

DECISION DELEGATED TO DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Application No: H02-1025-18 **Applicant:** Push Energy Ltd

Proposal: Proposed solar farm with associated infrastructure - approved under H02-0454-14 - various amendments to overall scheme

Location: Decoy Farm Spalding Road Crowland

Terminal Date: 8th November 2018

Planning Policies

Local Plan July 2016:

National Guidance

National Planning Policy Framework 2018

NPPF 2018

Section 15

Representations:

	Object	Support	No Obj.	Comments
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CASE OFFICER ASSESSMENT

This application seeks approval for very minor changes and additions to the site which are considered to be 'Non-Material'.

These are seeking to update and include a number of minor amendments to the installed and approved solar farm which are not considered material to the overall scheme, these include:

- Update drawing PA203 to include elevations of HV switchgear housing rather than the previous elevations of the Comms Cabinet;
- Revision of overflow tank location on site layout plan to ensure compliance;
- Amending elevations of Pad Mount Transformer;
- Update drawing PA010 to relocate a single door on approved Comms Cabinet; and
- Updating the mounting system plan to ensure compliance.

The site is an existing and well established solar farm site. Mature screening - cannot be seen from the road.

2 farm cottages nearby but an acceptable distance from the main body of the site.

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.

There was also a successful application to 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.

In terms of this Non-Material application, the solar farm would remain unchanged in terms of siting, panel numbers and associated infrastructure. The landscape and habitat management in place would also remain unchanged.

It is considered that based on this a delegated approval is appropriate with the continuation of all remaining valid and relevant conditions applied.

Recommendation: APPROVE.