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<u>Statement of Common Ground</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Draft</u>	<u>For discussion with LPA</u>

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 Leeds City Council. 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 guidance¹ 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 the Leeds City Council in terms of technical and environmental matters. Political matters have not been set out in this document.
- 1.1.5 This version (~~V2-V3~~ May-July 2023) of the SoCG represents the position between National Grid and ~~the~~ Leeds City Council at Deadline ~~3 on 10 May~~ 5 on 11 July 2023. The SoCG will evolve as the DCO application progresses through examination.

1.2 Description of the Project

Need 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.
- 1.2.2 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

¹ 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

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 three sections (see **Figure 1**), located within three Local Authority boundaries²:
- **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) (City of York Council and North Yorkshire 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;
 - 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

² North Yorkshire Council, City of York Council, Leeds City Council.

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)) (North Yorkshire 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) (Leeds City Council and North Yorkshire 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)) (North Yorkshire 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) (North Yorkshire 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.

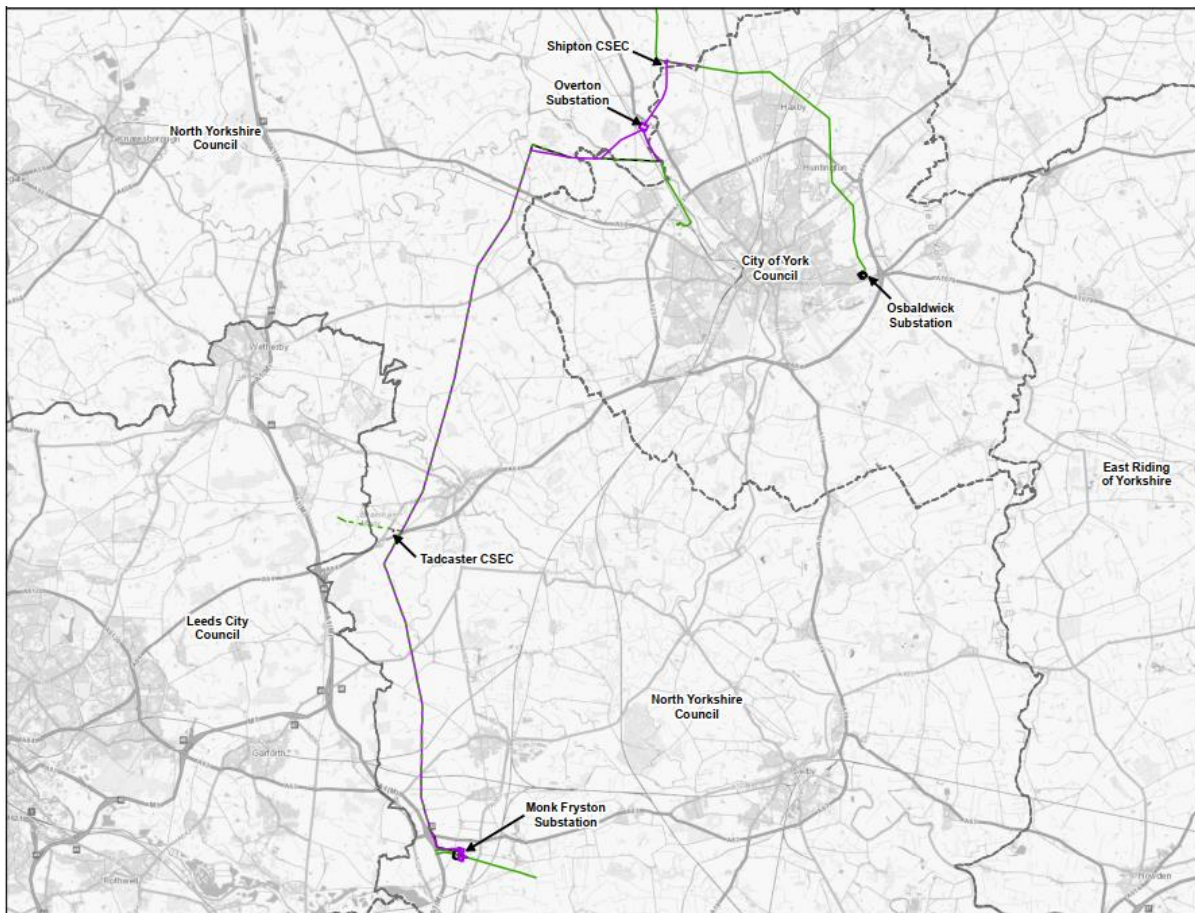


Figure 1– Location of the Yorkshire GREEN Project

1.3 This Statement of Common Ground

1.3.1 For the purpose of this SoCG, National Grid and Leeds City Council 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 and where there is no dispute;
- Where a section begins ‘matters not agreed’, this sets out matters that 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 Leeds City Council in the DCO application process and details consultation undertaken between National Grid and Leeds City Council;
- **Section 3:** Sets out matters agreed between National Grid and Leeds City Council;

