



Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Yorkshire GREEN Project (Case Reference: EN020024)

Examining Authority's record of an Accompanied Site Inspection on Tuesday 23 May 2023

Examining Inspectors Jessica Powis, Annie Coombs and Gavin Jones (the Examining Authority, ExA) appointed for the Yorkshire GREEN project), accompanied by Planning Inspectorate staff Siân Evans and Caroline Hopewell, undertook an accompanied site inspection (ASI) in the company of National Grid representatives (Thomas Aylott, Martyn Beecroft, Stephen Fowler and Bethany King-ton), joined by Affected Persons and Interested Parties as listed below.

The ASI was undertaken by minibus to the locations to be viewed and then on foot on public and private land. It followed the route notified.

Elements of the Proposed Development were pointed out by reference to existing features in the landscape, buildings, infrastructure, roads and streetscape. Parts of the Proposed Development had been pegged out on request of the ExA.

Drawings used to illustrate points during the ASI are as follows:

- ASI Route Plan [EV-001a];
- Works Plans [REP1-004] to [REP1-009];
- Land Plans [AS-005], [AS-007] to [AS-010], [REP2-004];
- Travellers' Site Composite Plan [REP2-039], Appendix A;
- Tadcaster Composite Plan [REP2-037], Appendix A; and
- Photomontages for Viewpoints B and E [REP2-045] and [REP2-046].

Date and Time	Location and Participants	Weather
23 May 2023 9.05am	<p>Monk Fryston Substation and Rawfield Lane Viewed extent of proposed substation pegged out, from elevated mounds. Viewed existing substation, existing pylons and the locations of proposed new pylons and overhead lines. Viewed sites proposed for the two temporary construction compounds and access point off Rawfield Lane and pylons proposed for removal. Viewed general location of the proposed battery storage facilities. Viewed junction of Rawfield Lane with the A63.</p> <p>Douglas Fletcher joined the ASI at the entrance to Monk Fryston Substation.</p>	Dry, sun and cloud. Visibility good and wind speed low.
23 May 2023 10.05am	<p>Butts Lane Walked from Monk Fryston Substation. Stopped at Viewpoint E.</p> <p>Accompanied by Douglas Fletcher.</p>	Dry, sun and cloud. Visibility good and wind speed low.
23 May 2023 10.15am	<p>Butts Lane / Red Hill Lane Junction Walked through Lumby to junction of Butts Lane with Red Hill Lane.</p> <p>Accompanied by Douglas Fletcher.</p>	Dry, sun and cloud. Visibility good and wind speed low.

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23 May 2023 10.50am	<p>Pollums House Farm Viewed existing Monk Fryston Substation from the curtilage of Pollums House Farm and alignment for proposed new line.</p> <p>Accompanied by Douglas Fletcher.</p>	Dry, sun and little cloud. Visibility very good and wind speed low.
23 May 2023 11.05am – 11.50am	<p>Travellers' Site junction of A1(M) and A63 Walked round access track to west of site to view existing Pylon XC522T and location proposed for new line and Pylon XC522. Viewed full extent of the Travellers' Site, including fencing, pitches and caravans. Viewed access point off the A63.</p> <p>ASI group joined on site by Rachel Robinson and Sally Littlewood of North Yorkshire Council, who remained until the end of the ASI at this location.</p> <p>Accompanied by Doug Fletcher until approximately 11.40am.</p>	Dry, sun and little cloud. Visibility very good and wind speed low.
23 May 2023 11.55am	<p>Squires Café Bar Viewed Pylon XC515, caravan site and railway embankment.</p>	Dry, sun and little cloud. Visibility very good and wind speed low.
23 May 2023 1.00pm	<p>Site proposed for Tadcaster Tee East and West Cable Sealing End Compounds (CSEC) Viewed track where rights are proposed to be extinguished, existing Pylon XC481, alignment of high-pressure gas main, location of medium pressure gas main, telecom mast and gate. Viewed pegged out proposed extent of Tadcaster East CSEC and toe of earthworks required for CSEC, noting proximity of the A64.</p> <p>Viewed Pylon XD001T, which would be removed and pegged out extent of proposed Tadcaster West CSEC. Indicative location of possible re-orientation of CSEC was pointed out by National Grid. Viewed location of proposed permanent access onto the A659.</p> <p>Accompanied by Roger Ingham from 1.05pm until 1.30pm.</p>	Dry, sun and cloud. Visibility good and wind speed low.
23 May 2023 2.50pm	<p>Site proposed for Overton Substation Viewed the proposed extent of the Substation and the eastern of the two construction compounds (which were pegged out) from the Overton Road bridge over the East Coast Mainline (ECML) railway. Proposed crossing location over ECML was pointed out. Viewed from Viewpoint B. Viewed proposed site for western temporary construction compound, with cycle route diversion pointed out. Noted the route of the A19 and location of Skelton Springs Cottages.</p>	Dry, sun and cloud. Visibility good and wind speed low.

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	Accompanied by Edward Stephenson, Paul Bulmer, Gill Eves and Pamela Husband at the railway bridge on Overton Road.	
23 May 2023 3.30pm	<p><i>Newlands Farm, sites for proposed Shipton CSECs</i> Viewed location of proposed bellmouth for CSEC access, and access road, existing farm buildings, noted orientation and bunding in front. Viewed extent of both CSECs (pegged out). Location of possible alternative access route was pointed out by Mr Stephenson. Viewed alternative site for CSECs to west of access road, promoted by Mr Stephenson from the public highway through a break in the hedgerow.</p> <p>Accompanied by Edward Stephenson, Benjamin Rab and Don Sanderson.</p>	Dry, sun and cloud. Visibility good and wind speed low.
23 May 2023 4.15pm	<p><i>Woodstock Lodge Wedding Venue</i> Stood with backs to windows of wedding ceremony room and viewed location for proposed planting. Greeted by venue owner, Mr Darren Fowler, he did not join the inspection.</p>	Dry, sun and cloud. Visibility good and wind speed low.
23 May 2023 4.30pm	<p><i>Overton Road junction with A19</i> Viewed T junction of Overton Road, west of where it joins A19, junction with A19 and proposed location for Overton Substation access.</p>	Dry, sun and cloud. Visibility good and wind speed low.
23 May 2023 4.40pm – 6.05pm	<p><i>Access to proposed Pylon SP005, Skelton Springs Cottages and New Farm</i> Observed the view in direction of proposed Overton Substation from external amenity area of Skelton Spring Cottages. Viewed access off A19, proposed location for possible bellmouth, (unverified 39m width pegged out by Mr Stephenson) and gas regulator. Viewed existing electric line on wooden poles and hedge to south of access track. Walked to Hurns Gutter down access track and across fields, to view locations associated with alternative access proposed by Mr Stephenson. Viewed locations where Hurns Gutter crossings would be necessary to access proposed Pylons SP004 and SP006, the latter being close to an existing small bridge. Mr David Blacker pointed out his farmland towards proposed Pylon SP006, his proposed alternative location from SP006 and potential alternative access off the A19 to the north, from the access track.</p> <p>Accompanied by Edward Stephenson, Paul Bulmer, Gill Eves and Pamela Husband, and Clive Blacker and David Blacker.</p>	Dry, sun and cloud. Visibility good and wind speed low.

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23 May 2023 6.05pm	Stopped in minibus to view field gate and Mr Blacker's preferred alternative access route from the west side of A19 to the north of access to Skelton Spring Cottages and New Farm.	Dry, sun and cloud. Visibility good and wind speed low.