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Application Ref: EN020024

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (National Grid) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Yorkshire Green Project (the Project)

Applicant's Response to Procedural Deadline A and the Rule 6 Letter of 22 February 2023

This letter is National Grid's (the **Applicant's**) response to the Examining Authority's (**ExA**) Rule 6 letter setting out the proposed process for examining the application for development consent for the Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement Project (the **Application**).

It provides the Applicant's response to **Procedural Deadline A** and addresses a number of matters raised in the ExA's notice of the Preliminary Meeting (the **Rule 6 Letter**), to be discussed further at the Preliminary Meeting if necessary. This letter also provides a brief update by the Applicant on the progress of the Application since submission.

Procedural Deadline A

- 1.1 In relation to matters requested in respect of Procedural Deadline A, the Applicant will attend in person at, and participate, in the Preliminary Meeting and the Open Floor Hearing being held on 22 March 2023 as well as the Issue Specific Hearing being held on 23 March 2023. The Applicant will be represented by Mr Richard Turney of Landmark Chambers and a list of proposed attendees on behalf of the Applicant is enclosed at Schedule 1.
- 1.2 The Applicant anticipates it will address the ExA at the Preliminary Meeting on agenda items 3 to 7 on the matters identified further below. The Applicant's comments on agenda item 4 (Timetable for the Examination) and agenda item 5 (Attendance at Hearings and the use of virtual methods) should be taken as the Applicant's written submissions on the Examination procedure as requested by Procedural Deadline A.
- 1.3 In accordance with Procedural Deadline A, the Applicant has also proposed locations for site inspections at Schedule 2 to this letter, and explained the reason for the nomination of the location. Where access to private land would be required for the specified location, this has been identified in Schedule 2.

Principal issues (Preliminary Meeting Agenda Item 3)

2.1 The Applicant has no comments on the ExA's initial assessment of principal issues and notes the ExA's comment that whilst matters relating to climate change and human rights and equalities duties are not listed as principal issues they will be subject to continuous test throughout the Examination.

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2.2 In order to facilitate the ExA's consideration of the principal issues as currently identified, the Applicant includes at Schedule 3 the principal issues and where they are primarily dealt with in the Environmental Statement, Application documents, or otherwise.

Timetable for Examination (Preliminary Meeting Agenda Item 4)

3.1 The Applicant has the following comments on the ExA's proposed examination timetable:

3.1.1 Deadline 2, Monday 24 April 2023

Deadline 2, on Monday 24 April 2023, falls 11 working days after Deadline 1 on Wednesday 05 April 2023. Whilst the length of time between deadlines is not an issue in itself, the Applicant would highlight that the Easter weekend falls shortly after Deadline 1 and it is likely that many Interested Parties will be taking annual leave around this period. The Applicant would therefore request that all submissions made to Deadline 1 are published on the National Infrastructure Planning webpage in advance of the Good Friday bank holiday (Friday 07 April 2023), to ensure sufficient time for the Applicant and all Interested Parties to review and respond in detail to these submissions. The Applicant would also request that the ExA's First Written Questions are published as soon as possible following the Preliminary Meeting on Wednesday 22 March 2023, to allow the Applicant and Interested Parties sufficient time to comprehensively answer these questions for submission at Deadline 2.

3.1.2 Deadline 3, Tuesday 9 May 2023

Deadline 3, on Tuesday 9 May 2023, falls eight working days after Deadline 2 on Monday 24 April 2023. Whilst the length of time between deadlines is not an issue in itself, the Applicant would highlight that both the May Day bank holiday and Coronation bank holiday fall between these deadlines and it is likely that many Interested Parties will be taking annual leave around this period, particularly given the national significance of the Coronation of King Charles III. The Applicant would therefore suggest that Deadline 3 is changed to a later day that week, and possibly as late as Friday 12 May 2023 to ensure all Interested Parties have the ability to make detailed representations at this deadline. This would result in slightly less time between Deadline 3 and the hearings scheduled for the week commencing Monday 22 May 2023, however this would still allow more time than is currently scheduled between Deadline 5 and the July hearing dates.

3.1.3 Deadline 6, Wednesday 26 July 2023

Deadline 6, on Wednesday 26 July 2023, falls the week after a period reserved for Hearings (week commencing 17 July 2023). Should hearings be required in that week, the Applicant considers this may not allow all parties sufficient time to adequately address any hearing action points as well as submit the other information required at Deadline 6, especially given the previous deadline (Deadline 5) is on Tuesday 11 July 2023. The Applicant therefore suggests that to give appropriate time to all Interested Parties to respond to any action points arising from hearings, Deadline 6 is changed to the week commencing 31 July 2023. This would have no impact on the next deadline (Deadline 7) which is on Wednesday 6 September 2023.

- 3.2 In addition, whilst the Applicant recognises that the ExA will publish the submissions from each deadline and/or written questions as soon as possible, in view of (in some instances) the very short timeframes between deadlines, it will be essential for the Applicant to have sight of these documents swiftly following the timetabled deadline in order to meet the subsequent deadline.
- 3.3 It will also assist all parties' preparation to have full agendas for all hearings as soon as is practicable and in good time prior to a hearing. This will enable the Applicant to best assist the ExA in hearings.



- 3.4 The Applicant would also be grateful if the ExA is able to provide an early indication of the precise nature of any additional Issue Specific Hearings (**ISHs**) in order for the Applicant, and other stakeholders, to secure the availability of appropriate experts for the respective hearings.
- 3.5 Finally, the Applicant notes that the ExA has scheduled a full six month examination timetable within the Rule 6 Letter, with the completion of the Examination anticipated to occur on Friday 22 September 2023. However, in light of the number and content of relevant representations, the Applicant considers it may be possible for this Examination to be concluded in a shorter period than the statutory maximum of six months. The Applicant notes the publication by the ExA of the Report on the Implications for European Sites is currently scheduled for Wednesday 16 August 2023. However, if it was possible to bring this forward to an earlier date in the examination timetable, that may enable an earlier close of the Examination if all matters have been resolved satisfactorily by that point in time. The Applicant would be grateful if this matter could be given further consideration by the ExA.

