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Dear Sirs

National Grid – Yorkshire Green Project Procedural Deadline 3

Comments on Additional Viewpoints

The comments refer to documents:

- Volume 8 – Document 8.15 Additional Photomontages (Part 1 of 2)
- Volume 8 - Document 8.15 Additional Photomontages as requested by Examining Authority (Part 2 of 2)

The additional viewpoints presented are:

- Viewpoint A: Public footpath near Moor Gutter
- Viewpoint B: Overton Road, west of Overton Substation (two viewpoints)
- Viewpoint C: A19, east of Overton Substation
- Viewpoint D: Whitecote Lane, near Squires Caravan Camping
- Viewpoint E: Butts Lane, north of Monk Fryston Substation

Photomontages

Each figure includes an image with a statement that the image is a Type 3 photomontage and has been produced in accordance with Landscape Institute Technical Guidance Note 06/19.

On a number of photomontages, the insulators attaching cables to the steel cross arms and substations structures have not been included in the visualisations in keeping with Document 5.2.3 ES Chapter 3: Description of the Project (see Figures 3.13 & 3.14). This is misleading and therefore in some cases the overhead line infrastructure is not being accurately represented in the photomontage. This will have a bearing on some of the judgements in the viewpoint assessments.

- Viewpoint A: Public footpath near Moor Gutter

The insulators to the proposed overhead line tower structures have not been included.

- Viewpoint B: Overton Road, west of Overton Substation

The insulators to the proposed overhead line tower structures have not been included.

- Viewpoint C: A19, east of Overton Substation

The insulators to the proposed overhead line tower structures have not been included.

- Viewpoint D: Whitecote Lane, near Squires Caravan Camping

No issues.

- Viewpoint E: Butts Lane, north of Monk Fryston Substation

The insulators to the proposed overhead line tower structures have not been included. In addition, the photomontages representing Year 0 and Year 15 do not appear to include the A63 (road) and low hedgerow at the northern edge of the road. These elements are north of the substation and it appears that the mounding has extended over the road and hedgerow. As a result the proposed mounding (and planting) appear closer to the viewpoint compared with the actual situation and this will have a bearing on the visual assessment judgements.

Viewpoint Assessments

Viewpoint A: Public footpath near Moor Gutter

The viewpoint assessment judgements are acceptable. The effects during construction, year 0 and year 15 are judged as major/moderate and significant however no mitigation to address these effects is proposed.

Viewpoint B: Overton Road, west of Overton Substation

The viewpoint assessment judgements need to be reviewed in the light of the comments regarding the photomontages (above).

Viewpoint C: A19, east of Overton Substation

To assist with the review of the viewpoint assessment, is the applicant able to confirm the length and location of the proposed mounding & planting along the A19?

Viewpoint D: Whitecote Lane, near Squires Caravan Camping

The viewpoint assessment judgements are acceptable.

Viewpoint E: Butts Lane, north of Monk Fryston Substation

The viewpoint assessment judgements need to be reviewed in the light of the comments regarding the photomontages (above).

Statement of Common Ground

The statement of common ground submitted by the applicant has not been signed by an officer at the Authority. However, please accept the document as reflecting the current agreed position.

Upcoming hearings.

Please be advised that North Yorkshire Council will attend the upcoming hearing on Environmental Matters in person. It is expected that the Authority will attend the hearing on Compulsory Acquisition and any potential open floor hearing, virtually and will confirm once dates are known.

Yours faithfully

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