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Good afternoon,

Please find attached the response to the planning **H09-0132-23** (Proposed construction and operation of a 48MW solar farm comprising ground mounted solar photovoltaic arrays together with associated infrastructure and landscaping) from the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust.

Kind regards,

Beth Fox (she/her)
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Polly Harris-Gorf
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Dear Polly Harris-Gorf,

H09-0132-23: Proposed construction and operation of a 48MW solar farm comprising ground mounted solar photovoltaic arrays together with associated infrastructure and landscaping at Land North of Roman Bank and East of Middle Marsh Road at Red House Farm

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust wishes to place a **holding objection** on this application until further information regarding the planned skylark plots has been submitted.

We are pleased to see that the appropriate Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) calculations and subsequent report have been submitted, as well as the following of the mitigation hierarchy. We are satisfied with the promising amount of gain that is projected to be achieved as a result of this development.

There is mention of a subsequent 30-year management plan for the site but we cannot find any further detail on this plan. We would like for the plan to be submitted prior to works beginning and would appreciate the opportunity to comment. We would of course welcome the developers of this project to contact the Trust so we could input on this plan.

The inclusion of skylark plots in the plans is highly encouraging, however we also require a habitat creation site plan, including seed mix and seed provenance, how it will be managed, monitored and therefore maintained to meet the needs of the specific ground nesting birds now and into the future for the lifetime of the required period. We also would like to see details of the exit plan for the site, i.e., legacy post development and impacts on the species using the site.

We would ask that the developers of this project consider the multitude of solar developments, and the cumulative impacts that are generally not being discussed or strategically planned by the sector, the national representative body or individual developers. As a Trust we support renewable energy production, but we want it delivered in an integrated and strategic manner, which is currently not happening with the onshore solar sector.

Therefore, we would appreciate a more cohesive approach within the sector moving forward and suggest attendance to a workshop we plan to host in 2023. We hope the developers of this project are willing to work with their competitors in a more

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strategic and integrated manner in regards to such issues as ground nesting birds and ensuring the supply of local provenance seed mixes.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Beth Fox
Conservation Officer