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Your Ref EN010132

Our Ref IPP-146

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Re: Deadline 5 Response, West Burton Solar Project**

We have examined the Examining Authority Second Questions and the Deadline 4 and 4a documents and wish to make the following comments:

Land South of Marton Grid Connection Options Report

The applicants Deadline 4 Submission WB2.2C Land Plan - Revision C does not result in any changes to the site area in proximity to the Trust's eastern dredging tip at Marton and we therefore conclude that the applicant has resolved that a change in the site area is not necessary in this location, as was the case for the Cottam Solar Project.

Land Agreement

The parties continue to negotiate the agreement for the rights required for the project in respect of the cable route beneath the Trust's dredging tip (parcel 07-121). We are confident agreement will be reached prior to the end of the Examination.

Crossing Schedule

We note that the applicants Deadline 4 Submission - WB7.15B Crossing Schedule - Revision B includes revisions to the use of HDD in proximity to the southwest corner of the Trust's western dredging tip, with the note that "Proposed HDD under River Trent to extend until west of flood defences" and include HDD beneath hedgerow H148 and the seasonally wet ditch.

Technical Note on HDD and cabling under the River Trent

We note the production of this document to aid the Marine Management Organisation (the MMO) and our inclusion in this document at paragraph 2.2.8 with regards to the depth of the drill beneath the River Trent.

Joint Report on Interrelationships

We note that Appendix A of the Joint Report on Interrelationships between Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects the entry dated 10/08/23 has been amended.

Yours faithfully,

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