Attendance at Hearings and the use of virtual methods (Preliminary Meeting Agenda Item 5)

- 4.1 The Applicant will attend all hearings listed at Annex D of the Rule 6 letter and, following receipt of the agendas, the Applicant will produce a list of proposed speakers and present this to the ExA in advance of the relevant hearing.
- 4.2 The Applicant notes that the ExA, within the Rule 6 Letter, anticipates that hearings for this Examination will be blended, meaning that participation can be both in-person and virtual. The Applicant has no objection to the use of blended or virtual events in principle. However, the Applicant considers that it may assist the efficient and effective running of this Examination if the hearings held in May 2023 are blended or in-person events, with the July hearings (in the event that the July hearings are required at all) being held virtually.

Open Floor Hearing 1 and Issue Specific Hearing 1 (Preliminary Meeting Agenda Item 5)

- 5.1 Whilst it is noted that the agenda item for the Open Floor Hearings allows time for responses from the Applicant, it is anticipated that the ExA will wish to make the fullest use of the Open Floor Hearings to hear from members of the public. Accordingly, the Applicant is not anticipating to respond in detail to submissions made at the Open Floor Hearings nor provide any detailed statement at the Open Floor Hearings.
- The Applicant proposes instead to provide written responses to the representations made at the Open Floor Hearings. The Applicant otherwise intends to restrict its oral contributions to points of clarification, as and when those would assist the ExA.
- 5.3 The Applicant would be grateful if the ExA is able to provide an indication of the expected level of participation by the Applicant at Open Floor Hearings given the Applicant's comments above.

Accompanied Site Visits (ASI) (Preliminary Meeting Agenda Item 5)

- 6.1 The Applicant's suggested locations for the ASI are to be found at Schedule 2, along with the reason for nomination of the location and identification of which locations require access to private land.
- 6.2 The Applicant will also prepare a draft itinerary for the ASI as requested by the ExA to be submitted at Deadline 1.

Additional Submissions (Preliminary Meeting Agenda Item 6)

7.1 The Applicant notes and will provide the additional submissions requested by the ExA at Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter by the deadlines specified. In relation to the additional photomontages requested, the Applicant has prepared plans illustrating the intended viewpoints from which the photomontages will be prepared. The plans are included at Schedule 4, and the Applicant would be grateful for the ExA's confirmation at the Preliminary Meeting that the Applicant has interpreted the ExA's request correctly.



7.2 The Applicant also notes the ExA's requests in respect of the submission of the draft Development Consent Order and Book of Reference and will ensure these documents are submitted in the manner requested throughout the Examination at the specified Deadlines.

Statements of Common Ground (Preliminary Meeting Agenda Item 6)

- 8.1 Since acceptance of the Application, National Grid has been working towards producing a number of Statements of Common Ground (**SoCG**) with statutory and non-statutory consultees in relation to the Project. An update in respect of the SoCGs that have been produced or requested via the Rule 6 Letter is provided at Schedule 5 of this response.
- 8.2 Whilst the Applicant will endeavour to meet the ExA's requests for additional SoCGs if required, the Applicant considers (for the reasons as set out within the Planning Statement for the Project (Document 7.1) [APP-202] and Schedule 5 of this letter) that SoCGs should not be required for all of those listed at Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter. Schedule 5 also identifies the additional parties with whom a SoCG has been requested by the ExA and the Applicant's response to this. Where a SoCG is not considered necessary at this stage, the reason why has been given. It is hoped that this issue can be explored further if required at the Preliminary Meeting.
- 8.3 The Applicant will endeavour to meet the deadlines imposed in relation to submissions of the SoCGs. However, the ability to do so will also depend on active engagement from the relevant bodies with whom the SoCGs are sought. National Grid will also submit a Statement of Commonality as noted in the Planning Statement for the Project (Document 7.1) [APP-202] and requested in Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter.

Landowner and Statutory Undertaker negotiations (Preliminary Meeting Agenda Item 6)

- 9.1 Following submission of the Application, the Applicant has continued to actively liaise with landowners affected by the Project in an attempt to reach voluntary agreements with them. The Applicant will provide updates on voluntary agreements reached with landowners in accordance with the deadlines specified in the Examination timetable.
- 9.2 The Applicant is also continuing to liaise with affected statutory undertakers. It is anticipated that Protective Agreements or Protective Provisions for the statutory undertakers will be agreed during the course of the Examination.
- 9.3 The Applicant has noted the request for a tracking list of commercial side agreements to be submitted to the ExA by Deadline 1 and is progressing this list.

Other Matters (Preliminary Meeting Agenda Item 7)

- 10.1 It has come to the Applicant's attention that there is an omission in the Landscape and Visual Assessment (Document 5.2.6) [APP-078] in that the travellers' encampment located at Monk Fryston (Section F) has not been included as a sensitive receptor for the visual assessment. Whilst the travellers' encampment currently occupies the site without the benefit of planning permission, the Applicant has otherwise included the travellers' encampment as a sensitive receptor for the purposes of a precautionary and worst case assessment in relation to noise, air quality and health impacts (Document 5.2.14 [APP-086], Document 5.2.13 [APP-085], Document 5.2.15 [APP-087] respectively) as contained within the Environmental Statement.
- 10.2 The Applicant is currently undertaking an assessment of the visual impact on the travellers' encampment located at Monk Fryston (Section F) and intends to submit to the Examination an Addendum to the Environmental Statement containing this information as soon as possible. In addition, a small number of inconsistencies have been identified in the Landscape and Visual Assessment (Document 5.2.6) [APP-078] and these will also be clarified in the Addendum. Confirmation will be provided in the Addendum as to whether the additional visual assessment in respect of the travellers' encampment alters the overall conclusions of the Landscape and Visual Assessment (Document 5.2.6) [APP-078], although it is considered that the additional visual assessment may give rise to likely significant effects. Given the nature of the omission, the



Applicant proposes to voluntarily advertise the Addendum, in accordance with the usual requirements of the EIA Regulations, as other environmental information.

10.3 To the extent that the Applicant proposes to update any other Application documents as a result of the outcome of the additional visual assessment, this will be identified by the Applicant at the point at which the Addendum is submitted.

We hope this letter assists the ExA in advance of the Preliminary Meeting, and will be happy to answer any queries which the ExA has on the matters raised herein at the Preliminary Meeting.

