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The Secretary of State
c/o The Planning Inspectorate
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For the attention of: Hefin Jones - Infrastructure Planning Lead

27 April 2023
By file transfer

Our Reference: Document 1.1
Your Reference: EN020002

Dear Hefin,

**Planning Act 2008
National Grid Electricity Transmission
The proposed Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement Development Consent Order**

The Application

Please find enclosed an application on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for development consent for the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement. The proposed development includes an overhead electric line over 2km and therefore constitutes a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project as defined under section 14(1)(b) of the Planning Act 2008. The Project meets relevant qualifying criteria in section 16(1) of the Planning Act 2008.

In accordance with the guidance at Paragraph 119 of the DCLG document 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the Pre-Application Process', the applicant confirms its approval for the Planning Inspectorate to make the application documentation available on the relevant project page of the National Infrastructure portal as soon as practicable upon submission.

Fee to Accompany the Application and Shapefile

The fee to accompany the application of £8,244, was paid by BACS on 6 April 2023 and the Planning Inspectorate confirmed receipt on 12 April 2023.

A GIS Shapefile of the land over which authorisation is sought within the application was submitted on 11 April 2023.

Application Formalities

Application document 1.2 contains the completed application form. The Navigation Document (**application document 1.4**) sets out the documents included as part of the application.

We note the Secretary of State's obligation under section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 to decide whether to accept this application by the end of a period of 28 days, beginning with the day after the day on which this application is received. To assist with this process, we have included a self-completed Section 55 Checklist (**application document 1.5**) detailing compliance with the criteria set out in section 55 of the Planning Act 2008.

Please note that some of the application documents contain confidential information. We would request that the Planning Inspectorate does not publish in full the following Environmental Statement Appendices listed below due to their sensitive content:

- **Application document 6.3.7.9** – Badger Survey Report; and
- **Application document 6.3.7.9.1** – Annex A - Badger Draft Licence.

We have supplied two versions of these documents, please do not publish the version marked “CONFIDENTIAL”. The version for publication marked “CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REDACTED” has the location of badger setts redacted.

We have enclosed a number of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) (**application documents 7.3.1 to 7.3.8**) in anticipation of requests from the Examining Authority. We also supply a document (**application document 7.3**) that sets out the current position in respect of SoCG, and this includes references to documents that are not submitted at this time. We have adopted a novel approach for the SoCG with the Local Planning Authorities. At their request we have negotiated a single SoCG. This makes it simple to see what matters have been agreed, and in our view replicates some of the benefit that would normally be achieved from a statement of commonality. It should be noted that the submitted SoCG’s will continue to be updated throughout the Examination and final signed versions submitted at the appropriate deadline.

Land Interests

All persons with an interest in land included in the Book of Reference (**application document 4.3**) were consulted at either the statutory consultation (between 25 January 2022 and 21 March 2022); or at the targeted consultation (between 8 September 2022 and 19 October 2022); or at the subsequent consultation commencing in February 2023, with the exception of those identified on or after 1 March 2023.

In accordance with paragraphs 51 and 52 of the government’s guidance on pre-application consultation, any new person with a land interest identified on or after 1 March 2023 was written to with details of the project, details of where further information about the project could be found, details of how to get in touch with National Grid, and how to provide comments to the Planning Inspectorate following submission of the application for development consent. A copy of the letter is provided at appendix L6 of the Consultation Report (**application document 5.1.12**). The table attached to this letter at annex 1 identifies those who received such a letter.

National Policy Statements

On 30 March 2023 the Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero published a written statement entitled “Powering Up Britain”. This included a consultation on revisions to National Policy Statements EN-1 & EN-5 and on Community Benefits for Electricity Transmission Network Infrastructure. At this point the application was in the late stages of preparation and it was not possible to amend the application documentation to refer to the new documents. The consultations will close on 25 May 2023. We would be happy to provide a commentary on the implications of the draft NPS if requested, or indeed the final NPS when designated.

We also note that the consultation document states:

“The Secretary of State has decided that for any application accepted for examination before the designation of the updated energy NPSs, the original suite of energy NPS should have effect. The amended energy NPSs will therefore only have effect in relation to those applications for development consent accepted for examination after the designation of the updated energy NPSs. However, any emerging draft energy NPSs (or those designated but not having effect) are potentially capable of being important and relevant considerations in the decision-making process. The extent to which they are relevant is a matter for the relevant Secretary of State to consider within the framework of the Planning Act and with regard to the specific circumstances of each development consent order application.”

It is therefore likely that this application will be determined in accordance with the original NPS and that the new NPS will not have effect but will be important and relevant considerations in the decision-making process.

For the avoidance of doubt, all references to 'draft NPS' or 'draft replacement NPS' in the application documentation are references to the documents published in September 2021.

