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Dear Sir/Madam,

**DEADLINE 1 SUBMISSION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS LIMITED**  
**PROJECT: EN020024 - YORKSHIRE GREEN ENERGY ENABLEMENT (GREEN)**  
**PROJECT (“PROJECT”).**  
**APPLICANT: NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION (“APPLICANT”).**

On 20 January 2023 National Highways Limited submitted a relevant representation requesting to be an Interested Party in respect of this application. This request was made because there is potential for the proposals to impact upon the safe and efficient operation of the Strategic Road Network (SRN).

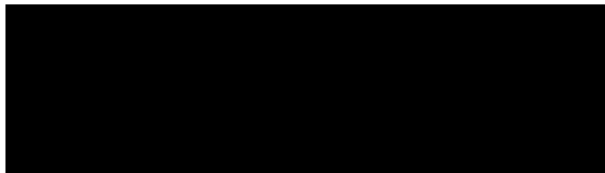
National Highways is a statutory undertaker and is appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport to operate and maintain the SRN in England. National Highways objects to the application in its current form for the following reasons.

- (i) The DCO, as applied for, will permit the Applicant to carry out works to, or in close proximity of, the SRN yet there are no protective provisions governing those works or protecting National Highways interests.
- (ii) Secondly, the book of reference as submitted by the Applicant identifies numerous plots of land, in respect of which compulsory acquisition powers are sought, where National Highways benefit from easements or other private rights which it is proposed shall be extinguished, suspended or interfered with (Plots). Whilst discussions are ongoing with the Applicant to understand the precise impacts that this will have, to safeguard National Highways’ interests and the safety and integrity of the SRN, National Highways objects to the inclusion of the Plots in the Order and to compulsory powers being granted in respect of them. As such National Highways would like to participate in a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing to address the ExA on this issue.

In order for National Highways to be in a position to withdraw its objection, National Highways requires: (a) the inclusion of protective provisions in the Order for its benefit; and (b) agreements with the Applicant that regulate (i) the manner in which rights over the Plots are acquired and the relevant works are carried out including terms which protect National Highways' statutory undertaking and agreement that compulsory acquisition powers will not be exercised in relation to National Highways' interests; and (ii) the carrying out of works in the vicinity of the SRN to safeguard National Highways' statutory undertaking.

National Highways will continue to engage with the Applicant further to resolve outstanding concerns and will update the ExA on progress throughout the examination.

Yours faithfully



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