Yours Sincerely

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List of Applicant's Attendees at Preliminary Meeting, Open Floor Hearing and Issue Specific Hearing, 22 March 2023 and 23 March 2023

No.	Attendee	Organisation
1	Richard Turney	Landmark Chambers
2	Victoria Redman	Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP (WBD)
3	Elizabeth Tones	WBD
4	Emer McDonnell	National Grid
5	Steve Fowler	National Grid
6	Bethany Kington	National Grid
7	Thomas Aylott	National Grid
8	Rachel Dimmick (OFH and ISH only)	WSP
9	Neil Furber (ISH only)	HCUK Group
10	Andy Wakefield (ISH only)	Aecom



SCHEDULE 2 Applicant's Suggestions for Accompanied Site Visit(s)

Area	Locations	Reason for Nomination
Section B - Shipton Tee connection point, north east of Shipton by Beningbrough	Shipton North and South Cable Sealing End Compound, YR040 and YN001 – (Viewpoint 9)	Work No. 2 – To visit the two new cable sealing end compounds, and connection point to the YR existing overhead line and look from viewpoint 9.
		Private land access required.
Section B - East of Shipton by Beningbrough	Hall Moor Farm Cottages and public right of way reference 11/8/30	Work No.2 and 3 - To view YN route from Hall Moor Farm cottages, and along public right of way. Views to Shipton Tee and towards new Overton Substation.
		Views from Viewpoint A
		Private land access required.
Section B – East of Shipton by Beningbrough	Woodstock Lodge Wedding Venue	Work No.2 and 3 – To view proposed pylons YN004 and YN005 from the wedding venue.
		Private land access required.
Section B – South of Shipton by Beningbrough, between A19 and East Coast Main Line	Proposed Overton Substation Location	Work No.4 – To view the location for the proposed substation, and views along SP line, and XC line towards Overton Wood.
		Private land access required.
Section B – North West of Overton	Public right of way 10/3/20, pylon XCP008 and XC421	Work No.6 – Walk along public footpath 10/3/20 to view the River Ouse crossing, new section of XC overhead line and dismantling section of XCP overhead line. Stop at view point 4.
		No private land access required.
Section B – East of Moor Monkton	Public right of way 15.95/2/3, XC428T	Work No.6 – Walk along public right of way 15.95/2/3 east of Moor Monkton, to view the section of XCP overhead line to be realigned and dismantled, stopping at Viewpoint 29.
		No private land access required.



Area	Locations	Reason for Nomination
Section C – East of Newton Kyme	Pylon XC472 an public right of way 35.64/17/1	Work No.7 – Walk along public right of way 35.64/17/1 to pylon XC472, looking at bridge crossing area and reconductoring works
		No private land access required.
Section D – Area south west of Tadcaster in proximity to A64	Pylon XC481 and Tadcaster East Cable Sealing End Compound	Work No.8 – To view pylon XC481 and the proposed Tadcaster Cable Sealing End Compound, stopping at viewpoints 20 and 20.
		Private land access required.
Section D – Area south west of Tadcaster in proximity to A64	Tadcaster West Cable Sealing End Compound	Work No.8 – To view the proposed Tadcaster West Cable Sealing End Compound and location proposed for Tadcaster temporary construction compound.
		Private land access required.
Section D – Area south west of Tadcaster in proximity to A64	Pylon XD001T and XD001	Work No8. – To view the overhead line works, including removal of XD001T, new XD001 and connections into the Tadcaster Wester Cable Sealing End Compound. Private land access required.
Section E – South east of Newthorpe	Pylon XC515 and Squires Cafe	Work No.9 – To view the reconductoring works to the XC overhead line in proximity to a railway line and Squires Café. Private land access required.
Section E – West of Lumby	Pylon XC521	Work No.9 and 10 – To view pylon XC521 and views south for the new realigned section of the XC overhead line, and dismantling section. Private land access required.
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Section E – South of Lumby and Butts Lane	Lumby Village and Butts lane	Work No9 – To stop at viewpoint E to view proposed development from Lumby and Butts lane.
		No private land access required.



Area	Locations	Reason for Nomination
Section F – South west of Lumby	XC522 and Travellers' Site	Work No.10 – To view new and existing pylon XC522 and XC522T from the Traveller Site. Private land access required.
Section F – South of Lumby	Junction of A63 and Rawfield Lane	Work No.10 – To stop at viewpoint 25 at the junction of the A63 and Butts lane to see the proposed Monk Fryston substation and realigned section of the XC overhead line.
		No private land access required.
Section F – South of Lumby	Pylon XC523, XC524 and XC525	Work No.10 – To view the existing XC overhead line and re-alignment into the proposed Monk Fryston Substation, also with views back to XC522 and the traveller site. Private land access required.
Section F – South of Lumby	Monk Fryston proposed substation, XC526 and 4YS029	Work No. 10 and 11 – To view the realigned XC overhead line into the proposed Monk Fryston substation, the new substation site and realigned 4YS route. No private land access required.



Initial Response to Assessment of Principal Issues

In order to assist the ExA in considering the principal issues (as set out at Annex C of the Rule 6 Letter) the Applicant has, at the outset, prepared a table to cross-reference where the issue is initially addressed in the Application.

Issue Topic	ExA Comments	Applicant's References
Air Quality and Emissions	the effect of the Proposed Development on air quality, including as a result of dust emissions, during the construction, operation and decommissioning phases; and	Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 13: Air Quality (Document 5.2.13) [APP-085]
	the adequacy and security of identified required management measures in the Code of Construction Practice.	Appendix 3B Code of Construction Practice (Document 5.3.3B) [APP-095]
Biodiversity, Ecology and Natural Environment	the effect of the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Proposed Development on designated sites, including European sites, nationally designated sites, regionally and locally designated sites and habitats of nature conservation importance;	Table 8A.2, Appendix 8A Scoping of Assessment Summary (Document 5.3.8A) [APP-126]; Section 8.9 and Table 8.15, ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity (Document 5.2.8) [APP-080]
	permanent and temporary effects on protected species and habitats;	Table 8A.2, Appendix 8A Scoping of Assessment Summary (Document 5.3.8A) [APP-126]; Section 8.9 and Table 8.15, ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity (Document 5.2.8) [APP-080]
	protected species licensing, including in relation to water vole and badger;	Table 8.11 (16 Protected species licences) and Section 8.9, ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity (Document 5.2.8) [APP-080]
	effects on hedgerows, ancient woodland and veteran trees;	Paragraphs 8.9.31 to 8.9.47 Section 8.9, ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity (Document 5.2.8) [APP-080]
	the adequacy and security of proposed mitigation and monitoring measures, including the Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy;	Appendix 3D Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy (Document 5.3.3D) [APP-097] Section 8.6, ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity (Document 5.2.8) [APP-080]



