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1. Introduction

- 1.1.1 A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is a written statement produced as part of the application process for a Development Consent Order (DCO) and is prepared jointly between the applicant and another party. It sets out matters of agreement between both parties, as well as matters where there is not an agreement. It also details matters that are under discussion.
- 1.1.2 The aim of a SoCG is to help the Examining Authority manage the Examination Phase of a DCO application. Understanding the status of the matters at hand will allow the Examining Authority to focus their questioning and provide greater predictability for all participants in examination. A SoCG may be submitted prior to the start of or during Examination, and then updated as necessary or as requested during the Examination Phase.
- 1.1.3 This is a SoCG between National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“National Grid”) and the North Yorkshire Council (NYC). The NYC has recently formed following the merger of North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council, Harrogate Borough Council and Selby District Council¹ The SoCG relates to the DCO application for the Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) Project (referred to as the Project or Yorkshire GREEN). It has been prepared in accordance with the guidance² published by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).
- 1.1.4 This SoCG has been prepared to identify matters agreed, matters not agreed and matters currently outstanding between National Grid and NYC in term of technical and environmental matters. Political matters have not been set out in this document.
- 1.1.5 This version (V~~21 April~~May 2023) of the SoCG represents the position between National Grid and- NYC at Deadline ~~4-3~~ on ~~5-April~~10 May 2023. The SoCG will evolve as the DCO application progresses to through the examination.

1.2 Description of the Project

National Grid’s Needs Case for the Yorkshire GREEN Project

- 1.2.1 National Grid propose to upgrade and reinforce the electricity transmission system in Yorkshire. This reinforcement is needed to improve the transfer of clean energy across the country.

¹ The local authorities' boundaries and titles are correct at the time of DCO submission November 2022. North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council, Selby District Council, Ryedale District Council, Scarborough Borough Council, Harrogate Borough Council, Craven District Council and Richmondshire District Council are expected to form a new single council (North Yorkshire Council) on 1 April 2023 as a result of Local Government Reorganisation.

² Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent. Available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418015/examinations_guidance_final_for_publication.pdf

- 1.2.2 Electricity flows are set to double within the next ten years as a result of offshore wind developments, other sources of clean energy and expanding interconnection capacity (high-voltage cables that connect the electricity systems of neighbouring countries) in both Scotland and north-east England. Yorkshire GREEN would contribute towards strengthening the national electricity transmission network so that it can accommodate this growth in electricity flows. Reinforcement would ensure that the network is not overwhelmed, and that potential future pressures on the network are relieved in the north and north-east of England, whilst balancing supply and demand.
- 1.2.3 Without additional reinforcement, the existing transmission system would become overloaded. To stop these overloads from happening, National Grid Electricity System Operator would need to constrain power generation. Such action could result in significant costs to consumers.
- 1.2.4 As a result, it is necessary and economical to invest in network reinforcement in the long term, and critically to ensure that Yorkshire GREEN is designed, tested and installed in sufficient time to meet the 2027 earliest in service date. Reinforcement of the network would enable an increase in the transfer of clean energy, increasing network capacity and avoiding constraint costs.

Yorkshire GREEN Project Description

- 1.2.5 Yorkshire GREEN comprises both new infrastructure and works to existing transmission infrastructure and facilities. The Project is divided into ~~six~~ three sections (see **Figure 1**), located within six Local Authority boundaries³ :
- **Section A (Osbalwick Substation) (City of York Council):** Minor works would take place at the existing Osbalwick Substation comprising the installation of a new circuit breaker and isolator along with associated cabling, removal and replacement of one gantry and works to one existing pylon. All substation works would be within existing operational land.
 - **Section B (North west of York Area) (~~Hambleton District Council, City of York Council and, Harrogate District Council and North Yorkshire County Council~~):** Works would comprise:
 - reconductoring of 2.4km of the 400kV Norton to Osbalwick (2TW/YR) overhead line and replacement of one pylon on this overhead line;
 - the new 400kV YN overhead line (2.8km), north of the proposed Overton Substation;
 - the new Shipton North and South 400kV cable sealing end compounds (CSECs) and 230m of cabling to facilitate the connection of the new YN 400kV overhead line with the existing Norton to Osbalwick YR overhead line;
 - a new substation (Overton 400kV/275kV Substation) approximately 1km south of Shipton by Beningbrough;

³ North Yorkshire ~~County~~ Council, ~~Selby District Council, Harrogate Borough Council, Hambleton District Council, City of York Council, and Leeds City Council.~~

- two new sections of 275kV overhead line which would connect into Overton Substation from the south (the 2.1km XC overhead line to the south-west and the 1.5km SP overhead line to the south-east);
- works to 5km of the existing XCP Poppleton to Monk Fryston overhead line between Moor Monkton in the west and Skelton in the east comprising a mixture of decommissioning, replacement and realignment. To the south and south-east of Moor Monkton the existing overhead line would be realigned up to 230m south from the current overhead line and the closest pylon to Moor Monkton (340m south-east) would be permanently removed. A 2.35km section of this existing overhead line permanently removed between the East Coast Mainline (ECML) Railway and Woodhouse Farm to the north of Overton.
- **Section C (existing 275kV Poppleton to Monk Fryston (XC) overhead line north of Tadcaster (Section D)) (~~Harrogate District Council, Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council~~):** Works proposed to this existing 275kV overhead line include replacing existing overhead line conductors, replacement of pylon fittings, strengthening of steelwork and works to pylon foundations.
- **Section D (Tadcaster) (~~Selby District Council, Leeds City Council and North Yorkshire County Council~~):** Two new CSECs (Tadcaster East and West 275kV CSECs) and approximately 350m of cable would be installed approximately 3km south-west of Tadcaster and north-east of the A64/A659 junction where two existing overhead lines meet. One pylon on the existing 275kV Tadcaster Tee to Knaresborough (XD) overhead line would be replaced.
- **Section E (existing 275kV Poppleton to Monk Fryston (XC) overhead line south of Tadcaster (Section D)) (~~Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council~~):** Works proposed to this existing 275kV overhead line include replacing existing overhead line conductors, replacement of pylon fittings, strengthening of steelwork and works to pylon foundations. Work to the existing overhead line similar to those outlined for Section C would be undertaken; and
- **Section F (Monk Fryston Area) (~~Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council~~):** A new substation would be constructed to the east of the existing Monk Fryston Substation which is located approximately 2km south-west of the village of Monk Fryston and located off Rawfield Lane, south of the A63. A 1.45km section of the 275kV Poppleton to Monk Fryston (XC) overhead line to the west of the existing Monk Fryston Substation and south of Pollums House Farm would be realigned to connect to the proposed Monk Fryston Substation. East of the existing Monk Fryston Substation the existing 4YS 400kV Monk Fryston to Eggborough overhead line, which currently connects to the existing substation, would be reconfigured to connect to the proposed Monk Fryston Substation.

1.2.6 Temporary infrastructure would be required to facilitate the Project, including temporary overhead line diversions and temporary construction compounds.

