



SPR EA1N and EA2 PROJECTS

DEADLINE 4 – ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE RELATING TO CUMULATIVE IMPACT

Interested Party: SASES PINS Refs: 20024106 & 20024110

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Issue: 1

1. Since ISH2 and SASES post hearing submissions in respect of cumulative impact¹ additional information has emerged which further demonstrates that the National Grid NSIP will be a new National Grid connection hub at Friston. This is as follows.

Outline landscape and ecological management strategy²

2. On page 9 last bullet it is stated:

*“This OLMP provides solutions for landscape planting proposals for development with either AIS (Air Insulated Switchgear) or GIS (Gas Insulated Switchgear) National Grid substation designs (refer to **Chapter 6 Project Description** for associated parameters for AIS or GIS NGET substation designs).” **The planting and landscape scheme has also been designed in order to not sterilise land for potential future development associated with the National Grid substation.**” [emphasis added]*

3. On page 22 second bullet it is stated:

*“The OLMP should be designed in order **to accommodate any future development of the National Grid substation to accommodate future projects**, [emphasis added] without modification to the final LMP, such as the removal of planting provided by the proposed [East Anglia ONE North/East Anglia TWO] project.”*

4. Figure 3 OLMP General Arrangement attached to the strategy shows areas G4 to the north-west of the National Grid substation between the cable sealing ends and the substation The key for G4 states that these areas are:

“Area for potential future surface water management”

such areas would only be required if there are plans to further develop the substation site rendering more of the site impermeable.

¹ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010077/EN010077-003212-sases%20deadline%203%20Cumulative%20Impact%20Subs%20151220.pdf>

² <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010077/EN010077-003282-8.7%20EA1N%20Outline%20Landscape%20and%20Ecological%20Management%20Strategy.pdf>

5. Figure 3 OLMP General Arrangement also shows the permanent access road which was originally termed the “operational” access road. Careful study of this figure and other figures shows that where the operational access road passes between the National Grid substation and the Applicants’ substations, it continues beyond the last access point (which is to the eastern substation) to the north eastern side of the National Grid substation. There is no reason for this road to continue. An explanation could be it is provide access for constructing an extension(s) to the National Grid substation required for future projects.

Revised draft DCO submitted at Deadline 3

6. The revised draft DCO³ which was submitted at deadline 3 has been amended. Requirement 38 on page 49 of the tracked version reads as follows:

“38. Where any part of the grid connection works are being or have been constructed under ~~the East Anglia TFW Order~~ another development consent order, that part of the grid connection works must not be constructed under this Order.”

Grid connection works are defined on page 6 as:

“Work Nos. 34 and 38 to 43 and any related associated development”

These works numbers are the National Grid NSIP as set out on pages 34 and 35 of the revised draft DCO.

7. Such an amendment would only have been made if it is contemplated that other DCO applications will be made (in addition to the DCO applications for EA1N and EA2) which will also seek consent for the National Grid NSIP, perhaps the Nautilus project or another future project where the intention is for it to connect at the National Grid connection hub.

National Grid Ventures East Suffolk Interconnector Projects

8. Chartered Surveyors acting for National Grid Ventures have been writing to local landowners seeking consent to undertake surveys. The subject of the letter as set out at the top of the letter is “National Grid Ventures East Suffolk Interconnector Projects – Request For Non-Intrusive Surveys”. One of the requests relates to the land set out in the plan below and the land shown here is the same land as set out in plot 115 and 116 in the works plans⁴. It is believed this land is being investigated so that the converter stations required for the NGV interconnector projects, which may be constructed on or near to plot 119, can be connected to the National Grid connection hub via underground cables across plot 115 and 116. This is another clear indication that the proposed National Grid connection hub at Friston will be the connection point for the NGV interconnector projects.

³ [https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010077/EN010077-003262-3.1%20EA1N%20Draft%20Development%20Consent%20Order%20\(Tracked\).pdf](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010077/EN010077-003262-3.1%20EA1N%20Draft%20Development%20Consent%20Order%20(Tracked).pdf)

⁴ https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010077/EN010077-002616-22EA1NLandPlansOnshore_378292_1.pdf

