

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement (Case Reference: EN020002)

Examination Authority's record of Action Points from Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 on Tuesday 8 November 2023

AP1

Applicant

Provide further detail on the notice period that would be given to landowners if the haul route from the A131 was required for maintenance or repairs, including any difference between the voluntary and CA approach.

AP2

Applicant

Submit an appendix to the earlier technical note to deal with the environmental comparison and swept path analyses for the Applicant's preferred route for the A131 construction haul road and the alternative routes suggested by DFP Nott and Sons and Mr PJ Nott for their holdings.

AP3

Applicant

Check if the report on the targeted consultation on the A131 construction haul road is in the Examination Library, and – if not – submit it.

AP4

Applicant

Explain how unauthorised use of the construction haul road from the A131 would be prevented, and how any such measures would be secured through the DCO.

Each to be provided with the follow-up notes to the Hearing by Deadline 4.

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Examination Authority's record of Action Points from Issue Specific Hearing 2 on Tuesday 8 November 2023

AP1

Applicant

Explain what was assumed when undertaking the EIA in relation to construction working hours and alternate working weekends.

AP2

Applicant

Submit a note that sets out the baseline construction schedule with the critical path analysis shown. Consider the relationship of this to the baseline scenario and scenario 1 (Justification for Construction Working Hours [REP3-045] table 2.1), and to Requirement 3 in the dDCO. Provide explanation how different milestone dates for scenarios 1 and 2 have been interpreted in table 2.1 including impact on time limit (Requirement 3).

AP3

Suffolk County Council and Braintree District Council

Provide a written submission to explain the implications of draft Article 53 of the dDCO for the councils.

AP4

Suffolk County Council

To provide a detailed review in due course (Deadline 4 or Deadline 5) of problems perceived with the control documents/ management plans.

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Examination Authority's record of Action Points from Issue Specific Hearing 3 on Wednesday 9 November 2023

AP1

Suffolk County Council

Provide Suffolk County Council's highways design standards (as relevant to the Proposed Development) by Deadline 4.

AP2

Applicant

Undertake necessary surveys at Church Hill to establish feasibility of the proposed access AB-AP5, leading to tower RB4, and submit information into the Examination by Deadline 7.

AP3

Suffolk County Council and Essex County Council

Provide a prioritised list of the key missing assumptions and inputs that are perceived to be missing from the transport assessment.

AP4

Applicant

Provide an assessment of construction traffic numbers for each access, together with related information.

AP5

Suffolk County Council and Essex County Council

Identify the base parameters that are critical for the CTMP.

Each to be provided by Deadline 5, unless otherwise noted.

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Examination Authority's record of Action Points from Issue Specific Hearing 4 on Wednesday 9 November 2023

AP1

Applicant

Review the extent and nature of the management of the coppiced swathe through Hintlesham Woods during transposition and ongoing maintenance.

AP2

Applicant

Review your earlier response [REP3-048] to the Woodland Trust's submission [REP2-032] and comment further on fragmentation of the ancient woodland from adjacent supporting habitats.

AP3

Applicant

Provide further details of your proposed mitigation or compensation measures for the loss of veteran tree T378.

AP4

Babergh District Council

Identify the further Listed Buildings to the west of Hintlesham Woods that the Suffolk councils are concerned about and the nature of those concerns ([REP1-045] at paragraph 8.5 and in Annex B).

AP5

Braintree District Council

Elaborate on the heritage assets that you express alarm about in your Deadline 3 submission [REP3-061]. Which receptors in your own area do you consider fall into the sensitive category, such that you believe they should be subject to restrictions on the implementation of Limits of Deviation?

AP6

Babergh District Council and Suffolk County Council

Provide a note on the nature and scope of any additional assessment you consider necessary to account for the long, cultural association of assets and landscapes with famous artists and writers.

AP7***Applicant***

Review the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments in relation to the need or otherwise to include archaeological mitigation measures, and a further commitment to having all archaeological field work signed off by local authority archaeological advisors prior to the commencement of development.

AP8***Applicant and Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership***

Provide signposting to relevant policy and guidance that refers to the assessment of impacts on parts of an AONB versus the whole.

AP9***All parties***

You are invited to submit representations on any implications for the Examination of the Land Use and Regeneration Act coming into force in relation to the AONB.

AP10***Assington Parish Council***

Please review the Applicant's response to Relevant Representations [REP1-025] and in Table 3.1 of its response to Written Representations [REP3-048], which explain the selection process it went through before concluding that the Dedham Vale East cable sealing end compound should be sited at its proposed location. Provide any update to your position in relation to this.

AP11***Braintree District Council***

Please review the Applicant's response [REP3-050] to your earlier comments about the general suitability and representativeness of viewpoint H07 and visual mitigation and provide an update on your position. Similarly, explain if your position in relation to a proposed additional viewpoint at OS grid reference TL849371 (the sharp bend in the green lane) remains the same.

Elaborate on your submission [REP2-009] suggesting a need for an additional viewpoint to show the haul road from the A131 to the Stour Valley west cable sealing end compound (location, whether your suggestion relates only to the provision of baseline photography or also a visualisation, and – if the latter – what form you suggest the visualisation would take).

AP12***Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils***

Elaborate on your suggestion that a closer viewpoint assessment and photomontage is needed for the Stour Valley east cable sealing compound in relation to receptors on the public right of way network [REP2-008].

AP13***Applicant***

Following the ASI, review the sufficiency of visual mitigation planting at the cable sealing end compounds and the permanent access road to the Stour Valley west cable sealing end compound, and provide an update.

AP14

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils

Following the ASI, elaborate on any specific outstanding concerns in relation to the visual mitigation planting at the cable sealing end compounds. Can you also explain the reference to 'biodiversity net gain' in a landscape and visual context [REP2-008] and then expand on your suggestions.

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