- **Section 4:** Sets out matters not agreed between National Grid and Leeds City Council;
- **Section 5:** Sets out matters where agreement is currently outstanding between National Grid and Leeds City Council; and
- **Section 6:** Sets out the approvals and the signing off sheet between the Parties.

2. Record of Engagement

2.1 Role of Leeds City Council in the DCO process

- 2.1.1 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. During the iterative design process for Yorkshire GREEN, Project infrastructure was located close to, but not in the local authority area around both Monk Fryston and Tadcaster. However, on confirmation of the Project design, it was concluded that there would be some infrastructure in the Local Authority area, and as such Leeds City Council is considered to be one of the authorities to host part of the Project.
- 2.1.2 Leeds City Council is the Local Authority of the City of Leeds in West Yorkshire, England.
- 2.1.3 Its Core Strategy has been considered. The Core Strategy plans for the longer term regeneration and growth of the City over a 16 year period, as part of an overall and integrated framework. Central to this approach is the need to give priority to sustainable development in planning for economic prosperity, seeking to remove social inequality, securing opportunities for regeneration, and planning for infrastructure, whilst maintaining and protecting and enhancing environmental quality for the people of Leeds.
- 2.1.4 Underpinning these broad objectives and supported by the Core Strategy evidence base, is the desire to respond to current and emerging population pressures and associated needs across the district, especially within inner urban areas. Key priorities therefore include planning for the provision of homes and jobs in sustainable locations, respecting local character and distinctiveness in the delivery of the Plan's objectives and maximising opportunities to recycle Previously Developed Land (PDL), whilst minimising greenfield and Green Belt release, in planning for longer term growth.
- 2.1.5 As part of the consultation process the Applicant carried out non statutory and statutory consultation. Leeds City Council was 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 the **Consultation Report (Section 4 and 5, Document 6.1) [APP-195]**.
- 2.1.6 As part of the ongoing engagement process, which is in addition to consultation, briefings have taken place with the Parties, to inform Leeds City Council of the design of the Project, it's evolution and, for the Parties to identify any sensitivities or other issues which may be relevant in the design process for the Project.
- 2.1.7 On submission of the DCO, Leeds City Council were invited to participate in the examination of the Project as an Interested Party. The Leeds City Council were asked to comment on the adequacy of the consultation carried out and prepare a Local Impact Report³. During the examination process, the Council may prepare written

³ 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).

representations, and respond to written questions from the Examining Authority as well as participate in hearings.

- 2.1.8 Should a consent be granted for the Project, it will be subject to a number of DCO requirements⁴. Leeds City Council will be required to discharge these, and the Applicant and the Council would agree a process for this.

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 EIA Scoping, s42 statutory consultation and additional technical engagement.

Table 2.1 – Pre-application discussions

Date	Discussion points
Planning Officer Meetings	
29 October 2020	Meeting #1 Introductory MSTeams meetings to identify the need for the Project and its general location between Leeds City Council and Applicant.
1 February 2021	Meeting #2 Pre non-statutory pre-application MSTeams meeting to update on non-statutory consultation and on Project design between Leeds City Council and Applicant.
13 July 2021	Meeting #3 Post non-statutory consultation update via MS Teams between Leeds City Council and Applicant.
11 January 2022	Meeting #4 * Pre statutory consultation and Project design update meeting via MSTeams with Leeds City Council and Applicant.
22 February 2022	Meeting #5 * Post statutory consultation update and Project design update with Leeds City Council and Applicant.
05 April 2022	Meeting #6 * Update on responses received from statutory consultation and DCO process discussion with Leeds City Council and Applicant.
17 May 2022	Meeting #7*

⁴ Section 120 of the [Planning 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.

Update on responses received from statutory consultation and discussion on what a DCO may look like with Leeds City Council and Applicant.

