

**Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Yorkshire GREEN Project**

**Agenda for Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)**

<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)</b>	<p><b>Wednesday 22 March 2023</b></p> <p><b>Virtual Room opens:</b> 1.00pm</p> <p><b>Seating available at venue from:</b> 1.30pm</p> <p><b>Virtual Arrangements Conference from:</b> 1.45pm</p> <p><b>Hearing starts:</b> 2.00pm</p>	<p><b>Novotel York Centre, Fishergate, York YO10 4FD</b></p> <p>(free on-site day parking)</p> <p>and</p> <p><b>by virtual means using Microsoft Teams</b></p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered</p>

**Agenda**

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the Open Floor Hearing**
- 3. Parties to be heard at the Open Floor Hearing**

No parties have registered to be heard at this hearing. Any parties who attend the hearing will be heard in the order set out below.

- **Representations by Interested Parties**
- **Any other representations**

- 4. Any points of clarification from the Applicant**
- 5. Closing**

## **Purpose of the Open Floor Hearing (OFH)**

The purpose of the OFH is to enable any Interested Party to make spoken representations about the application directly to the Examining Authority (ExA).

## **Participation, conduct and management of the hearing**

At an OFH, each Interested Party is entitled (subject to the ExA's powers of control over the conduct of the hearing) to make oral representations about the application.

Anyone wishing to attend the hearing, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should do so **as soon as possible**. You should indicate whether you intend to participate in person or virtually via Microsoft Teams by emailing the Case Team on [YorkshireGreen@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:YorkshireGreen@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

Each IP/ other participant who has indicated a wish to speak will be invited in turn to make their points to the ExA. The ExA will provide speaking time of up to **10 minutes for each organisation or individual**. Oral submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing by the particular participant. However, representations made at the hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission, but rather provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the ExA.

Following each submission, the ExA may wish to ask the speaker questions about matters arising from their oral submissions. Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA.

The Applicant will attend for the purpose of listening to the submissions of IPs and providing any points of clarification requested by the ExA. The Applicant should respond in writing to all matters raised in the hearing by **Deadline 1 (Wednesday 5 April 2023)**.

If on the day there are other individuals present who wish to make submissions that have not already been made, it will be open to the ExA to use its discretion to hear any other relevant submissions from those present.

If, once the hearing has opened, there are no parties wishing to make oral submissions either virtually or in person, then the hearing will be closed. IPs should be aware that there may not be another OFH held during the Examination.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the Hearing date. Interested Persons and members of the public who wish to observe the Hearing can therefore view and listen to the Hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

If you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms please do not attend the hearing in person. Contact the Case Team who will ensure you have access to the hearing virtually. Please ensure that you read our [Privacy Notice](#) before attending the hearing.

### **Arrangements Conference**

Parties who have registered to attend (both in person and virtually) will receive an email shortly before the hearing containing a joining link and telephone number to enable participation virtually as necessary. If attending virtually, please join the Arrangements Conference promptly. The Case Team will admit you from the virtual lobby and register your attendance. The Arrangements Conference allows procedures to be explained and will enable the hearing to start promptly.