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Dear Mr ██████████

East Park Energy DCO (EN010141) – SEPE Deadline 2 responses and key supporting submissions

Further to our letter to you of 2 April 2026, which provided the Stop East Park Energy (SEPE) Written Representation submitted ahead of Deadline 1, together with signposting to relevant sections of that document to assist your review, we now write to provide additional relevant responses submitted by SEPE at Deadline 2.

Please find attached SEPE's response to the Local Impact Reports submitted in respect of the East Park Energy application.

We are grateful for the work undertaken by your authority in preparing the LIR. This response is intended to assist the Examination by highlighting areas of alignment with SEPE's previous submissions, and identifying matters which have not yet been fully scrutinised or independently verified within the current evidence base.

In particular, the document draws attention to a number of issues identified by the community which remain subject to uncertainty, reliance on outline controls, or limited testing. The intention is to ensure that these matters are clearly identified and can be fully examined before any recommendation is made.

We also attach a letter originally sent to Natural England in response to its Relevant Representation, which has now been submitted to the Examining Authority at Deadline 2. This document has been prepared by Dr Helen Stark, a Chartered Environmental Scientist, who is supporting SEPE in a voluntary capacity.

Dr Stark's submission raises substantive concerns regarding ecological baseline data, survey adequacy, and the potential for significant adverse effects on habitats and species. It is provided to assist the Examination by highlighting overlapping

issues of ecological uncertainty and risk which are also reflected in the LIRs and SEPE's response.

Additionally, we attach a further SEPE submission which provides comments on the Applicant's updated Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan, the National Highways Statement of Common Ground, and the Technical Note concerning the B645 / A1 St Neots junction. This document expands on specific transport and highways matters, including issues relating to routing assumptions, junction capacity, and the assessment of potential impacts, and is intended to assist the Examination by setting out these considerations in a focused manner.

We hope this is helpful and would be pleased to provide any further information if required.

Yours sincerely,

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