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		Appendix 3A, Embedded Measures Schedule (Document 5.3.3A), [APP-094]
	Habitats Regulations Assessment;	No Significant Effects Report (Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening) (Document 6.4(B)) [AS-018]
	Biodiversity Net Gain.	Biodiversity Net Gain Report (Document 7.9) [APP-210]
		Paragraphs 8.8.19 to 8.8.20 and 8.12.2, ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity (Document 5.2.8) [APP-080]
Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession and Other Land or Rights Considerations	whether the full extent of the land, rights and powers that are sought are required;	Paragraph 6.4, Statement of Reasons (Document 4.1) [APP- 069]
Considerations	whether a compelling case in the public interest has been established;	Paragraph 2.2, Statement of Reasons (Document 4.1) [APP- 069]
	whether adequate funding for compensation (including blight) is likely to be available to carry out the compulsory acquisition within the statutory period;	Chapter 5, Funding Statement (Document 4.2) [APP-070]
	whether all reasonable alternatives to compulsory acquisition and temporary possession have been explored;	Paragraphs 5.8 & 6.3, Statement of Reasons (Document 4.1) [APP-069]
	accuracy of the Book of Reference;	Appendix C, Statement of Reasons (Document 4.1) [APP- 069]
	whether the purposes stated for the acquisition are legitimate and sufficient to justify the inevitable interference with the human rights of those affected;	Chapter 8, Statement of Reasons (Document 4.1) [APP- 069]
	the acquisition of any statutory undertakers' land or rights over such land and the detriment that may be caused to the carrying on of the undertaking in question; whether the tests of s127(2),(3),(5) and (6) and s138(4) of the PA2008 are satisfied;	Paragraph 7.3, Statement of Reasons (Document 4.1) [APP- 069]



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	the adequacy of Protective Provisions in the dDCO; and	Article 47, Schedule 15 Draft Development Consent Order (Document 3.1(B)) [AS-011]
		Paragraphs 4.51 and 5.15 Explanatory Memorandum (Document 3.2(B)) [AS-013]
	whether the proposals meet the requirements of PA2008 in all other respects.	Explanatory Memorandum (Document 3.2(B)) [AS-013] Planning Statement (Document 7.1) [APP-202].
Construction	construction phasing and timetable, including linkages to strategic and local highway management;	Paragraphs 3.6.66, 3.6.67 and Table 3.2 ES Chapter 3 Description of the Project (Document 5.2.3) [APP-075] and ES Appendix 3F Construction Traffic Management Plan (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099]
	proposed temporary construction compounds;	Works Plan Section B sheet 1 and 2, Section D sheet 1, Section F sheet 1 (Document 2.6.2, 2.6.4 and 2.6.6) [APP-021, APP-023 and APP-025]
	construction working hours;	Schedule 3, Requirement 7, Draft Development Consent Order, (Document 3.1(B)) [AS- 011]
	ground conditions, land stability and mechanisms for reporting unexpected land contamination found during construction;	ES Chapter 10 Geology and Hydrology (Document 5.2.10) [APP-082], and Table 3.6 GH02 ES Code of Construction Practice (Document 2.3.3B) [APP-095]
	adequacy and security of the Code of Construction Practice and construction management plans; and	Requirement 5, Draft Development Consent Order (Document 3.1(B)) [AS-011]
	restoration of land following the effects of temporary construction works or activities.	Paragraphs 1.7.54 to 1.7.70 ES Appendix 3E Outline Soil Management Plan (Document 5.3.3E) [APP-098]
Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)	relevant definitions;	Article 2, Draft Development Consent Order (Document 3.1(B)) [AS-011]



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		Schedule 3, Paragraph 1, Draft Development Consent Order (Document 3.1(B)) [AS-011]
	the appropriateness of the articles, Requirements and Schedules of the draft DCO;	Explanatory Memorandum (Document 3.2(B)) [AS-013]
	application and modification of legislative provisions; and	Paragraphs 4.56 and 5.16 Explanatory Memorandum (Document 3.2(B)) [AS-013]
	Protective Provisions	Article 47 and Schedule 15, Draft Development Consent Order (Document 3.1(B)) [AS-011]
Flood Risk, Water Quality and Resources	compliance with the Water Framework Directive;	Section 9.10, ES Chapter 9 Hydrology (Document 5.2.9) [APP-081].
		Table 9.25, (Document 5.2.9), [APP-081].
		Section 9.14, (Document 5.2.9), [APP-081].
		Table 1.1, Appendix 9B WFD Waterbody Status and Objectives (Document 5.3.9B) [APP-136].
		Table 1.1,Appendix 9C Infrastructure Located in WFD Waterbody (Document 5.3.9C) [APP-137].
		Section 3, Appendix 10D Hydrogeology Water Framework Directive (WFD) Assessment (Document 5.3.10D) [APP-142].
	the effect of the Proposed Development on water resources including its quality;	Section 9.10, ES Chapter 9 Hydrology (Document 5.2.9) [APP-081].
		Table 9.25, (Document 5.2.9), [APP-081].
	the effect on main rivers, ordinary watercourses and drainage systems;	Section 9.9, ES Chapter 9 Hydrology (Document 5.2.9) [APP-081].
		Table 9.24, Document 5.2.9, [APP-081].
	effects on flood risk; and	Section 9.11, ES Chapter 9 Hydrology (Document 5.2.9) [APP-081].
		Table 9.26, (Document 5.2.9) [APP-081].



