

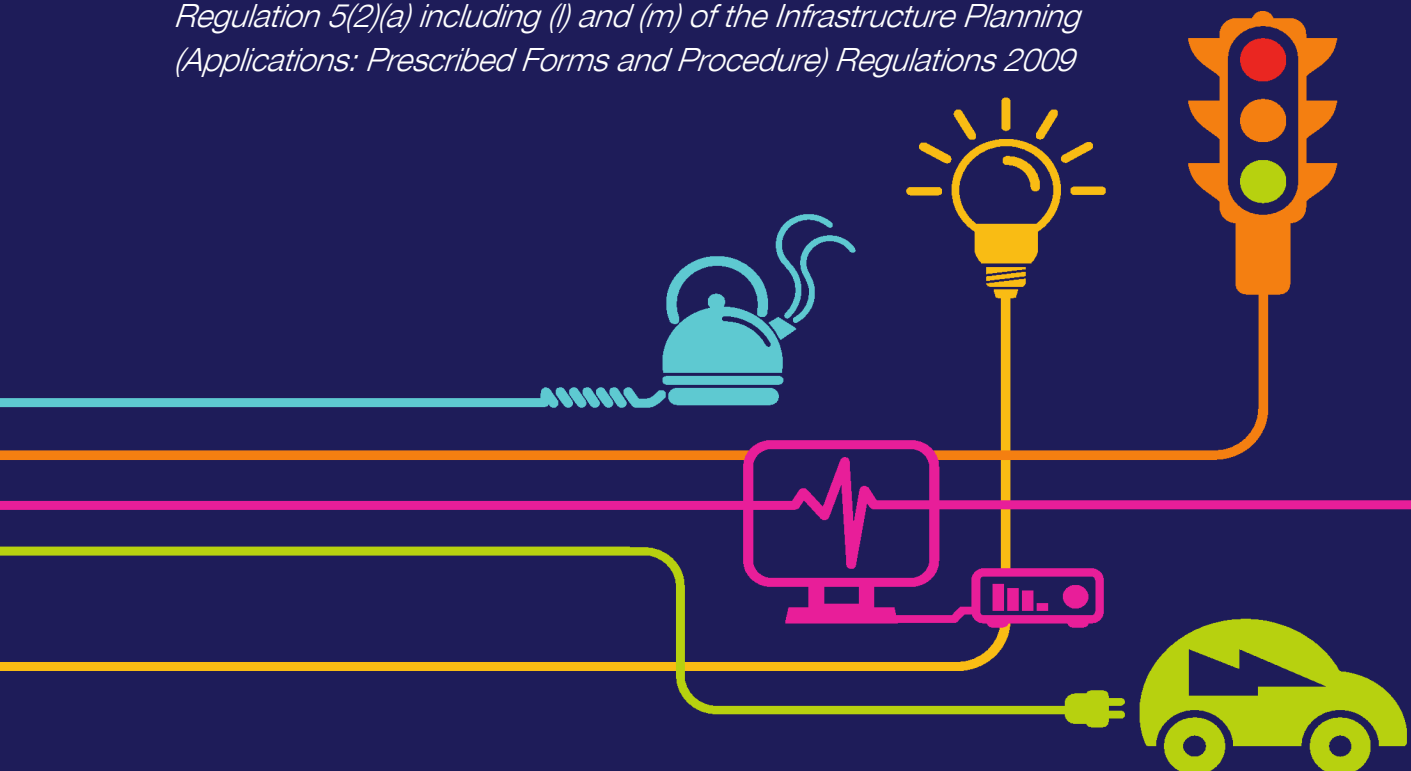
Environmental Statement

Chapter 1

Introduction

National Grid (North Wales Connection Project)

Regulation 5(2)(a) including (l) and (m) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009



