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To: Registered Interested Parties, the
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Our Ref: EN020024

Date: 25 April 2023

Dear Sir / Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rules 13 and 16

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

Notification of Hearings and Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection

We write to advise you that the following hearings and an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) will be held under Rule 13 and 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. These will be held from Tuesday 23 May 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023. Important details are set out at Annex A (hearings) and Annex B (ASI) to this letter.

Accompanied Site Inspection

The ExA gives notice of an ASI on the following date:

Event	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)	Tuesday 23 May 2023	Departure time: 8.30am	Main Car Park, Delta Hotels by Marriott York, Tadcaster Road, York, YP24 1QQ (free on-site day parking)

A final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project page at least five working days prior to the ASI. This itinerary will be drafted taking account of suggested locations submitted by Interested Parties by Procedural Deadline A, the Applicant's draft itinerary submitted at Deadline 1 [REP1-043], and any comments on the Applicant's draft itinerary submitted at Deadline 2. It will also take into account the Unaccompanied Site Inspection [EV-001] carried out on 7 and 8 February 2023.

Please note that the Examining Authority's (ExA) **ASI is not an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence**. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from, the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

Hearings

The ExA gives notice of the following hearings:

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
<p>Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2)</p> <p>Green Belt, Environmental Effects and Construction Matters</p>	<p>Wednesday 24 May 2023 (all day)</p> <p>And</p> <p>Thursday 25 May 2023 (morning, if required)</p>	<p><u>On both days</u></p> <p>Virtual Room opens: 9.00am</p> <p>Seating available at venue from: 9.30am</p> <p>Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9.45am</p> <p>Hearing starts: 10.00am</p>	<p>The Classic Suite, Delta Hotels by Marriott York, Tadcaster Road, York, YP24 1QQ (free on-site day parking)</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.</p>
<p>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1)</p> <p>Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession and Related Matters</p>	<p>Thursday 25 May 2023</p>	<p>Virtual Room opens: 1.00pm</p> <p>Seating available at venue from: 1.30pm</p> <p>Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 1.45pm</p> <p>Hearing starts: 2.00pm</p>	<p>The Classic Suite, Delta Hotels by Marriott York, Tadcaster Road, York, YP24 1QQ (free on-site day parking)</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.</p>

<p>Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3)</p> <p>Draft Development Consent Order and related matters</p>	<p>Friday 26 May 2023</p>	<p>Virtual Room opens: 9.00am</p> <p>Seating available at venue from: 9.30am</p> <p>Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9.45am</p> <p>Hearing starts: 10.00am</p>	<p>The Classic Suite, Delta Hotels by Marriott York, Tadcaster Road, York, YP24 1QQ</p> <p>(free on-site day parking)</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.</p>
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Issue Specific Hearing 2, Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 and Issue Specific Hearing 3 will be held as blended events. This means that they will take place at the Delta Hotels by Marriott York, and also virtually using Microsoft Teams. Please inform us if you plan to attend these hearings either virtually or in person (even if you do not wish to speak), by **Deadline 3 (Wednesday 10 May 2023)**.

An agenda for the hearings will be published on our website at least five working days before the events. A list of invitees will be included in the hearing agendas. Meanwhile, if you are unsure as to whether you or the organisation you represent should attend a hearing, please contact the Case Team.

An Open Floor Hearing (OFH) was held on Wednesday 22 March 2023. As set out in the Examination Timetable annexed to our [Rule 8 letter dated 29 March 2023](#), requests for a further OFH were invited by Deadline 1 (5 April 2023). Since no requests were received by Deadline 1, no further Open Floor Hearings will be held in May. Time is reserved for a further Open Floor Hearing in the week commencing 17 July 2023, if one is required.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team YorkshireGreen@planninginspectorate.gov.uk / 0303 444 5000. Yours faithfully

Jessica Powis

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annexes

- A** Participating in hearings
- B** Attending the ASI

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Annex A

Participating in hearings

You must register by **Deadline 3 (Wednesday 10 May 2023)** if you wish to attend the hearing(s).

Please register using our website, if possible, or email us directly.