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		Section 5, Appendix 9D Flood Risk Assessment (Document 5.3.9D) [APP-138].
	the resilience of the development to flood risk.	Section 6, Appendix 9D Flood Risk Assessment (Document 5.3.9D) [APP-138].
		Table 6-1, Document 5.3.9D, [APP-138].
Good Design	site and route selection and alternatives; and	ES Chapter 2 Project Need and Alternatives (Document 5.2.2) [APP-074]
		Strategic Proposal 2019 (Document 7.5) [APP-206]
		Strategic Proposal Back Check and Review 2020 (Document 7.6) [APP-207]
		Strategic Proposal Addendum 2021 (Document 7.7) [APP-208]
		Corridor and Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study 2021 (Document 7.8) [APP-209]
	how the Proposed Development would meet the good design tests both generally and more specifically at the proposed Overton Substation and Monk Fryston Substation sites and at the Shipton and Tadcaster cable sealing end compounds.	Design and Access Statement (Document 7.2), [APP-203] Planning Statement (Document 7.1) [APP-202]
Green Belt	To consider the effect of the Proposed Development on the York and Leeds Green Belts and relevant policy tests.	Paragraphs 7.3.59 to 7.3.105 and 7.4.7 to 7.14.7 of the Planning Statement (Document 7.1) [APP-202].
Historic Environment	To consider the effect of the Proposed Development on the significance of designated and	ES Chapter 7 Historic Environment (Document 5.2.7) [APP-079]
	non-designated heritage assets, including:	Section 7.9 to 7.47 of the ES Chapter 7 Historic Environment (Document 5.2.7) [APP-079]
	the special architectural or historic interest of Listed Buildings and their setting;	ES Chapter 7 Historic Environment (Document 5.2.7) [APP-079]
		Paragraphs 7.5.7 to 7.5.10 and 7.5.37 to 7.5.38 of ES Chapter 7 Historic Environment (Document 5.2.7) [APP-079]



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		Sections 7.9 to 7.47 of ES Chapter 7 Historic Environment (Document 5.2.7) [APP-079]
	the desirability of preserving scheduled monuments and sites of archaeological interest (including Registered Battlefields);	Sections 7.9 to 7.47 of ES Chapter 7 Historic Environment (Document 5.2.7) [APP-079]
	the desirability of preserving the character and appearance of conservation areas; and	Sections 7.9 to 7.47 of ES Chapter 7 Historic Environment (Document 5.2.7) [APP-079]
	adequacy and security of the archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation.	Appendix 3C Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (Document 5.3.3C) [APP-096]
		Schedule 3, Requirement 5b of the Draft Development Consent Order (Document 3.1(B)) [AS- 011]
Human Health	To consider the direct and indirect effects of the Proposed Development on human health and well-being, including from Electromagnetic Fields (EMFs).	ES Chapter 15 Health and Wellbeing (Document 5.2.15) [APP-087]
Land Use	the effect of the Proposed Development on existing land uses, including temporary and permanent effects on agricultural land, farming operations (including seasonal considerations) and land used for research;	ES Chapter 11 Agriculture and Soils (Document 5.2.11) [APP-083], Section 11.9 "Assessment of agriculture and soils effects".
	approaches to micro-siting;	ES Chapter 11 Agriculture and Soils (Document 5.2.11) [APP-083], Table 11.2 "Planning policy relevant to the agriculture and soils assessment" row "National Planning Policy".
	the effect on soil resources in terms of potential loss and/or damage;	ES Chapter 11 Agriculture and Soils (Document 5.2.11) [APP-083], Section 11.9 "Assessment of agriculture and soils effects".
	the adequacy of soil management measures, including the Outline Soil Management Plan.	Appendix 3E Outline Soil Management Plan (Document 5.3.3E) [APP-098]
Landscape and Visual	the effect of the Proposed Development on existing	ES Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual (Document 5.2.6) [APP-



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	landscape character and views;	078] Sections 6.8, 6.9. 6.10, 6.11, 6.12 and 6.14.
		Appendix 6C Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Methodology (Document 5.3.6C) [APP-110]
		Appendix 6D Landscape Character Baseline (Document 5.3.6D) [APP-111]
		Appendix 6E Landscape Character Sensitivity Assessment (Document 5.3.6E) [APP-112]
		Appendix 6F Landscape Character Receptor Assessment (Document 5.3.6F) [APP-113]
		Appendix 6G Visual Receptor Assessment (Document 5.3.6G) [APP-114]
		Appendix 6H Viewpoint Assessment (Document 5.3.6H) [APP-115]
	what the photomontages illustrate and their relationship to respective Rochdale Envelopes;	ES Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual (Document 5.2.6) [APP- 078]. Paragraphs 6.8.19 to 6.8.20.
	reinstatement planting proposals for areas not subject to outline landscape mitigation strategies, including management and maintenance;	Paragraph 6.1.7. of ES Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual (Document 5.2.6) [APP-078]
	design objectives for the outline landscape mitigation strategies;	ES Chapter 3 Description of the Project (Document 5.2.3) [APP-075] Section 3.4 at paragraphs 3.4.10. 3.4.11, 3.4.22, 3.4.23, 3.4.27, 3.4.28.
	justification for 'additional measures', rather than mitigation, e.g. at Woodstock Lodge Wedding Venue;	ES Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual (Document 5.2.6) [APP- 078]. Paragraph 6.15.1
	timing of advance mounding and planting; and	ES Chapter 3 Description of the Project Figures (Document 5.4.3(B) [AS-017]. Target Note 5 in Figure 3.10. and Target Note 2 in Figure 3.12.
	hedgerows.	ES Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual (Document 5.2.6) [APP- 078]. Paragraph 6.7.8, Table