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1 Background

1.1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1 This Environmental Statement (ES) accompanies an application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (plc) (National Grid) to seek powers to construct, operate and maintain a new 400,000 volt (400 kV) connection between Wylfa Substation and Pentir Substation, together with various associated development and other works ('The Proposed Development'). The Proposed Development is located within the administrative boundaries of Isle of Anglesey County Council (IACC) and Gwynedd Council and crosses the Menai Strait, as shown on Figure 1.1 (**Document 5.1.1.1**).
- 1.1.2 Part of the Proposed Development comprises an electric line above ground a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) as defined within Section 16 of the Planning Act 2008 (Ref 1.1). Under Section 31 of the Planning Act 2008, development consent is required for development to the extent that it is or forms part of an NSIP. Development consent is granted by the making of a Development Consent Order (DCO) for which application may be made under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008.
- 1.1.3 This ES has been prepared in accordance with the Planning Act 2008, the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (SI 2009/2263) ('the 2009 Regulations') (Ref 1.2) and the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (SI 2009/2264) (Ref 1.3). Although the 2009 Regulations have since been superseded by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/572) ('the 2017 Regulations') (Ref 1.4), the transitional arrangements for the 2017 Regulations state the 2009 Regulations continue to apply to projects for which a request for a scoping opinion was submitted prior to the date upon which the 2017 Regulations came into force, which was 16th May 2017. As the request for a scoping opinion for the Proposed Development was submitted in May 2016 the 2009 Regulations continue to apply.

1.2 NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION (THE APPLICANT)

- 1.2.1 National Grid operates the electricity transmission system in Great Britain and owns the system in England and Wales. The system operates at 400 kV and 275 kV, connecting electricity generators to substations where higher

voltages are transformed to lower voltages, enabling the power to be distributed to homes and businesses by the Distribution Network Operators (DNO).

1.2.2 Transmission of electricity in Great Britain requires permission by way of a licence granted under Section 6(1)(b) of the Electricity Act¹ 1989 ('the Electricity Act'). National Grid has been granted a transmission licence and is therefore bound by the legal obligations, which are primarily set out in the Electricity Act and the transmission licence. National Grid is the only company licensed to transmit electricity in England and Wales. Under Section 9 of the Electricity Act 1989 (Ref 3.5) National Grid is required, in this capacity, to develop and maintain an efficient, coordinated and economical system of electricity transmission and to facilitate competition in the supply and generation of electricity.

1.2.3 National Grid is also required, under Section 38 of the Electricity Act 1989, to comply with the provisions of Schedule 9 of the Act. Schedule 9 requires licence holders, in the formulation of proposals to transmit electricity, to:

Schedule 9(1)(a) '...have regard to the desirability of preserving natural beauty, of conserving flora, fauna and geological or physiographical features of special interest and of protecting sites, buildings and objects of architectural, historic or archaeological interest;' and

Schedule 9(1)(b) '...do what [it] reasonably can to mitigate any effect which the proposals would have on the natural beauty of the countryside or on any such flora, fauna, features, sites, buildings or objects'.

1.2.4 This ES includes an assessment of all of the environmental aspects listed in Schedule 9(1)(a) and includes proposals for mitigation as required under Schedule 9(1)(b).

1.3 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT NEED

1.3.1 The UK is facing a major challenge to meet projected energy needs over the coming decades, whilst at the same time tackling climate change. A significant challenge for National Grid and the UK energy industry is to deliver low carbon energy in an affordable, secure and sustainable way.

1.3.2 The majority of electricity is currently generated by burning gas or coal or by the use of nuclear power stations or renewable generation such as solar and wind. However, there is potential for around 20 per cent of generating

¹ The Electricity Act 1989: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/29/contents>

capacity to be removed from the electricity transmission network by 2020, as a proportion of existing power stations close because they have reached the end of their operating lives or are unable to meet the requirements of climate change legislation.

- 1.3.3 This means that a major investment in new electricity generation is needed to replace power stations due for closure and to meet future energy demand.
- 1.3.4 Under the Climate Change Act 2008 (Ref 1.6), the UK government is committed to reducing CO₂ emissions by at least 80% of 1990 levels by 2050.
- 1.3.5 The UK energy market therefore needs to supply electricity from renewable sources such as wind power, and also from nuclear power, to help tackle climate change and enable the country to meet its national and international obligations. The introduction of new wind and nuclear power generation over the next few years will require the reinforcement and extension of the existing electricity transmission system.
- 1.3.6 National Grid has a statutory duty to promote competition in the supply of electricity and is obliged to offer a connection to the system to anyone who applies for a connection (a 'customer'). Horizon Nuclear Power (HNP) has applied to National Grid to connect their proposed new nuclear power station (2940 MW) at Wylfa on Anglesey (referred to hereafter as Wylfa Newydd Power Station) to the national transmission system. The proposed Wylfa Newydd Power Station would be within a site already identified for this type of development in the UK government's National Policy Statement (NPS) EN-6 'Nuclear Power Generation' (Ref 1.7).
- 1.3.7 National Grid owns and operates an existing substation at Wylfa, which the proposed Wylfa Newydd Power Station would connect to. This substation is connected to the main transmission system on the mainland in North Wales via a 400 kV overhead electricity line, connecting at the existing National Grid substation at Pentir, Gwynedd.
- 1.3.8 In addition to the Wylfa Newydd Power Station, National Grid has signed connection agreements to connect a further five 'customers' with proposed generation projects in North Wales; a total of 5,419 MW. Further details are provided in the Need Case (**Document 7.1**).
- 1.3.9 National Grid assessed whether there was sufficient capacity available in the existing transmission system in North Wales to accommodate the changes resulting from new customer connections. From the assessment, National Grid forecasted that without reinforcement, the transmission system would not be compliant with the National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standard (NETS SQSS) (Ref 1.8) from 2026 onwards.

