

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Yorkshire GREEN Project (Case Reference: EN020024)

Examining Authority's note of Unaccompanied Site Inspection 1 (USI1) undertaken on 7 and 8 February 2023

The Examining Authority (ExA) undertook its first Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI1) on 7 and 8 February 2023 to support its preparation for the forthcoming examination of the application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for the proposed Yorkshire GREEN project. The inspections were undertaken by car and on foot on public roads and footpaths. All members of the ExA (Jessica Powis, John Anderson and Annie Coombs) were present.

A route was planned having regard to issues raised in relevant representations to date and matters arising from the application documents, enabling the ExA to obtain views of the proposed route for the modifications to existing overhead lines (OHL), routeing of proposed new OHLs, locations of existing and proposed substations and proposed sealing end compounds (CSEC), and of the surrounding area.

Regard was also given to the viewpoints (VP) contained in the Environmental Statement (ES). The reference number in format VP** has been provided for the VPs contained in the Landscape and Visual chapter of the ES [APP-167] to [APP-181]. NHLE* references relate to heritage assets assessed in the Historic Environment chapter of the ES [APP-044] to [APP-049]. Access points are identified (e.g. AP102 or CRA01) from the submitted Access, Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans [APP-026] to [APP-031]. Inspections were made on foot unless stated otherwise below.

It is anticipated that further USIs will be undertaken by members of the ExA before and/or during its examination of the Application. A summary note will be published following any inspection.

Date and Start Time	ES VP if applicable	Location	Weather
7 February 2023		Osbaldwick Substation.	Dry and clear.
9.00am	-	Viewed from all sides (by car).	Visibility very good.
7 February 2023	VP6	B1363 at western edge of Wigginton.	Light cloud cover.
9.30am			Visibility good.
7 February 2023	VP5	Public footpath near Moorlands Farm from Moor Lane to VP5.	Light cloud cover.
9.45am			Visibility good.
7 February 2023	-	Corban Lane (by car).	Light cloud cover.
10.20am			Visibility good.
7 February 2023 10.25am	VP9	Track to Newlands Farm.	
		Access points AP94 to AP99.	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
		Proposed site for Shipton North and Shipton South CSECs and construction compounds.	

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7 February 2023 11.00am	-	Corban Lane/ Shipton Lane. Corban Lane to Shipton-by- Beningbrough (by car).	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 11.00am	-	Woodstock Lodge wedding venue, Corban Lane (viewed from the public highway).	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 11.10am	-	Footpath from East Lane towards Woodstock Lodge.	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 11.35am	VP10	Public footpath, Shipton Moor.	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 11.50am	VP17	National Cycle Route 65, Shipton Low Road.	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 12.00pm	VP16	Public footpath near eastern edge of Shipton-by-Beningbrough along section of Jorvic Way, long distance footpath.	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 1.10pm	-	A19 north from Stripe Lane, New Farm Cottages, location of Work No. U4 undergrounding (by car) to VP15.	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 1.15pm	VP15	Proposed Overton Substation site and construction compounds. Overton Road. Access points AP88 to AP90. National Cycle Route 65/ Way of the Roses long distance footpath. Cycle diversion access points CRA01 and CRA02 [APP-027].	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 1.50pm	VP7	A19 at southern edge of Shipton-by-Beningbrough.	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 2.10pm	VP14	National Cycle Route 65, Overton Road near Overton Grange and Nos. 1 and 2 Glenroyd Cottages (by car).	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 2.20pm	VP3	Public footpath at northwestern edge of Overton.	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 2.25pm	-	Stripe Lane (Including Overton Borrow Pits SINC, viewed from adjacent highway)	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 2.30pm	VP1	National Cycle Route 65/ Way of the Roses long distance footpath, west of Skelton.	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 2.40pm	VP13	A19, western edge of Skelton	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 3.00pm	VP2	Permissive footpath near Millennium Green, Nether Poppleton	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.

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7 February 2023 3.15pm	VP18 to VP4	War memorial/ seating area, Nether Poppleton along public footpath/ bridleway along River Ouse to Red House – section of Jorvic Way and Ainsty Bounds Way long distance footpaths.	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 4.05pm	-	Red House Lane and Church Lane (by car).	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 4.10pm	VP29	Public footpath/ bridleway on eastern edge of Moor Monkton, along part of Jorvic Way long distance footpath.	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
7 February 2023 4.40pm	-	Marston Moor Farm and Marston House (viewed from road).	Light cloud cover. Visibility good.
8 February 2023 9.25am	VP20	A659 close to junction with A64. Proposed site for Tadcaster Tee CSECs and construction compound. Access points AP29 to AP32. Milestone NHLE1132446. Location of Work No. U9 undergrounding.	Clear blue sky. Visibility very good.
8 February 2023 10.00am	VP21	Garnet Lane near junction with A659. Access point AP39. Paulinus Way long distance footpath.	Clear blue sky. Visibility very good.
8 February 2023 10.15am	VP19	Garnet Lane near Red Brick Farm. Paulinus Way long distance footpath.	Clear blue sky. Visibility very good.
8 February 2023 10.30am	VP22	Public bridleway on Chantry Lane.	Clear blue sky. Visibility very good.
8 February 2023 10.50am	-	Squires Café and Caravan Park. Disused Quarry Newthorpe deleted SINC (from adjacent highway by car).	Clear blue sky. Visibility very good.
8 February 2023 11.00am	-	Whitecote Lane off B1222 to South Milford (by car), stopped at high point.	Clear blue sky. Visibility very good.
8 February 2023 11.10am	VP24	Public footpath, Old Quarry Lane, Lumby.	Clear blue sky. Visibility very good.
8 February 2023 11.20am	-	Lumby, proposed construction access (AP8), Red Hill Lane PRoW west to junction with track to south.	Clear blue sky. Visibility very good.
8 February 2023 11.30am	-	Butts Lane, (stop at point looking south) and junction with A63 (by car).	Clear blue sky. Visibility very good.
8 February 2023 11.40am	VP25	Junction of Rawfield Lane, Butts Lane and A63.	Clear blue sky. Visibility very good.
8 February 2023 11.50am	VP23 and VP25	Monk Fryston substation site and proposed extension site. Proposed construction compound sites. Circular walk on public footpath between Rawfield Lane and A162 to	Clear blue sky. Visibility very good.

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		VP23, A162 north to A63 passing Monk Fryston Lodge (NHLE 1167647 and 1316268). Westwards along A63 to VP25, returning on Rawfield Lane.	
8 February 2023 1.40pm	VP26	Rawfield Lane, western edge of Fairford, near Bay Horse Farm.	Clear blue sky. Visibility very good.
8 February 2023 1.55pm	VP27	Public bridleway near A1246.	Clear blue sky. Visibility very good.
8 February 2023 2.30pm	-	A63 between A1(M) and Monk Fryston and back. Observed entrance to Pollums House Farm, site of proposed Lumby Quarry north of A63 and Travellers' site south of the A63 (by car).	Clear blue sky. Visibility very good.

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