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APPENDIX A1: Meetings Held with Stakeholders

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Meeting Title	Date	Stakeholders	Subject Categories
Joint Bramford to Twinstead and Sea Link Briefing	21/08/2020	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	Update Meeting
Host Authority Update Meeting	15/12/2020	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	Local Planning Authority (LPA) Meeting
Archaeology Thematic Meeting	21/01/2021	Essex County Council Historic England	Thematic Group Meeting
Joint Bramford to Twinstead and Sea Link Briefing for Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Stour Valley Partnership	27/01/2021	Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership	Update Meeting
Environment Agency Meeting	28/01/2021	Environment Agency	Update Meeting
Historic England Meeting	02/02/2021	Historic England	Update Meeting
Ecology Thematic Meeting	03/02/2021	Braintree District Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Suffolk County Council Member Briefing	22/02/2021	Suffolk County Council	LPA Meeting
Approach to Scoping	26/02/2021	Natural England	Update Meeting
Host Authority Update Meeting	01/03/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	LPA Meeting
Essex County Council and Braintree District Council Member Briefing	02/03/2021	Essex County Council	LPA Meeting
Traffic and Transport Thematic Meeting	02/03/2021	Suffolk County Council	Thematic Group Meeting

Meeting Title	Date	Stakeholders	Subject Categories
		Essex County Council	
Ecology Thematic Meeting	02/03/2021	Braintree District Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Essex County Council Member Briefing	03/03/2021	Suffolk County Council Essex County Council	LPA Meeting
Landscape and Visual Thematic Meeting	03/03/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Braintree District Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Braintree District Council Member Briefing	04/03/2021	Braintree District Council	LPA Meeting
Noise and Vibration, Air Quality, Contaminated Land, Socio-Economic and Health and Wellbeing Scoping Meeting	04/03/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Butler's Wood Grid Supply Point Works	09/03/2021	Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)	Update Meeting
Water Thematic Meeting	10/03/2021	Suffolk County Council Essex County Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Member of Parliament (MP) Briefing	11/03/2021	MP for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich MP for South Suffolk	MP Update Meeting
Essex County Council Member Briefing	11/03/2021	Suffolk County Council Essex County Council	LPA Meeting
Joint Meeting with Layham and Polstead Parish Councils	15/03/2021	Layham Parish Council Polstead Parish Council	Parish Council Update Meeting
Joint Meeting with Raydon and Higham Parish Councils	16/03/2021	Higham Parish Meeting Raydon Parish Council	Parish Council Update Meeting
Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils Joint Briefing	16/03/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council	LPA Meeting
Ecology Thematic Meeting (Surveys)	16/03/2021	Essex County Council	Thematic Group Meeting

Meeting Title	Date	Stakeholders	Subject Categories
		Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	
Meeting with Sproughton Parish Council	17/03/2021	Sproughton Parish Council	Parish Council Update Meeting
Meeting with Little Cornard Parish Council	17/03/2021	Little Cornard Parish Council	Parish Council Update Meeting
Meeting with Boxford Parish Council	23/03/2021	Boxford Parish Council	Parish Council Update Meeting
Historic England Meeting	07/04/2021	Historic England	Update Meeting
Consultation Strategy and BAME Integration and Partnerships Meeting with Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality	10/05/2021	Ipswich and Suffolk Councils	Update Meeting
Heritage Thematic Meeting	19/05/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Landscape and Visual Thematic Meeting	26/05/2021	Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership	Thematic Group Meeting
Host Authority Update Meeting	07/06/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	LPA Meeting
Meeting with Natural England	08/06/2021	Natural England	Update Meeting
Hintlesham Woods Meeting with RSPB and Natural England	23/06/2021	RSPB Natural England	Update Meeting
Highways Costs Meeting with Essex County Council	24/06/2021	Essex County Council	Update Meeting
Layham Quarry Meeting	29/06/2021	Suffolk County Council	Update Meeting

Meeting Title	Date	Stakeholders	Subject Categories
SoCC and Cumulative Effects Meeting	07/07/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	Update Meeting
Water Thematic Meeting	12/07/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council Environment Agency	Thematic Group Meeting
Traffic and Transport Thematic Meeting	20/07/2021	Suffolk County Council Essex County Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Historic England Meeting	30/07/2021	Historic England	Update Meeting
Natural England Meeting (Landscape)	11/08/2021	Natural England	Update Meeting
GSP Substation Meeting	11/08/2021	Braintree District Council	Update Meeting
Heritage Thematic Meeting (Archaeology)	03/09/2021	Essex County Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Host Authority Update Meeting	06/09/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	LPA Meeting
Ecology Thematic meeting	08/09/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council RSPB Natural England	Thematic Group Meeting
Traffic Thematic Meeting	09/09/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council	Thematic Group Meeting

Meeting Title	Date	Stakeholders	Subject Categories
		Essex County Council Braintree District Council National Highways	
Water Thematic Meeting	13/09/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Landscape Thematic Meeting	16/09/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership Natural England	Thematic Group Meeting
Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership meeting	17/09/2021	Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership	Update Meeting
Socio-Economic Thematic Meeting	04/10/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Suffolk Wildlife Trust Meeting	22/10/2021	Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Update Meeting
National Highways Meeting	22/10/2021	National Highways	Update Meeting
Natural England Meeting	02/11/2021	Natural England	Update Meeting
Hintlesham Woods Meeting with RSPB and Natural England	11/11/2021	RSPB Natural England	Update Meeting
Natural England Meeting	17/11/2021	Natural England	Update Meeting
Local Authority Update Meeting	22/11/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils	LPA Meeting

Meeting Title	Date	Stakeholders	Subject Categories
		Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	
Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Contacts	24/11/2021	Suffolk County Council Norfolk County Council	Update Meeting
Environmental Gain Working Group	25/11/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership Natural England RSPB Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Update Meeting
Historic England Meeting	10/12/2021	Historic England	Update Meeting
Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) and Cumulative Effects Assessment Meeting	14/12/2021	Suffolk County Council	SoCG Meeting
SoCG and Cumulative Effects Assessment Meeting	15/12/2021	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils	SoCG Meeting
SoCG and Cumulative Effects Assessment Meeting	15/12/2021	Essex County Council	SoCG Meeting
SoCG and Cumulative Effects Assessment Meeting	16/12/2021	Braintree District Council	SoCG Meeting
Natural England Meeting	14/01/2022	Natural England	Update Meeting
Heritage Thematic Meeting (Archaeology)	21/01/2022	Essex County Council Historic England	Thematic Group Meeting
Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils members briefing	25/01/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils	LPA Meeting