The NETS SQSS is a document that sets out certain criteria with which National Grid must comply in planning, developing and operating the transmission system. To ensure compliance a second 400 kV connection is required between the Wylfa and Pentir Substations. Further details about the need for this second connection are set out in full in the North Wales Connection Project, Project Need Case (**Document 7.1**).

1.4 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

1.4.1 The Proposed Development being brought forward by National Grid is to develop a new 400 kV connection between the existing 400 kV Wylfa Substation on Anglesey and the Pentir Substation in Gwynedd. This would facilitate the export of power from the proposed Wylfa Newydd Power Station. The Proposed Development in its entirety is known as the North Wales Connection Project.

1.4.2 The Proposed Development consists of the following principal components:

- extension to the existing substation at Wylfa;
- sections of new 400 kV OHL between Wylfa substation and Braint Tunnel Head House (THH) and Cable Sealing End Compound (CSEC) on Anglesey including modifications to parts of the existing 400 kV OHL between Wylfa and Pentir;
- Braint THH/CSEC on Anglesey;
- a tunnel between Braint and Tŷ Fodol THHs;
- Tŷ Fodol THH/CSEC in Gwynedd;
- new section of OHL connection between Tŷ Fodol THH/CSEC and Pentir Substation;
- extension to the existing substation at Pentir; and
- Temporary construction compounds, access tracks, construction working areas, localised widening of the public highway and third party works that are required to construct the infrastructure listed above.

1.4.3 A more detailed description of the Proposed Development is provided in Chapter 3 Description of the Proposed Development (**Document 5.3**) and Chapter 4 Construction, Operation, Maintenance and Decommissioning of the Proposed Development (**Document 5.4**).

2 Consenting Requirements

2.1 CONSENTS REQUIRED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT

- 2.1.1 Sections 14 and 31 of the Planning Act 2008 provide that a project that *'is or forms part of 'the installation of an electric line above ground'*, with a nominal voltage greater than or equal to 132 kV and greater than 2 km in length requires an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO)², to be determined by the Secretary of State (SoS) in accordance with the requirements of The Planning Act 2008. As a result, an application for a DCO under S37 of the Planning Act has been made.
- 2.1.2 Albeit the DCO is the primary consent there may be a need for other consents or licences which need to be applied for outside of the DCO. Details of these are included in Details of Other Consents and Licences Report (**Document 7.15**).
- 2.1.3 In support of the application for a DCO, an Environmental Impact Assessment has been undertaken, which is reported in this ES, in accordance with the requirements of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended).

² Subject to certain other exceptions pursuant to Section 16 of the Planning Act 2008.

3 Environmental Impact Assessment

3.1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 3.1.1 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is the process of compiling, evaluating and presenting information about the likely significant environmental effects, both adverse and beneficial, of a proposed project; in this case the Proposed Development. The assessment is designed to help produce an environmentally sympathetic project and to provide decision makers and statutory consultees with the environmental information they require during examination and determination of an application for consent. The early detection of potential significant adverse environmental effects enables appropriate mitigation measures (i.e. measures to avoid, reduce or offset significant adverse effects), to be identified and incorporated into the design of a scheme, or commitments to be made to environmentally sensitive construction methods and practices. The approach is iterative and involves close working between those undertaking the EIA and the development design teams.
- 3.1.2 The Proposed Development is considered to be an EIA development in accordance with the 2009 Regulations. To enable the decision maker to understand the potential significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development the ES provides environmental information in accordance with Schedule 4 of the 2009 Regulations, which sets out the information that must be included within an ES. The ES provides sufficient information to inform stakeholders, including the local community, of the main environmental effects that could arise as a result of the Proposed Development.
- 3.1.3 National Grid notified the Secretary of State, on 23rd May 2016, in accordance with Regulation 6(1b) of the 2009 Regulations, that it proposed to provide an ES in respect of the development for which a DCO application was to be made. This letter is provided in Appendix 1.1 (**Document 5.1.2.1**).

