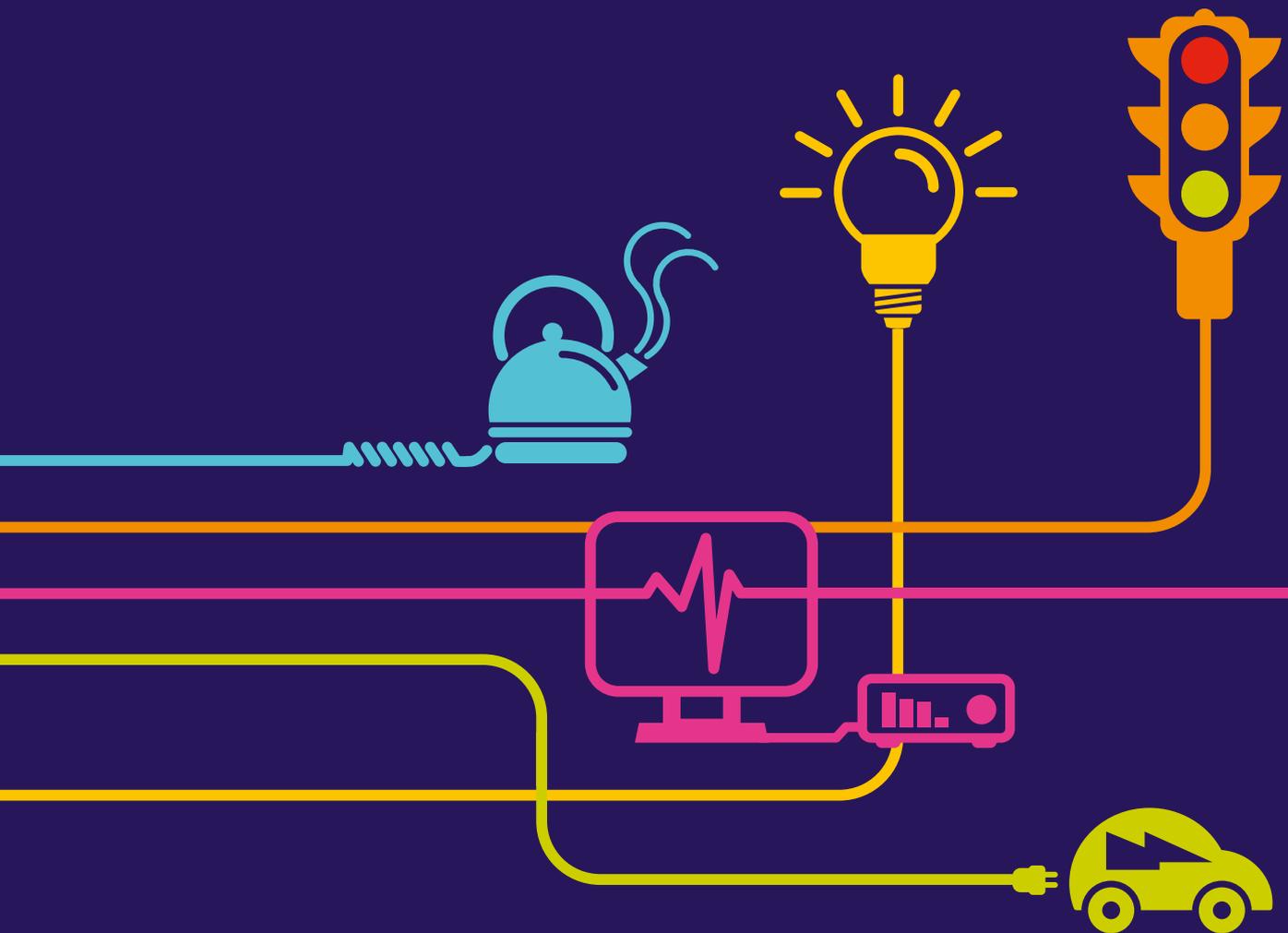


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National Grid (Richborough Connection Project) Order



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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this Document

1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is between National Grid Electricity Transmission Ltd (“National Grid”) and Historic England relating to the Development Consent Order (“DCO”) application for the Richborough Connection Project. It has been prepared in accordance with the guidance¹ published by the Department of Communities and Local Government.

1.1.2 This SoCG has been prepared to identify matters agreed and matters currently outstanding between National Grid and Historic England. The SoCG will evolve as the DCO application progresses to submission and through examination.