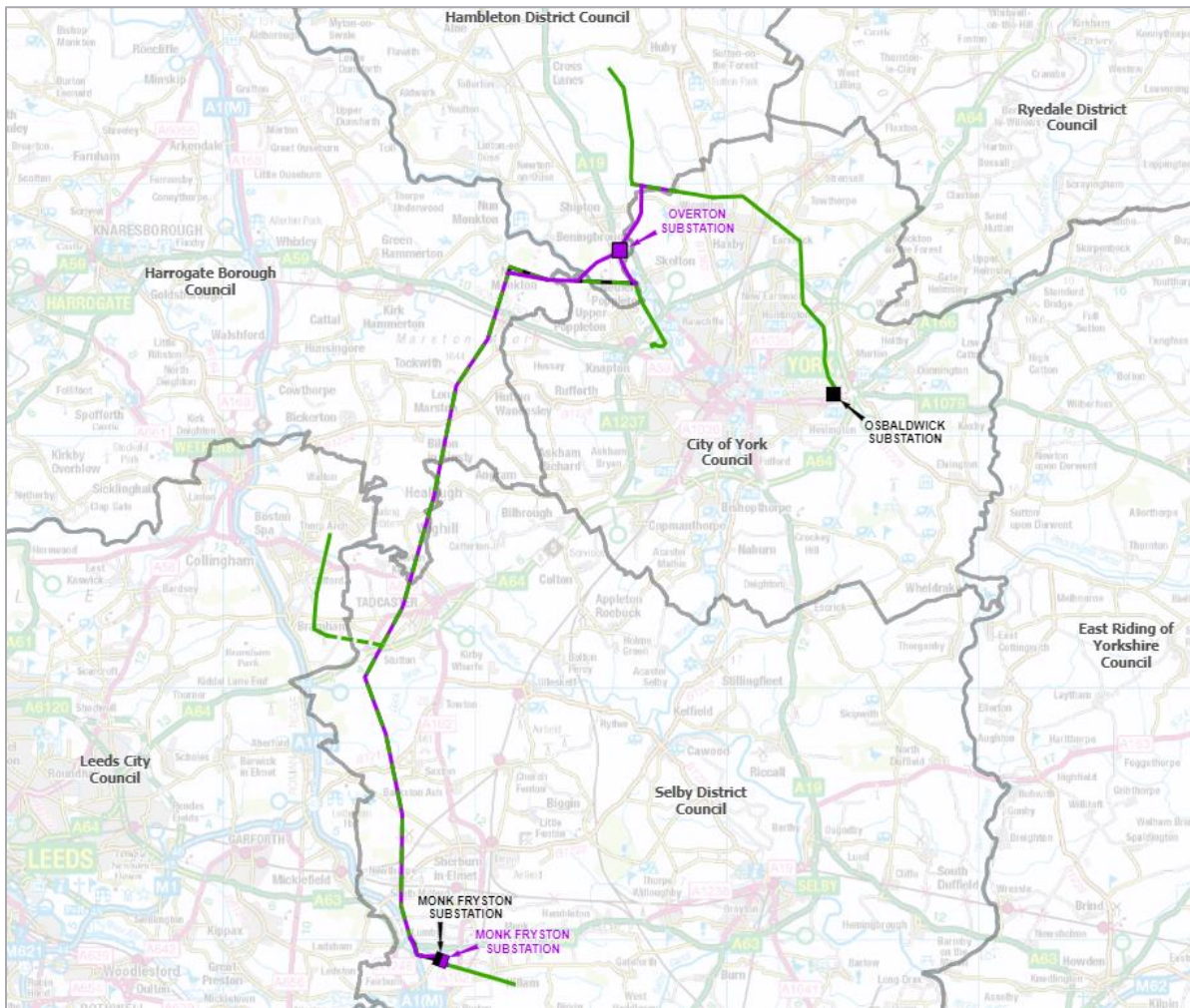


Figure 1– Location of the Yorkshire GREEN Project

1.3 This Statement of Common Ground

1.3.1 For the purpose of this SoCG, National Grid and -NYC will jointly be referred to as the “Parties”.

1.3.2 Throughout the SoCG:

- Where a section begins ‘matters agreed’, this sets out matters that have been agreed between the Parties or where no issues have been raised by- NYC, and therefore where there is no dispute;
- Where a section begins ‘matters not agreed’, this sets out matters that have been discussed and are not agreed between the Parties and where a dispute remains; and
- Where a section begins ‘matters outstanding’, this sets out matters that are subject to further negotiation between the Parties.

1.3.3 This SoCG is structured as follows:

- **Section 1:** Provides an introduction to this SoCG and a description of its purpose together with a broad description of the Project;

- **Section 2:** States the role of NYC in the DCO application process and details consultation undertaken between the Parties;
- **Section 3:** Sets out matters agreed between the Parties;
- **Section 4:** Sets out matters not agreed between the Parties;
- **Section 5:** Sets out matters where agreement is currently outstanding between the Parties; and
- **Section 6:** Sets out the approvals and the signing off sheet between the Parties.

2. Record of Engagement

2.1 Role of North Yorkshire Council in the DCO process

- 2.1.1 NYC is the Local Authority for the land in which the Project is located (i.e. the Host Authority⁴). Pursuant to Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008, National Grid must consult each Local Authority if any part of the Project is located within the Local Authority's area. Highway Authority matters of common ground are also included in this SoCG.
- 2.1.2 Following the government consultation on reorganisation it was announced in July 2021 that North Yorkshire County Council (in its capacity as both local planning and local highway authority), Hambleton District Council, Harrogate Borough Council and Selby District Council (the Host Authorities) together with Ryedale District Council, Scarborough Borough Council, Craven District Council and Richmondshire District Council would be replaced by a new single unitary council for North Yorkshire in April 2023. Further information on this is set out in the **Planning Statement** (Section 3.2, **Volume 7, Document 7.1**) [APP-202].
- 2.1.3 As part of the consultation process the Applicant carried out non statutory and statutory consultation. North Yorkshire County Council, Selby District Council, Harrogate Borough Council and Hambleton District Council (now NYC) The former County, District and Borough Councils which now form NYC were requested to comment on a draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) at both non statutory and statutory consultation stages. Further information on this consultation is set out in Section 4 and 5 of the **Consultation Report** (Section 4 and 5, **Volume 6, Document 6.1**) [APP-195].
- 2.1.4 As part of the ongoing engagement process, which is in addition to consultation, briefings have taken place with the Parties, to inform the Host Authorities of the design of the Project, it's evolution and, for all the Parties to identify any sensitivities or other issues which may be relevant in the design process for the Project.
- 2.1.5 On submission of the DCO, the Host Authorities were invited to participate in the examination of the Project as Interested Parties. They were asked to comment on the adequacy of the consultation carried out and prepare a Local Impact Report⁵. During the examination process, -NYC_ may prepare written representations, and respond to written questions from the Examining Authority as well as participate in hearings.
- 2.1.6 Should a consent be granted for the Project, it will be subject to a number of DCO requirements⁶. NYC_ will be required to discharge these, and the Applicant and- NYC would agree a process for this.

⁴ Host Authority – As defined by Section 43 of the Act 2008, and described in further detail in the Consultation Report at Section 6.2.

⁵ A "local impact report" is a report in writing giving details of the likely impact of the proposed development on the authority's area (or any part of that area).

⁶ Section 120 of the Act 2008 provides that a DCO may impose Requirements for development for which consent is granted. Such Requirements may correspond with conditions which could have been imposed on the grant of any permission, consent or authorisation (for example planning permission under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) which would have been required for the development if it had been consented through a different regime.

2.2 Summary of pre-application discussions

2.2.1 **Table 2.1** summarises the consultation and engagement that has taken place between the Parties prior to submission of the DCO application. This includes discussions relating to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping, Section 42 statutory consultation and additional technical engagement.

Table 2.1 – Pre-application discussions

Date	Discussion points
Planning officer meetings	
21 October 2020	Meeting #1 Introductory MSTeams meeting to identify the need for the Project and its general location with Hambleton District Council.
30 October 2020	Meeting #1 Introductory MSTeams meeting to identify the need for the Project and its general location with Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.
9 December 2020	Meeting #1 Introductory MSTeams meeting to identify the need for the Project and its general location with Selby District Council and Applicant.
16 December 2020	Meeting #1 Introductory MSTeams meeting to identify the need for the Project and its general location with North Yorkshire County Council and Applicant.
9 February 2021	Meeting #2 Pre non-statutory pre-application MSTeams meeting to update on non-statutory consultation and on Project design with Hambleton District Council and Applicant.
11 February 2021	Meeting #2 Pre non-statutory pre-application MSTeams meeting to update on non-statutory consultation and on Project design with Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.
19 February 2021	Meeting #2 Pre non-statutory pre-application MSTeams meeting to update on non-statutory consultation and on Project design with North Yorkshire County Council and Selby District Council and Applicant.
13 July 2021	Meeting #3 Pre non-statutory pre-application MSTeams meeting to update on non-statutory consultation and on Project design with Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.
14 July 2021	Meeting #3 Post non-statutory consultation update via MS Teams with North Yorkshire County Council and Selby District Council and Applicant.
19 August 2021	Meeting #3

Date	Discussion points
11 January 2022	<p>Post non-statutory consultation update via MS Teams with Hambleton District Council and Applicant.</p> <p>Meeting #4*</p> <p>Pre statutory consultation and Project design update meeting via MS Teams with Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.</p>
22 February 2022	<p>Meeting #5*</p> <p>Post statutory consultation update and Project design update with Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.</p>
05 April 2022	<p>Meeting #6*</p> <p>Update on responses received from statutory consultation and DCO process discussion with Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.</p>
17 May 2022	<p>Meeting #7*</p> <p>Update on responses received from statutory consultation and discussion on what a DCO may look like with Selby District Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.</p>
28 June 2022	<p>Meeting #8*</p> <p>Discussion on Green Belt approach, including the approach to reconductoring, substation and overhead lines, review of the Cumulative Impact Assessment list with Hambleton District Council, Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant. Agreement reached that the reconductoring works will not have greater effects on the Green Belt than the current infrastructure existing within the Green Belt. Agreement also reached that the Very Special Circumstances identified justify the development in the Green Belt. However, NYC consider that overhead lines are inappropriate development in the Green Belt.</p>
26 July 2022	<p>Meeting #9*</p> <p>Discussion on the structure of SoCG, Consultation Report, Local Impact Report, Planning Statement and Design and Access Statement, update on mitigation identified to date and confirmation of Cumulative Impact Assessment List with Hambleton District Council, Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.</p>
30 August 2022	<p>Meeting #10*</p> <p>Project design update, and identification of application documents with Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.</p>
27 September 2022	<p>Meeting #11*</p> <p>General Project update and mitigation plans update with Hambleton District Council, Selby District Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant</p>
18 October 2022	<p>Meeting #12*</p>

