



Project name:	Proposed Bramford to Twinstead Tee 400kV Connection
Address/Location:	Bramford, Suffolk to Twinstead, Essex
Planning Inspectorate Ref:	EN020002
Transboundary consultation process:	Stage 1
Document(s) used for transboundary Screening:	EIA Scoping Report, National Grid (February 2013)
Date	19/06/2013

Screening Criteria:	Secretary of State Comments:
Characteristics of the Development	The proposed development comprises a combination of 400kV overhead line and underground cables with sealing end compounds at each interface point between Bramford and Twinstead Tee. The proposals also involve the removal of the existing 132kV overhead line and a section of an existing 400kV overhead line between Burstall Bridge and Twinstead Tee and Twinstead Tee to Henny Back Road respectively, and the construction of a new 400kV/132kV substation, at a location west of Twinstead Tee, to replace the 132kV overhead line.
Geographical area	The information provided does not identify any potential environmental impacts on any area under the jurisdiction of any other EEA State.
Location of Development (including existing use)	The overhead powerline and underground cable will lie between Bramford in Mid Suffolk and Twinstead in Braintree in Essex. The line will pass over varied land uses predominately arable land interdispersed with woodland. The Scoping Report does not identify the distance of the project to other EEA States.
Cumulative impacts	The Applicant intends to identify and assess cumulative impacts within each environmental assessment topic of the ES in accordance with the criteria identified in paragraph 4.1.23 of the Scoping Report. No cumulative impacts have been identified at present.
Carrier	No potential impact pathways have been identified in the Scoping Report.
Environmental Importance	The Scoping Report has not identified any European or International designated sites which may be affected by the proposed development. The nearest nationally designated sites have been identified as Hintlesham Woods and Auger Fen Sites of Special Scientific Interest. There is potential for the presence of European protected species within the study area for the proposed development.

Extent	No impacts identified which would be likely to affect another EEA State.
Magnitude	No impacts identified which would be likely to affect another EEA State.
Probability	No impacts identified which would be likely to affect another EEA State.
Duration	No impacts identified which would be likely to affect another EEA State.
Frequency	No impacts identified which would be likely to affect another EEA State.
Reversibility	No impacts identified which would be likely to affect another EEA State.

Under Regulation 24 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (the EIA Regulations) and on the basis of the current information available from the Applicant, the Secretary of State is of the view that the proposed development is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment in another EEA State.

In reaching this view the Secretary of State has applied the precautionary approach (as explained in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 12: Transboundary Impacts Consultation); and taken into account the information currently supplied by the Applicant.

Action:

No further action required at this stage

Note: The Secretary of State's duty under Regulation 24 of the EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

Note:

1. The Secretary of State's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in Annex 4 to Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 12 available on the Planning Inspectorate's website at <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>