3.2 THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

Purpose of the Environmental Statement

- 3.2.1 The ES provides an assessment of the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development.

- 3.2.2 A Scoping Report for the Proposed Development was submitted to PINS on 23rd May 2016. This set out the potentially significant environmental effects that were proposed to be scoped into the EIA, as well as those that were considered unlikely to be significant and could therefore be scoped-out of the assessment. The Scoping Report (Ref 1.9) also set out how the assessment was proposed to be undertaken, including how baseline data was to be gathered, and the methods to be used in assessing likely significant effects.
- 3.2.3 In response to the Scoping Report, the Secretary of State prepared a Scoping Opinion (Ref 1.10), which was issued to National Grid by the Planning Inspectorate on 1st July 2016. This Scoping Opinion has been taken into account during the preparation of this ES. Section 3 of each of the technical chapters (**Documents 5.7-5.18**) sets out how the issues raised in the Scoping Opinion have been addressed and a summary of all of the matters raised in the Scoping Opinion and where they have been addressed in this ES, is given in Appendix 5.1 (**Document 5.5.2.1**).
- 3.2.4 A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) (Ref 1.11) was prepared by National Grid and issued in October 2016 as part of the statutory pre-application consultation process required under Sections 42 and 47 of the Planning Act 2008, hereafter referred to as 'Stage 3 Consultation'. The PEIR enabled consultees and other interested parties to develop an informed view of the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Development, as envisaged at that stage of the assessment process, and therefore to provide informed comments on the proposals. Consultation feedback relating to the PEIR, with commentary provided as to where any issues have been addressed in the ES, is set out in Appendix 5.2 (**Document 5.5.2.2**).
- 3.2.5 Drawing on sources including the Scoping Report, Scoping Opinion, PEIR, stakeholder meetings consultation responses from the Stage 3 Consultation and subsequent assessment work, this ES provides an assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development. This reflects the requirement of the 2009 Regulations that an ES must describe any likely significant effects. The Regulations do not define 'significant'; the overall approach that has been taken to defining what is and is not 'significant', as well as further information about the approach to preparing the ES, are outlined in Chapter 6, EIA Methodology and Basis of Assessment (**Document 5.6**).

Requirements of Schedule 4

- 3.2.6 Schedule 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 identifies 'Information for inclusion in the ES'. Part 1 of the Schedule identifies information that the applicant could

reasonably be required to compile; Part 2 of the Schedule identifies the least amount of information that must be compiled in order to assess the environmental effects of the Proposed Development and any associated development.

- 3.2.7 The information required under Schedule 4 Part 1 is listed in Table 1.1 alongside information about where the relevant information is located in this ES. The information in Part 2 is not listed separately as this is covered by Part 1.

Table 1.1 Location in the ES of information referred to in Part 1 of Schedule 4		
Schedule 4 Part 1	Requirements	Location in the ES
17(a)	A description of the physical characteristics of the whole development and the land-use requirements during the construction and operational phases	Chapter 3, Description of the Proposed Development (Document 5.3). Chapter 4, Construction, Operation, Maintenance and Decommissioning of the Proposed Development (Document 5.4).
17(b)	A description of the main characteristics of the production processes, for instance, nature and quantity of the materials used.	Chapter 3, Description of the Proposed Development (Document 5.3). Chapter 4, Construction, Operation, Maintenance and Decommissioning of the Proposed Development (Document 5.4)
17(c)	An estimate, by type and quantity, of expected residues and emissions (water, air and soil pollution, noise, vibration, light, heat, radiation, etc) resulting from the operation of the proposed development.	Within the following documents: Chapter 4, Construction, Operation, Maintenance and Decommissioning of the Proposed Development (Document 5.4) Chapter 11, Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions (Document 5.11) Chapter 12, Water Quality,

