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Action Points**

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1. About this document

1. Introduction

- 1.1.1. This document provides National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc's (National Grid) (the Applicant) Deadline 5 response to Action Points addressed to the Applicant arising from Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) 2 held on Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 May on Green Belt, Environmental Effects and Construction Matters in respect of the Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement Project (Yorkshire GREEN) (the Project). They are in addition to the Deadline 4 Submission **Applicant's Response to Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) Hearing Action Points (Document 8.23.4) [REP4-026]**.
- 1.1.2. Responses to actions addressed to the Applicant and required for Deadline 5 are provided in **Section 2** below.

2. The Applicant's Deadline 5 Response to ISH2 Action Points

Table 2.1 – Deadline 5 Response to ISH2 Action Points

Action No.	ExA description	Party	Deadline	Response
1	Updated SoCG with Environment Agency to be submitted at D5.	The Applicant and Environment Agency	D5	An updated Statement of Common Ground between National Grid and the Environment Agency is submitted at Deadline 5 (Document 8.5.7(B)).
2	Signed and dated version of SoCG with Historic England to be submitted.	The Applicant and Historic England	D5	<p>National Grid has relayed the ExA's clear request for this SoCG to be signed to Historic England. Following further discussion, Historic England has confirmed that due to their extensive workload and the number of NSIP schemes they are being requested to engage on, they are having to identify which projects they need to engage on, and which they project they are not concerned with. Historic England has confirmed that Yorkshire GREEN is a Project they do not have concerns with, following early engagement, and their legal team have therefore instructed that they should not enter into a SoCG.</p> <p>In light of this discussion, Historic England emailed the Planning Inspectorate on 6 July 2023 further confirming their satisfaction with the Project.</p> <p>National Grid subsequently contacted Historic England further confirming that they would not be signing the drafted SoCG. Historic England replied stating that '<i>We don't think you need to agree a SoCG with us</i>'.</p> <p>Despite this, National Grid has submitted the SoCG setting out correspondence and agreed matters (Document 8.5.8(B)). Noting the points above, National Grid considers this to be an agreed, but unsigned SoCG.</p>
3	Applicant to consider whether ES addenda (parts 1, 2 and any future parts) can be consolidated into a single document for ease of use in discharging requirements.	The Applicant	D4	ES Addendum Parts 1 and 2 have been consolidated into one ES Addendum Document (Document 5.2.22) which is submitted at Deadline 5. ES Addendum Parts 1 and 2 (Documents 5.2.20 [REP1-013] and Document 5.2.21 [REP3-010]) are replaced by the new consolidated ES Addendum (Document 5.2.22) as it contains all the information previously included in the earlier ES Addendums Parts 1 and 2. Any subsequent addendums to the ES will be added to Document 5.2.22 .
4	ES consolidated errata [REP3-008] – Applicant to consider additional minor inconsistencies set out in Annex A to this action point list.	The Applicant	D4	These errata are included in the updated Environmental Statement Consolidated Errata Document (Document 5.2.19(C)) which is submitted at Deadline 5.
12	Agree and submit a statement (agreed with NYC if possible) to be added to the LVIA methodology,	The Applicant and North Yorkshire Council	D4	National Grid has agreed additional text with North Yorkshire Council (NYC) which updates section 1.3 'Visual Receptor Assessment' of ES Appendix 6C Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Methodology (Document 5.3.6C) [APP-110] . This update is included in the updated ES Errata Document (Document 5.2.19(C)) submitted at Deadline 5.

