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Our ref: 40b – Planning Conformity/Final Responses/NLincs, Erection of glass wool insulation plant, North Killingholme, Jul 08

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Dear William

Planning Application Number: PA/2008/0988

Planning permission to erect a glass wool insulation product manufacturing plant, including storage, landscaping and access.

Thank you for consulting the Assembly on the above. I am pleased to forward the following officer comments to you, based on the current RSS.

The Assembly is grateful for the opportunity to comment on this proposed development. The Assembly, as the Regional Planning Body, has been asked to comment on this development as its nature and location mean that it could have an effect on the implementation of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). The current RSS - The Yorkshire and Humber Plan was issued by the Secretary of State in May 2008. The RSS has the status of a Development Plan Document and forms part of the framework for decisions taken under section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), which means that decisions on all applications have to be taken in accordance with the Development Plan unless other material considerations indicate otherwise.

Economic Development

The RSS seeks to create a more successful and competitive regional economy, by supporting economic growth targets in locations where development will have maximum benefit and by promoting important sectors.

Policy E4 of RSS provides for plans, strategies, investment decisions and programmes should support key sectors including Financial and Business Services; Tourism; Logistics; and Construction, and regional priority clusters including Advanced Engineering and Metals; Chemicals; Bio-Science; Digital; Food and Drink; Healthcare Technologies; and Environmental Technologies. The Assembly would in principle support the development as it is in line with Policy E4.

The proposed development will also support the implementation of Policy HE1B which provides for the diversification and the development of the Humber Estuary Sub Area, through making the most of the multimodal transport links, ports, city and town centres, and workforce.

The proposed development will also provide an opportunity for agricultural diversification and the strengthening of the region's rural economy, in line with policy E7.

Renewable Energy

The sustainable use of resources is a key theme in RSS. Policy ENV5 states that in advance of local targets being set in DPDs, new developments of more than 10 dwellings should secure at least 10% of their energy from decentralised and renewable or low carbon sources.

Freight

Policy T4 of RSS provides for the maximisation of the use of rail or water for freight movements to and from new and existing developments and significant changes of use and recognises the contribution these modes can make to the transportation of bulk materials including waste.

Conclusion

Given the issues set out above, the Assembly offers the following officer comments that:

- The outline application is supported in principle, on the basis that the development makes best use of existing transport infrastructure and supports the implementation of Policy E7.

If you have any queries about these points, please do not hesitate to contact Andy Haigh on 01924 331601.

Yours sincerely



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