Date	Discussion points
	General Project update and discussion on proposed working hours with North Yorkshire County Council Hambleton District Council, Selby District Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.
	*Other host authorities also in attendance
Non-Statutory Consultation	
11 February 2021	Email response to the draft Non Statutory SoCC from Harrogate Borough Council to Applicant.
12 February 2021	Email response to the draft Non Statutory SoCC from Selby District Council to Applicant.
15 February 2021	Email response to the draft SoCC from North Yorkshire County Council to Applicant.
15 February 2021	Email response to the draft SoCC from Hambleton District Council to Applicant.
EIA Scoping	
15 April 2021	Email scoping response received from Hambleton District Council to Applicant.
15 April 2021	Email scoping response received from Harrogate District Council to Applicant.
15 April 2021	Email scoping response received from North Yorkshire County Council and Selby District Council to Applicant.
Statutory Consultation Response (Comments on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR))	
9 December 2021	Email Statutory Consultation response from North Yorkshire County Council and Selby District Council to Applicant.
16 December 2021	Email Statutory Consultation response from North Yorkshire County Council and Selby District Council in terms of further landscape comments to Applicant.
Engagement - Landscape	
01 July 2021	MS Teams meeting for Landscape and visual impact effects with North Yorkshire County Council, Selby District Council, Harrogate Borough Council and the Applicant's environmental consultants.
21 February 2022	MS Teams meeting with North Yorkshire County Council, Selby District Council and the Applicant's environmental consultant to discuss the proposed methodology and tree canopy loss.
01 March 2022	Email from Applicant's environmental consultant to North Yorkshire County Council and NYC requesting additional feedback on viewpoints.
10 March 2022	Email from to North Yorkshire County Council agreeing with the methodology proposed for photomontages and photowires and additional comments were provided on the landscape and visual impact assessment.
19 April 2022	MS Teams meeting for Landscape and visual impact effects with North Yorkshire County Council representing Selby District Council and Harrogate Borough Council with the Applicant's environmental consultants.

Date	Discussion points
Historic environment	
01 July 2021	Call between Applicant's environmental consultant and North Yorkshire County Council regarding trial trenching.
08 July 2021	Call between the Applicant's environmental consultant and Selby District Council, no further issues identified.
14 December 2021	Call between the Applicant's environmental consultant and North Yorkshire County Council regarding evaluation of trenching at substations.
02 February 2022	Call between Applicant's environmental consultant and North Yorkshire County Council regarding geophysical surveys, trial trenching and scope of work.
02 March 2022	Call between Applicant's environmental consultant and North Yorkshire County Council regarding geophysical surveys, trial trenching and scope of work.
28 March 2022	Email from Applicant's environmental consultant to North Yorkshire County Council advising of boreholes and test pits.
01 April 2022	Email from North Yorkshire County Council to Applicant's environmental consultant advising no comments on boreholes and test pits.
25 April 2022	Email from Applicant's environmental consultant advising of Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI).
28 April 2022	Email agreement from North Yorkshire County Council to Applicant's environmental consultant advising agreement with the WSI.
01 June 2022	Email agreement for North Yorkshire County Council on WSI for Trial Trenching to Applicant's environmental consultant.
04 July 2022	Email from Applicant's environmental consultant advising of result of trial trenching.
05 July 2022	Email from North Yorkshire County Council advising no comments on trenching results.
Biodiversity	
28 March 2022	MSTeams Meeting to update on biodiversity survey results with North Yorkshire County Council representing Selby District Council, Hambleton District Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant and Applicant's environmental consultant. NYC agreed with the proposed scope of the surveys, mitigation hierarchy for SINCs, and the approach to dealing with culverts.
Hydrology	
19 July 2021	Technical note issued via email by Applicant's consultant before the PEIR submission to discuss approach to EIA, Water Framework Directive (WFD) and Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) with North Yorkshire County Council Local Lead Flood Authority (LLFA).
29 July 2021	MSTeams Meeting before the PEIR submission to discuss approach to EIA, WFD and FRA with North Yorkshire County Council LLFA.

Date	Discussion points
16 June 2022	MS Teams Meeting with North Yorkshire County Council LLFA before submission of the DCO to present relevant modelling, drainage strategies, consenting requirements and approach to SoCG.
21 September 2022	Applicant's consultant issued draft versions of the Drainage Strategies for Overton and Monk Fryston Substations for review and comment by the North Yorkshire County Council LLFA prior to submission of the DCO application.
25 September 2022	Email from North Yorkshire County Council LLFA noting that they would review the draft substation drainage strategies week commencing 03/10/22
31 October 2022	Email from the Applicant's consultant asking whether the LLFA had comments on the substation drainage strategies
07 November 2022	Email from Applicant's consultant to the LLFA stating that there was no longer any time to incorporate comments into the substation drainage strategies and noting that the versions submitted for review on 21 September would be submitted in support of the DCO application.

Traffic and Transport

5th February 2021	Meeting with North Yorkshire County Council to discuss design related issues, including bell mouth design, visibility splays, PRow diversions and abnormal load impacts. It was agreed that speed surveys should be used to inform the length of visibility splays at access junctions based on 85%tile speeds and in accordance with Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) design standards.
8 March 2022	Applicant's environmental consultant received comments via email from the North Yorkshire County Council on the road users of Overton Road and Rawcliffe Road.
11 May 2022	MSTeams Meeting to discuss assessment presented at PEIR with North Yorkshire County Council, Applicant and Applicant's environmental consultant. Agreement for traffic surveys, traffic assessment, future growth, generation, distribution and routing of HGVs.

Hard to Reach Groups

14 June 2022	Selby District Council confirmed via a telephone call that the traveller encampment not benefiting from planning consent located next to the A1(M) junction will not be considered a noise sensitive receptor within the assessment given the unauthorised state of occupation.
05 July 2022	Telephone call between Applicant and Selby District Council regarding arranging accompanied site visit to the unauthorised traveller camp.
12 July 2022	Email providing Selby District Council officer with information on Yorkshire GREEN in preparation for an accompanied site visit.
02 August 2022	Site meeting between National Grid, the agent acting for the owners/occupiers of the unauthorised camp and Selby District Council to explain the Project and answer queries.
03 August 2022	Email from agent acting for unauthorised camp setting out support for Yorkshire GREEN.

2.3 Summary of post-submission discussions

2.3.1 **Table 2.2** will summarise the consultation and engagement that takes place between the Parties post submission of the DCO application.

Table 2.2 – Post-submission discussions

Date	Discussion points
29 November 2022	Meeting #13 General Project update, update on proposed working hours, understanding the next stages in the DCO process and structure of the statements of common ground with Hambleton District Council, Harrogate Borough Council, Selby District Council.
06 January 2023	Email sent to NYC with Version 1 of the Draft SoCG
02 February 2023	Meeting #14 General Project update, update on proposed working hours, understanding the next stages in the DCO process and structure of the statements of common ground with North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council, Harrogate Borough Council, Selby District Council.
08 February 2023	Email received from NYC with comments on SoCG
15 February 2023	Email sent to NYC clarifying approach for SoCG
23 February 2023	Email with tracked changed version of the SoCG
02 March 2023	Meeting #15 General Project update, update on the SoCG, review of the Rule 6 Letter with Harrogate Borough Council and Selby District Council.
09 March 2023	Email issuing meeting notes and requesting update on SoCG
30 March 2023	Meeting #16 General project update, Deadline 1 submission, SoCG update and PPA discussion
4 April 2023	Meeting to discuss amendments to SoCG for Deadline 1
<u>27 April 2023</u>	<u>Meeting #17 General project update, review of Deadline 2 submissions, discussion on Local Impact Report content and approach for updating Statement of Common Ground.</u>
<u>10 May 2023</u>	<u>Email from NYC to National Grid with comments on the SoCG for Deadline 3.</u>

3. Matters Agreed

3.1.1 This section sets out the matters that have been agreed between National Grid and the NYC and **Table 3.1** details these matters.

Table 3.1 – Matters agreed

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed position	Date of Agreement
3.1 Description of the Project			
3.1.1	Description of the Project	The Summary of the Proposed Development provided in Section 1.2 above reflects NYC understanding of the Project. NYC acknowledge National Grid’s description of the ‘need’ for the project but do not have the technical expertise or knowledge to query this.	Agreed on call 4th April 2023
3.2 Draft DCO, Document 3.1, Volume 3			
3.2.2	PART 3 STREETS	<p>Joint Authorities</p> <p>The items described Part 3 STREETS of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1, Volume 3) accurately reflect the NYC understanding of the works proposed in each local authority.</p> <p>Highway Authority (North Yorkshire County Council)</p> <p>The items described Part 3 STREETS of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1, Volume 3) accurately reflect the highway authority’s understanding of the works proposed in each local authority.</p>	<p>The Draft DCO has been shared with the NYC for comment, including the Yorkshire GREEN Briefing #10 meeting which took place on the 30 August 2022. The wording of Part 3 of the draft DCO has not been raised as a matter for further discussion.</p> <p>NYC confirmed at the Briefing #13 meeting held on 29 November 2022 that they do not anticipate any issues with the wording of the draft DCO (Document 3.1, Volume 3) subject to its review, but NYC reserve the right to make further</p>

