

## **LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL**

**District: Lincolnshire County Council**

**Application number: PL/0058/23**

**Application Type: Full Major Planning Application**

**Proposal: To install a ground mounted solar array and associated infrastructure on land adjacent to Canwick Water Recycling Centre**

**Location: Canwick Sewage Treatment Works, Washingborough Road, Lincoln**

**Response Date: 4 October 2023**

This report includes the Substantive response of the Local Highway and Lead Local Flood Authority to a planning consultation received under the Development Management Order and includes details of any planning conditions or informatives that should be attached in the event that permission is granted and any obligations to be secured by way of a S106 agreement.

### **General Information and Advice**

Please note that although the Definitive Map and Statement proves the existence of any recorded rights of way, there may be further or higher rights that are not shown on this document that the County Council is not currently aware of. This would be especially relevant where the public has had informal access to the site or where there are references to routes across this in maps or other historic documents. As the County Council has received no application to recognise further rights of way affecting the site, no more informed guidance can be offered at this stage.

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## **Highway and Lead Local Flood Authority Report**

**Substantive Response provided in accordance with article 22(5) of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015:**

### **Recommendation: No Objections**

Having given due regard to the appropriate local and national planning policy guidance (in particular the National Planning Policy Framework), Lincolnshire County Council (as Highway Authority and Lead Local Flood Authority) has concluded that the proposed development would not be expected to have an unacceptable impact upon highway safety or a severe residual cumulative impact upon the local highway network or increase surface water flood risk and therefore does not wish to object to this planning application.

### **Comments:**

The application is for a solar array to be located within Canwick Sewage Treatment Works and is to be located remotely from the highway.

### **Introduction/Site Location**

The site is located on Washingborough Road which is a main route in and out of Lincoln. It is well connected to the A15 and A46 via the Lincoln Eastern Bypass.

### **Existing Conditions**

Washingborough Road is a well used road and accommodates the existing site traffic safely.

### **Highway safety**

The construction and maintenance vehicles will continue to use this route to the site via classified roads and will use the existing access to the site which is suitable for the vehicles specified.

### **Highway capacity**

The site will generate a minimal amount of HGV movements during the construction phase for 3 - 4 weeks. Other associated movements will not have an unacceptable impact on highway capacity

There is no precise definition of "severe" with regards to NPPF Paragraph 111, which advises that "Development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe." Planning Inspector's decisions regarding severity are specific to the locations of each proposal, but have common considerations:

- The highway network is over-capacity, usually for period extending beyond the peak hours
- The level of provision of alternative transport modes
- Whether the level of queuing on the network causes safety issues

In view of these criteria, the Highways and Lead Local Flood Authority does not consider that this proposal would result in a severe impact with regard to NPPF.

### **Flood Risk and Drainage**

As Lead Local Flood Authority, Lincolnshire County Council is required to provide a statutory planning consultation response with regard to Drainage on all Major Applications. This application does not have an unacceptable impact on surface water flood risk. Therefore the Lead Local Flood Authority does not consider that this proposal would increase flood risk in the immediate vicinity of the site.

### **Off-Site Improvements**

The applicant has agreed with the Highways Officer that any damage to the Highway as a result of the proposal will be rectified under Section 59 of The Highways Act 1980

### **Informatives**

Highway Informative 02

In accordance with Section 59 of the Highways Act 1980, please be considerate of causing damage to the existing highway during construction and implement mitigation measures as necessary. Should extraordinary expenses be incurred by the Highway Authority in maintaining the highway by reason of damage caused by construction traffic, the Highway Authority may seek to recover these expenses from the developer.

### **IDB Comments**

The IDB requests a permanent undeveloped strip of sufficient width should be made available adjacent to the top of the bank of all watercourses on site to allow future maintenance works to be undertaken. Suitable access arrangements to this strip should also be agreed.

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**Officer's Title: Senior Development Management Officer**

**Date: 4 October 2023**