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Appendix 3A

Consultation and stakeholder engagement



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1. Consultation and stakeholder engagement

- 1.1.1 A summary of the relevant responses received in the EIA Scoping Opinion in relation to the description of the Proposed Development, and confirmation of how these have been considered within the assessment to date is presented in **Table 3A.1 Summary of EIA Scoping Opinion responses in relation to the description of the Proposed Development.**

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Consultee	Issue raised	Response
PINS	The ES should clearly describe all elements of the Proposed Development and include a description of all physical characteristics.	A detailed description of the Proposed Development is provided in Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2).
PINS	Where uncertainty exists and flexibility is sought, the maximum parameters, the anticipated limits of deviation, the dimensions, locations, and alignments of the various project elements, including points of access and key structures should be described.	The description has been based on the worst case parameters where flexibility is sought, for example in relation to the dimensions of the main building forming part of the EfW CHP Facility (see Section 3.4, Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2).)
PINS	The ES should provide figures to support the project description.	Figures supporting the description of the Proposed Development are provided in Volume 6.3 to Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2).
PINS	The ES should contain a general construction programme of how and when specific works/phases will take place.	The overarching construction programme is described in Section 3.7 A description of the specific works and phases for the EfW CHP Facility is provided in Section 3.8 and for the Grid Connection in Section 3.9 Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2).
PINS	The ES should clearly identify the areas of land within the order limits that are required permanently or on a temporary basis, and their intended use and duration of use.	The description of the proposed development presented in Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) identifies where land use will be permanent or temporary, and the duration of any temporary uses.



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PINS	The ES should provide detail the locations and extents of temporary access tracks, access points, set up of laydown, working areas and construction compounds and factor them into the assessments undertaken.	This information is provided in Section 3.8 for the EfW CHP Facility and for in Section 3.9 Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) for the Grid Connection.
PINS	The ES should include a detailed description of the Grid Connection development and the works required.	This information is provided in Sections 3.6 and 3.9 Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) .
PINS	If the Grid Connection is to be consented separately, the ES should present a sufficiently detailed a description of the works and their associated likely significant effects based on what is available at the time.	The Grid Connection forms part of the Proposed Development.
PINS	Overhead lines and underground cables for the Grid Connection route should be clearly depicted in figures in the ES.	Figures supporting the description of the Proposed Development are provided in Volume 6.3 to (Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2)) . There will be no overhead lines.
PINS	Associated launch and receptor pits for HDD should be described and identified within the ES.	The HDD option proposed for the Water Connections are described in Section 3.10, Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) Construction (Water Connections).
PINS	Where HDD techniques are proposed as a form of mitigation to address significant effects, these should be demonstrably secured through the dDCO or other legal mechanism.	Noted. The application includes for either an open-cut trench excavation or HDD to cross the A47.
PINS	The ES should contain a description of the works or assess any likely significant effects that could arise from the construction and operation of the 132kV or 400kV substations.	A description of the substation and electrical connection works is provided in Section 3.4 and 3.6, Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) .
PINS	The ES should provide full explanations, assessment or figures of road closures and diversions.	Information on traffic management measures is provided in this chapter and in the Outline CTMP (Chapter 6 Appendix 6A, Volume 6.4) .
PINS	The ES should identify the sources, types, and proportions of waste to be managed by the facility.	A description of the wastes to be processed at the EfW CHP Facility is provided in Section 3.5 Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) .



