

WRITTEN REPRESENTATION

Representation by National Grid Viking Link Limited to the Heckington Fen Solar Park ("the Project")

Introduction

National Grid Viking Link Limited ("**NGVL**") is the owner and operator of the UK onshore element of the "Viking Link Interconnector", which is a 760km, 1,400MW sub-sea electricity interconnector between the UK and Denmark. The UK onshore cable is 65km in length and connects into the National Grid at Bicker Fen substation in Lincolnshire.

Interconnectors, such as the Viking Link Interconnector, form an integral part of the UK's electricity networks and provide energy reliably whilst ensuring security of supply (i.e. in an emergency, interconnectors enable a system with a supply shortage to import power from a system with a surplus, and conversely allow surplus energy to be sold and exported).

Given the strategic importance of the Viking Link Interconnector to the UK energy system, NGVL wishes to make a written representation to the Project in order to protect their position in relation to the Viking Link infrastructure and associated land interests within or in close proximity to the proposed Project's Order limits.

NGVL's rights to retain the Viking Link infrastructure in situ, to protect it from interference/damage, and rights of access to inspect, maintain, renew and repair it, should be maintained at all times and must not be restricted.

NGVL Land Interests and Infrastructure Impacted

It is understood that the Project's cable route from the Energy Park site to the National Grid Bicker Fen Substation will cross the Viking Link underground cable to the east of the Energy Park site. NGVL currently awaits documentation and plans for the Project that meet NGVL's internal requirement in order to establish the exact nature of the impact on NGVL's existing infrastructure and land interests located within this area.

Protective Provisions

NGVL will require bespoke protective provisions to be included within the proposed Development Consent Order for the Project (the Heckington Fen Solar Park Order- "Proposed DCO") to ensure that its interests are adequately protected and to ensure compliance with relevant safety standards.

NGVL is currently in negotiations with the promoter of the Project, Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited ("Promoter"), in relation to the protective provisions for inclusion within the Proposed DCO along with any supplementary agreements which may be required. NGVL will keep the Examining Authority updated in relation to these discussions.

Summary

NGVL reserves the right to make further representations as part of the examination process but in the meantime will negotiate with the Promoter with a view to reaching a satisfactory agreement.