



Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Planning Permission

Name and address of applicant

Name and address of agent (if any)

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Notice of decision to grant planning permission

Application number: 17/1200/FUL

Proposal:

Works to facilitate the Viking Link electrical interconnector with an approximate capacity of 1400 megawatts (MW) extending from Revsing, Jutland, (Denmark) to Bicker Fen, Lincolnshire (UK) comprising:

- Installation of two (2) subsea high voltage direct current (DC) cables between Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS) and landfall at Boygrift in East Lindsey;**
- Installation of two (2) onshore DC cables between the landfall at Boygrift and the converter station at North Ing Drove in South Holland;**
- Construction of associated Temporary Construction Compounds (TCC) and Temporary Works Areas (TWA) and temporary vehicle access arrangements required for DC and AC cable installation;**
- Erection of converter station buildings together with the formation of internal roads, permanent access road from the A52, erection of security fencing, formation of landscaping with associated temporary construction compounds;**
- 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 kilovolt (400kV) Substation owned and operated by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (NGET);**
- Installation of link pillars along the AC cable route for inspection and maintenance purposes, these will be contained within fenced areas;**
- Installation of two substation bays at Bicker Fen Substation to allow Viking Link to be connected to the National Grid electricity transmission system;**

Date: 18th September 2018

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Head of Development, Economic and Cultural Services

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- Installation of all associated drainage mitigation works; and
 - Installation of fibre-optic cable(s) with the high voltage AC and DC cables

(A bay consists of switching equipment including circuit breakers, disconnector and measuring equipment. NGET will be providing Viking Link the space available to connect to Bicker Fen).

Location: Installation Of High Voltage Direct Current (DC) Cables For The Viking Link Interconnector Project Between Proposed Landfall At Boygriff In East Lindsey To A Proposed Converter Station At North Ing Drove In South Holland;

North Kesteven District Council hereby give notice in pursuance of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that permission has been **granted** for the carrying out of development referred to above, subject to the conditions set out below –

- 1 The development must be begun not later than the expiration of five (5) years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

- 2 Prior to the commencement of any phase of the development a Construction Ecological Management Plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the district planning authority. The Construction Ecological Management Plan shall define the relevant habitats and species to be protected, and how protection will be achieved over the different phases of the development. It shall include the following:

- i. Risk assessment of all potentially damaging pre-commencement, site clearance and construction activities;
- ii. Identification of biodiversity protection zones;
- iii. Measures to avoid or reduce impacts during construction, to include protective fencing to BS:5837 and other exclusion barriers and warning signs;
- iv. Location and timings of sensitive works to avoid harm to biodiversity features, including nesting birds and bats; sensitive works to avoid harm to biodiversity features, including nesting birds and bats;
- v. Requirements for update surveys at key points or phases of this development;
- vi. The times during construction when specialist ecologists need to be present on site to oversee works; and
- vii. Responsible persons and lines of communication.

The development should be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In the interests of the conservation of protected species and associated habitats to accord with Policy LP21 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 3 The submitted Construction Ecological Management Plan (condition 2) shall be informed and accompanied by up-dated pre-commencement surveys to supplement and update the existing baseline and shall include detailed botanical surveys and water vole assessments at the locations for culverted points of wet drains.

Reason: In the interests of the conservation of protected species and associated habitats to accord with Policy LP21 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 4 The development hereby approved shall not be commenced until such time as a scheme for a programme of mink control has been submitted to and approved in writing by the District Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In the interests of the deliverance of demonstrable gain for water voles to accord with Policy LP21 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 5 Any land which is used temporarily for construction of the onshore works including the laying or backfilling of the underground cable, and not ultimately incorporated in permanent works or approved landscaping must be reinstated within 6 months of completion of the relevant stage of the onshore works in accordance with details to be submitted to and approved in writing by the District Planning Authority prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved. Such details shall include the restoration of areas affected by construction works, soil handling and details of the grass seed mix where areas are to be restored to grassland. The works shall be carried out fully in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In the interests of the protection of the agricultural land to accord with Policy LP55 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 6 Except for Permitted Preliminary Works the commencement of the underground cable installation shall not take place until there has been submitted to, approved in writing by, and deposited with the District Planning Authority a Construction Traffic Management Plan and Access Route has been submitted to, approved in writing by and deposited with, the District Planning Authority. The Construction Traffic Management Plan shall include proposals to control and manage construction traffic using the 'Construction Traffic Access Route' and to ensure that no other local roads are used by construction traffic. The underground cable installation shall be completed in accordance with the approved Plan unless otherwise agreed in writing by the District Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure reasonable and proper control to be exercised over the methods of construction of the Development in the interests of the safety and convenience of other road users and residential amenity, to accord with Policies LP13 and LP26 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 7 A point of contact will be provided by the applicant to local residents and local business for any queries or complaints relating to noise generated by the construction and/or operation of the Development. If a local resident or local business complains direct to the applicant or the applicant has been notified in writing by the Council of any complaint about noise generated by the construction and/or operation of the Development the applicant shall carry out investigations to establish the justification, or otherwise, of the complaint, the likely cause and possible remedial measures. A written report to the complainant, copied to the Council, shall be made as soon as reasonably practicable following the investigation and/or remedial work. The applicant shall keep all such reports in an appropriate file and such file shall be made available to the Council on request.

