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For the attention of: Andrew Mahon (Lead Member of the Examining Authority) (c/o Jake Stephens (Case Manager))

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By email to: <a href="mailto:bramfordtotwinstead@planninginspectorate.gov.uk">bramfordtotwinstead@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</a> and by file transfer

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Dear Mr Mahon.

### Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

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

#### **Deadline 3 Cover Letter**

This cover letter has been prepared by National Grid (the Applicant) to accompany the Applicant's submissions to the Examining Authority (ExA) at Deadline 3 (31st October 2023) of the Examination of the proposed Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement.

These submissions are made in accordance with the Examination Timetable set out at Annex A of the Rule 8 Letter dated 19 September 2023 [PD-003].

### **Overview of Deadline 3 Submissions**

The table below lists the documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 3.

Document Reference	Document Title	Revision
Volume 1		
1.4 (D)	Navigation Document (clean).pdf	D
1.4 (D)	Navigation Document (tracked).pdf	D
Volume 2		
2.11.1 (B)	Design and Layout Plans Grid Supply Point Substation Layout.pdf	В
2.11.2 (B)	Design and Layout Plans Grid Supply Point Substation Elevations.pdf	В
2.11.12 (B)	Design and Layout Plans Temporary Bellmouth for Access.pdf	В
Volume 3		
3.1 (C)	Draft Development Consent Order (clean).pdf	С
3.1 (C)	Draft Development Consent Order (tracked).pdf	С

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Document Reference	Document Title	Revision
3.2 (B)	Explanatory Memorandum (clean).pdf	В
3.2 (B)	Explanatory Memorandum (tracked).pdf	В
Volume 4		
4.2.3 (B)	Statement of Reasons Appendix C Special Category Land Report (clean).pdf	В
4.2.3 (B)	Statement of Reasons Appendix C Special Category Land Report (tracked).pdf	В
4.3 (C)	Book of Reference (clean).pdf	С
4.3 (C)	Book of Reference (tracked).pdf	С
Volume 7		
7.2.3 (B)	Route Corridor Study (October 2009).pdf	В
7.3 (C)	Status of Statements of Common Ground (clean).pdf	С
7.3 (C)	Status of Statements of Common Ground (tracked).pdf	С
7.3.2 (B)	Draft Statement of Common Ground Natural England (clean).pdf	В
7.3.2 (B)	Draft Statement of Common Ground Natural England (tracked).pdf	В
7.3.3 (B)	Draft Statement of Common Ground Environment Agency (clean).pdf	В
7.3.3. (B)	Draft Statement of Common Ground Environment Agency (tracked).pdf	В
7.3.4 (B)	Draft Statement of Common Ground National Highways (clean).pdf	В
7.3.4 (B)	Draft Statement of Common Ground National Highways (tracked).pdf	В
7.5 (B)	Construction Environmental Management Plan (clean).pdf	В
7.5 (B)	Construction Environmental Management Plan (tracked).pdf	В
7.5.1 (B)	CEMP Appendix A Code of Construction Practice (clean).pdf	В
7.5.1 (B)	CEMP Appendix A Code of Construction Practice (tracked).pdf	В
7.5.2 (B)	CEMP Appendix B Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (clean).pdf	В
7.5.2 (B)	CEMP Appendix B Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (tracked).pdf	В
7.6 (B)	Construction Traffic Management Plan (clean).pdf	В
7.6 (B)	Construction Traffic Management Plan (tracked).pdf	В
7.7 (B)	Materials and Waste Management Plan (clean).pdf	В