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		6.10, paragraph 6.9.48, and Table 6.16
Noise and Vibration	the effects of noise and vibration from the construction, operation and	Table 15-20 of ES Chapter 15 Health and Wellbeing (Document 5.2.15) [APP-087]
	decommissioning of the Proposed Development on human health;	Section 14.9 of the ES Chapter 14 Noise and Vibration (Document 5.2.14) [APP-086]
	the effects on buildings, structures and land including their use and stability; and	Tables 14.10, 14.28 and 14.29 of ES Chapter 14 Noise and Vibration (Document 5.2.14) [APP-086]
		Paragraphs 14.9.42 – 14.9.49 of ES Chapter 14 Noise and Vibration (Document 5.2.14) [APP-086]
	the Noise and Vibration Management Plan.	Appendix 3H Noise and Vibration Management Plan (Document 5.3.3H) [APP-101]
Socio-economic Effects	To consider (amongst other things) the effect of the Proposed Development on:	N/A
	the national, regional and local economies;	Table 16.9 of ES Chapter 16 Socio economics (Document 5.2.16) [APP-088]
		Paragraphs 16.8.33 to 16.8.38 of ES Chapter 16: Socio- Economics (Document 5.2.16) [APP-088)
	the efficient and effective use of land and buildings, including farmland; and	Table 16.10 of ES Chapter 16 Socio economics (Document 5.2.16) [APP-088]
	local businesses including but not restricted to: • Woodstock Lodge Wedding Venue northeast of Shipton-by-Beningbrough; and • Squires Café and Caravan Park, near Newthorpe.	Paragraph 16.4.2,16.4.5, 16.8.12-16.8.14, 16.11.1, 16.12.1, and 16.8.20-16.8.23 of ES Chapter 16 Socio economics (Document 5.2.16) [APP-088]
Transportation and Traffic	the effects of the Proposed Development on the operation of the strategic road and rail network and local access	ES Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport (Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] Table 12.12 and Section 12.9
	arrangements;	ES Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport Figures (Document



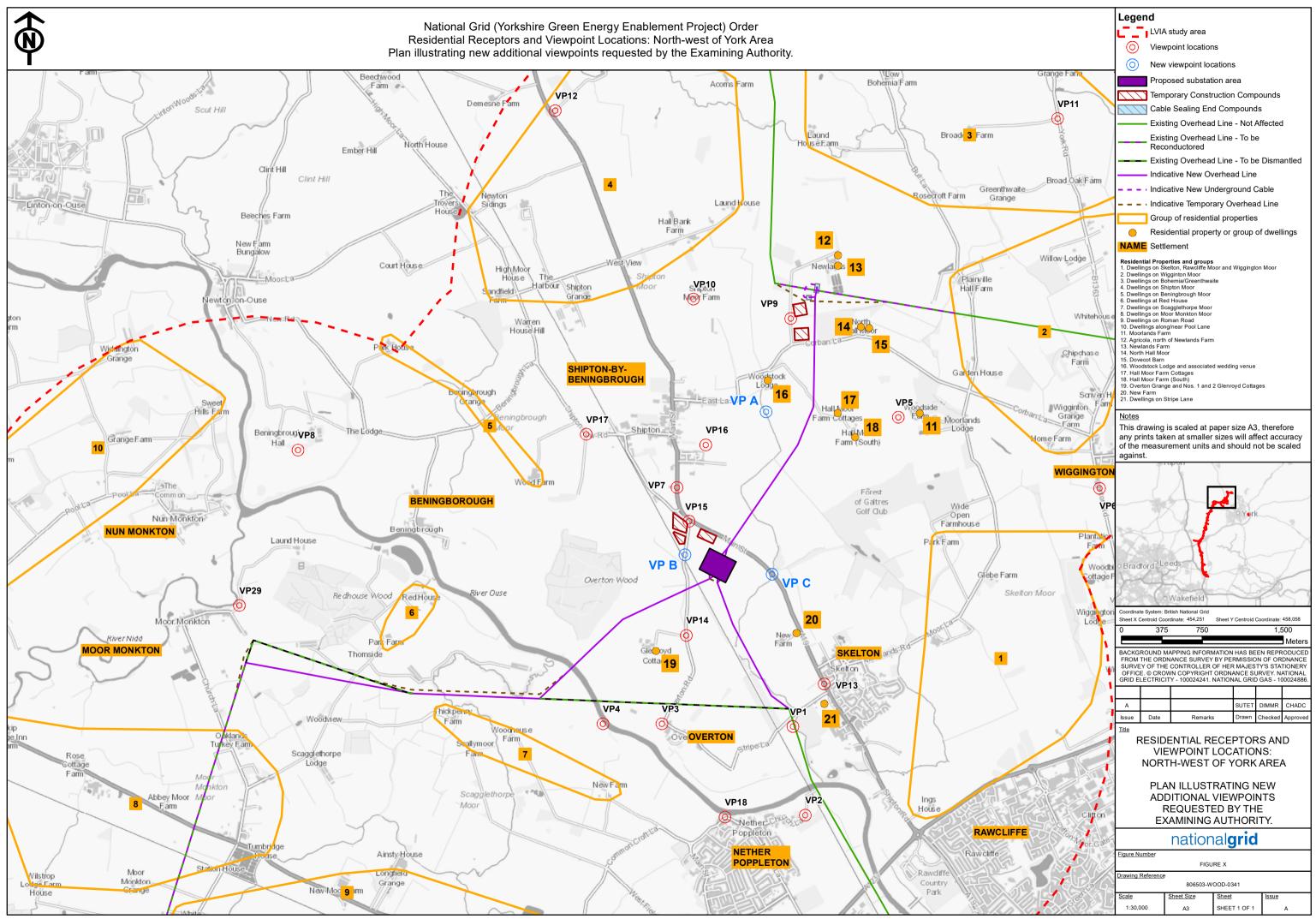
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		5.4.12) [APP-188] Figure 12.2 Roads within the Study Area; Figure 12.7 Highway Links to be Assessed; Figure 12.10 HGV Distribution Network Entry/Exit Points; Figure 12.11 HGV Access Strategy; Figure 12.12 Census Areas Used to Define LV Distribution and Figure 12.13 LV Distribution Network Entry/Exit Points
		Appendix 3F Construction Traffic Management Plan (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7.
	the effects on highway safety;	ES Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport (Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] Table 12.12 and Section 12.9.
		ES Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport Figures (Document 5.4.12) [APP-188] – Figure 12.6 Accident Review Study Area
	the effects on Public Rights of Way including bridleways;	ES Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport (Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] Table 12.12
		ES Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport Figures (Document 5.4.12) [APP-188] – Figure 12.4 Public Rights of Way Affected by the Project Appendix 3G Public Rights of Way Management Plan (Document 5.3.3G) [APP-100] Sections 2 and 3.
	the effects on cycle routes, including routes forming part of the National Cycle Network;	ES Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport (Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] Section 12.5 and Table 12.12
		ES Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport Figures (Document 5.4.12) [APP-188] Figure 12.5 National Cycle Network Routes
		Appendix 3G Public Rights of Way Management Plan (Document 5.3.3G) [APP-100] Section 4
	the effects on public transport;	ES Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport (Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] Section 12.5, Table 12.16