28 June 2022	Meeting #8 * Discussion on Green Belt approach, review of the Cumulative Impact Assessment list with Leeds City Council and Applicant.
30 August 2022	Meeting #10 * Project design update, and identification of application documents with Leeds City Council and Applicant.
27 September 2022	Meeting #11 * General Project update and mitigation plans update with Leeds City Council and Applicant.
18 October 2022	Meeting #12* General Project update and discussion on proposed working hours with Leeds City Council and Applicant.

*Other host authorities also in attendance

Non Statutory Consultation – No response received

EIA Scoping – No response received

Statutory Consultation Response (Comments on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR))

13 December 2021	Email Statutory Consultation response from Leeds City Council to Applicant
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Engagement - Landscape

19 April 2022	The Applicant's Consultant ⁵ provided Leeds City Council with meeting minutes from the 2nd Landscape, Visual and Arboricultural meeting. The Applicant's environmental consultant requested additional feedback on viewpoints or LVIA concerns
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Engagement - Historic Environment

13 March 2022	The Applicant's environmental consultant called West Yorkshire Archaeological Advisory Services (WYAAs). It was agreed that the effects on access roads in Leeds City Council area on archaeology are unlikely to have significant effects.
23 March 2022	The Applicant's environmental consultant emailed to invite Leeds City Council to discuss the results of Historic Environment effects in assessment and the West Yorkshire Archaeological Advisory Services (WYAAS). This included informing Leeds City Council of access roads in the area, which are unlikely to have significant effect and to also discuss concern regarding the setting of Ledston Hall

⁵ The Applicant has instructed the services of a number of professional environmental consultants to act on behalf of the Applicant to provide advice and write technical reports and carry out the Environmental Impact Assessment.

24 March 2022	The Applicant's environmental consultant invited Leeds City Council to meet to discuss the potential archaeological impacts of Yorkshire GREEN. The proposed agenda included an introduction to the Project, application progress, archaeological baseline and potential effects
29 March 2022	Call with Leeds City Council about the Project, application progress, archaeological baseline and potential effects, next steps and actions. Also covered WYAAS-specific guidance/standards for fieldwork/archival/reporting.

Engagement - Biodiversity

10 November 2021	The Applicant's environmental consultant introduced herself to Leeds City Council, welcoming discussions on biodiversity relations in the Project, survey schedules and land parcels which have been refused access
11 November 2021	Leeds City Council confirmed details of their biodiversity contact
21 March 2022	Invitation sent to the Senior Countryside and Ecology Officer to attend a meeting scheduled to discuss the Project and share local knowledge to inform opportunities for Biodiversity Net Gain.
23 March 2022	Leeds City Council emailed standard advise to the consultant
28 March 2022	Agreement reached on the proposed scope of the biodiversity surveys.
11 May 2022	The Applicant's environmental consultant issued the note of the meeting held with North Yorkshire County Council to Leeds City Council.

Engagement Noise

2 February 2022	The Applicant's environmental consultant emailed Leeds City Council providing information on the proposed noise surveys and the proposed locations and methods for noise monitoring. No noise monitoring locations are proposed for Leeds.
8 March 2022	Leeds City Council emailed to advise that it does not agree with the Projects proposed locations for noise monitoring, and requested at least one location to be included in Leeds
23 March 2022	An agreement was reached between the Applicant's environmental consultant and Leeds City Council as to why a Noise monitoring location is not included in Leeds local authority area.

Engagement – Traffic and Transport

28 June 2021	The Applicant's environmental consultant offered to meet and requested contact details from Leeds City Council Transport Team
19 November 2021	The Applicant's environmental consultant followed up on their request, and requested a discussion on access to enable the evolving design to take into account comments before the return of Section 42 consultation
14 January 2022	The Applicant's environmental consultant requested contact details for Leeds City Council.

25 January 2022	The Applicant's environmental consultant requested a meeting with Leeds City Council to discuss the design iteration work
31 January 2022	The Applicant's environmental consultant addressed design issues and requested comments from Leeds City Council. A spreadsheet was provided with information
9 September 2022	The Applicant's environmental consultant emailed further information to Leeds City Council regarding access points and public rights of way.

