants' policy analysis set out in section 4 of the Statement of Need and Planning Statement [PS-142] is comprehensive.</p>
LA reply	<p>i) We provided the policies referred to in our LIR as appendices to the LIR.</p> <p>ii) The Borough do not have any relevant Supplementary Planning Documents.</p> <p>iii) There are no relevant made or emerging neighbourhood plans.</p> <p>iv) The applicants policy analysis is considered to be reasonably comprehensive. It contains extant NPS, high lights they are being revised, quotes NPPF and that it is being revised (now issued) and Policies 28, 29 and 31 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan. However, it does not quote policies 2, 3, 4 and 30 of the local plan that the Borough Council refer to in their LIR. It is considered policies 4 (Flood Risk) and 30 (pollution) are the most relevant to the consideration of flood risk and air quality / dust, smoke and fumes.</p>
SET1.2	<p>[APP-243], and this is identified in ES Chapter 11 [PS-067] as being mitigation in maximising the local benefits of the Proposed Development. It states at paragraph 11.6.2-11.6.3 that measures will include local employment opportunities and partnership with local educational institutions.</p> <p>Could the Applicant:</p> <p>i) Confirm if any communications have been made to date with local colleges/university and the form that such partnerships might take?</p> <p>Could the RPA's provide:</p> <p>i) Comments on the Outline Supply Chain, Employment and Skills Plan [APP-243].</p> <p>ii) Confirm if you would be able to liaise with the relevant educational institutions in order to discharge Requirement 16 of the dDCO [PS-024]?</p> <p>iii) Details of any current initiatives in place regarding promotion of related careers in renewable energy in the area?</p>
LA reply	<p>i) Our comments on the outline Supply Chain, Employment and Skills Plan are as follows:</p> <p>Local Labour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What actions will be explored to execute 'all reasonable endeavours' that will provide local residents sustainable training and employment are not explained. • We suggest that more than one careers event would be needed to exploit the opportunities across both districts. It's not clear on what shape it will take or how this event will be delivered. It also states that 'interested parties are advised to

	<p>contact the developer' which would suggest that a real targeted approach is not likely to be conducted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The table 1 seems a little light on organisations that may have an interest and looks more like a web search rather than a much considered approach by interacting with the two local authorities Economic Development teams. <p>Supporting Local Services;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again promotion of opportunities for local supply chains to get involved or even be aware of the opportunities doesn't seem to be made clear in the text and that a 'Meet the Buyer' could be an ideal event to discuss and disseminate the opportunities available. • North Kesteven/Boston districts may not necessarily be exposed to raise economic activity and resilience as 'Local spend' as suggested as procurement of services and infrastructure may not be local. <p>Recruitment and Training Opportunities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again, sustainable job and careers should be advertised through a series of careers fairs where local colleges are fully embedded in the process. • A concern is that throughout the construction phase, the applicant would be looking more towards the short term training opportunities rather than creating sustainable employment. <p>Support for Development of Skills Locally;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan doesn't set out the types of jobs or occupations strongly enough and we would like to see more detail on how this is to be achieved with potential partners mentioned. • As a local authority we support opportunities where the public and private sector can come together and deliver skills and employment opportunities. <p>Monitoring and Evaluation;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again, Table 2 is a little short on detail and would prefer to see more about engagement with all potential local supply chains rather than just the ones that are known to the applicant. <p>ii) The Borough Council has good links to Boston College and the University of Lincoln and so should be able to liaise with them over Requirement 16.</p> <p>iii) We are not aware of any initiative beyond the University of Lincoln's MSc on Energy Materials and Battery Science</p>
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