

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

District: West Lindsey District Council

Application number: 147131

Application Type: FULL - Major

Proposal: Planning application for the construction and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) including substations, inverters, transformer stations, cabling, fencing, internal service track and landscaping.

Location: Land south of Barfield Lane, Reepham, Lincoln

Response Date: 12 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.

- **Planning Conditions** as detailed below.

Highway Condition 00

The development hereby permitted shall be undertaken in accordance with a Construction Management Plan and Method Statement that shall first be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Plan and Statement shall indicate measures to mitigate the adverse impacts of vehicle activity and the means to manage the drainage of the site during the construction stage of the permitted development. It shall include;

- *the phasing of the development to include access construction;*
- *the on-site parking of all vehicles of site operatives and visitors;*
- *the on-site loading and unloading of all plant and materials;*
- *the on-site storage of all plant and materials used in constructing the development;*
- *wheel washing facilities;*
- *the routes of construction traffic to and from the site including any off-site routes for the disposal of excavated material and;*
- *strategy stating how surface water run off on and from the development will be managed during construction and protection measures for any sustainable drainage features. This should include drawing(s) showing how the drainage systems (temporary or permanent) connect to an outfall (temporary or permanent) during construction.*

Reason: In the interests of the safety and free passage of those using the adjacent public highway and to ensure that the permitted development is adequately drained without creating or increasing flood risk to land or property adjacent to, or downstream of, the permitted development during construction.

Comments:

Installation of the cable connection will be subject to:

- *If the cable is to be installed by a third party (i.e. not a statutory utility company), then we would need to consider a Section 50 licence. We are not required to grant licences for longitudinal cabling, however, we have in similar circumstances*
- *To consider approval of a Section 50, we would have to see a design which kept the cable out of the carriageway as far as possible. There are footways and wide verges here to utilise*
- *There is a Section 58 restriction on parts of the A158 on this route which prevents works in the carriageway until August 2024*
- *The A158 is a high traffic sensitive street, installation would need to avoid the coastal tourism season (April to end September)*
- *There is a 3km level crossing protection zone on this section of the A158, so Network Rail consultation would be required and TM costs taking this and the traffic sensitive nature of street could be significant*

Introduction/Site Location

Application for a Battery Energy Storage System on land at Barfield Lane, Reepham.

Existing Conditions

Greenfield site

Highway safety

Application does not affect highway safety

Highway capacity

Application does not have an unacceptable affect on highway capacity

Travel Plan

Not required

Site Layout

Substations, inverters, transformer stations, hard standing and fencing

Flood Risk and Drainage

Proposal has a suitable drainage system submitted as part of the application

Off-Site Improvements

None required

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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.

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Please contact the Lincolnshire County Council Streetworks and Permitting Team on 01522 782070 to discuss any proposed statutory utility connections, Section 50 licences and any other works which will be required within the public highway in association with the development permitted under this Consent. This will enable Lincolnshire County Council to assist in the coordination and timings of these works. For further guidance please visit the Highway Authority's website via the following link: Traffic Management -

Regards

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Date: 12 October 2023