

NATIONAL GRID RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS 1.0.17 AND 1.0.18

National Grid agrees with the responses provided by the Applicant and would also make the following additional points.

National Grid's assets are designed with a minimum 40 year lifespan to ensure that maximum efficiency and economy can be gained from their investment.

Further, condition C8 of its transmission licence under the Electricity Act 1989 requires NGET to offer a connection to any customer seeking connection.

It is therefore entirely possible that other customers may be connected to National Grid's infrastructure once the generating infrastructure has been decommissioned and it is important that this possibility is allowed for by the infrastructure.

Any future projects in the vicinity seeking a connection or expansion of capacity of the infrastructure, would be subject to assessment and regulation via the planning regime.

Further, it is outside the power of the DCO to impose such a condition, which would effectively require the disconnection of other users and the construction of entirely new infrastructure to connect those users.

Such a requirement would therefore be unreasonable, impossible to enforce, unjustifiable and is clearly inconsistent with National Planning Policy.