Reason: To ensure that any complaints on the grounds of noise are properly dealt with so as to reduce the impact of the Development on local residents, to accord with Policies LP13 and LP26 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 8 Prior to the commencement of any part of the permitted development that shall be accessed from the highway network to the west of the South Forty Foot Drain, a pre-construction condition survey of the adopted highway network between the A17 at East Heckington and the Application Site shall be undertaken in the company of an officer of the Local Highway Authority. The survey shall identify and record, by use of a combination of a written report, still and moving photographic images, any localised highway improvement works that may be required to facilitate access prior to commencement of construction and the condition of all parts of the route prior to the commencement of construction. The Applicant shall, after the completion of the permitted development, reinstate to the satisfaction of the District Planning Authority, any damage that may be identified, by reference to the pre-construction condition survey, as being attributable to the construction of the permitted development and shall undertake, within an agreed timescale, the repair of any damage that may be caused to the highway network by construction traffic or delivery vehicles during the construction period.

Reason: In the interests of the safety and convenience of other road users to accord with Policy LP13 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 9 All activities associated with the construction of the Development shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard 5228: 2009 +A J :2014 : Code of practice for noise and vibration control on construction and open sites - Part 1 - Noise, Part 2 - Vibration.

Reason: To ensure reasonable and proper control to be exercised over the methods of construction of the Development in the interests of residential development to accord with Policy LP26 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 10 No construction work associated with the Development shall take place on the Site on any Sunday or Bank Holiday or on any other day except between the following hours:

Monday to Friday 0700 - 1900
Saturday 0700 - 1700

Unless such work -

- (a) is associated with an emergency ; or
- (b) is carried out with the prior written approval of the Council; or
- (c) does not cause existing ambient background noise levels to be exceeded.

Reason: To ensure reasonable and proper control to be exercised over the methods of construction of the Development in the interests of residential amenity to accord with Policy LP26 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 11 No heavy commercial vehicles associated with the construction of the Development shall enter or leave the Site on any Sunday or Bank Holiday or on any other day except between the following hours:

Monday to Friday 0700 - 1900
Saturday 0800 - 1600

Unless such movement:

- (a) is associated with an emergency; or
- (b) is carried out with the prior written approval of the Council.

Reason: To ensure reasonable and proper control to be exercised over the methods of construction of the Development and to reduce the number of traffic movements for the safety of other road users and pedestrians to accord with Policies LP13 and LP26 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 12 In any instance where a time limitation referred to in Conditions 10 and 11 is not adhered to, the Company shall as soon as practicable notify the Council and follow up the notification with a written statement detailing the nature of the emergency and the reason why the time limitation could not be observed.

Reason: To ensure reasonable and proper control to be exercised over the methods of construction of the Development and to reduce the number of traffic movements for the safety of other road users and pedestrians to accord with Policies LP13 and LP26 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 13 Except for Permitted Preliminary Works the commencement of works relating to the underground cable shall not take place until there has been submitted to, approved in writing by, and deposited with the District Planning Authority a Construction Environmental Management Plan. The Plan shall include details of how noise, dust and other airborne pollutants, vibration, smoke, and odour from construction work including from piling and associated traffic movements, from both inside and outside of the Site boundary, will be controlled and mitigated. The construction of the specified phase of the development shall be completed in accordance with the approved Plan unless otherwise agreed in writing by the District Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure reasonable and proper control to be exercised over the methods of construction of the development, in the interests of residential amenity, to accord with Policy LP26 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 14 No development or site clearance/preparation shall take place unless and until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of an agreed written specification that sets out a programme of work to mitigate the impact of construction to known archaeological remains. The specification shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the District Planning Authority. The programme of work shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the approved specification.