Meeting Title	Date	Stakeholders	Subject Categories
Suffolk County Council Members Briefing	25/01/2022	Suffolk County Council	LPA Meeting
Braintree District Council Members Briefing	26/01/2022	Essex County Council	LPA Meeting
Natural England Meeting- GCN	28/01/2022	Natural England	Update Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	01/02/2022	Michael Evans	Ask the Experts Meeting
Landscape Thematic Meeting	02/02/2022	Suffolk County Council Braintree District Council Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership Essex County Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Ecology Thematic Meeting	03/02/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Joint project briefing with Little Cornard and Assington Parish Councils	07/02/2022	Assington Parish Council Little Cornard Parish Council Newton Parish Council	Parish Council Update Meeting
Host Authority Update Meeting	07/02/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	LPA Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	07/02/2022	Colin Ryecraft	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	07/02/2022	Bures St Mary Parish Council	Ask the Experts Meeting
Heritage Thematic Meeting	09/02/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	Thematic Group Meeting

Meeting Title	Date	Stakeholders	Subject Categories
Traffic Thematic Meeting	10/02/2022	Suffolk County Council Essex County Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Natural England Meeting: Protected Species Meeting	10/02/2022	Natural England	Update Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	11/02/2022	Judith Sore	Ask the Experts Meeting
Water Thematic Meeting	14/02/2022	Suffolk County Council Essex County Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Natural England Landscape and General Meeting	16/02/2022	Natural England	Update Meeting
Meeting with Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils	22/02/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils	LPA Meeting
Planning / GSP Substation Meeting	22/02/2022	Braintree District Council	Update Meeting
Meeting with Anglian Water	22/02/2022	Anglian Water	Update Meeting
Meeting with Essex County Council	24/02/2022	Essex County Council	LPA Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	02/03/2022	Francis Prosser	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	02/03/2022	Cedric Nott	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	10/03/2022	Alphamstone and Lamarsh Parish Council	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	10/03/2022	Harriet Heath	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	10/03/2022	Little Cornard Parish Council	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	10/03/2022	William Drake	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	10/03/2022	Peter Collett	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	10/03/2022	Gestingthorpe Parish Council	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	10/03/2022	Jane Chambers Alec Chambers	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	10/03/2022	Vicky Longdon	Ask the Experts Meeting

Meeting Title	Date	Stakeholders	Subject Categories
Ask the Experts Appointment	10/03/2022	Frank Ranger	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	10/03/2022	Mrs Constable	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	10/03/2022	Jane Evans	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	10/03/2022	Jenny Wheeler	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	11/03/2022	Alice Martin-Butler	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	11/03/2022	Stour Valley Underground	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	11/03/2022	J. McDonald	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	11/03/2022	David Holland	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	11/03/2022	Assington Parish Council	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	11/03/2022	Kate Pettit	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	11/03/2022	Francis Prosser	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	11/03/2022	Hintlesham and Chattisham Parish Council	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	11/03/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	15/03/2022	Nigel Morgan	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ecology Thematic Meeting	16/03/2022	Place Services RSPB	Thematic Group Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment with Burstall Parish Council Chair	17/03/2022	Burstall Parish Council	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	18/03/2022	Karen White	Ask the Experts Meeting
Ask the Experts Appointment	18/03/2022	Holly Armour	Ask the Experts Meeting
Essex Wildlife Trust Meeting	22/03/2022	Essex Wildlife Trust	Update Meeting
Historic Environment Thematic Meeting	24/03/2022	Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Historic England	Thematic Group Meeting

Meeting Title	Date	Stakeholders	Subject Categories
Heritage Thematic Meeting (Archaeology)	28/03/2022	Essex County Council Historic England	Thematic Group Meeting
Water Thematic Meeting (Flood Risk / Drainage)	28/03/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council Environment Agency	Thematic Group Meeting
Landscape Thematic Meeting	29/03/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership Natural England Kent Downs AONB Unit	Thematic Group Meeting
Ecology Thematic Meeting	30/03/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership RSPB Natural England	Thematic Group Meeting
GSP Substation Meeting	05/04/2022	Braintree District Council	Update Meeting
Host Authority Update Meeting	06/04/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	LPA Meeting

Meeting Title	Date	Stakeholders	Subject Categories
Traffic Thematic Meeting	07/04/2022	Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council National Highways	Thematic Group Meeting
Meeting on SPR/NGET relationships	14/04/2022	Scottish Power Renewables	Update Meeting
Traffic Thematic Meeting (PRoW)	27/04/2022	Suffolk County Council Essex County Council	Thematic Group Meeting
SoCG Update Meeting	27/05/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	SoCG Meeting
Host Authority Update Meeting	06/06/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	LPA Meeting
Traffic Thematic Meeting	22/06/2022	Suffolk County Council	Thematic Group Meeting
SoCG Update Meeting	28/07/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	SoCG Meeting
Host Authority Update Meeting	01/08/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	LPA Meeting
Planning Conditions Meeting	04/08/2022	Braintree District Council	Update Meeting
Ecology Thematic Meeting (Bats and HRA)	13/08/2022	Place Services Natural England	Thematic Group Meeting

