

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

BRAMFORD TO TWINSTEAD NETWORK REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

NOTICE OF A DECISION ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR EIA DEVELOPMENT

The Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (“the Secretary of State”) gives notice under regulation 31(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that a determination has been made on an application made by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“the Applicant”) for development consent under the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) for development that constitutes “Environmental Impact Assessment development” as defined in the 2017 Regulations.

The project comprises the reinforcement of the electricity transmission network between the existing Bramford Substation in Suffolk, and Twinstead Tee in Essex. It would involve the construction and operation of a new, 29km electricity transmission line, comprising approximately 18km of overhead line and 11km of underground cabling, with four cable sealing end compounds and a new grid supply point substation.

The Secretary of State has determined, following consideration of the report of the Examining Authority who conducted an examination into the application, that development consent should be granted for the Proposed Development and has decided, therefore, to make an Order under sections 114, 115, 117, 120, 122 and 123 of the 2008 Act.

The statement of reasons for deciding to grant development consent, which has been prepared by the Secretary of State under section 116 of the 2008 Act and regulation 31(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, containing the content of the decision, the requirements imposed in connection with the development, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision is based including relevant information about the participation of the public, a description of the main features to avoid, reduce and offset any major adverse effects of the development, is published on the Planning Inspectorate’s website:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020002>

The statement of reasons contains the information required by regulation 31(2) including information regarding the right to challenge the decision and the procedures for doing so.

Hard copies of the decision documentation will also be available to inspect at the Planning Inspectorate’s offices (by appointment using the contact details below):

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Copies of the Secretary of State's decision letter and the text of the Order can be obtained
by writing or sending an e-mail to the Planning Inspectorate. No charge will be made for
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