

HIGHWAY AND LEAD LOCAL FLOOD AUTHORITY RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

District: South Holland District Council

Application number: H04-0840-25

Application Type: Condition variation

Proposal: Proposed Development Of A Photovoltaic Solar Array, Grid Connection, Access Improvements Works and Ancillary Development On Land At Bicker Fen, Boston And South Holland at Land to the west of Cowbridge Road, Bicker, Boston - Approved under H04-0849-22. Modification of Condition 13 to amend wording to allow construction traffic to be managed as per the approved Construction Management Plan.

Location: Land to the West of Cowbridge Road Bicker Fen

Response Date: 29 December 2025

Response by: Samantha Legg

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.

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 for refusal/No objection subject to:

(Delete as appropriate)

An objection has been raised by the Highways and Lead Local Flood Authority but if the Local Planning Authority are still minded to recommend approval, LCC would be grateful for notification via DevelopmentManagement@lincolnshire.gov.uk as to why material considerations outweigh the Highway and Lead Local Flood Authority objections, and be given an opportunity to make further representations.

Comments:

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In order to ensure that vehicle movements will not increase the following wording has been agreed with Boston Borough Council/South Holland District Council. `

All vehicles making deliveries of materials and components to the development shall access the site via Route 1 or Route 2, as defined within the approved Construction Method Statement, Construction Management Plan, Axis, dated 14.06.2024 (ref. H04-0849-22). Vehicles shall leave the site using the other access route. A record of vehicles, and the route used to access and leave the site shall be kept and shall be made available to the Local Planning Authority upon request.

The arrival and departure of Heavy Good Vehicles during the decommissioning of the development hereby permitted shall be in accordance with routing that shall first be agreed in writing, at the time of decommissioning, by the Local Planning Authority having regard to the prevailing condition of the local highway at the tie of decommissioning. No other roads between the A52 and the Application site shall be used by delivery vehicles during the construction and decommissioning phases.

This alleviates any concerns that the change in condition could lead to an increase in vehicle movements.

Whilst it was our preference to have the loaded, heavier vehicles arrive via the Viking Link route, so that the departing and therefore lighter vehicles exit via the Cowbridge Drove and Ing Drove route. The developers have an agreed Construction Management Plan that says 'where possible' they will use these routes. Therefore, the agreed condition wording allows for a 50/50 split which gives us some degree of control. Axis confirms that the number of journeys along Cowbridge Drove will not increase. There is no weight limit on the affected roads to restrict the heavy vehicles on what is the public highway.

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Officer's Title: Principal Development Management Officer

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