Meeting Title	Date	Stakeholders	Subject Categories
Heritage Thematic Meeting	17/08/2022	Suffolk County Council Essex County Council	Thematic Group Meeting
Ecology Thematic Meeting	06/09/2022	Suffolk County Council Braintree District Council Natural England Essex Wildlife Trust Suffolk Wildlife Trust RSPB The Woodland Trust	Thematic Group Meeting
Targeted Consultation Briefing	07/09/2022	Suffolk County Council	LPA Meeting
Targeted Consultation Meeting	07/09/2022	Hintlesham and Chattisham Parish Council	Parish Council Update Meeting
Host Authority Update Meeting	08/09/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	LPA Meeting
Hintlesham Woods Corridor Meeting	12/09/2022	Natural England	Update Meeting
Natural England: AONB Setting Study Meeting	12/09/2022	Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership Natural England	Update Meeting
Targeted Consultation Briefing	13/09/2022	Essex County Council	LPA Meeting
Heritage Thematic Meeting	22/09/2022	Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Historic England Essex Place Services	Thematic Group Meeting
Host Authority Update Meeting	26/09/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council	LPA Meeting

Meeting Title	Date	Stakeholders	Subject Categories
		Braintree District Council	
Planning Inspectorate Meeting	30/09/2022	Planning Inspectorate	Update Meeting
Natural England Meeting: Corridor 2A/B	03/10/2022	Natural England	Update Meeting
Traffic Thematic Meeting	05/10/2022	Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council National Highways	Thematic Group Meeting
SoCG Progress Call	06/10/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	SoCG Meeting
Ecology Thematic Meeting	17/10/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council Natural England	Thematic Group Meeting
Environment Agency Meeting	20/11/2022	Environment Agency	Update Meeting
Host Authority Update Meeting	22/11/2022	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Braintree District Council	LPA Meeting

APPENDIX A2: Host Authority Engagement

Bramford to Twinstead Host Authority Engagement Plan – Consenting

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Section 1. Purpose of Document

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to set out National Grid Electricity Transmission's (NGET) Engagement Plan with Host Authorities on the Bramford to Twinstead Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) (hereafter referred to as 'the project') up to submission of an application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate in Winter 2022/23. This Engagement Plan does not concern specific activities pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Act submission for the Grid Supply Point Substation at Butler's Wood.
- 1.2 This document develops further the Host Authority meeting plan originally circulated to Host Authorities by the NGET project team on 22 December 2020, and iterations issued thereafter.
- 1.3 This document is intended to:
- Provide Host Authorities with a look ahead to when key planning and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) activities are programmed to take place;
 - Set out an overarching protocol for engaging with the Host Authorities on planning and EIA matters;
 - Assist the Host Authorities with their resource planning for the project; and
 - Assist all parties in agreeing a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA)
- 1.4 This document is a live document and will be updated by the NGET project team and re-issued on a quarterly basis, or more frequently if required.
- 1.5 Sitting alongside this Engagement Plan will be the Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) for the project.

Section 2. Project Programme

- 2.1 The consenting and delivery programme for the project is summarised in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1 Consenting and Delivery Programme

Milestone	Start	Finish
Back Check	Winter 2019	Autumn 2020
Early Stakeholder Engagement	Winter 2020	Spring 2021
Routeing and Siting Review	Winter 2020	Autumn 2021
Submit EIA Scoping		Spring 2021
Non-statutory Consultation	Spring 2021	Spring 2021
EIA Surveys	Spring 2021	Summer 2022
Statutory Consultation	Early 2022	Spring 2022
DCO Submission		Winter 2022/23
DCO Examination & Decision	Summer 2023	Winter 2023

Discharge Requirements	Winter 2023	Autumn 2024
Construction	Autumn 2024	Winter 2028

*programme dates may be subject to change as project progresses

Section 3. Key Activities and Local Authority Inputs

- 3.1 A schedule of key planning and EIA activities for the project up to submission of an application for development consent is attached in Annex 1. This includes a breakdown of the key activities where NGET will seek input from the Host Authorities along with predicted timings. These activities have been identified to the best of NGET's knowledge at this stage as to what will be required. This list may be amended during future updates to this Engagement Plan.
- 3.2 In order to aid Host Authorities with work and resource planning in the short term, Table 3.1 summarises the predicted Host Authority inputs to the project between October 2021 and the end of statutory consultation in March 2022.
- 3.3 Table 3.2 meanwhile summarises the DCO application documents that NGET will be asking Host Authorities to review in draft form prior to finalising and submitting them with an application for development consent for the project.

Table 3.1. Predicted Host Authority Inputs June 2022 to November 2022

Date	Topic	Activity	Frequency
June 2022	Planning meetings and Thematic meetings	Attend thematic meetings, ecology and transport and planning meetings (Host Authority Update).	n/a
July 2022	Thematic meetings and Planning Meetings	Attend thematic meetings for cultural heritage, landscape, flood risk and drainage and planning meetings (SoCG).	n/a
August 2022	Thematic meetings and Planning Meetings	Attend thematic meetings, ecology and transport and Planning Meetings (Host Authority Update).	n/a
September 2022	Thematic meetings and Planning Meetings	Attend thematic meetings for cultural heritage, landscape, flood risk and drainage and planning meetings (Host Authority Update).	n/a
October 2022	Planning Meetings	Final SoCG call ahead of submission	
November 2022	Planning Meetings	Attend final planning meetings (Host Authority Update).	n/a

Table 3.2. Host Authority Review of DCO Submission Documents

Document	Reviewers	Date of Host Authority Review
Planning Documents		
Draft DCO	All Host Authorities	August 2022
Draft Requirements	All Host Authorities	August 2022
EIA Documents		

Document	Reviewers	Date of Host Authority Review
Draft Written Scheme of Investigation	County Archaeologists only	August 2022
Draft Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)	All Host Authorities	August 2022
Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) inc. Draft Code of Construction Practice (CoCP)	All Host Authorities	August 2022
Draft Material and Waste Management Plan	Minerals and Waste Planning Authorities only (county)	August 2022
Draft Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)	All Host Authorities	August 2022
Draft Flood Risk Assessment	Lead Local Flood Authorities (County)	August 2022
Electric Magnetic Fields (EMF) Compliance Report	District Environmental Health Officers	August 2022
Inputs to and discussions regarding Statement of Common Ground	All Host Authorities	Freeze October 2022

Section 4. Host Authority Engagement Protocol

- 4.1 Day to day communications with Host Authorities from the NGET project team regarding planning and EIA matters will, where possible, come through the contacts named in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1 NGET Project Team Primary and Secondary Contacts