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Document Reference	Document Title	Revision
7.7 (B)	Materials and Waste Management Plan (tracked).pdf	В
7.8 (B)	Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (clean).pdf	В
7.8 (B)	Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (tracked).pdf	В
7.8.2 (B)	LEMP Appendix B Vegetation Reinstatement Plan.pdf	В
Volume 8		
8.3.4 (B)	Applicant's Draft Itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection (clean).pdf	В
8.3.4 (B)	Applicant's Draft Itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection (tracked).pdf	В
8.3.5 (B)	Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference.pdf	В
8.4.2 (B)	Applicant's Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order (clean).pdf	В
8.4.2 (B)	Applicant's Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order (tracked).pdf	В
8.4.4 (B)	Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession Objection Schedule (clean).pdf	В
8.4.4 (B)	Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession Objection Schedule (tracked).pdf	В
8.5.1	Deadline 3 Cover Letter.pdf	А
8.5.2	Applicant's Comments on Written Representations.pdf	А
8.5.3.1	Applicant's Comments on Suffolk County Council and Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council Local Impact Report.pdf	А
8.5.3.2	Applicant's Comments on Essex County Council and Braintree District Council Local Impact Report.pdf	А
8.5.3.3	Applicant's Comments on Babergh District Council Additional Local Impact Report.pdf	А
8.5.4	Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions.pdf	А
8.5.5	Technical Note on Temporary Access Route off the A131.pdf	А
8.5.6	Extant Grid Supply Point Substation Consent Approved Plans.pdf	А
8.5.7	Schedule of Changes to the Management Plans.pdf	А
8.5.8	Public Right of Way Management Plan.pdf	А
8.5.9	Technical Note on Noise Levels at Hintlesham Woods.pdf	А



Document Reference	Document Title	Revision
8.5.10	Applicant's Comments on Other Submissions Received at Deadline 2.pdf	А
8.5.11	Justification for Construction Working Hours.pdf	А
8.5.12	Technical Note on Ancient and Potential Ancient Woodland.pdf	А
8.5.13	Equalities Impact Assessment.pdf	А

All updated documents are labelled as Revision (B), Revision (C) etc as applicable, and supersede the documents previously submitted by the Applicant.

Each of these updated documents includes a Version History table which outlines the amendments that have been made by the Applicant since the previous version was submitted. Where applicable, these documents are provided in clean and tracked versions as requested in the Rule 6 Letter [**PD-002**].

The Navigation Document (Document 1.4 (C)) has been updated to reflect the above submissions.

The Applicant wishes to make the following observations by exception:

### **Plans and Drawings**

The Applicant is submitting an updated Design and Layout Plans Temporary Bellmouth for Access (**Document 2.11.12 (B)**) to correct an error on the previously submitted Design and Layout Plans Temporary Bellmouth for Access wherein the sight lines were incorrectly shown as extending into the public highway. This is now correctly shown with the sight lines terminating at the kerb line of the public highway.

### **Management Plans**

The Applicant is submitting updated Management Plans (**Documents 7.5 (B), 7.5.1 (B), 7.5.2 (B), 7.6 (B), 7.7 (B) and 7.8 (B))** to address comments made at Deadline 1 and 2, in particular with reference to perceived 'ambiguous wording'. A schedule of the changes made to these Management Plans is provided in **Document 8.5.7**. An additional Management Plan, a Public Right of Way Management Plan (**Document 8.5.8**), is also submitted.

The Applicant is in the process of producing a full REAC, as noted in the Applicant's Response to Issue Specific Hearing 1 Action Points (Action Point 20) [REP1-034].

Due to the important status of this document as a securing mechanism for the commitments made on the project, the Applicant has not completed this task for Deadline 3 and will submit this at a future deadline. Therefore, the REAC presented at Deadline 3 (**document 7.5.2 (B)**) reflects only the changes that have been made by the Applicant in terms of additional and/or amended embedded measures in response to matters raised in Deadline 1 or Deadline 2 documents.

#### Statements of Common Ground

For an update on progress of Statements of Common Ground at deadline 3, please refer to the Status of Statements of Common Ground (**document 7.3 (C)**).

Should the ExA have any queries in relation to this letter, they are invited to contact Nuno Fernandes of Jacobs (nuno.fernandes@Jacobs.com) in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

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