

PLANNING APPLICATIONS TEAM

Our Ref: Richborough Connection Project
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Ms Frances Fernandes
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Dear Ms Fernandes,

Application by National Grid for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Richborough Connection Project: Deadline 2 - Written Representations

In addition to the Local Impact Report submitted on behalf of Kent County Council, Thanet District Council, Dover District Council and Canterbury City Council; the responses to the Examining Authority's first round of written questions and the Statement of Common Ground between National Grid and the local authorities, Thanet District Council would also like to make a written representation.

Noise

Matters relating to noise caused by the works to be undertaken in both the removal and implementation of new pylons are still considered to be an outstanding matter which is not agreed between National Grid and the local authorities. The core working hours proposed are not agreed and our response to this issue in full is contained within the response to the first round of questions Q1.5.37 in relation to Requirement 7 of the draft Development Consent Order.

A solution has been proposed to increase the distance to 500m for the restricted working hours. Table 1.3 of the Noise and Vibration Management Plan has a maximum distance currently of 34 metres, which does not seem sufficient in protecting residents from harm created by noise. It is felt that there are additional sensitive receptors within close proximity to the lines which will be impacted by the works to be undertaken, particularly some properties in Sarre, Monkton and Minster. This would only affect a small proportion of the total length of the lines for National Grid and the restricted working hours will still allow for a significant amount of work to be undertaken, whilst protecting local residents. I would urge that at the accompanied site inspections that these issues are taken into consideration.

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No objections are raised by Thanet District Council to the development , subject to the appropriate mitigation measures as detailed within the submission. Thanet District Council will continue to enter into discussions with National Grid and the other local authorities regarding the outstanding matters within the Statement of Common Ground.

Yours sincerely



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