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Your ref: EXQ2



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Dear Inspector,

NSIP Reference Name / Code: Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) Plc for the Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) Project

Title: Response to the Examining Authority's second written questions

Examining authority's submission deadline EXQ2 with a date of 11 July 2023

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

In the Examining Authority's second written questions (EXQ2), one question is addressed to Natural England. Please find our answer to this in Table 1 below.

For any further advice on this consultation please contact the case officer Laura Tyndall and copy to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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Natural England's response to the Examining Authority's (ExA's) second written questions / question reference EXQ2 with a deadline of 11 July 2023

Table 1: Natural England response to Examiner's second written questions			
ExA question ref	Question addressed to	Question	Answer
Q3.0.4	Natural England	<p>Potential effects on bird features of designated sites as a result of bird strike</p> <p>The ExA notes Natural England's response to ExQ1 3.5.1 [REP2-080] in which it states agreement with the Applicant's approach to scope out increased strike risk on bird migration and its agreement with the conclusion of the Applicant's No Significant Effects Report [APP-200].</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, can Natural England comment on the submissions from YWT [REP4-043] regarding the potential for bird collision as an impact pathway to whooper swan and pink-footed goose of the listed European sites?</p>	<p>Natural England have previously assessed impacts on populations of birds associated with the Lower Derwent Valley SPA / Ramsar site and have advised that based on the information we hold, impacts on these features as a result of the application can be ruled out.</p>