Reason: To ensure that archaeological remains are preserved in situ or investigated and recorded as appropriate and to ensure that the information is made available, in accordance with policy LP25 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 15 If, during development, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then no further development (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the District Planning Authority) shall be carried out until the applicant has submitted a remediation strategy to the District Planning Authority detailing how this unsuspected contamination shall be dealt with and obtained written approval from the local planning authority following consultation with the Environment Agency. The remediation strategy shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To reduce the risk of pollution to controlled waters, to accord with Policy LP16 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 16 Except for the Permitted Preliminary Works, the commencement of each phase of the Development shall not take place until there has been submitted to, approved in writing by, and deposited with the District Planning Authority, in consultation with the Environment Agency, a scheme showing the method and working of drainage facilities, including foul water drainage on the Site associated with the specified phase of the

Development. Such facilities shall be put in place in accordance with the approved scheme.

The specified phase of the Development shall be completed in accordance with the approved scheme unless otherwise agreed in writing by the District Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure proper drainage of the Site and that proper containment facilities are built, to accord with Policy LP14 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 17 The scheme referred to in Condition (16) shall include:
- (i) measures to ensure that no leachate or any contaminated surface water from the Site associated with the specified phase of the Development shall be allowed at any time to enter directly or indirectly into any watercourse or underground strata or onto adjoining land;
 - (ii) provision to ensure that all existing drainage systems continue to operate and that riparian owners upstream and downstream of the Site associated with the specified phase of the Development are not adversely affected;
 - (iii) provision for trapped gullies in car parks, hardstandings and roadways;
 - (iv) measures to ensure that all foul sewage drains to an approved foul sewerage and/or sewage disposal system;
 - (v) provisions to distinguish between temporary and permanent parts of the works; and
 - (vi) provision to ensure that there is no discharge of water from the Site associated with the specified phase of the Development until such a time as the permanent surface water drainage system is operational with provisions to contain any run-off from the Site associated with the specified phase of the Development.

Reason: To ensure proper drainage of the Site and that proper containment facilities are built, to accord with Policy LP14 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 18 Any surface water contaminated by hydrocarbons which are used during the construction of the Development shall be passed through oil/grit interceptor(s) prior to being discharged to any public sewer or watercourse or to any other surface water disposal system approved by the Environment Agency.

Reason: To ensure proper drainage of the Site and that proper containment facilities are built, to accord with Policy LP14 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 19 All facilities required for the storage of hydrocarbons, process chemicals or similar liquids which are used during the construction of the Development must be sited on impervious bases and surrounded by impervious bund walls. The size of the bunded compound(s) shall be at least equivalent to the capacity of the largest tank plus 10%. All filling points, vents and sight glasses must be located within the bund and there must be no drain through the bund floor or walls.

Reason: To ensure proper drainage of the Site and that proper containment facilities are built, to accord with Policy LP14 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 20 Any storage facility to which Conditions (18) or (19) refer shall be completed in accordance with the requirements of those Conditions before being brought into use.

Reason: To ensure proper drainage of the Site and that proper containment facilities are built, to accord with Policy LP14 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 21 Except for the Permitted Preliminary Works contaminated material arising from the construction of the Development shall be treated on the Site in accordance with a scheme to be submitted to, approved in writing by, and deposited with, the Council, in consultation with the Environment Agency, or shall be disposed of to licensed disposal facilities.

Reason: To ensure proper drainage of the Site and that proper containment facilities are built, to accord with Policy LP14 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 22 Within 6 months of the Development ceasing to be used for the purposes of electricity transmission the applicant shall submit to the District Planning Authority, for approval in writing, a scheme for removal of the underground cables and associated infrastructure, the restoration of the Site and a timetable for such works, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the District Planning Authority shall thereafter implement the approved scheme.

Reason: To ensure the Site is not allowed to become derelict after the cessation of electricity transmission, to accord with Policy LP14 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Adopted 2017).

- 23 The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out except in complete accordance with the details shown on the approved plans, listed below on this decision notice.

Reason: To ensure that the development takes place in accordance with the approved details.

Reason for granting Planning Permission

Having regard to the details of the application proposals, and the relevant provisions of the Development Plan as summarised below, it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions attached in this permission, the proposed development would be in accordance with the Development Plan.

Policy	Plan
LP01- Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development	Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017
LP02 - Spatial Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy	Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017
LP05 - Delivering Prosperity and Jobs	Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017
LP12 - Infrastructure to Support Growth	Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017
LP13 - Accessibility and Transport	Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017
LP14 - Managing Water Resources & Flood Risk	Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017
LP17 - Landscape, Townscape & Views	Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017
LP18 - Climate Change and Low Carbon Living	Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017
LP21 - Biodiversity and Geodiversity	Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017
LP25 - The Historic Environment	Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017
LP26 - Design and Amenity	Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017
LP55 - Development in the Countryside	Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017
National Planning Policy Framework (2018)	National Planning Guidance

Explanatory Note:

This reason is intended only to be a summary of the reasons for granting of planning permission. For further details on the decision, please see the application report and related documents under the above reference.