Correspondence

All future correspondence about this application should be addressed to our agents, Jacobs UK Limited, as set out on the application form. Please contact Ian Fletcher on [REDACTED]

Please acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and accompanying application. We look forward to receiving confirmation that the application is accepted for examination in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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John Bevan
Senior Project Manager
For and on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission

Annex 1 - List of parties who were sent the letter in Appendix L6 of the Consultation Report

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PIL Number	Name of PIL(s)	Plot Number(s)	Nature of Interest
N/A	The Occupier	21-63	Occupier
PIL-950	Anthony John Arthur Loveland	25-01	Presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway)
PIL -960	Stephen Ronald Bradshaw & Enid Margaret Bradshaw	14-12	Presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway)
PIL-962	John William Kerry & Jill Carol Kerry	14-12	Presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway)
PIL-961	Graham Edward Bradshaw & Michael Barry Bradshaw	14-12	Presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway)
N/A	The Owner	14-12	Presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway)
PIL-972	Richard Hamilton	17-53, 17-74, 17-76, 17-77	Freehold occupier of 17-74 and 17-76, and presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway) of 17-53 and 17-77
PIL-171	Letitia Stagg	17-53, 17-75, 17-77, 17-79, 17-80	Freehold occupier of 17-75 and 17-80, and presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway) of 17-53, 17-77 and 17-79
PIL-966	Elderbridge Limited	2-30	Mortgage
PIL-964	Pauline Mary Scott & Robert Scott	30-01	Freeholder in respect of part, and presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway)
PIL-958	Claire Woods & Jonathan Woods	10-01	Presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway)
PIL-351	Tina Carina Donnella Lambert	25-05	Freehold occupier
PIL-967	Earl Shilton Building Society	25-05	Mortgage
PIL-617	Assington Autos Limited	16-67, 16-68	Freehold occupier
PIL-340	Birketts LLP	20-56	Rights (as trustee of Graham Wigan Will Trust in respect of a Charge dated 21 March 1980)
PIL-914	Laura Jane Banning	21-17	Presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway)
PIL-968	David Turner & Rachel Turner	23-08	Presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway)
PIL-969	Tze Ling Ong & Nina Katherine Royan-Ong	16-75	Presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway)
PIL-129	Dennis Gordon Rose & Pamela Joy Rose	14-12	Presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway)
PIL-270	Lynn Janice Harvey & Robert William Harvey	26-13	Rights (in respect of rights granted by a Transfer dated 15 July 1997)
PIL-844	David Andrew Hurley	26-09	Freehold occupier

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PIL-713	Tom Hickling	9-16, 9-19, 9-20, 9-22, 9-23	Freehold (as trustee of UIP Pension Fund)
PIL-132	Personal Representative of David John Brett	23-60, 26-02	Freehold
PIL-383	RSPB Trustees: William James Sutherland, Ghazala Koosar, Benjamin Lian Caldecott, James Fergus Sloane, James Nicholas Lowther, John Mason	3-114, 3-116, 6-02, 6-03, 6-04	Freehold (as trustees of The Royal Society For The Protection Of Birds)
N/A	The Occupier	7-10	Occupier
N/A	The Owner/Occupier	9-03	Presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway)
PIL-970	Philip Hugo Langton	5-01, 5-08	Presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway)
PIL-406	Ian Rice	17-49, 17-50, 17-51, 17-52, 17-53	Freehold occupier of 17-50, 17-51 and 17-52, and presumed owner of subsoil (half width of highway) of 17-49 and 17-53
PIL-891	Terence Millett	5-09, 5-11	Rights (in respect of rights granted by a Conveyance dated 16 March 1984, Transfer dated 25 July 2014 and granted by a Deed of Easement dated 22 March 2004)
PIL-554	Rosemary Ann Bryce	3-45, 3-49, 3-50, 3-51, 3-52, 3-53, 3-54, 3-55, 3-56, 3-57, 3-58, 3-59, 3-60, 3-61, 3-62, 3-63, 3-64, 3-66, 3-67, 3-68, 3-69, 3-70, 3-71, 3-72, 3-73, 3-74, 3-75, 3-79, 3-83, 3-85, 3-90, 3-91, 3-92, 3-96, 3-97, 3-98, 3-99, 3-100	Occupier
PIL-971	Lisa Scannell	3-45, 3-49, 3-50, 3-51, 3-52, 3-53, 3-54, 3-55, 3-56, 3-57, 3-58, 3-59, 3-60, 3-61, 3-62, 3-63, 3-64, 3-66, 3-67, 3-68, 3-69, 3-70, 3-71, 3-72, 3-73, 3-74, 3-75, 3-79, 3-83, 3-85, 3-90, 3-91, 3-92, 3-96, 3-97, 3-98, 3-99, 3-100	Tenant

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