

**Richborough Connection Project
Construction Effects including Effects on Agricultural
Practices
Issue Specific Hearing**

Thursday 29 September 2016

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, Clagett Auditorium, The Precincts,
Canterbury, Kent. CT1 2EH

9.30am for 10.00am start

Purpose of the issue specific hearing

To consider the construction effects of the application, including effects on agricultural practices.

Invited attendees:

All Interested Parties are invited to attend the hearing. The following parties are invited to attend because the Examining Authority (ExA) considers that the material they have submitted raises issues that the ExA may wish to explore at the hearing:

National Grid, the Applicant
Canterbury City Council
Dover District Council
Kent County Council Highways
Thanet District Council
National Farmers Union
Richborough Land Agents

Agenda

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing**
- 2. Noise and vibration**
 - 2.1. To consider matters outstanding in the SoCG relating to Noise and Vibration including hours of work; to the implications of adopting similar restrictions to those proposed for the HS2 rail development as suggested in responses to Q2.8.1.

- 2.2. To hear from the Councils as to the adequacy of the Noise and Vibration Management Plan (NVMP) [REP2-044] and suggestions for possible improvements.
- 2.3. To hear from the Applicant about the use of random monthly noise surveys as detailed in the NVMP [REP2-044 para 1.10.6] and the nature of the bi-weekly reports referred to in paragraph 1.10.7; to hear from the Councils with reference to their reasoning for requiring the inclusion of ad hoc noise monitoring in addition to the provisions included in the NVMP.
- 2.4. To understand the Applicant's reasoning for proposing to use oversize conductors to minimise the impact of operational noise as noted in the response to Q2.8.6.

3. Access routes

- 3.1. To hear from Kent County Council about the adequacy of the Transport Assessment and whether time restrictions on the use of particular junctions have or should have been considered.
- 3.2. To hear from the Applicant about the proposed use of private access roads.
- 3.3. To hear from the Applicant and the Councils about signage proposals for PRoW closures, as mentioned in responses to Q2.10.3.

4. Effects on farming operations

- 4.1. To hear from the Applicant and Interested Parties what progress has been made in resolving the issues identified in Written Representations and elsewhere with regard to the impacts of the proposed development on farming operations.
- 4.2. To explore further the impacts on farming operations of the proposed 'diamond crossover' of the PY and PC lines south of Monkton and in particular the Applicant's response to Q2.7.33 setting out its reasons for the current design.

5. Location of pylons

- 5.1. To hear from the Applicant about the available flexibility in the detailed positioning of pylons and the effect of limits of deviation, procedures for micro-siting and the role of consultation and optimisation.

- 5.2. To understand further the views of Interested Parties on the role of the 'agricultural liaison officer'.

6. Field Drainage

- 6.1. To hear the views of Interested Parties on the contents of proposed Drainage Management Plan and need for additional elements.
- 6.2. To hear from the Applicant what measures will be taken to identify existing field drainage and to maintain or reinstate drainage during the construction and removal of access tracks.
- 6.3. To hear from the Applicant how detailed drainage designs for individual pylon locations will be prepared and the steps to be taken to ensure that the particular concerns of individual Persons with an Interest in Land (PILs) are addressed.

7. Soils

- 7.1. To hear from the Applicant about the provision of Soil and Aftercare Management Plan and the means of securing inputs to the plan from PILs.

8. Haul roads

Construction

- 8.1. To hear from the Applicant about the way in which construction details and construction programmes will be developed; to hear concerns and suggestions from PILs in this regard.

Access

- 8.2. To hear from the Applicant about the use of haul roads for agricultural access, use of existing farm accesses, access to severed land and crossing points; to hear concerns and suggestions from PILs about these issues.

Drainage

- 8.3. To hear from the Applicant about the treatment of surface run-off and mitigation drainage work; to hear concerns and suggestions from PILs about these issues.

9. Action points arising from the hearing

10. Any other business