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed position	Date of Agreement
			<p>comments as necessary throughout the Examination.</p> <p>NYC Highways Authority understand the powers set out in the DCO. The project is vast and will be incredible difficult to manage with numerous access points, pylon erection and narrow streets. Detailed work must be carried out with the CTMP and the DCO may require some detail changes as a result. The parties will work together throughout the examination to complete the CTMP [APP-099]</p>
3.2.3	<p>PART 4 SUPPLEMENTAL POWERS</p>	<p><i>Joint Authorities</i></p> <p>The items described in PART 4 SUPPLEMENTAL POWERS of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1, Volume 3) accurately reflect the NYC understanding of the works proposed in each local authority.</p> <p><i>Highway Authority (North Yorkshire County Council</i></p> <p>The items described in PART 4 SUPPLEMENTAL POWERS of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1, Volume 3) accurately reflect the highway authority's understanding of the works proposed in each local authority.</p>	<p>The Draft DCO has been shared with the NYC for comment, including the Yorkshire GREEN Briefing #10 meeting which took place on the 30 August 2022. The wording of Part 4 of the draft DCO has not been raised as a matter for further discussion but NYC reserve the right to make further comments as necessary throughout the Examination.</p> <p>NYC Highways Authority understand the powers set out in the DCO. The project is vast and will be incredible difficult to manage with numerous access points, pylon erection and narrow streets. Detailed work must be carried out</p>

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed position	Date of Agreement
			with the CTMP and the DCO may require some detail changes as a result. The parties will work together throughout the examination to complete the CTMP [APP-099]
3.2.4	PART 6 MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL	<p><i>Joint Authorities</i></p> <p>The items described in PART 6 MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1, Volume 3) accurately reflect the NYC understanding of the works proposed in each local authority.</p> <p><i>Highway Authority (North Yorkshire County Council)</i></p> <p>The items described in PART 6 MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1, Volume 3) accurately reflect the highway authority's understanding of the works proposed in each local authority.</p>	<p>The Draft DCO has been shared with the -NYC, including the Yorkshire GREEN Briefing #10 meeting which took place on the 30 August 2022. The wording of Part 6 of the draft DCO has not been raised as a matter for further discussion but NYC reserve the right to make further comments as necessary throughout the Examination.</p> <p>NYC Highways Authority understand the powers set out in the DCO. The project is vast and will be incredible difficult to manage with numerous access points, pylon erection and narrow streets. Detailed work must be carried out with the CTMP and the DCO may require some detail changes as a result. The parties will work together throughout the examination to complete the CTMP [APP-099].</p>
Volume 5.3 Environmental Statement			

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed position	Date of Agreement
3.3 Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.3.1	ES Methodology approach adopted	The NYC were supportive of the methodology set out in the LVIA PEIR with Reference to GLVIA 3 and LI TIN 06/19. The methodology used in the ES is unchanged from the PEIR (Section 6.8 (ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual, Document 5.2.6, Volume 5 and Appendix 6C: Landscape and Visual Impact Methodology)).	As the methodology approach is unchanged, it is assumed that the NYC are content with the ES methodology approach adopted and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.3.2	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the landscape and visual baseline is appropriately described in Section 6.5.13 (ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual, Document 5.2.6, Volume 5) .	During pre-applications discussions, the landscape and visual ES baseline description hasn't been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.3.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Table 6.8, ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual, Document 5.2.6, Volume 5 .	During pre-applications discussions, the landscape and visual ES Embedded Environmental Measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.4 Chapter 7: Historic Environment (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.4.1	Assessment Methodology	The NYC are content that the methodology of Historic Environment assessment set out in in Section 7.4, ES	During pre-application discussions, the Historic Environment assessment methodology has not been raised as a matter for further

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		Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7, Volume 5 is appropriate.	discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.4.2	Assessment Methodology	The NYC are content that the methodology of Historic Environment assessment set out in in Section 7.4, ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7, Volume 5 is appropriate.	During pre-application discussions, the Historic Environment assessment methodology has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.4.3	Written Scheme of Investigation	The NYC are content with the watching brief on SI work and it is appropriately described in Table 7.5, ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7, Volume 5.	28 April 2022
3.4.4	Trench Plan	The NYC are content with the trench plan and WSI for trial trenching and it is appropriately described in Table 7.5, ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7, Volume 5.	1 June 2022
3.4.5	Evaluation through trial trenching at the proposed substation sites of Overton and Monk Fryston	The NYC requested Geophysical survey and archaeological evaluation through trial trenching. This has been undertaken at the proposed Overton and proposed Monk Fryston Substations Table 7.5, ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7, Volume 5.	4 July 2021
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.4.6	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the historic environment baseline is appropriately described in Section 7.5, ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the historic environment baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			

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3.4.7	Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Table 10.9, ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Historic Environment Embedded Environmental Measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
Assessment of Likely Significant Effects			
3.4.8	ES Assessment of Likely Significant Effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely historic environment effects as described in Section 7.7 (ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7, Volume 5).	During pre-applications discussions, Historic Environment ES assessment of likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed. <u>The Local Impact Report [REP1-056] submitted at Deadline 1 further confirms that NYC are in agreement to the approach taken to the historic environment.</u>
3.5 Chapter 8: Biodiversity (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.5.1	Scope of Surveys	The NYC are content with the proposed scope of surveys for the following (as discussed in the meeting 28 March 2022): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approach to biodiversity surveys where land is not accessible; - ornithological surveys; - extended Phase 1 habitat survey; - protected species surveys (otter and badger); 	28 March 2022

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no requirement for great crested newt surveys due to employment of District Level Licensing; and - no requirement for reptile, fish, tansy beetle or other invertebrate surveys. <p>(Table 8.8, ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8, Volume 5).</p>	
3.5.2	Assessment Methodology	The NYC are content with the methodology adopted in the ES in Section 8.8, ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8, Volume 5).	During pre-applications discussions, ES assessment methodology proposed for Biodiversity has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.5.3	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the biodiversity baseline is appropriately described in Section 8.5, ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the biodiversity ES baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.5.4	Proposals for Embedded Environmental Mitigation and compensation measures –Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy (BMS) and Code of Construction Practice (CoCP)	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 8.6 ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity Document 5.2.8, Volume 5. These mitigation measures are included within Outline BMS, Document 5.3.3D, Volume 5.3 as secured through the CoCP, Document 5.3.3B, Volume 5.3 and are therefore also considered to be satisfactory to the NYC.	During pre-applications discussions, the Biodiversity ES embedded environmental measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and.
3.5.5	Mitigation specific to watercourse crossings	The NYC are content with the pragmatic approach to culverts which has been utilised on the Project and the	28 March 2022

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		Embedded Environmental Measures to cover sensitive culvert design - the Embedded Environmental Measures are detailed within Section 8.6 of the ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity Document 5.2.8, Volume 5.	
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.5.6	ES assessment of likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant biodiversity effects as described in Section 8.9 (ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity Document 5.2.8, Volume 5).	During pre-applications discussions, the biodiversity ES assessment of likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.6 Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.6.1	Assessment Methodology	The NYC are content with the methodology adopted in the ES in Section 9.7 and 9.8 (ES Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk, Document 5.2.9, Volume 5).	During pre-applications discussions, the hydrology and flood risk ES assessment scope and methodology have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.6.2	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the hydrology and flood risk baseline is appropriately described in Section 9.5 (ES Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk, Document 5.2.9, Volume 5).	During pre-applications discussions, the Hydrology and Flood risk ES baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			

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3.6.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 9.6 (ES Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk, Document 5.2.9, Volume 5) .	During pre-applications discussions, the Hydrology and Flood risk ES Embedded Environmental Measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.6.4	ES assessment of likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant hydrology and flood risk effects as described in Section 9.13 (ES Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk, Document 5.2.9, Volume 5) .	During pre-applications discussions, the Hydrology and Flood risk ES assessment of likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Permitting of works in Ordinary Watercourses</i>			
3.6.5	Land Drainage Consents for works on Ordinary Watercourses	A number of temporary access watercourse crossings are required during the construction phase of the Project, which would either involve the installation of a temporary culvert or use (and potential upgrading) of existing culverts. National Grid agrees that applications would be made to North Yorkshire County Council as LLFA for Land Drainage Consent under Section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991 for any works within top of bank of Ordinary Watercourses within their jurisdiction.	16/06/22 <u>16 June 2022</u>
3.7 Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.7.1	Mineral Resource Assessment	The NYC are content with the conclusions of the Minerals Resource Assessment (Document 7.10, Volume 7), which are that the Project meets the requirements of mineral safeguarding Policy S02 (Developments proposed within Safeguarded Surface	26 September 2022

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		Mineral Resource Areas) for built development to be acceptable in a Mineral Safeguarding Area.	
3.7.2	ES Scope and Assessment Methodology	The NYC are content the assessment scope and methodology for Geology and Hydrogeology is appropriately described in Section 10.4 and 10.7 (ES Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology, Document 5.2.10, Volume 5) .	During pre-applications discussions, the Geology and Hydrogeology ES scope and assessment methodology has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.7.3	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the Geology and Hydrogeology baseline is appropriately described in Section 10.5 (ES Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology, Document 5.2.10, Volume 5) .	During pre-applications discussions, the Geology and Hydrogeology ES baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.7.4	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 10.6 (ES Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology, Document 5.2.10, Volume 5) .	During pre-applications discussions, the Geology and Hydrogeology ES Embedded Environmental Measures methodology have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.7.5	ES assessment of likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant Geology and Hydrogeology effects as described in Section 10.11 (ES Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology, Document 5.2.10, Volume 5) .	During pre-applications discussions, the Geology and Hydrogeology ES assessment of likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.