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PINS	The ES should clearly explain which elements of the proposed development have yet to be finalised and provide the reasons.	Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) sets out where options are being taken forward.
PINS	At the time of application, any Proposed Development parameters should not be so wide-ranging as to represent effectively different developments.	Noted. Parameters are set out in Section 3.4 and 3.6.
PINS	The ES should clearly define the development parameters.	The description has been based on the worst case parameters where flexibility is sought, for example in relation to the dimensions of the main building forming part of the EfW CHP Facility (see Section 3.4, Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2).
PINS	The description of the proposed development is too wide that it is not certain to comply with Regulation 14 of the EIA Regulations.	The description has been refined since scoping. The description is provided in Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2).
Anglian Water	We would welcome further discussion with MVV Environment Ltd in relation to the water and wastewater requirements for the site both as part of construction and operational phases.	A description of the water and waste water requirements for the project are described in Section 3.3, 3.4 and 3.10 Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2).
Anglian Water	The scoping report does not refer to Anglian Water's existing infrastructure. The ES should include reference to existing water supply and sewerage networks where relevant.	A description of the existing water supply and sewerage networks is provided in Section 3.4 Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2).
Cadent Limited	Gas Cadent will require appropriate protection, assurance or relocation of retained apparatus including compliance with relevant standards for works which may be proposed within close proximity of its apparatus.	Cadent apparatus will be crossed at the junction of New Bridge Lane/Cromwell Road, New Bridge Lane/A47, Weasenham Lane, A47/Elm High Road and A47/Broadend Road. Protective provisions with Cadent have been discussed and are included within the draft DCO (Volume 3.1).
Cambridgeshire County Council	The EIA/ES should identify the broad sources, types and proportion wastes to be managed by the facility in order to aid assessment of environmental impacts.	A description of the wastes to be processed at the EfW CHP Facility is provided in Section 3.5 Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2).



Consultee	Issue raised	Response
Cambridgeshire County Council	The EIA/ES should contain a detailed description of the proposal.	A detailed description of the Proposed Development is provided in this chapter, Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) .
Cambridgeshire County Council	Further understanding of the proposed CHP connection is required including its impact relating to ongoing study work and local aspirations to bring the disused railway back into use.	A description of the proposed CHP Connection is provided in Section 3.4 Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) including how it would operate alongside a reintroduced March to Wisbech Railway.
Cambridgeshire County Council	It is suggested that improvements to the transport network are needed to support this proposed development. There is a need to fully understand all the transport and traffic impacts and ensure that such appropriate mitigation is determined.	A description of the proposed Access Improvements is provided in Section 3.4. The Transport Assessment is reported in Chapter 6: Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.2) and in Appendix 6B Transport Assessment (Volume 6.4) .
Cambridgeshire County Council / Fenland District Council	The EIA/ES should include design techniques that will manage pests.	The measures proposed to manage pests is set out in Section 3.5 Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) .
Fenland District Council	Further understanding of the proposed CHP connection is required including its impact relating to ongoing study work and local aspirations to bring the disused railway back into use.	A description of the proposed CHP Connection is provided in Section 3.4 Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) including how it would operate alongside a reintroduced March to Wisbech Railway.
Fenland District Council	It is suggested that improvements to the transport network are needed to support this proposed development. There is a need to fully understand all the transport and traffic impacts and ensure that such appropriate mitigation is determined.	A description of the proposed Access Improvements is provided in Section 3.4 Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) . The environmental impacts arising from construction and operational traffic are provided in Chapter 6: Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.2) .
Fulcrum	We have a gas network in the area of the proposed development (plan attached). Whilst we do not necessarily object to the development, please could you keep us updated with all updates on the project for instance when more detailed plans are released.	Fulcrum were reconsulted during the statutory consultation with further detailed plans of the Proposed Development.



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ESP Group Ltd	Utilities ESP Utilities Group Ltd has no gas or electricity apparatus in the vicinity.	Noted.
Ministry of Defence (MoD) - Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO)	In the interests of air safety, the MOD requests that the structure is fitted with aviation warning lighting. The mast should be fitted with a minimum intensity 25 candela omni directional red flashing light or equivalent infra-red light fitted at the highest practicable point of the structure.	To minimise visual impacts, rather than a flashing light, the Applicant proposes to fit an equivalent infra-red light at the highest practical point of the structure. Details to be secured by a suitably worded DCO requirement. The MoD confirmed their agreement to this approach via email on 5 May 2021 (see Table 3A.2).
MoD - DIO	Whilst we have no safeguarding objections to this application, the height of the development will necessitate that aeronautical charts and mapping records are amended. DIO Safeguarding therefore requests that, as a condition of any planning permission granted, the developer must notify UK DVOF & Powerlines at the Defence Geographic Centre with the following information prior to development commencing: a. Precise location of development. b. Date of commencement of construction. c. Date of completion of construction. d. The height above ground level of the tallest structure. e. The maximum extension height of any construction equipment. f. Details of aviation warning lighting fitted to the structure(s).	The Applicant proposes to provide the requested information by a suitably worded DCO requirement. The MoD confirmed their agreement to this approach via email on 5 May 2021 (see Table 3A.2).
National Grid	The response in the Scoping Opinion set out a range of measures that may be required to protect National Grid's assets.	Statutory Consultation was undertaken with National Grid the response to which is set out in Table 3A.3 below.
Natural England	A full consideration of the implications of the whole scheme should be included in the ES. All supporting infrastructure should be included within the assessment.	The detailed description of the Proposed Development provided in Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) includes the integral and associated development. The environmental topic assessment presented in Chapters 6 to 18 (Volume 6.2) includes the entirety of the Proposed Development.
Public Health England	We would expect the applicant to follow best practice guidance during all phases from construction to decommissioning to ensure appropriate measures are in place to mitigate any potential negative impact	The approach to construction environmental management is set out in Section 3.8 Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) and an Outline CEMP