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	which sets out a brief explanation of the level of detail and its appropriateness which has been included in the visualisations.			
22	The Applicant and Mr Stephenson (on behalf of Mr Rab) to provide an update on concerns raised about potential health effects arising at Newlands Farm due to the proximity of the proposed works.	The Applicant and Mr Stephenson	D5	National Grid met with Mr Stephenson and his clients and discussed any potential health issues associated with EMF on both the property and the dairy operation associated with the Project with new infrastructure proposed closer than what is there currently. National Grid confirmed that all new infrastructure will comply with the public exposure limits detailed in National Policy Statement (NPS) EN5. These exposure limits have been set to protect against potential health effects of EMF. The UK Governments scientific advisors have also assessed the impacts of EMFs on Farming, flora and fauna and <i>conclude 'there is little evidence that exposure of crops, farm animals or natural ecosystems to transmission line EMFs has any agriculturally significant consequences'</i> . Electric and magnetic field readings were taken at the existing overhead line, and at distances away from the line to show compliance with the exposure limits and how quickly they reduce with distance. Mr Stephenson and his clients were satisfied by the information provided. A copy of the Electric and Magnetic Fields Report (Document 6.3) [APP-199] was provided to Mr. Stephenson on site.
24	Applicant and North Yorkshire Council to undertake site visits to review some of the access points, where issues have been raised, including road safety and potential for fly-tipping.	The Applicant, North Yorkshire Council	D5	National Grid held a workshop with North Yorkshire Council on the 7 June 2023, and at that workshop it was agreed that a site visit was not required for any of the access points at this stage, and any potential site visits if required will be undertaken following the detailed bellmouth design that is submitted for approval to the highway authority under Requirement 14 of the DCO.
29	Applicant to consider how to incorporate into the Construction Traffic Management Plan a commitment to involve local landowners and residents in designing the details of construction access arrangements such as passing places in access 'hotspots' including Newlands Farm and the proposed access to SP005. Also to set out how embedded measures would ensure	The Applicant	D4	Section 8.1 of the Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) (Document 5.3.3F(B)) has been updated in response to this issue to add further information on the role of the transport co-ordination officer and the revised CTMP is submitted at Deadline 5. A response on how embedded measures would ensure disruption to other users is minimised was provided in National Grid's response to Action Point 29, ISH2 in Document 8.23.4 [REP4-026] .

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31	Provide a Schedule of Deliveries for Monk Fryston Substation.	The Applicant	D5	<p>A Detailed response to this Action was provided at Deadline 4, which is repeated below for ease of reference.</p> <p>A schedule of deliveries for Monk Fryston will only become known once a principal contractor is in place to deliver the Project and would also change due to availability and scheduling of deliveries. However, the requirement for the contractor to use a Delivery Management System (DMS) is identified in Paragraph 7.3.12 of the Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099]. The DMS will be agreed with National Grid and can be used to ensure control of the delivery of material and equipment in line with the construction programme and limit traffic movements to manageable numbers that can be accommodated on site. The DMS does not commit to scheduling all deliveries outside of peak hours, for example, as this may have an unacceptably detrimental impact on the construction programme and on time sensitive deliveries. However National Grid are satisfied that the package of measures outlined in Section 7 of the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] and routing strategy set out in Section 4 of the CTMP will minimise any potential traffic and transport impacts during the construction phase of development.</p> <p>The DMS would be enforced by the Transport Coordination Officer (TCO), appointed by National Grid, and the TCO(s) of the contractor(s) through the provisions set out in Section 8 of the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099]. These provisions include monitoring of compliance with the CTMP measures, including the DMS, and corrective and disciplinary measures taken should a breach occur, as set out in paragraphs 8.2.3 and 8.2.4 of the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099].</p> <p>The DMS will operate in conjunction with the other mitigation measures set out in Section 7 of the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] to minimise the impact of the Project's construction traffic on the local highways network. For example, as stated in paragraph 7.3.7 of the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099], qualified personnel are to be placed at key locations, likely to include construction accesses, to ensure impacts of traffic are minimised and adherence to measures such as the DMS is monitored.</p>
34	Provide update on how co-operation will be achieved between Undertaker's contractor and contractor for Lumby Quarry with update on minimising vegetation removal.	The Applicant	D5	<p>National Grid and the agent for Lumby Quarry are continuing to liaise to ensure both developments could progress in conjunction, if consented. During a meeting on the 15 June 2023 the agent for the quarry confirmed that the developer would be amending the design plans submitted as part of the Lumby Quarry planning application which would remove proposed areas of soil bunding and tree planting which fall within the Yorkshire GREEN Project Order Limits. This would remove any potential conflict and associated potential cumulative impacts. The agent confirmed that this update would be submitted to North Yorkshire Council in July 2023. At the time of writing, the agent confirmed that this had not yet been submitted. Subject to the amendments being made, National Grid anticipate updating the cumulative effects assessment accordingly, at a future deadline.</p>

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