



# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board

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Your Ref: B/22/0198/CD2

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Boston Borough Council  
Planning Department  
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Lincolnshire PE21 8QR

Dear Sirs,

**Planning Application No BB/0198/22/CD2: Application to discharge Condition C3 (Selected Route Plan) and C4 (Construction Method Statement) of Permission B/22/0198 (Construction and installation of a 132kV underground electrical cable to connect Bicker Solar Farm to Bicker Fen Substation), for the Vicarage Drove Energy Centre Limited**

The Board has received the above planning application and has the following comments:

## **Rainfall Run-off**

Whilst there is not expected to be a significant increase in rainfall run-off from the proposals, the applicant is reminded that should they require to de-water, or dispose of any surface water, during the period of operations, then this is permitted provided that any water discharged into any watercourse is **clean water only**.

Any siltation or other materials found within any watercourse by the Board, during or on completion of the proposed works, will be the applicant's responsibility to remove and dispose to a suitable waste transfer facility at their costs to the Boards satisfaction.

## **Access to Watercourses / Byelaws**

The Board has reviewed the documentation provided and is satisfied with the proposals on condition that an application for consent to relax the relevant byelaw is submitted to this office.

## **THE APPLICANT MUST NOT INTERPRET THIS LETTER AS CONSENT BEING ISSUED.**

The applicant is reminded that if they intend to place any temporary structures, such as safety fencing or other structures, within 9 metres of the IDB-maintained watercourse, then they must also apply for a relaxation of the Byelaw.

**Any temporary works compounds, including the storage of any materials or parking of vehicles required for the proposed works, must be placed outside the 9 metre byelaw distance.**

**Unrestricted access to both sides of the IDB-maintained watercourse must be maintained at all times to allow the Board to continue to carry its statutory works under the Land Drainage Act 1991.**

### **Filling in or Culverting Watercourses**

There are a number of other non-IDB maintained watercourses in the vicinity of the proposed works. These watercourses, whilst not maintained by the Board, form part of the overall drainage of the surrounding land and should therefore not be affected by the proposed works.

If the applicant or their successors intend to work within any watercourse, now or at any time in the future, then under Section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991 the prior written consent of the Board is required for any proposed permanent or temporary works or structures, including infilling, diversion, or replacement of any existing structures, within any watercourse. This is mandatory.

Application forms are available on request from this office or can be downloaded from the Board's website.

Yours faithfully

***Andrew Scott***

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For the Chief Executive  
Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board