

Development Management Delegated Decision Report

B/20/0351



| SUMMARY OF APPLICATION | | | | |
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| Application Reference | B/20/0351 | | | |
| Application Type | Consultation to BBC | | | |
| Proposal | Consultation to Boston Borough Council from South Holland District Council in relation to application H04-0752-20 (Details of detailed design (3, 4 & 28), construction environmental management plan (6, 10, 11, 12 & 13), traffic management plan (8 & 16), artificial lighting (15), drainage management (19, 20, 21 & 29), landscaping proposals (25, 26, & 27), written scheme of investigation (32) and point of contact for complaints (18) - all conditions relating to H04-0823-17) | | | |
| Location | Ing Drove Donington | | | |
| Applicant | Mr Phil Spain, National Grid Viking Link Ltd | | | |
| Agent | Richard Fidler, South Holland District Council | | | |
| Received Date: | 16-Sep-2020 | Consultation Expiry Date: | | |
| Valid Date: | 16-Sep-2020 | Statutory Expiry Date: | 07-Oct-2020 | |
| Date of Site Visit: | N/A | Extension of Time Date: | | |
| Objections received? | | | | |
| 5 day notification record: | | | | |
| | Councillors notified | Date | Response received – date | Ok to continue |
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| Recommendation | No Objections | | | |
| Report by: | Peter Udy | | | |
| Date: | 30 September 2020 | | | |



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SITE AND SURROUNDINGS:

The area is flat farmland with mostly open field boundaries, although there are hedges closer to the Bicker Fen National grid substation. Residential property is located away from the site.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL:

Application H04-0823-17 is for the construction of an AC/DC converter station within South Holland District as well as temporary other works and compounds to facilitate the laying of the DC cabling to the converter station and the AC cabling from the converter station to the Bicker Fen National Grid Substation within Boston Borough.

Conditions are attached to that planning permission and this application, H04-0752-20, submits the details required by those conditions for them to be agreed.

EVALUATION:

The South Holland converter station is between 4 and 5H and lies within a larger landscaped area of about 20H. It is located about 400m from the Borough boundary and about 1Km from the National Grid substation at Bicker Fen.

The converter station comprises two large buildings that are a maximum of 24m high, a lower building of about 11m high and a switchyard. It is similar in size to the substation constructed for Triton Knoll off shore windfarm on the other side of the Bicker Fen National Grid substation in terms of the compound size and the landscaping area around it.

The landscaping comprises 3 different mixes of native trees and shrubs on an earth mound and will be between 5 and 7m wide. Once this is established it will be similar to the landscaping around the National Grid substation, which is now well screened and that to be planted around the Triton Knoll substation.

The submission also includes 'Construction Management Plan', 'Traffic Management Plan', 'Lighting' and 'Drainage Management Plan', similar titled reports we have already agreed from a different contractor for part of the project. Archaeology is a matter also to be submitted to us for the part of the scheme in our Borough. They will cover the same matters as they will have the same legal and technical foundations. Further condition discharges relating to the works within the Boston area are expected in due course.

CONCLUSION:

The council should inform SHDC they have no objections to make on the submitted scheme.

RECOMMENDATION:

No Objections.