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RESPONSE TO H22-0466-26 Second Reconsultation: Construction of the new Air Insulated Substation (AIS) - 400kV Weston Marsh Substation A, associated landscaping and environmental mitigation works, drainage, highways and other associated works at Land in the Vicinity of Spalding, Tee-Point, Surfleet Seas End and Moulton Seas End, Spalding.

Dear Joe O'Sullivan,

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust has reviewed the documents for amendment 2 of this application and would like to make the following **comments**.

The Otter and Water Vole Survey Report has now been updated following the completion of surveys during the summer. Although this report did not find direct evidence of otters, the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Stage 1 Screening Report states that "*it is very likely that watercourses and streams in hydrological connectivity with the Wash and North Norfolk Coast SAC that are traversed by the Proposed Works are routinely used by the designated otter population*." The Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) states that a habitat area will be created for otters. We would like more details on how this habitat will be created, and therefore support otters linked to The Wash and North Norfolk Coast SAC.

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust hopes these comments are helpful at this stage and welcomes further discussion relating to the points covered. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or need clarification regarding the comments provided.

Yours sincerely,

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Conservation Officer

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