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Schedule 4 Part 1	Requirements	Location in the ES
		Resources and Flood Risk (Document 5.12) Chapter 14, Air Quality (Document 5.14) Chapter 16, Operational Noise (Document 5.16)
18	An outline of the main alternatives studied by the applicant and an indication of the main reasons for the applicant's choice, taking into account the environmental effects.	Chapter 2, Proposed Development History and Alternatives (Document 5.2)
19	A description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the development, including, in particular, population, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, including the architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors.	Population: potential effects on population are assessed in the following documents: Chapter 8, Visual Assessment (Document 5.8) Chapter 13, Traffic and Transport (Document 5.13) Chapter 14, Air Quality and Emissions (Document 5.14) Chapter 15, Construction Noise and Vibration (Document 5.15) Chapter 16, Operational Noise (Document 5.16) Chapter 17, Socio Economics (Document 5.17)
		Fauna and flora: potential effects on fauna and flora are assessed in document: Chapter 9, Ecology and Nature Conservation (Document 5.9).

Table 1.1 Location in the ES of information referred to in Part 1 of Schedule 4		
Schedule 4 Part 1	Requirements	Location in the ES
		<p>Water: potential effects on water are assessed in the following documents:</p> <p>Chapter 11, Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions (Document 5.11).</p> <p>Chapter 12, Water Quality, Resources and Flood Risk (Document 5.12).</p>
		<p>Soil: potential effects on soil are assessed in the following documents:</p> <p>Chapter 11, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions (Document 5.11)</p> <p>Chapter 18, Agriculture (Document 5.18)</p>
		<p>Air: potential effects on air quality are assessed in document:</p> <p>Chapter 14, Air Quality (Document 5.14)</p>
		<p>Climatic factors: potential effects as a result of climate change are assessed in all environmental topic chapters (Documents 5.7 to 5.18).</p>
		<p>Material assets: potential effects on material assets are assessed in the following documents:</p> <p>Chapter 7, Landscape (Document 5.7).</p> <p>Chapter 10, Historic Environment (Document 5.10)</p>

Table 1.1 Location in the ES of information referred to in Part 1 of Schedule 4		
Schedule 4 Part 1	Requirements	Location in the ES
		Inter-relationship of effects: the inter-relationship of effects between environmental aspects is assessed in each environmental topic chapter (Documents 5.7 to 5.18) and Chapter 19 Intra-Project Cumulative Effects (Document 5.19).
20	<p>A description of the likely significant effects of the development on the environment, which should cover the direct effects and any indirect, secondary, cumulative, short, medium and long-term, permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects of the development, resulting from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The existence of the development (b) The use of natural resources (c) The emissions of pollutants, the creation of nuisances and the elimination of waste <p>and the description by the applicant of the forecasting methods used to assess the effects on the environment.</p>	<p>Chapter 6, EIA Methodology and Basis of Assessment (Document 5.6).</p> <p>Section 4 of each technical chapter (Documents 5.7 to 5.18) sets out the method used to assess the effects of the Proposed Development on the environment.</p> <p>Section 9 of each technical chapter (Documents 5.7 to 5.18) sets out the assessment of the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development on the environment.</p> <p>Chapter 19 Intra-Project Cumulative Effects (Document 5.20) sets out the assessment of the likely significant cumulative effects of two or more topics on shared receptors.</p> <p>Chapter 20 Inter-Project Cumulative Effects (Document 5.20) sets out the assessment of the likely significant cumulative effects with other developments.</p>

Table 1.1 Location in the ES of information referred to in Part 1 of Schedule 4		
Schedule 4 Part 1	Requirements	Location in the ES
21	A description of the measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and where possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment	Section 9 of each technical chapter (Documents 5.7 to 5.18) sets out the mitigation measures to prevent or reduce significant adverse effects of the Proposed Development on the environment. Schedule of Mitigation (Document 5.28) sets out where each of the mitigation measures relied on are secured within the draft DCO (Document 2.1).
22	A non-technical summary of the information provided under paragraphs 1 to 5 of this Part.	Non-Technical Summary (Document 5.0)
23	An indication of any difficulties (technical deficiencies or lack of know-how) encountered by the applicant in compiling the required information	Section 4 of each technical chapter (Documents 5.7 to 5.18) sets out any difficulties encountered in assessing the potential effects of the Proposed Development on the environment.

3.3 ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT STRUCTURE

3.3.1 The ES provides an assessment of the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development. The ES forms **Volume 5** of the DCO application. The structure of the ES is shown in Table 1.2.

