

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 Issue Specific Hearing 5 on the draft DCO

AP1

Applicant

Provide the draft list of sensitive noise receptors that are under consideration for specific noise mitigation at Deadline 6. Provide the final list after it has been agreed with the host local authorities.

AP2

Applicant

Provide an analysis and detail in relation to outstanding matters that might be viewed as inconsistencies between the ES illustration 2.1 baseline construction schedule [APP-091] and Appendix A which shows the baseline construction schedule with critical path [REP5-027].

- i) For example, Illustration 2.1, the baseline construction schedule, shows a staggered 132kV overhead line removal approach starting in Q4 2024/ Q1 2025, and re-commencing in Q1/ Q2 2027 whilst the baseline construction schedule with critical path shows 132kV line dismantling in Q1 2025 for 3.5 months. Are the 'general set up activities' (shown on Illustration 2.1 baseline construction schedule) the same activities as 'site establishment' (shown on establishment in baseline construction schedule with critical path).
- ii) Both baseline construction schedules ([APP-091] and [REP5-027]) show construction works commencing in Q3 2024 (which could be around the earliest period when the time Secretary of State decision could be made). Explain the impact of paragraph 4.1.3 of the Funding Statement [APP-037], which refers to funding being subject to the appropriate internal governance and sanction approval process. Would the transition from consenting (if the DCO was made) to construction involve a governance and sanction period post consent? Would the judicial review period have an impact on this process? How could construction works for the Proposed Development start in Q3 2024?
- iii) For the undergrounding cabling works between Stour Valley east and west sealing end compounds, identify circuit 1 and circuit 2, and confirm the length of the underground cables.
- iv) Summarise the reinstatement works shown on the baseline construction schedule with critical path ([REP5-027], Appendix A) and explain why reinstatement does not start until completion of cable and civils works for the Stour Valley undergrounding cable section.
- v) Explain why the cables and civils works for the Stour Valley do not start until March 2025.
- vi) Confirm the core working hours used to generate the Gantt chart in the baseline construction schedule with critical path (Appendix A). (Table 2.1 in

[REP5-027] shows 12hrs Monday to Friday, and 10hrs for alternate weekend working, apparently without any breaks.)

- vii) Confirm the assumptions used in Appendix A, the baseline construction schedule with critical path. For example, are Christmas and Easter non-working periods?
- viii) Should the Saturday core working hours in scenario 1 and scenario 2 show 5hrs to reflect 8:00-13:00 core working hours Table 2.1 in [REP5-027]? If so, what impact would this have on readiness for outage 4 and subsequent outages for both scenarios?

AP3

Applicant

At Deadline 6, provide a response to whether it would be helpful to explicitly include pre-commencement operations in Requirement 7.

AP4

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils

By Deadline 6, provide further explanation in relation to your Deadline 5 submission [REP5-030]:

- In paragraph 3 where you refer to “scheduled overruns/out of hours working” - is it the operations in Requirement 7(3) of the dDCO [REP5-005] that you are referring to?
- If the ExA and Secretary of State were to endorse draft Article 46 (Defence to proceedings in respect of statutory nuisance in respect of the proposed development), what implications would that have for the application of the other legislative provisions that you cite?

AP5

Suffolk County Council

By Deadline 7, provide a review of the Applicant’s changes to Schedules 5, 6, 7, 8 and 12 of the draft DCO in response to your highlighted inaccuracies in relation to the national streets gazetteer.