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Dear Mr Niland

Consultation from South Holland District Council- The installation of 49.9MW ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels with associated battery storage, substation and ancillary plant and infrastructure, and erection of security fencing and pole mounted CCTV cameras at Land at Treading Field, Treading Drain, Tydd St. Giles, Cambridgeshire, PE13 4PL

Thank you for your enquiry received 3 March 2026 in reference to the above.

The site lies partially within Fenland District and we are therefore responding in the context of our role as a neighbouring authority and in parallel with our consideration of the associated scoping request submitted to this Council.

Having reviewed the submitted information, Fenland District Council broadly agrees with the applicant's proposed approach to the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment. In particular, it is considered appropriate that Landscape and Visual Impact and the use of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land are scoped into the Environmental Statement, with a clear and robust assessment of cumulative effects, having regard to the presence of other solar and major developments within the wider area.

With regard to matters proposed to be scoped out, the Council generally agrees that a number of topics can be addressed proportionately, given the supporting technical work already undertaken and the absence of objections from statutory consultees to date. However, it is recommended that sufficient information is provided within the Environmental Statement to demonstrate that no likely significant effects would arise, particularly in respect of flood risk, heritage setting and ecological considerations.

The Council also notes the potential for cumulative impacts associated with construction traffic, particularly should nearby schemes come forward within similar timescales. It is therefore recommended that this is given appropriate consideration within the assessment.

Overall, Fenland District Council considers that the proposed scope provides a reasonable basis for the preparation of the Environmental Statement, subject to the points outlined above.

I trust these comments are helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of this response.

Yours sincerely

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