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			<u>This has been further agreed through the Local Impact Report [REP1-056] submitted at Deadline 1.</u>
3.8 Chapter 11: Agriculture and Soils (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.8.1	EIA Assessment and Methodology	The NYC are content with the assessment scope and methodology for Agriculture and Soils as described in Section 11.7, ES Chapter 11: Agriculture and Soils, Document 5.2.11, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Agriculture and Soils ES methodology approach has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.8.2	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the soils and agriculture baseline is appropriately described in Section 11.4, ES Chapter 11: Agriculture and Soils, Document 5.2.11, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Agriculture and Soils ES baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.8.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 11.5, ES Chapter 11: Agriculture and Soils, Document 5.2.11, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Agriculture and Soils ES Embedded Environmental Measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.8.4	ES assessment of likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant agricultural land effects as described in Section 11.1 (ES Chapter 11: Agriculture and Soils, Document 5.2.11, Volume 5).	During pre-applications discussions, the Agriculture and Soils assessment of likely significant effects has not been raised as a

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		It is agreed the only significant adverse effects post construction are the total permanent loss of agricultural land of Grade 2 and Subgrade 3a quality (best and most versatile agricultural land).	matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed. <u>This has been confirmed through the Local Impact Report [REP1-056] submitted at Deadline 1.</u>
3.9 Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.9.1	Speed Surveys	The NYC agreed that speed surveys could be used to inform visibility splays and that the 85% tile speed could be used based on Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) design guidance to inform these splays (Table 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12, Volume 5).	5 February 2022
3.9.2	Traffic Survey Data	The NYC confirmed that they were content with the approach to collect traffic survey data for all locations where data in the PEIR was older than 2019 or there was a gap as a result of COVID-19 (Table 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12, Volume 5). Where speed/ traffic surveys were undertaken, it was agreed by the NYC that where these were available and appropriate these should be used rather than the historic DfT Traffic data. (Section 12.5.66, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12, Volume 5).	11 May 2022
3.9.3	EIA Assessment and Methodology	The NYC confirmed they were content with the use of the EIA assessment methodology based on Guidelines of the Environmental Assessment of Traffic (GEART) (IEA, 1993) to inform the EIA assessment (Table 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12, Volume 5).	11 May 2022

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3.9.4	Methodology for traffic generation and distribution	The NYC confirmed that they were content with the methodology for traffic generation and distribution.	11 May 2022
3.9.5	Requirement for a Transport Assessment	The NYC confirmed that they agreed that there was no requirement for a Transport Assessment as set out and agreed with PINS in the EIA Scoping Opinion (Table 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12, Volume 5).	11 May 2022
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.9.6	Growth of DfT and count data	The NYC confirmed that they were content with the growth of DfT and count data to a 2022 baseline (and future year baseline) using TEMPro Growth (Table 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12, Volume 5).	11 May 2022
3.9.7	Accident Data	<p>The NYC confirmed that they were content with North Yorkshire County Council accident data to be from a 5 year period back from April 2022 (Table 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12, Volume 5).</p> <p>It should be noted however that this data could not be provided by North Yorkshire County Council due to an issue with its accident data system. North Yorkshire County Council were informed that crash map data would be used as at PEIR.</p>	11 May 2022
3.9.8	TEMPro Growth Rates	The NYC are content that the TEMPro growth rates used would include traffic from the new settlement site near the A59 at Whixley (Table 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12, Volume 5).	11 May 2022

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3.9.9	A63 into Rawfield Lane	The NYC are content that to alleviate any potential highways safety issues regards access to Rawfield Lane for Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) routing from the west, a left in left out arrangement would be the best approach at the junction. This has been set out in the CTMP and secured via Requirement 5(2)(d). (Table 12.12, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12, Volume 5).	11 May 2022 The new Monk Fryston sub station is to be constructed near to the existing substation. The site has direct access from the A1(m) and A63. Local widening of Rawcliffe Lane and its junction with the A63 will be required. Management of deliveries to site may need to be outside peak times to reduce conflict at the junction onto Rawcliffe Lane.
3.9.10	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	It is agreed that the Embedded Environmental Measures are appropriate to manage the likely significant effects on Traffic and Transport measures, as detailed in Section 12.6, Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the traffic and transport ES Embedded Environmental Measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.9.11	ES likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant Traffic and Transport effects as described in Section 12.11, Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the traffic and transport ES likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed. In building the various access points and establishing the site compounds along the works

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			<p>corridor the management of each access point may involve discussions with the L.H.A possibly leading- to an approach which is used throughout the works and included in the construction management plan. Traffic generated by the operations per day may be of the order of 20 to 30 vehicles at any given location. Each activity may be independent of another so the impact on the highway network may be felt right across the network. Therefore the Authority sees the importance of further discussions with the developer to formulate the production of the construction management plan and construction travel plan as well as additions to the Development Consent Order (DCO). In addition the L.H.A expects the developer to issue when required streetworks notices- to allow the street works authority to programme work on the highway to avoid disruption.</p> <p>The CTMP & CWTP [framework documents required by the draft DCO are agreed in principle. The LHA is satisfied with the proposed draft DCO requirements which will ensure that the final traffic</p>

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			management and travel plans will be approved in consultation with the LHA prior to the commencement of the development. The work on the highway identified in draft DCO has in principle has been agreed with the L.H.A.
3.10 Chapter 13: Air Quality (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.10.1	EIA Assessment and Methodology	The NYC are content with the assessment scope and methodology for air quality as described in Section 13.8, ES Chapter 13: Air Quality, Document 5.2.13, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Air Quality assessment and methodology approach has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.10.2	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the air quality baseline is appropriately described in Section 13.5, ES Chapter 13: Air Quality, Document 5.2.13, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Air Quality baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.10.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 13.6, ES Chapter 13: Air Quality, Document 5.2.13, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Air Quality ES Embedded Environmental Measures has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			

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3.10.4	ES likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant air quality effects as described in Section 13.7 ES Chapter 13: Air Quality, Document 5.2.13, Volume 5.	<p>During pre-applications discussions, the Air Quality assessment of likely significant effects has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.</p> <p><u>This has been confirmed through the Local Impact Report [REP1-056] submitted at Deadline 1.</u></p>
3.11 Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.11.31	Traveller Encampment (Next to the A1 (M)) not benefiting from planning consent	Selby District Council is content that the unauthorised Traveller camp located next to the A1(M) junction would not be considered as a Noise Sensitive Receptor (NSR) within the assessment. Notwithstanding this, National Grid will consider the unauthorised Traveller encampment within the ES. (Table 14.6, ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration, Document 5.2.14, Volume 5).	14 June 2022
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.12 Chapter 15: Health and Wellbeing (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.12.1	EIA Assessment and Methodology	The NYC are content with the assessment scope and methodology for Health and Wellbeing as described in Section 15.8, ES Chapter 15: Health and Wellbeing, Document 5.2.15, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Health and Wellbeing assessment and methodology have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Baseline</i>			

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3.12.2	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the Health and Wellbeing baseline is appropriately described in Section 15.5, ES Chapter 15: Health and Wellbeing, Document 5.2.15, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Health and Wellbeing baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.12.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 15.6, ES Chapter 15: Health and Wellbeing, Document 5.2.15, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Health and Wellbeing Embedded Environmental Measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.12.4	ES likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant Health and Wellbeing effects as described in Section 15.9, ES Chapter 15: Health and Wellbeing, Document 5.2.15, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Health and Wellbeing ES likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.13 Chapter 16: Socio-Economics (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.13.1	EIA Assessment and Methodology	The NYC are content with the assessment scope and methodology for Socio-Economics described in Section 16.7, ES Chapter 16: Socio-Economics, Document 5.2.16, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Socio-Economics EIA assessment and methodology have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Baseline</i>			

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3.13.2	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the Socio-Economics baseline is appropriately described in Section 16.4, ES Chapter 16: Socio-Economics, Document 5.2.16, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Socio-Economics baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.13.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 16.5, ES Chapter 16: Socio-Economics, Document 5.2.16, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Socio-Economics Embedded Environmental Measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.13.4	ES likely significant effects	<p>The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant Socio-Economics effects as described in Section 16.8, ES Chapter 16: Socio-Economics, Document 5.2.16, Volume 5.</p> <p>It is agreed the only significant adverse effects during operation are on Woodstock Lodge Wedding Venue. An offsite landscape planting scheme, located outside the Order Limits but within the grounds of Woodstock Lodge Wedding Venue, is proposed as an additional measure to minimise effects on this receptor. This would be agreed through a voluntary agreement with the landowner.</p>	During pre-applications discussions, the Socio-Economics ES assessment of likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion.
3.14 Chapter 17: Climate Change (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.14.1	EIA Assessment and Methodology	The NYC are content with the assessment scope and methodology for climate change as described in	During pre-applications discussions, the Climate Change EIA assessment and methodology has