Organisation	Primary Contact	Secondary Contact
NGET	Seb Stevens (Consents Lead) ██████████@nationalgrid.com	Sally Rotherham (Technical Consents Lead) ██████████@nationalgrid.com
Jacobs	Rebecca Burt (DCO Support) ██████████@Jacobs.com	Ian Fletcher (DCO Lead) ██████████@Jacobs.com Cheryl White (EIA Lead) ██████████@Jacobs.com

- 4.2 Day to day communications regarding planning and EIA matters will be addressed to the Host Authority primary contacts named in Table 4.2 and copied to the secondary contacts also named in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2 Host Authority Primary and Secondary Contacts

Organisation	Primary Contact	Secondary Contact
Babergh District Council	Bron Curtis (Principal Planning Officer) ██████████@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk	Olivia Watts (Technical Support Officer) ██████████@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk
Mid Suffolk District Council	Bron Curtis (Principal Planning Officer) ██████████@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk	Olivia Watts (Technical Support Officer) ██████████@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk
Braintree District Council	Alan Massow (Principal Planning Policy Officer) ██████████@braintree.gov.uk	Matthew Wilde (Senior Planner) ██████████@braintree.gov.uk

Organisation	Primary Contact	Secondary Contact
Suffolk County Council	Graham Gunby (National Infrastructure Planning Manager) ██████████@suffolk.gov.uk	Phil Watson (Strategic Energy Projects Lead) ██████████@suffolk.gov.uk
Essex County Council	Mark Woodger (Principal Planning Officer) ██████████@essex.gov.uk	Rachael Donovan (Principal Planning Officer) ██████████@essex.gov.uk

- 4.3 The exceptions to the above will be when EIA discipline leads from the NGET project team need to have topic conversations with Host Authority Officers. In these cases, phone conversations may occur without inclusion of the primary and secondary contacts named above. If communications are by email, these will be copied to the relevant primary and secondary contacts at the Host Authorities.

Section 5. Host Authority Meetings

- 5.1 An updated Host Authority meeting plan is provided in Annex 2 to this document.
- 5.2 This meeting plan will be reviewed and re-issued to the Host Authorities on a quarterly basis.
- 5.3 It is expected that additional communications with Host Authorities via email and telephone will take place between the planned meetings to discuss specific matters. Additional meetings may be planned if deemed required to discuss specific matters and the meeting plan updated accordingly.
- 5.4 Invites for Host Authority meetings will be sent to invitees as placeholders for all meetings shown in Annex 2 up to submission of an application for development consent. A final meeting date and time will be confirmed no later than one month prior to the meeting taking place.
- 5.5 It is expected that Host Authorities will forward these invites onto any additional persons who may need to attend these meetings.
- 5.6 Draft agendas for meetings have been attached to the meeting invites. Final agendas will be circulated no later than five working days in advance of the meeting taking place.
- 5.7 Where possible, supplementary meeting materials will be sent to Host Authorities in advance to allow sufficient time for Host Authorities to review the material and to prepare for the meetings.
- 5.8 Meeting minutes and presentation materials will be circulated no later than 10 working days after the meeting has taken place. Host Authorities will have 10 working days from the receipt of meeting minutes to provide comment.

Section 6. Other Project Engagement

- 6.1 Alongside engagement with the Host Authorities regarding planning and EIA matters, the NGET Stakeholder Engagement team will be undertaking engagement activities with other stakeholders including Parish Council's throughout the project. Any communications with Parish and Town Council's will be copied to the primary contact at each Host Authority.

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- 6.2 The Stakeholder Engagement team will also be scheduling meetings with elected members at appropriate times. These meetings will be agreed with and arranged through the primary contact at each Host Authority.

Annex 1. Project Schedule

		Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	
Consultation Activities	Non-statutory consultation	←																								
	Prepare Statement of Community Consultation					←																				
	Statement of Community Consultation (28 days consultation with LPAs)						←																			
	Statutory consultation												←													
	PINS Consultation with LPAs on EIA Scoping Report			←																						
EIA Activities	Ecological Surveys	←																								
	Agree Viewpoint Locations					←																				
	Prepare Preliminary Environmental Information				←																					
	Agree Photomontages					←																				
	Undertake Environmental Impact Assessment															←										
	Prepare Environmental															←										
	Prepare DCO Plans and Finalise DCO Submission																		←							
DCO Activities	Submission of DCO to PINS																				←					
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Host Authority Reviews	Draft Written Scheme of Investigation									←																
	Draft Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)																			←						
	Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) inc. Draft Code of Construction Practice (CoCP)																			←						
	Draft Material and Waste Management Plan																			←						
	Draft Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)																			←						
	Draft Flood Risk Assessment																			←						
	Electric Magnetic Fields (EMF) Compliance Report																			←						
	Draft DCO and Draft																			←						
	Other Host Authority Activities	Feedback on Long List of Development for Cumulative Effects Assessment		←																						
regarding Statement of Common Ground			←																							

Annex 2. Host Authority Meeting Plan

The Host Authority meeting plan included over the page is up to date as of 7 June 2022.

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Date	Council Departments	Topic	Person or virtual	Duration	Status
Suffolk County Council					
Mar-21	Planning	Discuss project timeline. Agree approach and matters for SOCG. Discuss available data. Discuss mineral and waste plans. Discuss scope of socio-economics, tourism and health. Discuss potential development and approach to Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA). Scheme of delegation. Agree points of contact and approach to funding.	Virtual	2 hours	Completed on 01.03.21 (excluded discussions on socio-economics, health and tourism)
	Thematic Meeting: Traffic and Transport	Discuss scope of traffic assessment and agree traffic survey scope. Agree topics for SOCG.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 02.03.21
	Thematic Meeting: Flood risk / drainage	Discuss scope of FRA and any survey / modelling requirements. Agree climate change requirements.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 10.03.21
	Socio-economics, Health and Tourism	Discuss scope of socio-economics, tourism and health.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 04.03.21
May-21	Thematic Meeting: Cultural Heritage	General project update. Discuss scope of cultural heritage assessment. Review previous surveys and project findings. Agree approach to archaeology surveys, need for WSI etc. Request any outstanding data requirements	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 19.05.21
	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update. Discuss scope of landscape assessment including viewpoint locations.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 26.05.21
Jun-21	Planning	Project update. Discuss Scoping Report and non-statutory consultation. Discuss cumulative effects assessment and long list of development. Discuss review of Energy NPSs. Discuss SoCG topics.	Virtual	2 hours	Completed on 07.06.21
July-21	Planning	Focussed discussion on the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and Cumulative Effects Assessment,	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 07.07.21
	Thematic Meeting: Traffic and Transport	General project update. Discuss scope of traffic assessment and agree traffic survey scope. Agree topics for SoCG. To be	Virtual	1.5 hours	Meeting cancelled

