

Examining Authority
National Infrastructure Planning
The Planning Inspectorate

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Dear Examining Authority

RE: LWT RESPONSE TO QUESTION EON 2.5

It recently became apparent to us that paragraph 3 of our response to question EOn 2.5 appears to contradict agreements made in the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG), such as in paragraph 4.33.

Paragraph 3 of LWT's response to EOn 2.5 states:

The Trust considers that the current plan to trench across the middle of the site is not acceptable due to both short and significant long-term impact, and the fact that there are two less damaging alternatives available.

Paragraph 4.33 of the SoCG:

*4.33 It is agreed that all potential impacts, following mitigation, are predicted to be **Minor Adverse** or below, as summarised in Table 4-33 of Volume 3, Chapter 4 of the ES and are therefore **Not Significant**.*

In advance of the hearing tomorrow we wanted to explain that it was not the Trust's intention to contradict agreements made in the SoCG. Where significant is used in the SoCG it is in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) terms whereas in our response to question EOn 2.5 it was used in everyday English terms so to speak. So whilst following mitigation we agree that the impact on Site 6/E will be minor adverse and therefore not significant in EIA terms there will still be an adverse impact on the site.

There will be an adverse impact on Site 6/E in the short term, be that significant or not, and a possible long term impact. We consider that there may be a long term impact because when the site is restored there is a risk that it may not be possible to put the site back exactly as it is now, and also because breeding lapwing may not return if a breeding season is disrupted. Therefore it is the view of LWT that the two less damaging alternatives available to trenching across the middle of the site should be seriously considered.

I hope that helps clarify LWT's position. I will be representing LWT at the hearing tomorrow if further clarification is required.

Yours sincerely



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