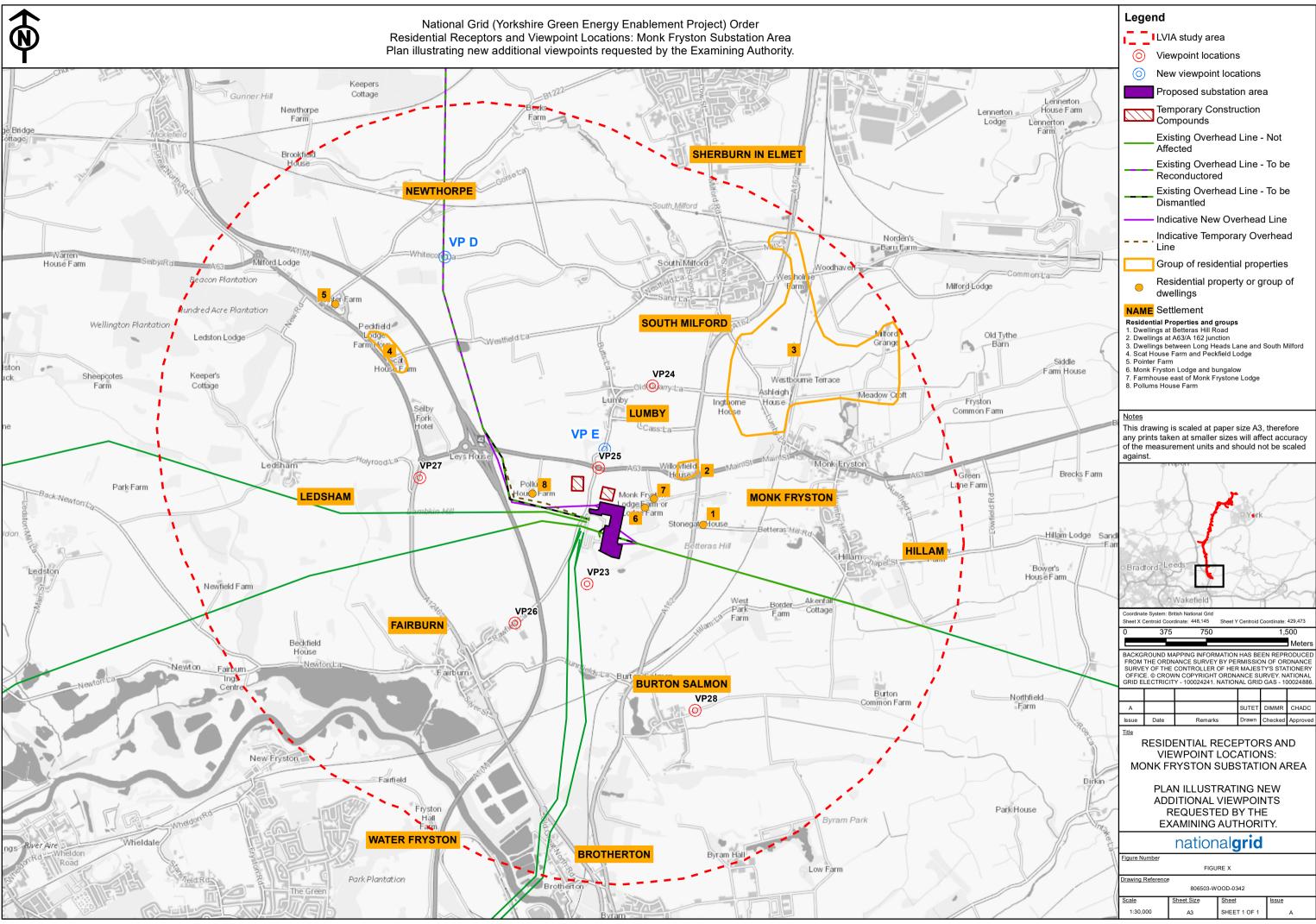


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		ES Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport Figures (Document 5.4.12) [APP-188] Figure 12.3 Bus Services within the Study Area
	the effects on navigation on the River Ouse, and	ES Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport (Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] Table 12.12
		Appendix 3F Construction Traffic Management Plan (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] Section 6
		Appendix 3G Public Rights of Way Management Plan (Document 5.3.3G) [APP-100] Table 2.1 and Section 3
	adequacy and security of the Public Rights of Way Management Plan and Construction Traffic Management Plan.	Appendix 3G Public Rights of Way Management Plan (Document 5.3.3G) [APP-100] Sections 1 and 3
		Appendix 3F Construction Traffic Management Plan (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] Sections 1, 7 and 8
		ES Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport (Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] Table 12.12 and Paragraph 12.6.3



Additional Viewpoint Plans







Status of Statements of Common Ground (as at 08 March 2023)

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Applicant has sought to take a proactive approach with a number of key statutory bodies to take advantage of the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) process in advance of the Preliminary Meeting.
- 1.2. During the pre-examination phase the Applicant has engaged with a number of key statutory and non-statutory parties with a view to reaching common ground on outstanding issues.

2. General SoCG status

2.1. The table below reflects the list of SoCGs proposed to be submitted by the Applicant in order to assist the ExA. The Applicant has highlighted the progress of these SoCGs in the table below.

3. Individual SoCG status

SoCG	Status update requested by the ExA
North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council, Harrogate Borough Council and Selby District Council (Joint Councils)	Regular meetings have been held between the Applicant and the Joint Councils. A draft SoCG has been issued to the Joint Councils, and the content of this was discussed during a meeting. The Applicant has received initial feedback, and has responded to this via an updated draft SoCG and further meetings. The Applicant will continue to progress the draft SoCG and seek to have a signed draft SoCG with the Joint Councils for Deadline 1.
	There are a number of outstanding matters, which the Applicant is seeking to resolve prior to Deadline 1. There is currently one area of disagreement relating to working hours, however the Applicant will seek to continue engagement on this matter.
City of York Council	Regular meetings have been held with the Applicant and the City of York Council. A draft SoCG has been issued to the Council, and the content of this was discussed during a meeting. The Applicant has received initial feedback and has responded to this via an updated draft SoCG and further meetings. The Applicant will continue to progress the draft SoCG and seek to have a signed draft SoCG for Deadline 1.
	There are a number of outstanding matters, which the Applicant is seeking to resolve prior to Deadline 1.
Leeds City Council	Regular meetings have been held with the Applicant and Leeds City Council. A draft SoCG has been issued to the Council, and the content of this was discussed during a meeting. The Applicant has received initial feedback and has responded to this via an updated draft SoCG and further meetings. The Applicant will continue to progress the draft SoCG and seek to have a signed draft SoCG for Deadline 1.
	The Applicant does not anticipate any areas of disagreement with Leeds City Council, and hopes to resolve all outstanding matters prior to Deadline 1.
Natural England	A draft SoCG has been issued to Natural England, and a follow up meeting held to discuss the content. The Applicant is awaiting a