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		run jointly with Essex Highways.			
	Thematic Meeting: Flood risk / drainage	General project update. Discuss scope of FRA and any survey / modelling requirements. Agree topics for SoCG.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 12.07.21
Sep-21	Planning	General project update. Discuss cumulative effects assessment and long list of development. Discuss SoCG topics. Discuss plans for statutory consultation.	Virtual	2 hours	Completed on 06.09.21
	Thematic Meeting: Ecology (general)	General project update. Discuss scope of surveys and assessment. Discuss Biodiversity Net Gain. Discuss topics for SoCG.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 08.09.21
	Thematic Meeting: Traffic and Transport	General project update. Discuss scope of traffic assessment and agree traffic survey scope. Discuss topics for SoCG. To be run jointly with Essex Highways.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 09.09.21
	Flood risk / drainage Thematic	General project update. Discuss scope of Flood Risk Assessment and any survey/ modelling requirements. Agree climate change requirements. Discuss topics for SoCG To be run jointly with Essex CC FRA team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 13.09.21
	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update. Updates on landscape assessment. Discuss topics for SoCG.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 16.09.21
Nov-21	Planning	General project update. Discuss plans for statutory consultation	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 22.11.21
	Net Gain Workshop	Introduction to Biodiversity (and wider environmental) Net Gain (BNG) opportunities being considered.	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 25.11.21
Dec-21	Planning	SoCG/ Long List of Development.	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 14.12.21
	Thematic Meeting: Traffic and Transport	General project update. Discuss scope of traffic assessment and agree traffic survey scope. Agree topics for SoCG. To be run jointly with Suffolk Highways.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Cancelled due to no updates
Jan-22	Public Rights of Way	Discuss process for managing Public Rights of Way during construction. Agree information required at application.	Virtual	1 hour	Postponed until spring 2022
Feb-22	Planning	Discuss how statutory consultation is going and key themes raised.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 07.02.22

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Mar-22	Thematic Meeting: Ecology (general)	General project update. Discuss results of surveys and feedback from statutory consultation.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 30.03.22
	Thematic Meeting: Traffic and Transport	General project update and discuss feedback from statutory consultation. Outline scope of traffic surveys. To be run jointly with Essex Highways.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 07/04.2022
	Thematic Meeting: Flood risk / drainage	General project update and discuss feedback from statutory consultation. Updates on scope of the Flood Risk assessment. To be run jointly with Essex CC LLFA team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 28.03.22
	Thematic Meeting: Cultural Heritage	General project update and discuss feedback from statutory consultation. Updates on Cultural Heritage surveys and assessment. To be run jointly with Essex CC cultural heritage team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 24.03.22
	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update and discuss feedback from statutory consultation. Discuss landscape surveys and scope of landscape assessment.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 29.03.22
Apr-22	Net Gain Workshop	Update on BNG opportunities.	Virtual	1 hour	
	Public Rights of Way	Discuss process for managing Public Rights of Way during construction. Agree information required at application.	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 27.04.22
	Planning	General project update. Discuss review of DCO documents.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 06.04.22
May-22	Planning	Meeting to progress the Host Authority SoCG.	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 27.05.22
Jun-22	Thematic Meeting: Ecology (general)	General project update. Discuss scope of surveys and assessment.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Thematic Meeting: Traffic and Transport	General project update. Updates on traffic assessment. To be run jointly with Essex Highways.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
July 22	Thematic Meeting: Flood risk / drainage	General project update. Updates on Flood Risk Assessment. To be run jointly with Essex CC LLFA team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Thematic Meeting: Cultural Heritage	General project update. Updates on Cultural Heritage assessment. To be run jointly with Essex CC cultural heritage team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	

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	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual Planning	General project update. Discuss scope of landscape assessment.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Planning	Penultimate SoCG discussion.	Virtual	1 hour	
Aug-22	Planning	General project update prior to submission of DCO application.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Thematic Meeting: Ecology (general)	General project update Discuss high level results of assessment and proposed mitigation.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Thematic Meeting: Traffic and Transport	General project update. Updates on traffic assessment. To be run jointly with Essex Highways. Discuss high level results of assessment and proposed mitigation.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
Sept-22	Thematic Meeting: Flood risk / drainage	General project update. Updates on Flood Risk Assessment. Discuss high level results of assessment and proposed mitigation. To be run jointly with Essex CC FRA team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Thematic Meeting: Cultural Heritage	General project update. Updates on Cultural Heritage assessment. Discuss high level results of assessment and proposed mitigation. To be run jointly with Essex CC cultural heritage team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update. Discuss high level results of assessment and proposed mitigation.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Net Gain Workshop	Update on BNG opportunities.	Virtual	1 hour	
	Planning	General project update prior to submission of DCO application.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
Oct-22	Planning	Finalise SoCG for DCO submission	Virtual	1.5 hours	
Nov-22	Planning	General project update prior to submission of DCO application.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
Essex County Council					
Mar-21	Planning	Discuss project timeline. Agree approach and matters for	Virtual	2 hours	Completed on

