

DECISION DELEGATED TO DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Application No: H02-0991-18 **Applicant:** Push Energy Ltd

Proposal: Installation and operation of associated infrastructure in relation to approved solar farm (part retrospective)

Location: Decoy Farm Spalding Road Crowland

Terminal Date: 5th December 2018

Planning Policies

Local Plan July 2016:

National Guidance

National Planning Policy Framework 2018

s.15 NPPF 2018

Representations:

	Object	Support	No Obj.	Comments
PARISH COUNCIL	0	0	0	0
WARD MEMBER	0	0	0	0
IAN MARSHMAN, HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT OFFICER	0	0	0	1

CASE OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The site at Decoy Farm has a number of planning approvals and is an established solar farm ran by NextEnergy Solar Fund. The original permission was granted on the 15th august 2014 under planning reference H02-0454-14, there were 3 subsequent Non-Material Amendments and a s.73 variation under reference H02-1004-15 which all linked back to the original planning permission.

The most recent significant application (approved) was H02-0606-18 a S73 application to vary condition 3 of the previous s.73 (H02-1004-15), to remove the temporary aspect of the permission as contained within the condition.

H02-0606-18: Proposed solar farm and associated infrastructure - approved under H02-1004-15. Modification of Condition 3 relating to amended wording so that it read as follows:

'The planning permission will expire when the use shall cease due to operational or other such factors. The date of first connection to the grid shall be notified in writing to the Local Planning Authority within 28 days of this event occurring'

This current application, H02-0991-18, is very minor in nature and only relates to installation and operation of ancillary plant and infrastructure as set out on the submitted plans, these include;

- storage container;
- CCTV Cameras;
- Access Track;
- Satellite Dish and 3 Antennas;

Representations:

Ian Marshman, Historic Environment Officer
Lincolnshire County Council

Comments

- No archaeological impact.

The existing, operational, solar farm is well located within the landscape adjacent to a 'hub' of renewable energy and other commercial activities.

The additional works are very minor in nature and would have no material amenity or visual/landscape impacts over and above the existing authorised development.

On balance it is considered that the proposals would support the solar farm to be productive are therefore a positive benefit in that it extends the use of green energy in an existing development.

It is considered that based on this a delegated approval is appropriate.