1.2 Approach to the SoCG

1.2.1 This SoCG is structured as follows:

- Section 1 provides an introduction to this SoCG and a description of its purpose.
- Section 2 states the role of Historic England in the DCO application process and details consultation undertaken between National Grid and Historic England.
- Section 3 sets out matters agreed between National Grid and Historic England.
- Section 4 sets out matters where agreement is currently outstanding between National Grid and Historic England.
- Appendix A includes the signing off sheet.

¹ Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent. Available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418015/examinations_guidance_final_for_publication.pdf

2 CONSULTATION

2.1 Role of Historic England in the DCO process

2.1.1 Historic England is a statutory consultee in the DCO process and perform the functions of the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission set out in the National Heritage Act 1983. In the context of the proposed development, Historic England's statutory responsibilities relate primarily to:

- Applications for development which affects a Grade I or II* listed building or its setting, a Grade I or II* registered park or garden, a scheduled monument or a registered battlefield;
- Development which affects the character or appearance of a conservation area and which involves the erection of a new building or the extension of an existing building where the area of land in respect of which the application is made is more than 1,000 square metres; and
- Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.

2.1.2 While Historic England's responsibilities relate primarily to designated heritage assets of the highest significance, it produces best-practice guidance which is applicable to many aspects of historic environment practice, and retains a wider advisory role, particularly in terms of process and methodology.

2.2 Summary of consultation

2.2.1 Consultation carried out by National Grid and the way in which it has informed the DCO application is set out in full in the Consultation Report (**Volume 6, Document 6.1**) submitted with the DCO application. Historic England were included in the pre-application consultation carried out by National Grid.

2.2.2 National Grid and Historic England continue to be in direct communication in respect of the DCO application and issues pertinent to Historic England interests.

2.2.3 This SoCG between National Grid and Historic England is based on an extensive programme of consultation and discussions as summarised in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1 Consultation between National Grid and Historic England

Date	Details
12 August 2013	Formal Historic England response to Route Corridor Study.
8 April 2014	Meeting to discuss process and preliminary findings of conclusions of Connections Options Appraisal and Reporting.
9 March 2015	Telephone conversation to discuss Historic England response to the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and identify whether further meetings were required.
20 March 2015	Formal Historic England response to PEIR.
27 March 2015	National Grid response to Historic England confirming that viewpoint photography was under way and to propose a meeting.
15 September 2015	Meeting to discuss process and preliminary findings of Environmental Statement.

Date	Details
31 March 2016	Meeting to discuss process and findings of submitted Environmental Statement.
1 April 2016	Historic England Relevant Representation to PINS

3 MATTERS AGREED

3.1 Summary of current position

- 3.1.1 Historic England agree with the project description for the proposed development as set out in the Environment Statement (ES) (**Volume 5, Document 5.2, Chapter 3**) and this is not discussed further.
- 3.1.2 Historic England has no objection to the principle of the proposed development.
- 3.1.3 National Grid and Historic England have worked together to ensure inclusion in the DCO application of a number of provisions requested by Historic England through consultation on the iterative design process.

3.2 Historic England principal matters agreed

- 3.2.1 Historic England agrees with the following principal matters relating to the DCO application:
- EIA Approach and Method – that the methodology used in **Volume 5, Document 5.2, Chapter 8** (Historic Environment) of the ES for the prediction and assessment of effects on heritage assets is appropriate and follows appropriate guidance issued by Historic England².
 - Alternatives considered and the Route Corridor Study – that the route corridor identified by the Route Corridor Study was the most appropriate in its consideration of the potential effects of the proposed development on the historic environment, particularly in terms of the numbers of heritage assets which might potentially be affected.
 - Connections Options Report – that the route alignment identified in the Connections Options Report is appropriate in its consideration of the potential effects of the proposed development on the historic environment.
 - The Pylon Technology Options Report – that the selection of pylon technology in each section of the route is appropriate in its consideration of the potential effects of the proposed development on the historic environment.
 - That the scope of assessment presented within **Volume 5, Document 5.2** is appropriate.
 - That Historic England are willing to defer to the advice provided by the Kent County Council Historic Environment Team in respect of direct effects on non-designated archaeological heritage assets.
 - That Historic England are willing to defer to the advice provided by the Local Authority Conservation Officers in respect of indirect effects on Grade II listed buildings and conservation areas.
 - Baseline descriptions within **Volume 5, Document 5.2, Chapter 8** are appropriate.

² English Heritage 2014 GPA 2: Managing Significance in Decision-Taking in the Historic Environment and English Heritage 2014 GPA 3 The Setting of Heritage Assets

- That the Planning Policy context for the DCO application, namely EN-1 and EN-5 is appropriate.
- That the chosen Pylon design and colour is appropriate.
- That the selection of the final 400kV Overhead Line Alignment is appropriate in its response to the presence of heritage assets within and in the vicinity of the Order Limits.

