

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT REGULATION 30

PLANNING APPLICATION: N/110/01549/17

APPLICANT: National Grid Viking Link Ltd,

PROPOSAL: Planning Permission - 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 2 subsea high voltage direct current (DC) cables between Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS) and landfall at Boygrift in East Lindsey;

Installation of 2 onshore DC cables between the landfall at Boygrift and the converter station at North Ing Drove in South Holland;

Erection of converter station buildings (relating to land in adjoining authority);

together with temporary and permanent ancillary infrastructure.

LOCATION: VIKING LINK NATIONAL GRID, SANDILANDS (TO BICKER FEN), MABLETHORPE,

In accordance with Regulation 24 of the above mentioned Regulations please note that the above mentioned application was determined as follows:

DATE OF DECISION: 08 June 2018

DECISION: Refused for the following reason:

1. Part of the application site follows a route through the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) which is a valued landscape and which is afforded great weight to preserving its landscape and scenic beauty. It is considered by this Council, that notwithstanding the details submitted the proposal would be damaging and harmful to the distinctive character of the AONB and that the applicants have failed to adequately demonstrate the exceptional circumstances to justify that this major development should follow a route through the AONB. The applicants have therefore failed to demonstrate adequately that the proposal will protect and enhance such a valued landscape. It is also considered that the proposal would adversely impact on farming practices in the area. The proposal if permitted would therefore be contrary to paragraphs 109 and 116 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

The documents can be inspected free of charge during the working hours of 8.45a.m - 5.00p.m. Monday - Friday at the Planning Department, East Lindsey District Council, Tedder Hall, Manby Park, LOUTH, Lincolnshire. LN11 8UP

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