

Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) PLC ("NPg") have reviewed the ExQ1 questions and respond as follows:

Q1.6.8: In relation to the proposed 132kV routes to connect to NPg's substation, there will be alternatives available. However, NPg are awaiting the Applicant's connection request application, which will inform NPg of their requirements and will allow negotiations to commence on the options available. The Applicant has confirmed that a connection request is due to be submitted imminently and NPg welcomes the opportunity to engage with the Applicant further to clarify the connection works required.

With regard to the temporary possession request for Chapel Lane, although NPg are not aware of any alternatives, they note that NPg also require continuous use of this single track road to access their substation and apparatus. This access needs to be retained at all times. In addition, NPg have 11kV cables running under Chapel Lane which need to be retained and cannot be disturbed during it's use by the Applicant. NPg is not able to confirm whether alternative access routes are available to the Applicant and welcomes discussions with the Applicant's regarding NPg's continued use of this access route.

Q1.6.10 The Applicant has commenced negotiations with NPg in relation to their required protective provisions. These positive negotiations are ongoing with the Applicant's solicitor and NPg hope to agree these without delay.

Q1.6.23 NPg is awaiting details from the Applicant as to their requirements for connection works and amendments to NPg's network required for the scheme. Until these details are provided, NPg cannot assess whether all impediments have been addressed. The Applicant has confirmed that a connection request is imminent and NPg welcomes the opportunity to discuss these issues with the Applicant in detail.

Q1.16.11 It is understood that the Applicant is intending to extend the benefit of the Order to NPg in relation to Works No. 3B. The works listed in 3B relate to the proposed 132kV connection from SSE to NPg and as such NPg has no issue with being named as a beneficiary of the order in relation to these works.

Q1.16.12 Assuming I have understood this question NPg are not aware of any other consultee than those already engaged.