SoCG	Status update requested by the ExA
	written response, but seeks to have a signed draft SoCG for Deadline
	1.
	Currently the Applicant does not anticipate there to be any areas of disagreement with Natural England. However, there are a number of outstanding matters, which the Applicant is seeking to agree through ongoing discussions.
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	A draft SoCG has been issued to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, and a follow up meeting held to discuss the content. The Applicant is awaiting a written response, but seeks to have a signed draft SoCG for Deadline 1.
	There are a number of matters outstanding, where discussions are ongoing. There is also one area of disagreement relating to the use of bird diverters.
Environment Agency	A draft SoCG has been issued to the Environment Agency, and the Applicant has requested a meeting to discuss the content of this in further detail. The Applicant is awaiting a response to its request for a meeting, and awaiting written feedback. The Applicant will continue to request feedback, and seek to have a signed draft SoCG for Deadline 1.
	The Applicant does not currently anticipate having areas of disagreement with the Environment Agency. However, there are currently a number of outstanding matters relating to topics where formal feedback from the Environment Agency is outstanding.
Historic England	The Applicant has engaged positively with Historic England, and has issued a signed SoCG to Historic England, after receiving confirmation that the draft SoCG was agreed.
	The signed SoCG confirms that all matters are now agreed between the Applicant and Historic England.
National Trust	The Applicant has engaged positively with the National Trust, and has issued a signed SoCG to National Trust, after receiving confirmation that the draft SoCG was agreed.
	The signed SoCG confirms that all matters are now agreed between the Applicant and the National Trust.
Northern Power Grid	The Applicant has issued a draft SoCG to Northern Power Grid and has received confirmation that the content is generally agreed. An updated draft is to be issued to Northern Power Grid for signature.
Network Rail	The Applicant intends to submit a draft SoCG with Network Rail at Deadline 1. An initial draft of the SoCG has been issued to Network Rail for comment.
Shire Group of Internal Drainage Boards	A draft SoCG has been issued to KUOIDB following positive engagement. The Applicant is awaiting feedback on this, with the intention of having a signed draft SoCG for Deadline 1.
Kyle and Upper Ouse Internal Drainage Board (KUOIDB)	The Applicant does not anticipate significant areas of disagreement with KUOIDB.
York Consortium of Internal Drainage Boards	The Applicant has proposed a meeting with the Ainsty Internal Drainage Board (IDB) to discuss the disapplication of byelaws. The



SoCG	Status update requested by the ExA
Ainsty Internal Drainage Board	IDB has so far not agreed to a meeting to discuss this topic, and this has delayed progressing a SoCG. However, the Applicant will continue to seek to engage with the Ainsty IDB, with the intention of preparing and agreeing a SoCG prior to Deadline 1.
National Highways	The Applicant has drafted a SoCG. Prior to circulating this to National Highways, feedback on the Application was received. As such the SoCG is being updated to reflect the comments received. The Applicant proposes to circulate this to National Highways imminently, with the aim of having a draft SoCG prior to Deadline 1. The Applicant does not anticipate significant areas of disagreement with National Highways.

SoCG requested in Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter	Applicant's response and proposed approach
Canal and River Trust	The Applicant has undertaken engagement with the Canal and River Trust (the Trust), the majority of which has centred around the wording of the Protective Provisions contained within the dDCO. The Applicant is continuing to engage with the Trust on this matter, and is seeking to reach a satisfactory position.
	The Applicant will prepare a SoCG to reflect the current position with the Trust. Within this, the Applicant expects the wording of protective provisions to be an ongoing matter for discussion. However, the Applicant does not anticipate other substantial areas of disagreement at this time.
Sustrans	Prior to submission, the Applicant engaged positively with Sustrans.
	As set out in Table 2.2 of the Planning Statement (Document 7.1) [APP-202]: "The mitigation requests relating to NCN route 64 received from Sustrans have been incorporated into the PRoWMP (Volume 5, Document 5.3.3G). There are no known matters of disagreement and therefore it is not anticipated that a SoCG will be required."
	The Applicant has proposed to Sustrans that an SoCG is not required as all matters have been agreed. This has been reiterated in a number of emails, but no response from Sustrans has been received to date.
	On that basis the Applicant does not anticipate progressing an SoCG with this party.
Cellnex UK	The Applicant has contacted Cellnex UK to outline that it does not consider that an SoCG is necessary between the two parties. However, no response had been received from Cellnex UK to date.
	On that basis the Applicant does not anticipate progressing an SoCG with this party.
Hutchinson 3 EE	The Applicant has received confirmation from Hutchinson EE that no matters require agreement between the two parties and that an SoCG is not required.
	On that basis the Applicant does not anticipate progressing an SoCG with this party.



SoCG requested in Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter	Applicant's response and proposed approach
National Gas Transmission (Limited) (formerly National Grid Gas)	The Applicant has received written confirmation from National Gas Transmission (Limited) that its concerns would be suitably addressed by way of adequate Protective Provisions and a Side Agreement and therefore an SoCG would not be required.
	On that basis the Applicant does not anticipate progressing an SoCG with this party.
Northern Gas Networks	The Applicant has received verbal confirmation from Northern Gas Networks that an SoCG is not required and has requested that written confirmation be provided to confirm this point.
	On that basis the Applicant does not anticipate progressing an SoCG with this party.
Yorkshire Water	The Applicant has received written confirmation from Yorkshire Water that given that specific concerns are being addressed through an Asset Protection Agreement it is not considered that an SoCG would be necessary between the parties.
	On that basis the Applicant does not anticipate progressing an SoCG with this party.