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Dear Mark,

H20-1007-24 – Land at Fendyke Farm, Sutton St James: Construction and operation of a solar farm and battery energy storage system (BESS), vehicular access, internal access tracks, landscaping, boundary treatment, cabling and associated infrastructure.

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust has the following **comments** to make on this application.

The applicant has consulted with us directly concerning Skylark *Alauda Arvensis* mitigation plans, habitat suitability, protected species, and concerns over the cumulative impacts of solar developments across Greater Lincolnshire. We are satisfied with ecological surveys and plans, and support the recommendations made in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal.

We are satisfied that the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) plan for this application is both realistic and appropriate. The Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) required for BNG compliance should be submitted for quality assurance prior planning approval or as a planning condition.

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust hopes these comments are helpful at this stage and welcomes further discussion relating to the points covered.

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

Yours sincerely

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