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		Section 17.8, ES Chapter 17: Climate Change, Document 5.2.17, Volume 5.	not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.14.2	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the climate change baseline is appropriately described in Section 17.5, ES Chapter 17: Climate Change, Document 5.2.17, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Climate Change ES baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.14.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 17.6, ES Chapter 17: Climate Change, Document 5.2.17, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Climate Change ES Embedded Environmental Measures has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.14.4	ES likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant climate change effects as described in Section 17.9, ES Chapter 17: Climate Change, Document 5.2.17, Volume 5.	<p>During pre-applications discussions, the Climate Change ES assessment of likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.</p> <p>NYC will take a pragmatic approach to the Climate Change assessment. The Authority does not have the necessary resources to critically assess the work undertaken.</p>
3.15 Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			

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3.15.1	Inter-project Cumulative Effects assessment methodology	The NYC are content with the inter-project Cumulative Effects assessment scope and methodology, and they are appropriately described in Section 18.4, ES Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects, Document 5.2.18, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Inter-project Cumulative Effects assessment methodology has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed. NYC reserve the right to makes further comments as necessary throughout the Examination.
3.15.2	Intra-project Cumulative Effects assessment methodology	The NYC are content with the intra-project Cumulative Effects assessment scope and methodology, and they are appropriately described in Section 18.5, ES Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects, Document 5.2.18, Volume 5.	During pre-applications discussions, the Intra-project Cumulative Effects assessment methodology has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed. NYC reserve the right to makes further comments as necessary throughout the Examination.
<i>Assessment of Significance</i>			
3.15.3	Significance Conclusions	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant Cumulative Effects as described in Section 18.9 (ES Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects, Document 5.2.18, Volume 5).	During pre-applications discussions, the Cumulative Effects significance conclusions have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed. NYC reserve the right to makes further comments as necessary throughout the Examination.
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3.16 Appendix 3B - Code of Construction Practice			
3.16.1	Code of Construction Practice	The NYC are content the Code of Construction Practice (ES Chapter 3: Code of Construction	No issues have been raised regarding the construction practices

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		Practice, Document 5.3.3B, Volume 5) secured in Requirement 5(2)(a) of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1, Volume 3) appropriately reflects the mitigation required to minimise effects during construction.	proposed during previous meetings and therefore it is considered the code of construction practice is agreed.
3.17 Appendix 3C - Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation			
3.17.1	Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation	The NYC are content the Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (ES Chapter 3: Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation, Document 5.3.3C, Volume 5) secured in Requirement 5(2)(b) of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1, Volume 3) appropriately reflects the mitigation required to protect archaeological assets.	28 April 2022
3.18 Appendix 3D - Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy			
3.18.1	Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy	The NYC are content the Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy (ES Chapter 3: Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy, Document 5.3.3D) secured in Requirement 5(2)(c) of the DCO appropriately reflects the mitigation required to protect biodiversity assets.	During pre-applications discussions, mitigation strategy has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.19 Appendix 3E - Outline Soil Management Plan			
3.19.1	Outline Soil Management Plan	The NYC are content the Outline soil Management Plan (ES Chapter 3: Outline soil management plan, Document 5.3.3E, Volume 5) secured in Requirement 5(3) of the DCO appropriately reflects the mitigation required to protect soils.	During pre-applications discussions, soil management plan has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.20 Appendix 3F - Construction Traffic Management Plan			
3.20.1	Construction Traffic Management Plan	The NYC are content the Construction Traffic Management Plan (ES Chapter 3: Construction Traffic Management Plan, Document 5.3.3F, Volume 5) secured in Requirement 5(2)(d) of the DCO appropriately reflects the mitigation required to avoid and manage traffic related effects.	The document is agreed in outline. Work is required to develop the document as the application progresses.

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3.21 Appendix 3G - Public Rights of Way Management Plan			
3.21.1	Public Rights of Way Management Plan	The NYC are content the Public Rights of Way Management Plan (ES Chapter 3: Public Rights of Way Management Plan, Document 5.3.3G, Volume 5) secured in Requirement 5(2)(e) of the DCO appropriately reflects the mitigation required to protect Public Rights of Way (PRoW) assets.	The document is agreed in outline. Work is required to develop the document as the application progresses. <u>This has been confirmed through the Local Impact Report [REP1-056] submitted at Deadline 1.</u>
3.22 Appendix 3I -Arboricultural Impact Assessment			
3.22.1	Arboricultural Impact Assessment	The NYC are content the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (ES Chapter 3: Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Document 5.3.3I, Volume 5) secured in Requirement 6(g), 8(a) and 10 of the DCO appropriately reflects the mitigation required to protect arboricultural assets.	During pre-applications discussions, Arboricultural Impact Assessment has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.23 Document 5.3.9D - Appendix 9D – Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) [APP-138]			
3.23.1	Flood risk assessment	The NYC in their capacity as LLFA are content with the findings of the flood risk assessment.	During pre-applications discussions, the flood risk assessment has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.23.2	Surface water management	The NYC in their capacity as LLFA are content with the measures proposed for surface water management for the construction and operational phases of the project, as set out in Section 6 of the Appendix 9D Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) (Document 5.3.9D [APP-138]) . Draft versions of the Drainage Strategy documents for the Overton and Monk Fryston Substations were provided to the LLFA for review prior to submission of	During pre-applications discussions, the proposed surface water management measures for the Project have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and are therefore considered to be agreed in principle.

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		<p>the DCO application. No comments were received by the Applicant, so it is considered that the principles of these drainage strategies are agreed.</p> <p>It is noted that under DCO Requirement 6.(1)(b) a Drainage Management Plan (DMP) which will provide details of surface water management for the construction phase of the Project for approval by the relevant planning authority prior to commencement of works.</p> <p>Provision is made under DCO Requirement 6.(4) for the relevant planning authority to consult with the relevant drainage authority in approving details of surface water and foul drainage systems. For those areas of North Yorkshire outside of Internal Drainage Board districts, the relevant drainage authority for surface water would be North Yorkshire County Council in its capacity as LLFA.</p>	
3.23.3	Surface water management for permanent infrastructure	The NYC in their capacity as LLFA are content with the measures proposed for management of flood risk and drainage during the construction phase of the project.	
3.24 Volume 7.1, Planning Statement			
Development plan documents			
3.24.1	Development plan documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The adopted development plans for the NYC comprise the following: North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Joint Plan (NYMWJP) February 2022; • Hambleton Local Plan (Adopted February 2022); • Harrogate District Local Plan (Adopted December 2020); 	<p>During pre-application discussions, the development plan documents have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and is therefore considered to be agreed. The Local Impact Report [REP1-056] confirms that these documents are agreed as the adopted and emerging Local Plans relevant to NYC.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selby District Local Plan (Saved Policies) (2005) 2005; and • Selby District Core Strategy Local Plan (2013). <p>There is only one emerging development plan for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selby District New Local Plan (Preferred Options) 2021. <p>Key policies of relevance have been identified in the submitted Planning Statement (Document 7.1, Volume 7).</p>	<p><u>The correct list of policies was included in the Local Impact Report [REP1-056] and in the response to the Written Questions from the ExA to NYC. Side by side comparison will show that these differ from the list provided by National Grid in the Planning Statement (Document 7.1, Volume 7).</u></p>
3.24.2	Design and Access Statement	The NYC are content that the Design and Access Statement (DAS) demonstrates how National Grid has taken into account the criteria for good design contained within NPS EN-1 and EN-5 and explains the ways in which the design of the Project has evolved.	During pre-applications discussions, Design and Access Statement has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.24.3	Details of Other Consents and Licences	The NYC agree that the Details of Other Consents and Licences (Document 7.3, Volume 7) clearly identifies the consents and licences, in addition to the DCO, which are expected to be necessary to the Project and confirms how these consents will be obtained.	The principles of these documents were discussed with the NYC from the outset of the Project and were available for the PEIR. On this basis the NYC are in agreement with their content.
3.24.4	Updated Need Case, Strategic Proposal Reports and Corridor and Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study	The NYC acknowledge the Applicants Needs Case (Document 7.4, Volume 7) and the project development process, including the Strategic Proposal Report 2019 and 2020 (Document 7.5 & 7.6, Volume 7) and the 2021 addendum (Document 7.7, Volume 7) and the Corridor and Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study ('the CPRSS'), (Document 7.8, Volume 7) but do not have the technical expertise or knowledge to query this.	Agreed on call 4 April 2023

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3.24.5	<p>Consultation Report, Consultation Report Appendices and Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)</p>	<p>The NYC agree that they were given the opportunity to comment on the draft SoCC and their suggestions were included in the final SoCC (see Consultation Report (Document 6.1, Volume 6) and Consultation Report Appendices (Document 6.2, Volume 6) including the Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') (Appendix B4, Volume 6, Document 6.2))</p>	<p>The principles of these documents were discussed with the NYC from the outset of the Project and were available for the PEIR. The NYC confirmed at Briefing #13 held on 29 November 2022 that they agreed that the approach to consultation had been discussed and agreed with the NYC.</p> <p>On this basis the NYC are in agreement with their content.</p>