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		SOCG. Discuss available data. Discuss mineral and waste plans. Discuss scope of socio-economics, tourism and health. Discuss potential development and approach to Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA). Scheme of delegation. Agree points of contact and approach to funding.			01.03.21 (excluded discussions on socio-economics, health and tourism)
	Thematic Meeting: Traffic and Transport	Discuss scope of traffic assessment and agree traffic survey scope. Agree topics for SOCG.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 02.03.21. Essex Highways not present.
	Thematic Meeting: Flood risk / drainage	Discuss scope of FRA and any survey / modelling requirements. Agree climate change requirements.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 10.03.21
	Socio-economics, Health and Tourism	Discuss scope of socio-economics, tourism and health.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 04.03.21
	Thematic Meeting: Cultural Heritage	General project update. Discuss scope of cultural heritage assessment. Review previous surveys and project findings. Agree approach to archaeology surveys, need for WSI etc. Request any outstanding data requirements	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 19.05.21
	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update. Discuss scope of landscape assessment including viewpoint locations.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 26.05.21
May-21	Planning	Project update. Discuss Scoping Report and non-statutory consultation. Discuss cumulative effects assessment and long list of development. Discuss review of Energy NPSs. Discuss SoCG topics.	Virtual	2 hours	Completed on 07.06.21
	Planning	Focussed discussion on the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and Cumulative Effects Assessment,	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 07.07.21
Jun-21	Thematic Meeting: Traffic and Transport	General project update. Discuss scope of traffic assessment and agree traffic survey scope. Agree topics for SoCG. To be run jointly with Suffolk Highways.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Meeting cancelled
July-21	Thematic Meeting: Flood risk / drainage	General project update. Discuss scope of FRA and any survey / modelling requirements. Agree topics for SoCG. To be run jointly with Suffolk CC FRA team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 12.07.21

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	Planning	General project update. Discuss cumulative effects assessment and long list of development. Discuss SoCG topics. Discuss plans for statutory consultation.	Virtual	2 hours	Completed on 06.09.21
	Thematic Meeting: Ecology (general)	General project update. Discuss scope of surveys and assessment. Discuss Biodiversity Net Gain. Discuss topics for SoCG.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 08.09.21
Sep-21	Thematic Meeting: Traffic and Transport	General project update. Discuss scope of traffic assessment and agree traffic survey scope. Agree topics for SoCG. To be run jointly with Suffolk Highways.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 09.09.21
	Thematic Meeting: Flood risk / drainage	General project update. Discuss scope of Flood Risk Assessment and any survey/ modelling requirements. Agree climate change requirements. To be run jointly with Suffolk CC FRA team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 13.09.21
	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update. Updates on landscape assessment. Discuss topics for SoCG.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 16.09.21
	Planning	General project update. Discuss plans for statutory consultation	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 16.09.21
	Net Gain Workshop	Introduction to Biodiversity (and wider environmental) Net Gain (BNG) opportunities being considered.	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 25.11.21
Nov-21	Planning	SoCG/ Long List of Development	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 22.11.21
	Thematic Meeting: Traffic and Transport	General project update. Discuss scope of traffic assessment and agree traffic survey scope. Agree topics for SoCG. To be run jointly with Suffolk Highways.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Cancelled due to no updates
Dec-21	Public Rights of Way	Public Rights of Way	Virtual	1 hour	Postponed until spring 2022
	Planning	SoCG/ Long List of Development	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 15.12.21
Jan-22	Thematic Meeting: Ecology (general)	General project update. Discuss results of surveys and feedback from statutory consultation.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 30.03.22
Feb -22	Planning	General project update to feedback during statutory consultation.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 07.02.22

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Mar-22	Thematic Meeting: Flood risk / drainage	General project update and discuss feedback from statutory consultation. Updates on scope of the Flood Risk assessment. To be run jointly with Suffolk CC LLFA team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 28.03.22
	Thematic Meeting: Cultural Heritage	General project update and discuss feedback from statutory consultation. Updates on Cultural Heritage surveys and assessment. To be run jointly with Suffolk CC cultural heritage team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 24.03.22
	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update and discuss feedback from statutory consultation. Discuss landscape surveys and scope of landscape assessment.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 29.03.22
	Thematic Meeting: Traffic and Transport	General project update and discuss feedback from statutory consultation. Outline scope of traffic surveys. To be run jointly with Essex Highways.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 07/04.2022
Apr-22	Net Gain Workshop	Update on BNG opportunities.	Virtual	1 hour	
	Public Rights of Way	Discuss process for managing Public Rights of Way during construction. Agree information required at application	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 27.04.22
	Planning	General project update. Discuss review of DCO documents.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 06.04.22
May-22	Planning	Meeting to progress the Host Authority SoCG.	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 27.05.22
Jun-22	Thematic Meeting: Ecology (general)	General project update. Discuss scope of surveys and assessment.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Thematic Meeting: Traffic and Transport	General project update. Updates on traffic assessment. To be run jointly with Suffolk Highways.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
July 22	Thematic Meeting: Flood risk / drainage	General project update. Updates on Flood Risk Assessment. To be run jointly with Suffolk CC LLFA team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Thematic Meeting: Cultural Heritage	General project update. Updates on Cultural Heritage assessment. To be run jointly with Suffolk CC cultural heritage team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update. Discuss scope of landscape assessment.	Virtual	1.5 hours	

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	Planning	Penultimate SoCG discussion.	Virtual	1 hour	
Aug-22	Planning	General project update prior to submission of DCO application.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Thematic Meeting: Ecology (general)	General project update Discuss high level results of assessment and proposed mitigation.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Thematic Meeting: Traffic and Transport	General project update. Updates on traffic assessment. To be run jointly with Suffolk Highways. Discuss high level results of assessment and proposed mitigation.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
Sep-22	Thematic Meeting: Flood risk / drainage	General project update. Updates on Flood Risk Assessment. Discuss high level results of assessment and proposed mitigation. To be run jointly with Suffolk CC FRA team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Thematic Meeting: Cultural Heritage	General project update. Updates on Cultural Heritage assessment. Discuss high level results of assessment and proposed mitigation. To be run jointly with Suffolk CC cultural heritage team.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
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	Net Gain Workshop	Update on BNG opportunities.	Virtual	1 hour	
	Planning	General project update prior to submission of DCO application.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
Oct-22	Planning	Finalise SoCG for DCO submission	Virtual	1.5 hours	
Nov-22	Planning	General project update prior to submission of DCO application.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
Babergh District Council and Mid Suffolk District Council					
Mar-21	Planning	Discuss project timeline. Agree approach and matters for SOCG. Discuss available data. Discuss mineral and waste plans. Discuss scope of socio-economics, tourism and	Virtual	2 hours	Completed on 01.03.21 (excluded

