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Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 Regulation 5(2)(q) (s37(3)(c) s37(7) of the Planning Act 2008)

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APPENDIX D1: Section 46 Letter to the Inspectorate

The Secretary of State
c/o The Planning Inspectorate
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For the attention of Caroline Hopewell– NSIP Officer.

21 January 2022

Your Reference EN020002

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Section 46 Planning Act 2008
Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement
Duty to notify Secretary of State of a Proposed Application**

I am writing to provide notification under section 46(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act) of the intention of National Grid Electricity Transmission (National Grid) to commence statutory consultation under section 42 and section 47 of the Act with regard to its proposed application for a Development Consent Order for the Bramford to Twinstead reinforcement.

The consultation period is due to begin on 25 January 2022 and end at 23:59 on 21 March 2022 .

In accordance with section 46 of the Act, National Grid hereby supplies the Secretary of State with the same information being supplied to consultees under section 42:

- Letters sent to Section 42 consultees
- Section 48 notice
- Consultation Leaflet sent to Persons with Interest in Land (PILs) and Section 47 consultees
- Feedback form sent to prescribed consultees
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report and associated plans and figures
- Visualisations – photomontages
- Plans and guide to the plans.
- Project Background Document
- Project Development Options Report
- Non-Statutory Consultation Report

Please note, not all these documents are supplied to consultees in hard copy.

Once consultation commences, documentation will be available on the project website at

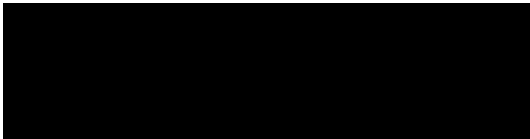
National Grid will also publish a notice in both local and national newspapers as required under section 48 of the Act in order to publicise the proposed application. A copy of this notice is enclosed.

Following consultation with relevant local authorities, National Grid has updated its Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC). It has also sought the views of the host local authorities on changes to the SOCC in accordance with the advice in Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 14 at paragraph 5.2 in respect of late changes in the approach to consultation which are necessary to address the Omicron variant of Covid-19 and the introduction of Plan B by the Government.¹

As required by section 47 of the Act, notice of the publication of the SOCC is being published in relevant newspapers. A copy of this notice is enclosed, along with a copy of the SOCC.

I would be grateful for confirmation of safe receipt of this letter and enclosures. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Ian Fletcher from Jacobs at [REDACTED]@jacobs.com

Yours faithfully,



John Bevan
Senior Project Manager

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¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-confirms-move-to-plan-b-in-england>

APPENDIX D2: Section 46 Inspectorate Confirmation of Receipt



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Our Ref: EN020002

Date: 25 January 2022

Dear Mr Fletcher

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 46 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulation 8

Proposed application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Bramford to Twinstead project

Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application

Thank you for your letter of 21 January 2022 and the following documentation:

- Letters sent to Section 42 consultees;
- Section 48 notice;
- Community newsletter to Persons with Interest in Land and Section 47 consultees;
- Feedback form sent to prescribed consultees;
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report and associated plans and figures’
- Visualisations – photomontages;
- Plans and guide to the plans;
- Project Background Document;
- Project Development Options Report; and
- Non-statutory Consultation Report.

I acknowledge that you have notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application for an order granting development consent for the purposes of section 46 of the PA2008 and supplied the information for consultation under section 42. The following reference number has been given to the proposed application, which I would be grateful if you would use in subsequent communications:

EN020002

I also acknowledge notification in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that

you propose to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of the proposed development.

I will be your point of contact for this application – my contact details are at the end of this letter.

The role of the Planning Inspectorate in the application process is to provide independent and impartial advice about the procedures involved and to have open discussions with potential applicants, statutory bodies and others about the processes and requirements of the new regime. It is important that you keep us accurately informed of your timetable and any changes that occur.

We will publish advice we give to you or other interested parties on our website and, if relevant, direct parties to you as the applicant. We are happy to meet at key milestones and/or provide advice as the case progresses through the pre-application stage.

Once you have prepared draft documents we are able to provide technical advice, in particular on the draft development consent order, explanatory memorandum, the consultation report and any draft HRA. You may therefore wish to build this into your timetables.

In the meantime, you may wish to have regard to the guidance and legislation material provided on our website including the Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and associated guidance, which you will need to observe closely in establishing the correct fee to be submitted at the successive stages of the application process.

When seeking to meet your pre-application obligations you should also be aware of your obligation under the current data protection legislation to process personal data fairly and lawfully.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Tracey Williams

Tracey Williams
Case Manager

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APPENDIX D3: Infrastructure Planning (EIA Regulations) 2017 Regulation 8 Letter to the Inspectorate

The Planning Inspectorate
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For the Attention of Laura Feekins-Bate; EIA Advisor

10 May 2021

Your Reference EN020002

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Act 2008
National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
The proposed Bramford to Twinstead project

As you are aware, National Grid Electricity Transmission plc is intending to apply for development consent for the Bramford to Twinstead connection project (the 'project') pursuant to the provisions in the Planning Act 2008. The project also falls within the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 'EIA Regulations').

EIA Notification

We are writing to notify the Secretary of State under Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations that we propose to provide an Environmental Statement (ES) with the application for development consent in relation to the project.

We note that paragraph 2.8 of the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note Seven ('EIA: Process, Preliminary Environmental Information and Environmental Statements', December 2017) requests that the information required under Regulation 8(3) is provided with an EIA Notification. Accordingly, the required information is provided in the accompanying EIA Scoping Report.

EIA Scoping Opinion

We are also writing to request under Regulation 10(1) that the Secretary of State gives an opinion as to the scope and level of detail of the information to be provided in the ES (a Scoping Opinion) for the Project. In accordance with Regulation 10(3) we include the information required to support our request in the form of a Scoping Report.

We can confirm we have submitted the required GIS shapefile to the Planning Inspectorate by email on 19 April 2021 in accordance with the technical specifications set out in section 6.4 of Advice Note Seven.

As discussed, the submission consists of 3 files and is transferred to you by FTP.

EIA consultation bodies

In accordance with Regulation 11(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, we request that you provide us with a list of the notified consultation bodies and any Regulation 11(1)(c) persons and non-prescribed consultees. We can confirm we have already had a number of meetings and discussions with certain consultees including

Natural England, Historic England, the Environment Agency, host local planning authorities, Highways England and the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

We are also progressing an assessment to inform your future decision on whether an appropriate assessment is required for the Project under the Habitats Directive and Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010.

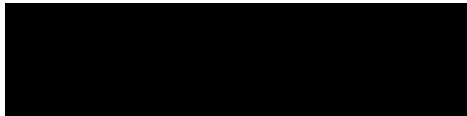
In line with Advice Note 10, we include a draft Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Report (within the EIA Scoping Report at Appendix 7.3) for your, Natural England's and other consultation bodies' review and comment at this stage (Stage 1 – Screening).

We will refine this position as our design for the Project evolves and we will continue to consult and engage with Natural England and other consultation bodies and to work up detailed proposals to identify and address key issues throughout the pre-application stage.

We will then finalise the HRA Screening Report (or, if applicable, the No Significant Effects Report) and intend to submit this Report to you alongside the application for development consent for the Project.

Should you have any queries on the document please contact my colleague Sebastian Stevens or Ian Fletcher at Jacobs.

Yours sincerely



John Bevan

Lead Project Manager

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