Table 1.2 Contents of Volume 5: Environmental Statement		
Document Reference	ES Chapter	Document

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Document Reference	ES Chapter	Document
5.0	0	Non-Technical Summary
5.1	1	Introduction
5.2	2	Alternatives and Proposed Development History
5.3	3	Description of the Proposed Development
5.4	4	Construction, Operation, Maintenance and Decommissioning of the Proposed Development
5.5	5	EIA Consultation
5.6	6	EIA Methodology and Basis of Assessment
5.7	7	Landscape
5.8	8	Visual Assessment
5.9	9	Ecology and Nature Conservation
5.10	10	Historic Environment
5.11	11	Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions
5.12	12	Water Quality, Resources and Flood Risk
5.13	13	Traffic and Transport
5.14	14	Air Quality
5.15	15	Construction Noise and Vibration
5.16	16	Operational Noise
5.17	17	Socio Economics
5.18	18	Agriculture
5.19	19	Intra-Project Cumulative Effects
5.20	20	Inter-Project Cumulative Effects
5.21	21	Statement of Combined Effects with the Wider Effects
5.22	22	Summary of Residual Effects

3.4 TECHNICAL CHAPTER STRUCTURE

3.4.1 The chapters that are devoted to the assessment of effects on specific aspects of the environment are referred to in this document as the Technical Chapters. Each of the Technical Chapters (Chapters 7-18 (**Documents 5.7 to 5.18**)) is typically structured under the following headings:

- Introduction
- Legislation and Planning Policy
- Scope of Assessment and Consultation
- Methodology
- Basis of Assessment
- Study Area
- Baseline Conditions
- Potential Effects
- Mitigation and Residual Effects
- Cumulative Effects
- Summary

3.5 FIGURES AND APPENDICES

3.5.1 Figures and appendices relevant to each of the ES chapters are contained within Volume 5. They are named according to their chapter number as follows:

- Figures: Chapter number then 1,2,3 etc e.g. Figure 1.1. Each figure also has its own document number which is the document number of the chapter followed by 1 then followed by the figure number e.g. Figure 1.1 would be Document number 5.1.1.1
- Appendices: Chapter number then 1,2,3 etc. e.g. Appendix 1.1. Each appendix also has its own document number which is the document number of the chapter followed by 2 then followed by the appendix number e.g. Appendix 1.1 would be Document 5.1.2.1.

3.6 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

3.6.1 The ES suite of documents includes a number of supporting documents (contained within Volume 5 and Volume 7) as well as figures and appendices to the ES chapters. Table 1.3 sets out the other supporting documents that are referred to and should be read in conjunction with the ES.

Table 1.3: ES Supporting Documentation	
Volume	Document Name
Document 5.23	Habitat Regulations Assessment Report
Document 5.24	Statement of Statutory Nuisance
Document 5.25	Electric and Magnetic Fields Report
Document 5.26	Welsh Language Impact Assessment
Document 5.27	Wellbeing Report
Document 5.28	Schedule of Mitigation
Document 5.29	Photomontages
Document 5.30	Arboriculture Impact Assessment
Document 7.4	Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)
Document 7.5	Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (OCTMP)
Document 7.6	Public Right of Way Management Plan
Document 7.7	Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy
Document 7.8	Archaeological Strategy
Document 7.9	Noise and Vibration Management Plan
Document 7.10	Outline Soil Management Plan (OSMP)
Document 7.11	Outline Waste Management Plan (OWMP)
Document 7.12	Outline Materials Management Plan (OMMP)

Table 1.3: ES Supporting Documentation	
Volume	Document Name
Document 7.13	Enhancement Strategy

3.7 TRANSBOUNDARY EFFECTS

- 3.7.1 It is confirmed that the assessment work undertaken has not identified any potential for significant impacts on any other European Economic Area (EEA) State.

4 References

Ref 1.1: The Planning Act 2008. Available at:

http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/ukpga_20080029_en.pdf

Ref 1.2: The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. Available at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2009/2263/contents/made>

Ref 1.3: The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009)

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2009/2264/contents/made>

Ref 1.4: The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Available at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/572/contents/made>

Ref 3.5: Electricity Act 1989. Available at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/29/contents>

Ref 1.6: Climate Change Act 2008. Available at:

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Ref 1.9: North Wales Connection Project Scoping Report. Available at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020015/EN020015-000093-Scoping%20Report%20and%20Appendices.pdf>

Ref 1.10: North Wales Connection Project Scoping Opinion. Available at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020015/EN020015-000071-Scoping%20Opinion>

Ref 1.11: North Wales Connection Project Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). Available at:

<http://northwalesconnection.com/current-documents-and-maps.aspx>