Online Comment

Application	H09-0597-24
Location	Land To The East Of Boston Road Holbeach Spalding PE12 7EE
Proposal	Construction and operation of a micro energy storage facility

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For/Against	Comments

I wish to raise no objections to this proposal.

It is true that this proposal is within the conservation area, and that it is of a rather modern, industrial and harsh appearance not befitting the setting. However, the immediate area is already characterised by modern commercial development and already features an electric substation. Regardless, the site is also set back from the streetside by a significant distance and screened from view by extant structures.

Nevertheless, the proposal must still be considered to present a form of harm to the Heritage Asset (in this instance, the Holbeach Conservation Area), and owing to the mitigating factors and minor scale of the development, I assign this development as representing 'less than substantial harm' in accordance with Paragraph 205 of the National Planning Policy Framework (December 2023) (NPPF). As per that same paragraph, great weight must be given to the conservation of the designated heritage asset.

As the proposal represents 'less than substantial harm', in accordance with Para. 208 of the NPPF, the harm should be weighed against the public benefits of the scheme. In this instance, I find the proposed harm to be so minor, and the public benefits associated with the improvements to the local energy infrastructure and assistance with local decarbonisation to be so significant as to conclude that the public benefits do indeed outweigh the risk of harm to the designated heritage asset.

Therefore, I raise no objections.