4. Matters Not Agreed

4.1.1 Section 4 sets out matters not agreed between National Grid and NYC. **Table 4.1** details these matters.

Table 4.1 – Matters not agreed

SoCG ID	Matter	North Yorkshire Council position	National Grid position
Volume 7: Other Documents			
4.1 Planning Statement			
4.1.1	Overhead lines in the Green Belt	<p>≡</p> <p>Elements of the application proposal would constitute engineering operations, whilst others would be considered as structures. Paragraph 149 of the NPPF applies to structures/buildings. Paragraph 150 of the NPPF applies to engineering operations.</p> <p>The NPPF sets out at para 149 that the construction of new buildings in the Green Belt is inappropriate unless it falls within the closed list of exceptions set out at para 149 a) to g). Some elements of the scheme (e.g. the Pylons, overhead lines, any buildings, enclosures, boundary fencing or operational equipment) are structures and do not fall within any of the categories in para 149. Therefore, they are inappropriate development which is harmful by definition and Very Special Circumstances (VSC) will be needed to clearly outweigh the harm by definition and any other harm identified.</p> <p>Other elements of the scheme such as underground cabling, ground works, engineering works, etc., are engineering</p>	<p>The Planning Statement (Document 7.1, Volume 7) sets out that overhead line elements of the Project are considered engineering operations which do not constitute inappropriate development. By virtue of their nature and their purpose (to transport power large distances) overhead lines may occupy long corridors within Green Belt, they involve little physical change to the land through which they pass and leave a large majority of the land around and beneath them free from development and therefore open. As pylons are spaced up to 360m apart the perception of openness is maintained as one is able to ‘see through’ the widely spaced pylons and conductors to whatever is beyond. As a result, the proposed</p>

	<p>operations. The NPPF at para. 150 sets out that certain other forms of development (which includes engineering operations) are not inappropriate where they 1) preserve the openness and 2) do not conflict with the purposes of the including land in the GB. Where they fail 1 or 2 above, they would be inappropriate development by definition and Very Special Circumstances would be required to clearly outweigh the harm by definition and any other harm resulting from the proposal.</p> <p>In terms of the purposes of Green Belts, the NYC considers that the proposal would not be consistent with Purpose c) set out under para. 138 of the NPPF which is “to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment”. As such, it would conflict with the purposes of including land within the Green Belt.</p> <p>Some of the engineering operation elements of the scheme are considered by the NYC to be appropriate development due to limited visual and spatial impact. Other engineering elements would have an impact on openness of the Green Belt.</p> <p>Overall, the NYC is of the opinion that the scheme would result in a number of ‘structures’ and operational equipment which would have a significant impact on the openness of the Green Belt due to the increased size of the substation at Monk Fryston, the scale of the development, the presence of additional pylons, overhead lines, operational equipment and infrastructure at this location and across the projects location. This proposed project needs to be considered in the context of other developments allowed/proposed within the local area also within Green Belt, including, but not limited to, two applications granted permission in 2022 for battery storage facilities on land adjacent to the proposed Yorkshire Green project. Such projects are identified in Chapter 18 ‘Cumulative Effects’ (APP-090) and Appendix A ‘Cumulative Effects Assessment Long List of Other Developments’ (APP-161).</p>	<p>overhead line would not affect the purposes of the Green Belt designation (as set out Section 8.3 of the Planning Statement Volume 7), as they would not impact on the openness of the Green Belt.</p> <p>In regard to the substation and CSEC works, whilst an engineering operation, that does not harm the purposes of the Green Belt, it is recognised by virtue of the density of infrastructure, and the size of its physical footprint, together with the requirement for security fencing, the substation works at Overton Substation and Monk Fryston, and the CSECs at Shipton and Tadcaster may be considered to be inappropriate development as it would not preserve the openness of the Green Belt. As such, very special circumstances would be required to justify their development as set out below. These very special circumstances apply to the Project in its entirety, so would apply equally in the event that the overhead lines are considered to be inappropriate development.</p>
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		<p>In accordance with national policy, substantial weight is required to be given to any harm to the Green Belt. Very Special Circumstances will not exist unless the harm by reason of inappropriateness, and any other harms to the Green Belt arising from the development, are clearly outweighed by other considerations.</p> <p>Para. 151 of the NPPF acknowledges that many elements of renewable energy projects will comprise inappropriate development and Very Special Circumstances need to be demonstrated to proceed. Such Very Special Circumstances can include the wider environmental benefits associated with increased production of energy from renewable sources. It is acknowledged that this project is intended to support the production of energy from renewable sources.</p> <p>The Very Special Circumstances put forward by the applicants need to be considered alongside any other identified harm arising from the scheme. These are matters for the Examining Authority and Secretary of State to weigh up in the balance in the decision-making process. At this stage of the process is not clear to the NYC the extent of other harms and therefore it is not possible for it to give a view on the balancing exercise at this point in time.</p>	
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5. Matters outstanding

5.1.1 Section 5 sets out matters where agreement is currently outstanding between National Grid and Joint Unitarity Authority. In particular **Table 5.1** details these matters.

Table 5.1 – Matters outstanding

SoCG ID	Matter	Joint Unitarity Authority position	National Grid position
5.1 Draft DCO, Document 3.1, Volume 3			
<u>5.1.1</u>	<u>SCHEDULE 3 REQUIREMENTS</u>	<p><u>Following the first round of questions from the ExA, NYC have raised some comments with regard to the proposed Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Requirement 2: Time Limits</u> ● <u>Requirement 3: Design Drawings</u> ● <u>Requirement 4: Stages of authorised development</u> ● <u>Requirement 5: Construction Management Plans</u> ● <u>Requirement 6: Outline Construction Management Plans</u> ● <u>Requirement 7: Construction Hours</u> 	<p><u>The proposed construction hours for the Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement Project are set out in Schedule 3 Requirement 7 paragraphs 1 to 3 of the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) (Document 3.1(B)) [AS-011]. National Grid’s position and reasoning for these proposed hours is set out in the Applicant’s Comments on Local Impact Reports (Document 8.10) submitted at Deadline 2. Discussion are ongoing with NYC regarding this matter.</u></p> <p><u>National Grid are continuing to liaise with NYC in regard to the proposed wording of the other Requirements noted.</u></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Requirement 8: Landscaping and mitigation planting</u> ● <u>Requirement 9: Implementation of landscaping and mitigation planting</u> ● <u>Requirement 10: Retention and protection of existing trees</u> ● <u>Requirement 11: Reinstatement schemes</u> ● <u>Requirement 12: Contamination of land or groundwater and controlled waters</u> ● <u>Requirement 13: Removal of temporary bridges and culverts</u> ● <u>Requirement 14: Highway works</u> ● <u>Requirement 15: Removal of existing overhead line</u> ● <u>Requirement 16: Decommissioning</u> ● <u>Requirement 17: Clearance over the River Ouse</u> 	
5.1.2	SCHEDULE 4 DISCHARGE OF REQUIREMENTS	NYC are in ongoing discussions with the Applicant regarding the process for discharging requirements as set out in	<u>As detailed in the written response to question 5.5.1 (Document 8.9.1), the durations proposed reflect the urgent need for the Project to be operational by</u>

		<p><u>Schedule 4. As set out in the Local Impact Report [REP1-056], NYC would like to see the following changes to the timescales proposed in Schedule 4 of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(B)) [AS-011].:</u></p> <p><u>a) Article 1(1) – change 35 days to 8 weeks.</u></p> <p><u>b) Article 1(3) – change 7 business days to 21 working days.</u></p> <p><u>c) Article 1(4) – change 3 working days to 5 working days.</u></p> <p><u>d) Article 1(5) – Request removal.</u></p> <p><u>e) Article 2(b) – change 35 days to 8 weeks and add in, unless a longer period of time for determination has been agreed with the undertaker in accordance with (1)(1)(c).</u></p>	<p><u>2027 in order to enable the connection of customers; ensure the connection of renewable generation without incurring significant constraint costs; facilitate net zero; and meet National Grid's transmission licence obligations, as set out in the Updated Needs Case (Document 7.4) [APP-205].</u></p> <p><u>As detailed in the written response to question 5.5.1 (Document 8.9.1), to ensure the durations proposed in the Draft DCO are achievable, National Grid seeks to agree a pre-application advice process with the host Local Planning Authorities, which would be secured through a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA). This approach has worked successfully on previous National Grid projects such as Hinkley Point C Connection DCO and Richborough DCO.</u></p> <p><u>As such, National Grid consider that this tried and tested mechanism is appropriate for the Yorkshire GREEN Project. National Grid will continue to seek to discuss this PPA to cover the deliver phase of the Project with the host Local Planning Authorities, to ensure all parties are satisfied. National Grid will also liaise with the Councils to agree a mechanism to secure this, such as through a S106 agreement.</u></p> <p>NYC</p> <p><u>The wording of SCHEDULE 4 appropriately protects the interest of the NYC and the responsibilities placed on the NYC are achievable (Draft DCO, Document 3.1, Volume 3).</u></p> <p>Highway Authority (North Yorkshire County Council)</p>
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			<p>The wording of SCHEDULE 4 appropriately protects the interest of the highway authority and the responsibilities placed on the highway authority are achievable (Draft DCO, Document 3.1, Volume 3)</p> <p>The requirements of relevance to the highway authority are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Requirement 5: Construction Management Plans ● Requirement 6: Outline Construction Management Plans ● Requirement 7: Construction Hours ● Requirement 14: Highway works
Volume 5.2 Environmental Statement			
5.2 Chapter 6: LVIA			
5.2.1	ES Assessment of Likely Significant Effects	<p>The Local Impact Report highlights areas where adverse impacts are identified at landscape receptor and visual receptors. As yet no mitigation has been identified and NYC would wish to work with the applicant to discuss this further.</p> <p>There are a number of potential inaccuracies with photomontages included in the application which the NYC would wish to discuss further with the applicant. <u>These are highlighted in</u></p>	<p>National Grid’s conclusions in relation to likely significant landscape and visual effects are described in Section 6.14, ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual, Document 5.2.6, Volume 5.</p> <p>The only significant adverse effects post construction, and 15 years after construction is complete, are on residents at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moor Monkton; ● Overton; ● guests at Woodstock Lodge Wedding Venue; ● Hall Moor Farm Cottages;