3.3 Historic England specific matters agreed

- 3.3.1 Matters of agreement with Historic England relate primarily to the assessment of adverse effects on designated heritage assets, particularly those within Historic England's statutory remit to comment on development potentially affecting Grade I and Grade II* listed buildings, scheduled monuments, registered parks and gardens, designated battlefields and World Heritage Sites.
- 3.3.2 Historic England also act to provide best-practice advice in respect of technical issues, and as a result, matters of agreement also focus on the assessment of adverse effects on conservation areas and Grade II listed buildings, which would normally be more relevant to the relevant Local Authority Conservation Officer. Historic England's comments in this respect relate primarily to the methodology and the broad conclusions. The relevant Local Authority Conservation Officers have been consulted and a separate SoCG has been produced.
- 3.3.3 The specific matters discussed below have been identified through formal consultation on the iterative design process and consultation meetings as set out at Section 2.2.

Table 3.1 Specific Matters Agreed between National Grid and Historic England

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed Position	Date Agreed
3.1 Canterbury World Heritage Site			
3.1.1	Change to the setting of Canterbury World Heritage Site and Dane John Gardens (Grade II).	Historic England agree that there would be negligible change in the settings of these assets and that no harm would be caused to their significance.	15 September 2015
3.1.2	Change to the settings of other designated heritage assets within the World Heritage site.	Historic England agree that there would be no change in the settings of these assets and that no harm would be caused to their significance.	20 March 2015
3.2 Sturry conservation area			
3.2.1	Change to Sturry conservation area.	Historic England agree that there would be a discernible adverse change of low magnitude. While appropriate use of design has been used to minimise change, by keeping pylon PC3 within a peripheral area of the conservation area, minor harm would occur to the significance of the asset.	15 September 2015
3.2.2	Change to the settings of listed buildings within the Sturry conservation area (Grade I and II).	Historic England agree that there would be negligible change in the settings of these assets and that no harm would be caused to their significance.	20 March 2015
3.3 Tile Lodge, Hoath and Rushbourne conservation area			
3.3.2	Change to the setting of Tile Lodge, Hoath and Rushbourne conservation area.	Historic England agree that there would be a low magnitude of change to the Tile Lodge, Hoath and Rushbourne conservation area. Design in this area is constrained, but has aimed to minimise the perceptual presence of pylons in the Sarre Penn Valley through selection of pylon technology and location within the valley. Minor harm would occur to the significance of the asset.	15 September 2015

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed Position	Date Agreed
3.3.2	Setting of Tile Lodge Farmhouse (Grade II).	Historic England agree that there would be a discernible adverse change of medium magnitude to the setting of Tile Lodge Farmhouse. Alternative design options and layouts for pylons PC14-18 had been considered to identify the least intrusive layout and design. Mitigation planting to strengthen the hedgerow to the south of Tile Lodge Farmhouse would further reduce the magnitude of change, but the effect would remain significant. Harm, which would be less than substantial, would be caused to the significance of the asset.	31 March 2016
3.3.3	Setting of Oast House and Barn at Tile Lodge (Grade II).	Historic England agree that there would be a low magnitude of adverse change on the setting of Oast House and Barn at Tile Lodge. Design in this area is constrained, but aimed to minimise the perceptual presence of pylons in the Sarre Penn Valley through selection of pylon technology and location within the valley. Minor harm would occur to the significance of the asset.	15 September 2015
3.3.4	Settings of other designated heritage assets in the Tile Lodge, Hoath and Rushbourne conservation area (Grade II).	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change to other designated heritage assets in Tile Lodge, Hoath and Rushbourne conservation area which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	20 March 2015
3.4 Chislet Park			
3.4.3	Change to the setting of Chislet Park (Grade II).	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change to the setting of Chislet Park which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	20 March 2015
3.5 Hollow Street and Chislet Forstal and Chislet and Chitty and conservation areas			
3.5.1	Hollow Street and Chislet Forstal conservation area.	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change to Hollow Street and Chislet Forstal conservation area which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	15 September 2015

