

Development Management Delegated Decision Report



SUMMARY OF APPLICATION	
Application Reference	B/22/0198/CD3
Application Type	Discharge of Condition
Proposal	Application to discharge condition C6 (Construction Ecological Management Plan) of Permission B/22/0198 (Construction and installation of a 132kV underground electrical cable to connect Bicker Solar Farm to Bicker Fen Substation)
Location	Land adj North West of Bicker Fen Substation, Bicker, Boston PE20 3BQ
Applicant	Mark Weller, Vicarage Drove Energy Centre Limited
Agent	Mr Robert Booth, DWD LLP
Statutory Expiry Date:	06-May-2024
Extension of Time:	N/A
Recommendation	Discharge Condition
Report by:	Charlie Parry
Date:	25-Apr-2024
Officer Appraisal / Comments: <u>Condition 6 – Construction Ecological Management Plan</u> Condition 6 required the applicant to submit a Construction Ecological Management Plan prior to construction. The condition outlines what is required within the CEMP for it to be discharged. Figure 1 in the submitted CEMP indicated the drilling entry and exit points which is required by point 1 of the condition. Paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6 also outline where machinery should not be used or stored. The requirements of the first point of condition 6 are considered to have been met. Table 1 of the CEMP identifies badgers as an ecological feature. The table states that “ <i>No setts were identified on site and signs (latrines) were limited to the southern site boundary. No signs of foraging were found onsite</i> ”. Nevertheless, paragraphs 5.14 to 5.19 outline how they will be protected through out construction. The details are considered to be acceptable and point 2 of the condition has therefore been met. Section 5.26 to 5.33 of the CEMP outline details regarding Amphibians and Reptiles. The contents of this section sets out precautionary protection measures for reptiles, should works be undertaken within suitable boundary features. The details are deemed to be acceptable and therefore the third point of condition 6 has been met. Section 5.20 to 5.25 of the CEMP outline details regarding birds. The contents of this section sets out protection measures for nesting birds, should the proposed works be undertaken within	



the breeding season. The details are deemed to be acceptable and therefore the fourth point of condition 6 has been met.

Condition 6 can therefore be discharged in accordance with the submitted details.

Condition number	Condition	Details submitted	Status
C.6	<p>No development shall take place until a Construction Ecological Management Plan has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The document should including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Details for the appropriate exit and entry points of the directional drill, together with proposed machinery movements, to ensure that watercourses and the associated riparian habitats are appropriately protected.- Pre-construction surveys in respect of badgers to determine whether the status of setts have changed and protection measures which will be undertaken if active setts are found. Measures to protect badgers during the construction phase should also be included, such as the prevention of trapping badgers in open trenches.- Precautionary protection measures for reptiles, should works be undertaken within suitable boundary features.- Pre-works nesting surveys and protection measures for nesting birds, should the proposed works be undertaken within the breeding season <p>The scheme only be undertaken in accordance with the approved details.</p>	Construction Ecological Management Plan, produced by ecology Resources, Dated February 2024	Details Approved

NOTES FOR DECISION NOTICE:			
Condition 6 can be discharged			