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Ken Guest  
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Your Ref:

By email

Our Ref: EN020017

Date: 11 February 2016

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Dear Mr Guest

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 55 and Article 10(1)(b) of the Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure EU 347/2013 (the TEN-E Regulation)**

**Application by National Grid for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Richborough Connection Project**

**Notification of decision to accept an application for examination for an order granting development consent**

I refer to the above application for an order granting development consent made under section 37(2) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended), and received by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State on 14 January 2016.

The Secretary of State has decided to accept this application for examination. In reaching this decision, the Secretary of State has:

- in respect of section 55(3)(e) had regard to the matters set out in section 55(4), and concluded that the applicant has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 of PA2008;
- in respect of section 55(3)(f), had regard to the extent to which those matters set out in section 55(5A) have either been complied with or followed, and concluded that the application (including accompaniments) is of a satisfactory standard; and
- in respect of TEN-E Regulation EU347/2013 had regard to the application's compliance with this Regulation and the Manual of Procedures.

Please be aware of your duties under:

- sections 56, 58 and 59 of PA2008;
- Regulations 8, 9 and 10 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended); and

- Regulation 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009.

In accordance with Article 10(1)(b) of the TEN-E Regulation the date of this letter is the date of acceptance of the submitted application file.

Yours sincerely

*Simone Wilding*

**Simone Wilding**  
**Head of NI Case Management for and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government**

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

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