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed Position	Date Agreed
3.5.2	Listed buildings within the Hollow Street and Chislet Forstal conservation area (Grade II).	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change to the Listed buildings within the Hollow Street and Chislet Forstal conservation area which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	20 March 2015
3.5.3	Chislet and Chitty conservation area.	Historic England agree that there would be a low magnitude of adverse change to the Chislet and Chitty conservation area. Design in this area is constrained, but aimed to minimise the perceptual presence of pylons in the Sarre Penn valley through selection of pylon technology and location within the valley. Minor harm would occur to the significance of the asset.	15 September 2015
3.5.4	Listed buildings within the Chislet and Chitty conservation area (Grade I and II).	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	15 September 2015
3.6 Wall End Farm			
3.6.1	Setting of Wall End Farm.	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change to the setting of Wall End Farm which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	20 March 2015
3.6 Sarre conservation area			
3.6.1	Setting of sarre conservation area.	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change to the setting of Sarre conservation area which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	15 September 2015
3.6.2	Setting of Listed buildings within Sarre Conservation Area (Grade II).	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change on the setting of Listed buildings within Sarre Conservation Area which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	20 March 2015

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed Position	Date Agreed
3.6.3	Setting of Tollgate Cottage and Sarre Mill (Grade II).	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change on the setting of Tollgate Cottage and Sarre Mill which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	15 September 2015
3.7 Sarre Anglo-Saxon Cemetery			
3.7.1	Setting of Sarre Anglo-Saxon Cemetery.	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change to the setting of Sarre Anglo-Saxon Cemetery which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	15 September 2015
3.8 Listed Buildings at Gore Street			
3.8.1	Setting of Listed buildings at Gore Street (Grade II and II*).	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change to Listed buildings at Gore Street which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	15 September 2015
3.9 Monkton			
3.9.1	Setting of Monkton conservation area.	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change to the setting of Monkton conservation area which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	15 September 2015
3.9.2	Setting of Monkton Court (Grade II).	Historic England agree that there would be a low magnitude of adverse change to the setting of Monkton Court. Design in this area is constrained due to the need to cross the existing PY overhead line. Minor harm would occur to the significance of the asset.	15 September 2015
3.9.3	Setting of other Listed buildings in the Monkton conservation area (Grade I and II).	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change on the setting of other Listed buildings in the Monkton Conservation Area which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	20 March 2015

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed Position	Date Agreed
3.9.4	Setting of Parsonage Oasts, Monkton (Grade II)	Historic England agree that there would be a low magnitude of adverse change to the setting of Monkton Court. Minor harm would occur to the significance of the asset.	15 September 2015
3.10 Minster Conservation Area			
3.10.2	Setting of Minster Conservation Area.	Historic England agree that there would be no discernible change on the setting of Minster Conservation Area.	15 September 2015
3.10.2	Setting of the Church of St Mary (Grade I).	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change on the setting of the Church of St Mary which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	15 September 2015
3.10.3	Setting of other designated heritage assets within the Minster Conservation Area (scheduled monument, Grade II listed buildings).	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change on the setting of other designated heritage assets within the Minster Conservation Area which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	20 March 2015
3.11 Richborough Castle			
3.11.1	Setting of Richborough Castle scheduled monument.	Historic England agree that there would be a negligible magnitude of adverse change on the setting of Richborough Castle scheduled monument which would not give rise to any harm to significance.	15 September 2015
3.11 Richborough Castle Farmhouse			
3.11.1	Setting of Castle Farm, Richborough (Grade II).	Historic England agree that change to the setting of Castle Farm, Richborough arising from the use of Whitehouse Drove as a construction access would be of a negligible magnitude and would not give rise to harm to significance.	31 March 2015
3.12 Settings of other designated heritage assets within 5km of the route centreline			
3.12.1	Settings of Listed buildings within 5km of the route centreline not discussed above.	Historic England agree that no harm would arise to Listed buildings other than those identified in SoCG ID 3.1 – 3.12.	20 March 2015

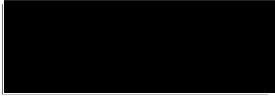
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3.12.2	Settings of scheduled monuments within 5km of the route centreline not discussed above.	Historic England agree that no harm would arise to scheduled monuments other than those identified in SoCG ID 3.1 – 3.12.	20 March 2015
3.12.3	Settings of registered parks and gardens within 5km of the route centreline not discussed above.	Historic England agree that no harm would arise to registered parks and gardens other than those identified in SoCG ID 3.1 – 3.12.	20 March 2015
3.12.4	Settings of conservation areas within 5km of the route centreline not discussed above.	Historic England agree that no harm would arise to conservation areas other than those identified in SoCG ID 3.1 – 3.12.	20 March 2015
3.12.5	Settings of other designated heritage asset classes.	Historic England agree that no such assets are present within 5km of the route centreline and no harm would arise to such assets.	20 March 2015

4 MATTERS CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING

4.1 Historic England matters currently outstanding

4.1.1 There are no Historic England matters currently outstanding.

APPENDIX A – SIGNING SHEET

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