

NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC

Response to ExA's First Written Questions issued 18th December 2018 on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc



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1.3.9	Applicant and National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	<p>Richborough Connection and Substation</p> <p>The application proposal includes land on which the consented Richborough 400kV substation would be constructed within the Order limits.</p> <p>NGET [RR-027] states that it is ‘concerned’ about the prospect of CA and/ or TP affecting this land. It is requested to explain why CA and/ or TP is inappropriate, with reference to the effect that it would have on: i. the intended operational land required for the transmission and substation facilities proposed to be developed in the Richborough Connection; and/ or ii. any other land that NGET may hold that is intended to be nonoperational.</p> <p>b) The Applicant is asked to explain why CA and/ or TP is required and whether or not its needs could be met by any alternative provisions, a lease or other legal agreement relating to NGET intended operational and/ or non-operational land.</p> <p>c) NGET is requested to identify whether any alternative provisions, a lease or a legal agreement could address its concerns</p>
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	Response by NGET	<p>(a) NGET have a leasehold interest in Plot 2/130 which is the Richborough Sub Station plot. This is NGET Operational Land required for the operation of their existing 400kV Sub Station. No property rights should be authorised to be acquired or created that would acquire/override or conflict with NGET's existing property rights within the Sub Station boundary in order to ensure that the integrity of the existing system is not affected by the promoters DCO. NGET have entered into a connection agreement with the Promoter to facilitate connection of the Thanet Offshore Windfarm into the Richborough 400kV Sub Station. The Connection Agreement will apply from the boundary of the substation and the connection works will be done by NGET in accordance with the Connection Agreement and are allowed for in the NGET lease. As such NGET is of the view that the Promoter does not need to acquire any rights from the NGET leasehold interest to be able to connect into the Richborough 400kV Substation from</p>
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		<p>this point. However this is one issue that we would like further clarity from the Promoter on as it is not usual to seek compulsory acquisition rights across NGET Sub Station Land and NGET would ordinarily require such rights to be taken out of the Order. The right to connect into the Sub Station can only be secured from NGET under a Connection Agreement. NGET therefore object to any compulsory acquisition powers being used against their interests in this plot. The need or otherwise for compulsory acquisition powers against other parties with different ownership categories within plot 2/130 is a matter for the promoter and the relevant parties to address. NGET will clarify the position in relation to non-operational land, if any, held in this area affected by the DCO and update the ExA shortly.</p> <p>(b) For the Applicant</p> <p>(c) As explained above it is NGET's contention that the Connection Agreement between the parties is</p>
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		sufficient to ensure the Connection into NGET's Sub Station across the Sub Station land as this isn't in conflict with NGET's lease.
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