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1. About this document

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This document provides National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's (National Grid) (the Applicant) response to Interested Parties' submissions made at Examination Deadline 3 for the Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement Project (Yorkshire GREEN or the Project), where National Grid considers a response is required.
- 1.1.2 National Grid has reviewed all Interested Parties' submissions made at Deadline 3 and considers that only those made by North Yorkshire Council require a response. The other submissions provide no new further information requiring a response from National Grid.
- 1.1.3 The responses provided in this document are either in the form of a short response providing National Grid's latest position on the matter, a cross-reference to the most relevant documentation, or a more detailed response where this is considered relevant to clarify matters.

2. Applicant’s Response to Interested Parties’ Deadline 2 Submissions

2.1 North Yorkshire Council

Table 2.1 – North Yorkshire Council: Comments on Additional Viewpoints [REP3-034]

Reference	Issue Raised by NYC	Applicant’s Response
Viewpoints A, B, C and E	The insulators to the proposed overhead line tower structure have not been included on the photomontage.	<p>The purpose of the photomontages is to illustrate a reasonable approximation of the Project infrastructure, not a precise replication. In Section 8 of Table 2.3 of the Applicants comments on the Local Impact Reports (Document 8.10) [REP2-040] National Grid responded to NYC’s queries on the level of detail in the Type 3 photomontages. National Grid acknowledged the missing details on the photomontages including insulators, and some internal lattice work but not steel cross arms or substation structures. National Grid confirm this is not unusual at this stage of a project where full three-dimensional models of every infrastructure component are not designed in detail. Further detail was provided in the Applicants Appendix A response where it was stated:</p> <p>“National Grid consider that none of the omissions noted by NYC could have a bearing on the judgements made in the LVIA. Attention is drawn to paragraph 1.2.12 of Technical Guidance Note TGN 06/19 where the Landscape Institute states, “the degree of detail shown will typically be relative to the design and/or planning stage that has been reached” and at 1.2.13 “Two-dimensional visualisations, however detailed and sophisticated, can never fully substitute what people would see in reality. They should, therefore,</p>

		be considered an approximation of the three-dimensional visual experiences that an observer might receive in the field.” In terms of Type 3 photomontages and photowires TGN06/19 states at 4.4.3 that: “Type 3 visualisations are intended to represent design, form and context to a reasonable degree of objectivity and accuracy, one which can be understood and relied on by competent authorities and others”.
Viewpoint E	The photomontages representing Year 0 and Year 15 do not appear to include the A63 (road) and low hedgerow at the northern edge of the road. These elements are north of the substation and it appears that the mounding has extended over the road and hedgerow. As a result the proposed mounding (and planting) appear closer to the viewpoint compared with the actual situation and this will have a bearing on the visual assessment judgements.	National Grid are not clear on the comments made by NYC and have attempted, without success, to obtain clarification. The proposed earthworks will be closer to the viewer than the existing earthworks/substation and require the removal of a hedgerow south of the A63 where it coincides with the proposed earthworks.
Viewpoint D	No issues raised.	No response required.

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