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The Secretary of State c/o The Planning Inspectorate Temple Quay House 2, The Square Bristol, BS1 6PN

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

9th February 2024

By email to: bramfordtotwinstead@planninginspectorate.gov.uk and by file transfer

Our Reference: Document 8.10.1 Your Reference: EN020002

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 8 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 8 (9 February 2024) 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 8 Submissions

The table below lists the documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 8.

Document Reference	Document Title	Revision
Volume 1		
1.4 (I)	Navigation Document (clean).pdf	I
1.4 (I)	Navigation Document (tracked).pdf	I
Volume 3		
3.1 (G)	Draft Development Consent Order (clean).pdf	G
3.1 (G)	Draft Development Consent Order (tracked).pdf	G
3.2 (F)	Explanatory Memorandum (clean).pdf	F
3.2 (F)	Explanatory Memorandum (tracked).pdf	F

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Document Reference	Document Title	Revision
Volume 7		
7.3 (H)	Status of Statements of Common Ground (clean).pdf	Н
7.3 (H)	Status of Statements of Common Ground (tracked).pdf	Н
7.3.2 (E)	Draft Statement of Common Ground Natural England (clean).pdf	Е
7.3.2 (E)	Draft Statement of Common Ground Natural England (tracked).pdf	Е
7.5 (D)	Construction Environmental Management Plan (clean).pdf	D
7.5 (D)	Construction Environmental Management Plan (tracked).pdf	D
7.5.1 (C)	CEMP Appendix A Code of Construction Practice (clean).pdf	С
7.5.1 (C)	CEMP Appendix A Code of Construction Practice (tracked).pdf	С
7.5.2 (E)	CEMP Appendix B Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (clean).pdf	Е
7.5.2 (E)	CEMP Appendix B Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (tracked).pdf	Е
7.6 (D)	Construction Traffic Management Plan (clean).pdf	D
7.6 (D)	Construction Traffic Management Plan (tracked).pdf	D
Volume 8		
8.3.6.1 (B)	Draft Statement of Common Ground Royal Society for the Protection of B Birds (RSPB) (clean)	
8.3.6.1 (B)	Draft Statement of Common Ground Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) (tracked)	В
8.4.2 (F)	Applicant's Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order (clean).pdf	F
8.4.2 (F)	Applicant's Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order (tracked).pdf	F
8.5.8 (B)	Public Right of Way Management Plan (clean).pdf	В
8.5.8 (B)	Public Right of Way Management Plan (tracked).pdf	В
8.7.8 (D)	Applicant's Protective Provisions and Commercial Side Agreements Tracking List (clean).pdf	D
8.7.8 (D)	Applicant's Protective Provisions and Commercial Side Agreements Tracking List (tracked).pdf	D
8.8.2.2 (B)	Statement of Common Ground Essex Police (clean).pdf	В

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Document Reference	Document Title	Revision
8.8.2.2 (B)	Statement of Common Ground Essex Police (tracked).pdf	В
8.9.5 (B)	Temporary and Permanent Access Technical Note: Suffolk County Council (clean).pdf	В
8.9.5 (B)	Temporary and Permanent Access Technical Note: Suffolk County Council (tracked).pdf	В
8.10.1	Deadline 8 Cover Letter.pdf	А
8.10.2	Applicant's Response to the Schedule of the Examining Authority Recommended Amendments to the Applicant's Draft DCO.pdf	А
8.10.3	Applicant's Comments on Responses to the Second Written Questions	А
8.10.4.1	Statement of Common Ground East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust.pdf	А
8.10.5	Comments on the Report on Implications For European Sites and any Associated Questions.pdf	А
8.10.6	Applicant's Comments on Other Submissions Received at Deadline 7.pdf	А
8.10.7	Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 – Network Rail Infrastructure Limited.pdf	А
8.10.8	Temporary and Permanent Access Technical Note Essex County Council.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 (I)**) has been updated to reflect the above submissions.

The Applicant can also provide an update on progress on the draft Dormouse Licence, as requested by the Examining Authority at Deadline 6. National Grid submitted a third version of the draft Dormouse Licence to Natural England on 12 January 2024, and this is currently being reviewed by Natural England. Natural England has indicated that based upon the information provided, it is satisfied with the information and justification provided with regards to Licensing Policy 4 and the rationale provided regarding the dormice status across the site.

National Grid is continuing discussions with Natural England on this matter and will provide a further update at Deadline 9, when it intends to submit the latest version of the draft Dormouse Licence into Examination. National Grid is hopeful, based on discussions with Natural England to date, that a Letter of No Impediment can be secured prior to the end of Examination. Further details on the relevant communications can be found in the Statement of Common Ground Natural England (document 7.3.2 (E)).

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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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