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 LPAs.
1 February 2023	Leeds City Council emailed to confirm the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) have no objections to the application, nor would seek to require any drainage or flood risk mitigation works.
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 Leeds City Council.
3 February 2023	Leeds City Council emailed to confirm that The West Yorkshire Archaeology Advisory Service is happy with the summary of the Applicant's environmental consultant's advice to date and the stated course of archaeological work.
22 February 2023	Leeds City Council emailed to provide Highways comments.
02 March 2023	Meeting #15 General Project update, update on the SoCG, review of the Rule 6 Letter with Leeds City Council.
21 March 2023	The Applicant's environmental consultant issued a response to the Highways comments.
27 March 2023	The Applicant's environmental consultant and Leeds City Council had a meeting to reach agreement on matters relating to Traffic and Transportation.
30 March 2023	Meeting #16

	General Project update, discussion on approach to Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) during examination and post determination, progress on Statement on Common Ground.
27 April 2023	Meeting #17 General Project update, review of Deadline 2 submissions, discussion on Local Impact Report content and approach for updating Statement of Common Ground.
09 May 2023	Technical discussion between Leeds City Council and National Grid regarding the proposed working hours contained within the DCO.
<u>16 May 2023</u>	<u>Meeting with Leeds City Council ecologist to discuss outstanding matters in SoCG and Biodiversity matters listed on the Issue Specific Hearing Agenda</u>
<u>18 May 2023</u>	<u>Meeting #18</u> <u>General Project update, review of Deadline 3 responses, Issue Specific Hearing discussions and update on SoCGs.</u>
<u>22 May 2023</u>	<u>Email sent by Leeds City Council with comments on the draft S106 agreement.</u>
<u>23 May 2023</u>	<u>Email from National Grid issuing an updated draft S106 agreement for comment by the LPAs</u>
<u>06 June 2023</u>	<u>Teams meeting with National Grid, City of York Council and Leeds City Council to discuss the draft post determination PPA and proposed timeframes for dealing with discharge of requirements.</u>

3. Matters Agreed

3.1.1 This section sets out the matters that have been agreed between National Grid and Leeds City Council. **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 Leeds City Councils understanding of the Project.	02 March 2023
3.1 Volume 2.1 Draft DCO			
3.1.2	PART 3 STREETS	The items described PART 3 STREETS of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004] (Document 3.1, Volume 3) accurately reflect Leeds City Council’s understanding of the works proposed.	<p>The Draft DCO has been shared with the Council on several occasions for comment, including the Yorkshire GREEN Briefing #10 meeting which took place on the 30 August 2022. The wording of the Draft DCO has not been raised as a matter for further discussion.</p> <p>Leeds City Council confirmed at the Meeting #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) (Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004] subject to its review.</p>

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed position	Date of Agreement
3.1.3	PART 4 SUPPLEMENTAL POWERS	The items described in PART 4 SUPPLEMENTAL POWERS of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004] (Document 3.1, Volume 3) accurately reflect Leeds City Council's understanding of the works proposed.	The Draft DCO has been shared with the Council on several occasions for comment, including the Yorkshire GREEN Briefing #10 meeting which took place on the 30 August 2022. The wording of the Draft DCO has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.1.4	PART 6 MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL	The items described PART 6 MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004] (Document 3.1, Volume 3) accurately reflect Leeds City Council's understanding of the works proposed.	The Draft DCO has been shared with the Council on several occasions for comment, including the Yorkshire GREEN Meeting #10 meeting which took place on the 30 August 2022. The wording of the Draft DCO has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.1.5	SCHEDULE 3 REQUIREMENTS	<p>The wording of the requirements described SCHEDULE 3 of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004] (Document 3.1, Volume 3) accurately reflect Leeds City Council's understanding of the works proposed.</p> <p>The requirements are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement 2: Time Limits • Requirement 3: Design Drawings • Requirement 4: Stages of authorised development • Requirement 5: Construction Management Plans 	The Draft DCO has been shared with the Council on several occasions for comment, including the Yorkshire GREEN Meeting #10 meeting which took place on the 30 August 2022. The wording of the Draft DCO has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed position	Date of Agreement
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement 6: <u>Construction management plans to be approved</u>Outline Construction Management Plans • Requirement 7: Construction Hours • Requirement 8: Landscaping and mitigation planting • Requirement 9: Implementation of landscaping and mitigation planting • Requirement 10: Retention and protection of existing trees • Requirement 11: Reinstatement schemes • Requirement 12: Contamination of land or groundwater and controlled waters • Requirement 13: Removal of temporary bridges and culverts • Requirement 14: Highway works • Requirement 15: Removal of existing overhead line • Requirement 16: Decommissioning • Requirement 17: Clearance over the River Ouse • Requirement 18: Approval of external colour and surface finish of permanent buildings having regard to the Design Approach to Site Specific Infrastructure 	
3.1.6	SCHEDULE 4 DISCHARGE OF REQUIREMENTS	The wording of SCHEDULE 4 appropriately protects the interest of Leeds City Council and the responsibilities placed on Leeds City Council <u>(Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004]</u> (Draft DCO, Document 3.1(B) Volume 3) [AS-011]. The	The Draft DCO has been shared with the Council on several occasions for comment, including the Yorkshire GREEN Briefing #10 meeting which took place on the 30 August 2022. The wording of the