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		health. Discuss potential development and approach to Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA). Scheme of delegation. Agree points of contact and approach to funding.			discussions on socio-economics, health and tourism)
	Biodiversity Officer	Review previous surveys and project findings. Agree approach to archaeology surveys, need for WSI etc. Request any outstanding data requirements.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 02.03.21
	Environmental Health Officer and Socio-economics	Discuss scope of socio-economics, tourism and health. Discuss scope of environmental health related topics including air quality, noise and contaminated land.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 04.03.21
	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	Discuss scope of landscape assessment.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 03.03.21
	Thematic Meeting: Cultural Heritage	General project update. Discuss scope of cultural heritage assessment. Review previous surveys and project findings. Agree approach to archaeology surveys, need for WSI etc. Request any outstanding data requirements	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 19.05.21
	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update. Discuss scope of landscape assessment including viewpoint locations.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 26.05.21
May-21	Planning	Project update. Discuss Scoping Report and non-statutory consultation. Discuss review of Energy NPSs. Discuss SoCG topics.	Virtual	2 hours	Completed on 07.06.21
	Planning	Focussed discussion on the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and Cumulative Effects Assessment,	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 07.07.21
Jun-21	Planning	General project update. Discuss cumulative effects assessment and long list of development. Discuss SoCG topics. Discuss plans for statutory consultation.	Virtual	2 hours	Completed on 06.09.21
Jul-21	Thematic Meeting: Ecology (general)	General project update. Discuss scope of surveys and assessment. Discuss Biodiversity Net Gain. Discuss topics for SoCG.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 08.09.21
Sep-21	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update. Updates on landscape assessment. Discuss topics for SoCG.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 16.09.21
	Planning	General project update. Discuss plans for statutory	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on

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		consultation			22.11.21
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Nov-21	Planning	Discuss how statutory consultation is going and key themes raised	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 21.11.22
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Feb-22	Thematic Meeting: Cultural Heritage	General project update and discuss feedback from statutory consultation. Updates on Cultural Heritage surveys and assessment.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 24.03.22
	Planning	General project update to feedback during statutory consultation.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 07.02.22
Mar-22	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update and discuss feedback from statutory consultation. Discuss landscape surveys and scope of landscape assessment.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 29.03.22
	Ecology Thematic	Discuss Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 30.03.22
Apr-22	Planning	General project update. Discuss review of DCO documents.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 06.04.22
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Jul-22	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update. Discuss scope of surveys and assessment.	Virtual	1.5 hours	

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	Planning	Penultimate SoCG discussion.	Virtual	1 hour	
Aug-22	Planning	General project update prior to submission of DCO application.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Thematic Meeting: Ecology (general)	General project update Discuss high level results of assessment and proposed mitigation.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Thematic Meeting: Cultural Heritage	General project update Discuss high level results of assessment and proposed mitigation.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
Sept-22	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update Discuss high level results of assessment and proposed mitigation.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Net Gain Workshop	Update on BNG opportunities.	Virtual	1 hour	
	Planning	General project update prior to submission of DCO application.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
Oct-22	Planning	Finalise SoCG for DCO submission	Virtual	1.5 hours	
Nov-22	Planning	General project update prior to submission of DCO application.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
Braintree District Council					
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	Biodiversity Officer	Review previous surveys and project findings. Agree approach to archaeology surveys, need for WSI etc. Request	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 02.03.21

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		any outstanding data requirements.			
	Environmental Health Officer and Socio-economics	Discuss scope of socio-economics, tourism and health. Discuss scope of environmental health related topics including air quality, noise and contaminated land.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 04.03.21
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May-21	Planning	Project update. Discuss Scoping Report and non-statutory consultation. Discuss review of Energy NPSs. Discuss SoCG topics.	Virtual	2 hours	Completed on 07.06.21
	Planning	Focused discussion on the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and Cumulative Effects Assessment,	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 07.07.21
Jun-21	Planning	General project update. Discuss cumulative effects assessment and long list of development. Discuss SoCG topics. Discuss plans for statutory consultation.	Virtual	2 hours	Completed on 06.09.21
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	Planning	SoCG/ Long List of Development	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 16.12.21
Feb-22	Thematic Meeting: Cultural Heritage	General project update and discuss feedback from statutory consultation. Updates on Cultural Heritage surveys and assessment.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 24.03.22
	Planning	General project update to feedback during statutory consultation.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 07.02.22
Mar-22	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update and discuss feedback from statutory consultation. Discuss landscape surveys and scope of landscape assessment.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 29.03.22
	Ecology Thematic	Discuss Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)	Virtual	1 hour	Completed on 30.03.22
Apr-22	Planning	General project update. Discuss review of DCO documents.	Virtual	1.5 hours	Completed on 06.04.22
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	Thematic Meeting: Landscape and Visual	General project update. Discuss scope of surveys and assessment.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
Jul-22	Thematic Meeting: Ecology (general)	General project update. Discuss scope of surveys and assessment.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
	Net Gain Workshop	Update on BNG opportunities.	Virtual	1 hour	
	Planning	Penultimate SoCG discussion.	Virtual	1 hour	

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Aug-22	Planning	General project update prior to submission of DCO application.	Virtual	1.5 hours	
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Meeting Minutes

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Local Authority Update Meeting

Title	Host Authority Update Meeting	
Meeting Nos	BT-JAC-020621-545-0001	
Date	6 April 2022	
Location	Virtual Microsoft Teams	
Meeting Host	[REDACTED]	
Required Invitees	Role/Organisation	Abbreviation
[REDACTED]	National Grid – Senior Project Manager	JB
[REDACTED]	National Grid – Consents Officer	SS
[REDACTED]	National Grid – Contract Regional External Affairs Manager	DB
[REDACTED]	Jacobs – DCO Lead	IF
[REDACTED]	Jacobs – Planning Support	RB
[REDACTED]	Babergh & Mid-Suffolk District Councils – Principal Planning Officer	BC
[REDACTED]	Braintree District Council – Senior Planner Development Management	MWi
[REDACTED]	Braintree District Council – Economic Development Officer	LF
[REDACTED]	Braintree District Council – Senior Policy Planner	AM
[REDACTED]	Suffolk County Council – National Infrastructure Planning Manager	GG
[REDACTED]	Suffolk County Council – Strategic Energy Projects Lead	PW
[REDACTED]	Essex County Council –Principal Planner	MWo

