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

1st December 2023

By email to: bramfordtotwinstead@planninginspectorate.gov.uk 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 5 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 5 (1 December 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 5 Submissions

The table below lists the documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 5.

Document Reference	Document Title	Revision
Volume 1		
1.4 (F)	Navigation Document (clean).pdf	F
1.4 (F)	Navigation Document (tracked).pdf	F
Volume 2		
2.8.3 (B)	Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment.pdf	B
Volume 3		
3.1 (E)	Draft Development Consent Order (clean).pdf	E
3.1 (E)	Draft Development Consent Order (tracked).pdf	E
3.2 (D)	Explanatory Memorandum (clean).pdf	D

Document Reference	Document Title	Revision
3.2 (D)	Explanatory Memorandum (tracked).pdf	D
Volume 7		
7.3 (E)	Status of Statements of Common Ground (clean).pdf	E
7.3 (E)	Status of Statements of Common Ground (tracked).pdf	E
7.3.2 (C)	Draft Statement of Common Ground Natural England (clean).pdf	C
7.3.2 (C)	Draft Statement of Common Ground Natural England (tracked).pdf	C
7.3.3 (C)	Draft Statement of Common Ground Environment Agency (clean).pdf	C
7.3.3 (C)	Draft Statement of Common Ground Environment Agency (tracked).pdf	C
7.10 (B)	Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (clean).pdf	B
7.10 (B)	Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (tracked).pdf	B
Volume 8		
8.3.6.4 (B)	Draft Statement of Common Ground East Anglia Three Limited (clean).pdf	B
8.3.6.4 (B)	Draft Statement of Common Ground East Anglia Three Limited (tracked).pdf	B
8.4.2 (D)	Applicant's Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order (clean).pdf	D
8.4.2 (D)	Applicant's Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order (tracked).pdf	D
8.4.4 (D)	Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession Objections Schedule (clean).pdf	D
8.4.4 (D)	Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession Objections Schedule (tracked).pdf	D
8.7.1	Deadline 5 Cover Letter.pdf	A
8.7.2	Draft Statement of Common Ground Historic England.pdf	A
8.7.3	Applicant's Comments on Other Submissions Received at Deadline 4.pdf	A
8.7.4	Temporary Access Route off the A131 Concept Design and Swept Path Assessment.pdf	A
8.7.5	Construction Schedules with Critical Path.pdf	A
8.7.6	Images Captured by Applicant during Accompanied Site Inspection.pdf	A
8.7.7	Technical Note on Cultural Associations.pdf	A

Document Reference	Document Title	Revision
8.7.8	Applicant's Protective Provisions and Commercial Side Agreements Tracking List.pdf	A

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 (F)**) has been updated to reflect the above submissions.

The Applicant wishes to make the following observations by exception:

Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment

The Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment plans [APP-015] have been updated for Deadline 5 to include Historic England Listed Building ID references. **Document 2.8.3 (B)** therefore supersedes the previous version submitted.

National Policy Statement (NPS) Compliance Tables

The Rule 8 Letter [PD-003] included the “*Applicant’s updated, standalone assessment of compliance with the relevant NPSs (based on Appendices A and B of the Planning Statement), if required*” for submission at Deadline 5. The Applicant can confirm that in its view there are no substantive changes to the compliance of the project with the NPSs since the version submitted with the Application [APP-160]. Appendix A contains signposting for compliance with NPS EN-1 and Appendix B signposting for compliance with NPS EN-5. The designated NPSs for the purposes of decision making on this project remain those designated in 2011 and no changes have been made to the project that affect compliance with those policies. Therefore, the Applicant has not submitted revised versions of the NPS Compliance tables at this Deadline.

The Applicant does however note the recent Government announcement as part of the Autumn Statement of its intention to designate the revised Energy NPSs (including EN-1 and EN-5). The revised EN-1 contains confirmation of the transitional arrangements in paragraph 1.6.2: “*The Secretary of State has decided that for any application accepted for examination before designation of the 2023 amendments, the 2011 suite of NPSs should have effect in accordance with the terms of those NPS.*” Therefore the 2011 NPSs remain the primary policy for determination of the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement.

The Applicant is however reviewing the latest draft NPSs and is intending to provide its view on these at Deadline 6 alongside other updates to the Planning Statement [APP-160] to reflect legislation and policy updates referred to in representations from other Interested Parties.

Book of Reference (BoR)

The Rule 8 Letter [PD-003] also requests submission of the “*Applicant’s updated BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR and tracked versions (if required)*” at Deadline 5. The Applicant has not provided an update to these at this deadline as no substantive changes have been made since the previously submitted version [REP4-037].

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.

Yours sincerely,



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