- Click on the *Make a submission tab* on the [project page](#).
- The 'Submission item' will be DEADLINE 3.
- Please name your request appropriately e.g. 'Register to attend hearing'.

Please provide us with:

- The hearing(s) you will be attending.
- Your name and reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate).
- If you are representing a person or organisation also provide their name and reference number.
- Email address (if available) and contact telephone number.
- Confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in person.
- If you would need any assistance in joining the online meeting e.g. training or guidance, or assistance in attending the in person event, e.g. hearing loop.
- For the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing, the plot number(s) of the relevant land provided in the Book of Reference and the Land Plans.

Agendas: Agendas and any detailed arrangements for the hearings will be published on the Yorkshire GREEN project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days before the hearings. The agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at our discretion. The ExA will manage proceedings and invite participants to speak at the relevant time.

Attendance: If your request to attend and/ or speak at a hearing is accepted, you will receive an invitation which will include joining instructions. If you are joining using Microsoft Teams, when you join the meeting, you will arrive into the virtual room with the Case Team. Here, the Case Team will make sure you are registered, and your equipment is working to enable you to fully participate. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the hearing so the Case Team can admit you.

Contributing: You may speak on issues set out in your Relevant Representation or Written Representation. Speakers will need to introduce themselves, including any organisation or groups that they represent, each time they speak to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the event is clear who was speaking.

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in Rule 14 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. The ExA is responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence and the process affords very limited scope to allow cross-questioning between parties.

Cancellation: If any of the hearing(s) are no longer required or need to be cancelled or postponed for any reason, notice will be provided on the Yorkshire GREEN project page of the National Infrastructure website.

Livestream and recordings: The hearings will be both livestreamed and recorded. A link to watch the livestream will be posted on the project page before the start of the event. The livestream is available to anybody who wishes to observe a hearing in real time. Recordings of all hearings will be published on our website shortly after the events. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed.

Post-hearing submissions: Following the hearing you may wish to submit documents, such as a written summary of your oral submissions. Any such documents must be submitted on or before **Deadline 4 (Tuesday 6 June 2023)**. Where possible we ask that you use the *Make a Submission* tab on the Yorkshire GREEN project page of the National Infrastructure website.

Annex B

Attending the ASI

The final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the [project webpage](#) approximately five working days before the event. This will include a route map and approximate timings.

If you wish to attend the ASI (and did not confirm your attendance at Deadline 1) then please let the Case Team know by emailing yorkshiregreen@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by **Deadline 3 (Wednesday 10 May 2023)**, providing telephone contact details (preferably mobile telephone) so that we can contact you should the ASI run late or need to be cancelled with minimal notice.

Participants are asked to assemble promptly at the start point as the ExA will not be able to wait for parties who are not present at the start time.

If you are interested in a particular site or location, you may join the ASI for part of the itinerary. Please make this known to the Case Team when you confirm your attendance so that you can be accounted for.

For logistical and safety reasons, capacity on the transport that will be used for the ASI may be limited. Priority will be afforded to the Planning Inspectorate staff, the Applicant, IPs who have notified us in advance of their wish to attend, local authorities and relevant Statutory Parties. In the case of a large number of unexpected attendees, any Interested Parties who express a wish to attend the ASI for its duration may be contacted by the Case Team to discuss the option of meeting the ExA at relevant locations in the itinerary instead.

Clothing

The inspection is likely to include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and sturdy footwear. At times during the ASI it will be necessary to wear a high visibility vest or coat. Attendees who have their own high visibility vest or coat should bring it with them. For anyone who does not have either a high visibility vest or coat, the Applicant will provide a vest for use during the ASI.

Sites on private land

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

Refreshments and transport

A minibus will provide transport. Please let us know of any mobility needs that may affect transportation. Refreshments will not be provided but provision will be made for comfort breaks mid-morning, mid-afternoon and at lunchtime.

Cancellations

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the [project webpage](#).

Contacting the Case Team

The Case Team can be contacted on the day of the ASI on 0303 444 5000.

Further information about Site Inspections can be found in [Advice note 8.5](#).