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RESPONSE TO H22-0466-26 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 wishes to make the following **comments** on the amended documents for this application.

We understand that the requested protected species surveys for water vole and otter, as well as ground level tree assessment (GLTA) to assess bat roosting potential, are still ongoing and will be available by the end of August. We may have further comments once these reports become available. The inconsistencies of watercourse crossing numbers have now been corrected in the amended reports, but we may comment further on watercourses in relation to the updated water vole and otter reports.

We appreciate the clarification of skylark territories on site, and details of the mitigation area. This should include skylark plots, with each plot measuring a minimum of 16 square meters. One plot should be provided for every hectare of land. To minimise attacks on any nests from predators, it is recommended that plots are at least 50 m from field boundaries and margins.

The BNG metric has now been corrected in reference to the strategic significance multiplier, so we have no further comments to make on this.

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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