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Dear Gareth,

I have reviewed the amended plans on your portal and couldn't see a copy of the original SKDC comments sent 9 June and have therefore repeated these below:

9 June comments:

South Kesteven Local Plan Policy EN7 seeks to protect and enhance Grantham Canal. It states proposals will be permitted that are designed to develop the canal's recreational, nature conservation, heritage, and tourism potential. It further states that proposals shall only be permitted if it can be demonstrated that there is no unacceptable risk to ecology, flood risk, water resources and water quality.

Its is noted the solar farm would adjoin the northern bank of the canal and would be highly prominent in views to the north at this point (view point 5), albeit the proposed additional planting here is noted.

It should be clearly demonstrated that the proposal would not lead to any unacceptable risk to ecology, flood risk, water resources and water quality of the canal. Further, the solar farm should not be a barrier to developing the canal's recreational, nature conservation, heritage, and tourism potential. It is recommended that the Canals and Rivers Trust is consulted for more detailed comments in this respect.

In terms of highways impacts, these are most likely to be significant during the construction and decommissioning phases of the development. Lincolnshire County Council (as adjoining local highway authority) should be consulted to understand any impacts that may affect the South Kesteven highway network. This should include an assessment of any cabling and grid connection works required as part of the proposed development.

In terms of wider landscape and visual impacts, the site is considered to be suitably separated from South Kesteven, such that the visual impacts of the proposal on the district would not be significant. However, it is expected that a detailed landscaping scheme and management plan is secured by condition to ensure any impacts are suitably mitigated, should the application be approved.

Further to above, it is reassuring to know that the Canals and Rivers Trust have been consulted and SKDC would endorse their comments, particularly the need to screen the solar farm (if approved) from the recreational users of the canal towpath.

I could not see any comments from Lincolnshire County Council (as adjoining local highway authority) and would again request they are consulted to understand any impacts that may affect the South Kesteven highway network.

South Kesteven District Council has no further comments on the amended plans.

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