

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement (EN020002)

Submission for examination deadline 3: 31st October 2023

Rule 8 letter, Annex A: Examination timetable, item 10

Responses to the Examining Authority's first written questions ExQ1

Essex Police comments on ExQ1

Interested Party Reference Number: 20041157

This document provides the Essex Police response to the Examining Authority's first written questions (ExQ1) issued on 13th October 2023 (examination reference PD-005) for the proposed Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement Scheme.

The following response is provided to question MG 1.0.6 asked to Essex Police. No further questions have been identified for Essex Police independently, or as a relevant Interested Party (IP).

Miscellaneous and General: MG 1.0.6

At page 137 of its Comments on Relevant Representations [REP1-025] the Applicant responds to various points that you made in your RR [RR-033] about the potential for the Proposed Development to impact on services that you provide. Have these comments addressed your concerns? If not, can you explain why not?

Essex Police Response

Essex police acknowledge the comments provided by the applicant [REP1-025] in response to our Relevant representations [RR-033] and would like to clarify that whilst Essex Police are responsible for policing in the County of Essex, we work closely with our neighbouring police force's and liaise on matters that cross boundaries to ensure a consistent and suitable policing provision is provided in all areas.

Essex Police confirm that initial contact was made by the Applicant in 2021 with the Force Roads Policing and Commercial Vehicle Unit regarding Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) movements, however, due to the early nature of this contact no agreements were made at this time and no further contact has been made since. Given the information now available regarding the proposed development we have requested further conversations to discuss route and movement requirements along with other aspects of road's policing.

The representations of Essex Police also cover aspects in addition to the movement of construction vehicles which have not yet been addressed, including:

- **Scheme development:** Communications and Designing out Crime considerations.
- **Construction:** Workforce, Response plans, and Road's policing considerations.
- **Construction Traffic management Plan:** Points raised for clarification still to be addressed.

Essex Police confirm that following submission of our Relevant Representations, we have now received contact from the Applicant and have requested a Statement of Common Ground between both parties to ensure matters are clarified and agreed where appropriate. Initial conversations have been scheduled between Essex Police and the Applicant which are due to take place in the coming weeks. We welcome this engagement which we hope will address and mitigate our concerns.