		<p><u>Appendix A of the Local Impact Report [REP1-056].</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hall Moor Farm (South); • Overton Grange and Nos. 1 and 2 Glenroyd Cottages; • New Farm Cottages; • dwellings on Stripe Lane; • Pollums House Farm. <p>The only significant adverse effects post construction, and 15 years after construction is complete, would occur at the following Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) and cycle routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Cycle Route 65; • PRoWs along the River Ouse corridor; • ORPA near Newlands Farm; • PRoW east of Shipton; • PRoWs near Moor Monkton; • Jorvic Way long distance footpath; and • Paulinus Way long distance footpath. <p>The only significant adverse effects post construction would occur at the following local transport routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the A19 (post construction, and 15 years after construction is complete); • Corban Lane (post construction, and 15 years after construction is complete); • Overton Road/Station Lane (post construction, and 15 years after construction is complete); • the A63 (Operation Year 0); and • <u>Rawfield Lane</u> (Operation Year 0).
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			<p><u>Regarding the photomontage omissions, National Grid consider that none of the omissions noted by NYC, and covered in detail below, could have a bearing on the judgements made in the LVIA. A full response to the individual omissions identified is provided within the Applicant's Comments on the Local Impact Reports (Document 8.10) submitted at Deadline 2.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>National Grid are seeking to have a technical discussion with NYC regarding the proposed landscape mitigation in order to move this discussion forward. National Grid are currently awaiting availability of Officers to hold a discussion.</u>
5.3 Chapter 8: Biodiversity			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
5.3.1	Protected species survey approach (where revised since PEIR/meeting on 28 March 2022)	The NYC are still to review the revised methodology (Table 8.4 ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8, Volume 5).	<p>National Grid will continue to liaise with the NYC to seek agreement regarding the approach to bat surveys and minor variation in timings of water vole surveys.</p> <p><u>A bat roost survey has been submitted into the examination at Deadline 2 (Document 5.3.8H). National Grid are seeking a technical discussion with NYC ecology officers to discuss the finding of the Report and seek to move the discussions to an agreed position.</u></p>
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
5.3.2	Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs)	The NYC have confirmed that the mitigation hierarchy should be applied with respect to SINCs (discussed at meeting 28 March 2022).	National Grid will continue to liaise with the NYC to finalise agreement regarding the assessment of effects on SINCs within the Order Limits: Overton Borrow Pits SINC, River Ouse candidate SINC,

		The NYC are still to agree that the ES assessment has appropriately scoped and assessed the potential for significant effects on SINC (Section 8.9 ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8, Volume 5).	Field nr Healaugh Manor Farm deleted SINC, Disused Quarry, Newthorpe deleted SINC.
5.3.3	Habitats (including Habitats of Principal Importance (HPIs) and Irreplaceable habitat) and Species	The NYC welcomed the opportunity to discuss the assessment (detailed in consultation response 8 December 2021). The NYC are still to agree that the ES assessment has appropriately scoped and assessed the potential for significant effects on habitats (including HPIs and irreplaceable habitats) and species (Section 8.9 ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8, Volume 5).	National Grid will continue to liaise with the NYC to finalise agreement.
5.4 Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration			
5.4.1	Noise and Vibration Assessment	NYC do not currently agree with the assessment of the operational stage noise and vibration assessment methodology	National Grid will continue to work with NYC to address any concerns with the assessment methodology.
5.4.2	Noise and Vibration Assessment	NYC do not currently agree with the baseline of the operational stage noise and vibration assessment.	National Grid will continue to work with NYC to address any concerns with the baseline used.
5.4.3	Embedded measures	NYC do not currently agree with the proposed embedded measures in relation to noise and vibration assessment.	National Grid will continue to work with NYC to address any concerns with the embedded measures.
5.4.4	ES likely significant effects	NYC do not currently agree with the conclusions of Section 14.9, ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration, Document 5.2.14, Volume 5.	National Grid will continue to work with NYC to address any concerns with the conclusions of Section 14.9, ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration, Document 5.2.14, Volume 5.

5.4.5	Working Hours	Selby Senior environmental health officer (EHO) is being consulted on proposed working hours, queries are currently being answered.	National Grid will continue to liaise with Selby EHO's on this issue. Discussions are ongoing on this matter.
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5.5 Biodiversity Net Gain: Initial Biodiversity Net Gain Metric Calculation

5.5.1	Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)	<p>In its consultation responses (9 December 2021) and subsequent meeting (28 March 2022), the NYC welcomed the Project commitment to deliver 10% BNG. The NYC are still to agree the approach to BNG within the Project (Document 7.9, Volume 7.9).</p> <p>Based on the application stage BNG calculation, (Document 7.9, Volume 7.9), the project as currently assessed is estimated to result in a 13% net loss of area-based habitat units, 25% net loss of hedgerow units, and a 1% net loss in river units. As such, the Project cannot achieve the required 10% net gains without further measures to create or enhance area-based, hedgerow, and river habitats.</p> <p>Further information is needed to demonstrate how BNG will be achieved across the order limits and identify areas of offsite habitat creation/enhancement where needed.</p>	<p>In summary, key points of National Grid's approach for the Project to achieve BNG are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Avoiding loss of irreplaceable habitats - Adherence to the Mitigation hierarchy, especially to avoid and minimise habitat clearance (especially for priority habitats) - Achieving a minimum 10% increase in area-based units, in linear units and in river units in ways that meet the Biodiversity Metric V3.1 trading rules - For any off-site BNG delivery, National Grid will seek for gains to be within the same LPA as the associated loss - For any off-site BNG delivery to be implemented and delivered in partnership with local conservation stakeholders where possible - Where this is not possible due to limited availability of suitable sites, or more favourable outcomes for biodiversity would be achieved by delivering BNG at a site outside the relevant LPA, delivery of 10% BNG would apply across the extent of the project rather than being split between LPAs. National Grid will look to engage with the affected LPAs to identify opportunities to deliver meaningful BNG enhancements across the extent of the project.
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			<p>In terms of DCO submission, we have submitted an initial Biodiversity Net Gain report based on a number of precautionary assumptions, which provides a reasonable worst-case indication of the deficit in biodiversity units resulting from the Project (which is likely to overstate losses as a precaution) and the amount and type of on and off-site habitat creation required to achieve BNG.</p> <p>We will then undertake further BNG assessment at different stages through the project lifecycle updating the BNG report metric calculation with final baseline data and results of the Strategic Significance assessment. These updated reports will be produced post-consent at detailed design stage (including the BNG management and monitoring plan), and after construction (based on as-built information) to refine and finalise the assessment as further information becomes available. Delivery of 10% net gain would be secured via a Section 106 agreement with the LPAs, a draft version of which has been circulated to all relevant LPAs for comment.</p>
5.6 Appendix 3F - Construction Traffic Management Plan			
5.6.1	Construction Traffic Management Plan	Consideration of this topic is ongoing and must continue to adequately develop the CTMP [APP-099]	National Grid will continue to work with NYC in order to finalise the CTMP [APP-099] . <u>It is noted that the Local Impact Report [REP1-056] states that the CTMP is agreed in principle. A specific workshop to work through highways related points has been requested in order to move these points forward prior to Deadline 5.</u>
5.7 Appendix 3H - Noise and Vibration Management Plan			
5.7.1	Noise and Vibration Management Plan	NYC do not currently agree with the findings of the Noise and Vibration Management Plan (ES Chapter 3:	National Grid will continue to work with NYC in order to finalise the Noise and Vibration Management Plan (ES Chapter 3: Noise and

		Noise and Vibration Management Plan, Document 5.3.3H, Volume 5) secured in Requirement 5(2)(f) of the DCO	Vibration Management Plan, Document 5.3.3H, Volume 5) secured in Requirement 5(2)(f) of the DCO
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6. Approvals

Section does not need to be completed at this stage

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