This decision has been made in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework 2018. The Local Planning Authority has sought all reasonable measures to resolve issues and find solutions when coming to its decision, working to secure sustainable development that will improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the District.

Informatives

1. Based on the information submitted with your 'CIL - Additional Information Requirement form', the Council has determined that your development is not CIL liable.
2. The LPA has worked positively and proactively with the applicant to overcome concerns arising from the application. The application as revised is considered to provide a sustainable form of development.

The decision relates to the plans and documents identified below:

Drawing No.	Drawing Name	Received Date
VKL-02-34-G100-043 Sheet 37	Location Plan	25th August 2017
VKL-02-34-G100-044 Sheet 38	Location Plan	25th August 2017
VKL-02-34-G100-045 Sheet 39	Location Plan	25th August 2017
VKL-02-34-G100-046 Sheet 40	Location Plan	25th August 2017
VK-02-34-G100-047 Sheet 41	Location Plan	25th August 2017
VK-02-34-G100-048 Sheet 42	Location Plan	25th August 2017
VK-02-34-G100-049 Sheet 43	Location Plan	25th August 2017
VK-02-34-G100-054 Sheet 48	Location Plan	25th August 2017
VKL-08-07-J-500-023 Temp Construction Access	Access Layout Plan	25th August 2017
VKL-02-034-G100-091 Sheet 37 - Works Plan	Other	25th August 2017
VKL-02-34-G100-092 Sheet 38 - Works Plans	Other	25th August 2017
VKL-02-34-G100-093 Sheet 39 - Works Plans	Other	25th August 2017
VKL-02-34-G100-094 Sheet 40 - Works Plans	Other	25th August 2017
VKL-02-34-G100-095 Sheet 41 - Works Plans	Other	25th August 2017
VKL-02-34-G100-096 Sheet 42 - Works Plans	Other	25th August 2017
VKL-02-34-G100-097 Sheet 43 - Works Plans	Other	25th August 2017
VKL-02-34-G100-102	Other	25th August 2018

Sheet 48 - Works Plans		
VKL-08-39-G500-009	Environmental Impact Assessment	2nd August 2017
VKL-08-39-G500-023 SEIR	Other	2nd August 2017

Additional Information

1. The planning permission to which this notice refers may contain the requirement to comply with certain conditions prior to any works being commenced, as well as conditions to be met both during and after the completion of the development. You are hereby advised that non-compliance with any condition may render this permission invalid and the development itself unlawful and could lead to enforcement action and/or prosecution. If you are in doubt as to the requirements established by any condition attached to this permission, you are strongly advised to contact North Kesteven District Council Planning Department for clarification prior to the commencement of any works. In order to discharge conditions, you will need to complete and submit the relevant form, other required documents and fee.
2. If any condition on this planning permission requires the submission of further information, for example agreement of materials, boundary treatments, drainage etc, an application to provide the information required must be made in written form, preferably on the standard application forms entitled Application to Discharge Conditions, which can be downloaded from the Council's website at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/planningapplicationforms. Any application must also be accompanied by the relevant fee set by central government, details of which are available on the above webpage. Material samples should ideally be left at the application site for officer inspection.
3. This permission shall not be construed as granting rights to carry out works on, or over, land not within the ownership, or control of the applicant. You must obtain the prior written consent of the owner and occupier of any land upon which it is necessary for you to enter in order to construct, externally finish, decorate or in any other way carry out works in connection with this development including future repairs/maintenance, or to obtain support from adjoining property. This permission does not authorise you to take such action without first obtaining this consent. Your attention is drawn to the Access of Neighbouring Land Act 1992 and the Party Wall Act 1996.
4. Please note that this decision notice only relates to matters under the Planning Acts and does not give consent under any other legislation that may apply to the development. For example, Building Regulations are likely to apply to most developments.
5. If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the local planning authority to refuse permission or approval for the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, he may appeal to the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions in accordance with Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within the necessary time limits of the date of this notice. For further guidance on this please visit the Planning Inspectorates website <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-inspectorate>
6. The Council has a statutory duty to provide street naming and logical street numbering so that premises can be quickly identified by the Post Office, tradesmen, emergency and other services.

From 1 April 2014 the District Council have charged an administrative fee for this service.