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	on health from emissions (point source, fugitive and traffic-related) and activities. An effective Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (and Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (DEMP)) will help provide reassurance that activities are well managed. The applicant should ensure that there are robust mechanisms in place to respond to any complaints made during construction, operation, and decommissioning of the facility.	(Volume 7.12) has been prepared to accompany the application.

1.2 Summary of additional engagement regarding the description of the Proposed Development

- 1.2.1 Topic specific engagement in relation to the description of the Proposed Development is reported in the individual topic chapters. This includes, for example, the access design (**Chapter 6: Traffic and Transport, Volume 6.2**) and the drainage design (**Chapter 12: Hydrology, Volume 6.2**). Comments provided which are most relevant to **Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development** are set out in **Table 3A.2** below.

Table 3A.2 Summary of additional engagement regarding the description of the Proposed Development

Stakeholder	Date and Form of engagement	Issue(s) raised	Response
Ministry of Defence - Defence Infrastructure Organisation	Email 5 May 2021	The MoD confirmed its agreement to a DCO requirement for a static infra-red light on both chimneys, and for the Applicant to provide the MoD with specific details regarding the Proposed Development.	The DCO submitted with the DCO application will include these requirements.

1.3 Summary of comments received at Statutory Consultation with regard to the description of the Proposed Development

- 1.3.1 The following comments which are considered to be relevant to the description of the Proposed Development were received at Statutory Consultation.



Table 3A.3 Summary of comments received during statutory consultation in relation to the description of the Proposed Development

Consultee	Issue raised	Response
Cambridgeshire County Council	The County Council considers that the description of development as detailed in Chapter 3: Description of Development of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) complies with the requirements of Schedule 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, Paragraph 1 as described in paragraph 3.1.2 of Chapter 3 of the PEIR.	ES Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) follows the same structure as that provided at PEIR.
Fenland Council	District The figure accompanying Chapter 3 shows the proposed layout of temporary storage, office and parking facilities on adjacent, Fenland District Council owned land which the Council does not support.	The Applicant has sought to discuss the temporary use of the land in question with FDC. The DCO includes for its temporary, compulsory acquisition if voluntary agreement is not forthcoming.
Department of Transport	of It is not clear from the information provide whether the proposals would impact upon the aspiration to re-open the rail line.	A description of the proposed CHP Connection is provided in Section 3.4 Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) including how it could operate alongside a reintroduced March to Wisbech Railway.
Network Rail	Network Rail objects to the DCO in the absence of formal engagement to date or sufficient assurances that the development does not preclude future transport uses of the alignment Network Rail also seeks protected provisions within the DCO to sufficiently protect Network Rail's assets.	A description of the proposed CHP Connection is provided in Section 3.4 Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) including how it would operate alongside a reintroduced March to Wisbech Railway. Regular discussions with Network Rail have taken place since the close of consultation.
National Grid	In respect of existing NGET and NGG infrastructure, both will require appropriate protection for retained apparatus including compliance with relevant standards for works proposed within proximity of its apparatus. Where the Promoter intends to acquire land, extinguish rights, or interfere with any of NGET's & NGG's apparatus, both will require appropriate protection and further discussion on the impact to its apparatus and rights.	The Applicant has engaged with National Grid to confirm the scope of the Proposed Development which does not now require a Grid Connection at the Walpole substation. National Grid has confirmed in an email dated 06/09/21 that based upon a connection to the Walsoken DNO Substation it would have no assets within the Order limits or in close proximity.