Agenda

ID	Topic/Discussion	Presenter	Duration
1	Introductions & objectives	RB	5
2	Actions from previous meeting	RB	5
3	Project update – feedback from statutory consultation	DB	30
4	Host Authority feedback on combined SoCG & discharge of DCO requirements	GG	15
5	Forthcoming engagement	SS	10
6	Updates from Host Authorities	Hosts	10
7	Questions & AOB	RB	10

Meeting Notes

ID	Outcome/ Action	Responsible	Due	Complete
1	<p>Introductions & objectives</p> <p>RB opened the meeting.</p>			
2	<p>Actions from previous meeting</p> <p>RB went through the actions from the previous meeting and advised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB has added add AM to the Engagement Plan as the secondary contact and will invite to all future meeting invites in lieu of AE. • Host Authorities to discuss and agree Draft Discharge Requirements and a Discharging Body and provide their feedback under Agenda Item 4. • Host Authorities to seek approval from their leadership teams and local members to progress the idea of a joined up SoCG and provide their feedback under Agenda Item 4. 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host Authorities to send NGET their PPA fee justifications and breakdowns by Friday 11th February. 			
3	<p><u>Project Update - Feedback From Statutory Consultation</u></p> <p>SS updated that the following work had recently been completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory consultation ended 21 March 2022 Reviewing responses and meetings with key stakeholders Inputting to change control Surveys ongoing Preparing planning application for the GSP substation <p>SS then gave an update on the Statutory Consultation, including the timing and duration of the consultation, the events and meetings which took place, the consultation reach, the consultation responses and generalised feedback, including a summary of the key points raised by each Host Authority.</p> <p>In respect to the on-going water thematic meetings, GG advised that they are currently discussing whether they would like to request that the Bailey bridges for water crossings be retained post construction and they would report back on this after the Easter break.</p> <p>WMO commented that Essex County Council's comments in respect to providing a Minerals Resource Assessment should be proportionate. Advised that NG could discuss the proposals with Phillip Dash.</p> <p>Action: NG/Jacobs to discuss the scope of the Assessment with Phillip Dash.</p> <p>BC asked about the intended approach to socioeconomics and asked whether the parties could have a call on the matter, particularly in light of the East Anglian Freepport</p> <p>SS advised that socioeconomics has been scoped out by the Planning Inspectorate and we are following that decision. Some elements of socioeconomics are being picked up by other chapters of the Environmental Statement (ES). However, SS reassured the meeting that the project is still looking at socioeconomics as a corporate responsibility matter.</p> <p>GG asked whether Suffolk Fire Service have been consulted and responded in respect to 'blue-light' routes. IF noted that their response formed part of Suffolk County Council's Response and they were also consulted as part of the Statutory Consultation.</p> <p>GG also advised the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) team also want a separate section on PRoW in the ES.</p> <p>MWi stated that Braintree had commented on the removal of the remaining 132kV line west of the Diamond Crossing. SS advised that this isn't a National Grid asset and its owned by UK Power Networks. SS advised that they could take the discussion offline on this.</p> <p>SS then advised on the key tasks moving forward which now comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of GSP application. Draft DCO & Explanatory memorandum 	NG/Jacobs	Summer 2022	

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4	<p><u>Host Authority Feedback – SoCG & Discharge of Requirements</u></p> <p>IF gave an update on the Statements of Common Ground (SoCG). IF advised that individual SoCG meetings were held W/C 13th December 2021. General feedback received during the sessions included the suggestion from Suffolk CC that the Host Authorities sign a single joined-up SoCGs.</p> <p>In respect to this earlier suggestion, all Host Authorities agreed to merge the SoCG, although ensure the SoCG has space to record if there is any divergence on any topic.</p> <p>Action: RB to merge and then circulate the SoCG.</p> <p>Action: RB to set up a call to progress the SoCG with all the Host Local Authorities in attendance.</p> <p>In respect to the Discharge of Requirements it was agreed that County matters would be discharged by the Counties and District matters would be discharged by the Districts. Broadly speaking, County Councils would cover minerals and waste, highways and archaeology. Where there are cross-boundary Discharge of Requirements, the relevant Districts/Counties would be consulted and both responsible for the discharging of the requirement in their jurisdiction (partial discharge). It was also agreed that the Districts would remain the responsible enforcing authority.</p>	<p>RB</p> <p>RB</p>	<p>Before the end of May</p>	
5	<p><u>Forthcoming Engagement</u></p> <p>SS confirmed that the following documents would be shared with the Host Authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (pre-construction)- Summer 2022 • Draft Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (construction) - Summer 2022 • Draft Construction Traffic Management Plan - July 2022 • Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan - July 2022 • Draft Landscape and Ecological Management Plan - July 2022 • Draft Material and Waste Management Plan - July 2022 • Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) Report - August 2022 • Draft Requirements and Draft DCO - August 2022 • Inputs to and discussions regarding Statement of Common Ground - Freeze October 2022 <p>BC asked whether this information could also be included in the Engagement Plan.</p> <p>Action: RB to ensure the Host Authority reviews are detailed in the Engagement Plan.</p>	<p>RB</p>	<p>Before the end of May</p>	

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6	<p>Update from Host Authorities</p> <p>Essex County Council – A response to the PPA will be sent to NG in the next two weeks.</p> <p>Suffolk County Council – Advised that a response was due to NG on the PPA.</p> <p>Braintree District Council – No update</p> <p>Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils – No update</p>			
7	<p>AOB, Questions, Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>RB confirmed that the next meeting will be held on 6th June 2022 and a SoCG meeting would be due in the interim.</p> <p>Meeting closed.</p>			

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