

BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Planning Committee - 6 February 2018

Reference No: B/17/0366

Expiry Date: 28-Sep-2017

Application Type: Local Authority Consultation

Proposal: Consultation on a planning application received from a neighbouring local authority for the Installation of high voltage Direct Current cables for the Viking Link interconnector project between proposed landfall at Boygrift in East Lindsey to a proposed converter station at North Ing Drove; installation of Alternative Current cables from the converter station to the existing Bicker Fen 400 kV Substation; as well as permanent access road to converter station, temporary facilities required during construction such as compounds and works areas (Details also submitted to Boston Borough Council under reference B/17/0340)

Site: Ing Drove Donington

Applicant: Richard Fidler, South Holland District Council

Ward: Swineshead and Holland Fen, Five Village

Parish: Amber Hill Parish Council, Bicker Parish Council, Brothertoft Parish Council, Swineshead Parish Council

Case Officer: Hilary Kernohan

Recommendation: Raise no objection.

1.0 SITE

1.1 The application site consists of the extent of land within the administrative area of South Holland District Council, relating to the Viking Link development.

2.0 PROPOSAL

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The development a whole crosses the boundaries of East Lindsey, South Holland, North Kesteven and Boston Borough, and relates to :

- At the proposed landfall, two (2) submarine high voltage direct current (DC) cables will be installed between the Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS) point on the beach and the joint connecting the submarine and onshore cables in a Transition Joint Pit (TJP);
- From the TJP, two (2) onshore DC cables will be installed between the landfall at Boygriff and the converter station at North Ing Drove in South Holland;
- Construction of associated Temporary Construction Compounds (TCC), Temporary Works Areas (TWA) and temporary vehicle access arrangements to facilitate construction work;
- Erection of converter station buildings and outdoor electrical equipment together with the construction of internal roads, erection of security fencing and provision of landscaping at North Ing Drove in South Holland;
- Construction of a permanent access road from the A52 to the converter station site including a bridge crossing over Hammond Beck;
- Installation of up to six (6) onshore high voltage alternating current (AC) cables between the converter station at North Ing Drove and the existing Bicker Fen 400 kV Substation;
- Installation of link pillars along the AC cable route for inspection and maintenance purposes, which will be contained within fenced areas;
- Installation of two (2) substation bays at Bicker Fen 400 kV Substation to allow Viking Link to be connected to the National Electricity Transmission System;
- Installation of temporary and permanent land drainage works as well as provision of temporary water management areas to assist with construction activities; and
- Installation of fibre-optic cable(s) with the high voltage AC and DC cables for the purpose of monitoring cable performance.

3.0 RELEVANT HISTORY

3.1 None relevant

4.0 RELEVANT POLICY

4.1 Adopted Boston Borough Local Plan (April 1999) The relevant policies are:

- Policy C01 – Development in the open countryside
- Policy G1 – Amenity of the area
- Policy G3 – Foul and Surface Water Disposal
- Policy G6 – Vehicular and Pedestrian Access

4.4 Relevant National Policy can be found in:

- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2012).
- The Technical Guidance to the NPPF

5.0 REPRESENTATIONS

5.1 None. South Holland District Council has undertaken a full consultation as local planning authority.

6.0 RELEVANT CONSULTATIONS

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7.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

7.1 No objection subject to the Council being mindful of visual impact, highways concerns (particularly in relation to Bicker Village), Environment Agency requirements, IDB drainage requirements, agricultural restoration, heritage and archaeology, nature conservation and impacts on local infrastructure.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

8.1 Raise no objection.

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