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Response to the Applicant's Schedule of
Changes to the draft DCO

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Glossary of Acronyms

<i>DCO</i>	<i>Development Consent Orders</i>
<i>DVNLSVP</i>	<i>Dedham Vale National Landscape and Stour Valley Partnership</i>
<i>EIA</i>	<i>Environmental Impact Assessment</i>
<i>ExA</i>	<i>Examining Authority</i>
<i>ExQ</i>	<i>Examining Authority’s Written Questions</i>
<i>ISH</i>	<i>Issue Specific Hearing</i>
<i>LHA</i>	<i>Local Highway Authority</i>
<i>PROW</i>	<i>Public Rights of Way</i>
<i>SuDS</i>	<i>Sustainable Drainage Systems</i>

“The Council” / “SCC” refers to Suffolk County Council; “The Host Authorities” refers to Suffolk County Council, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, Essex County Council, and Braintree District Council.

Purpose of this Submission

The purpose of this submission is to respond to the Applicant’s Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order, as submitted at Deadline 9. Examination Library references are used throughout to assist readers.

At Deadline 9, National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“**the Applicant**”) submitted, amongst other documents, the Applicant’s Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order **[REP9-053]** (“**the Schedule of Changes**”).

The Schedule of Changes sets out, in Table 8.1, the changes made to Version G of the draft Development Consent Order (“**dDCO**”) **[REP8-005]** in Version H of the dDCO **[REP9-007]**.

The Schedule of Changes comprises seven changes and SCC has comments on only one of them, namely change 3 which concerns Schedule 3, (new) Requirement 14. SCC is neutral in respect of the remaining six changes.

In this document, for change 3, SCC has taken the text from the first four columns of Table 8.1 (excluding column 1 which uses SCC’s own table reference numbering) and added a new, fifth, column in which SCC has added its comments on each of the change.

1 Comments on the Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order at Deadline 9

8.4.2 (G) Applicant’s Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked) [REP9-053]

Table 1: SCC’s Table of Comments on 8.4.2 (G) Applicant’s Schedule of Changes to the DDCO (Tracked) [REP9-053]				
Ref.	dDCO ref.	Rationale for the Change	Change Made	SCC’s Comment
1.	Schedule 3, Requirements (Requirement 14)	A new Requirement 14 (Approval and implementation of Soil Management Plan) has been included within Schedule 3. This change responds directly to matters raised in the joint host authority submission at Deadline 8 [REP8-044].	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Approval and implementation of Soil Management Plan</u></p> <p><u>14.—(1) Unless otherwise agreed with the relevant planning authority, no stage of the authorised development may commence until, for that stage, a Soil Management Plan prepared in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Construction Environmental Management Plan describing how construction works should be undertaken to minimise effects on the nature and quality of soil has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority.</u></p> <p><u>(2) The construction works for each stage of the authorised development must be carried out in general accordance with the approved Soil Management Plan referred to in sub-paragraph (1), or with any amended Soil Management Plan that may subsequently be approved by the relevant planning authority.</u></p>	<p>The Host Authorities’ concern goes beyond soil management. As stated in [REP9-074], SCC and the other host authorities do not consider that the current proposals for landscape and visual mitigation are adequate. They consider a strategic landscape restoration scheme for the project is required to fully mitigate and to compensate for the adverse effects on the landscape and the communities affected by the scheme. To avoid any potential delay in the determination of the applications, the Councils would be content that this could be secured by Requirement and the proposed wording is as follows -</p> <p>“(1) Unless otherwise agreed with the relevant planning authority, no stage of the authorised development may commence until</p>

				<p>a strategic landscape restoration scheme for the authorised development has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority.</p> <p>(2) The restoration scheme submitted under sub-paragraph (1) must include details showing the locations of existing trees, woodlands, hedgerows, ponds, and other landscape features to be removed, and details of the Applicant’s proposals to (a) mitigate and compensate for the loss of those features and (b) set out the new structures comprised within the authorised development, as well as all the proposed new planting and hard or soft landscaping, and including the arrangements for maintenance and aftercare.</p> <p>(3) The approved restoration scheme must be implemented in accordance with its terms.”</p>
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