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed position	Date of Agreement
		<p>requirements of relevance to Leeds City Council in its capacity as highway authority are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement 5: Construction Management Plans Requirement 7: Construction Hours Requirement 14: Highway works 	<p>Draft DCO has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.</p> <p><u>A draft S106 agreement has been shared with the Local Planning Authorities which includes reference to a Service Level Agreement that would provide a mechanism for National Grid to engage with the local planning authorities agree timescales for the discharge of DCO requirements and other consents required pursuant to the DCO articles. A programme of a 6 week pre-application process has been discussed with the Local Authorities relating to the discharge of requirements. A process involving a 2 week pre-submission consultation period on any additional consents required under the articles has also been discussed with the Local Authorities. The final S106 agreement is under discussion with the LPAs with a view to it being finalised for Deadline 7.</u></p>

Volume 5 Environmental Statement

3.4 Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual (Volume 5)

Assessment Scope and Methodology

3.4.1	ES Methodology approach adopted	Leeds City Council are content with the assessment scope and methodology for Landscape and Visual as described in (Section 6.8 ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual, Document 5.2.6, and Appendix 6C:	During pre-application discussions, the approach to the Landscape and Visual methodology has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
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SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed position	Date of Agreement
Landscape and Visual Impact Methodology) [APP-078].			
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.4.2	ES Baseline Description	Leeds City Council is content the baseline is appropriately described in (Section 6.5.13, ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual, Document 5.2.6,) [APP-078].	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>			
3.4.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	Leeds City Council agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 6.6, ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual, Document 5.2.6, [APP-078].	During pre-applications discussions, the landscape and visual ES Embedded Environmental Measures [REP2-019] have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.4.4	ES Assessment of Likely Significant Effects	Leeds City Council agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant effects as described in Section 6.14, ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual, Document 5.2.6, [APP-078].	The Local Impact Report [REP1-053] sets out Leeds City Council's views on the landscape impacts of the scheme and it is noted that while the findings of the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment are generally agreed, Leeds City Council consider there may be opportunities for longer distance views of the proposals site from parts of the eastern side of Bramham Village. National Grid have assessed these views and consider that there would be a minor adverse effect which would not be considered significant.

3.5 Chapter 7: Historic Environment (Volume 5)

Assessment Scope and Methodology

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed position	Date of Agreement
3.5.1	Access Roads in Leeds City Council Area	It was agreed with Leeds City Council through the West Yorkshire Archaeological Advisory Services (WYAAs) that the effects on access roads in Leeds City Council area on archaeology are unlikely to have significant effects. The Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) will set out procedures in respect of works within Leeds City Council area (Table 7.5, ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7) [APP-079] .	13 March 2022
3.5.2	Written Scheme of Investigation	Leeds City Council are satisfied with the WSI (Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation, ES Chapter 3: Project Description, Document 5.3.3C) [APP-079] .	<p>During pre-application discussions, the WSI has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.</p> <p>The Local Impact Report [REP1-053] notes that the WSI is agreed but requests that it be secured via requirement in the Draft DCO. National Grid confirms that the WSI is secured by Requirement 5(2)(b) of the Draft DCO [REP3-004].</p>
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.5.3	ES Baseline Description	Leeds City Council is content the baseline is appropriately described in Section 7.5 (ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7) [APP-079] .	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>			
3.5.4	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	Leeds City Council agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Table 10.9 (ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7) [APP-079] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Historic Environment Embedded Environmental measures [REP3-004] have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed position	Date of Agreement
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.5.5	ES Assessment of Likely Significant Effects	Leeds City Council agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant effects as described in Section 7.7 (ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7) [APP-079] .	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.
3.6 Chapter 8: Biodiversity (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.6.1	Scope of Surveys	<p>Leeds City Council agree with the proposed scope of surveys for the following (as discussed in the meeting 28 March 2022 with North Yorkshire County Council ecologist and minutes as sent to Leeds City Council – Planning Team Leader (Minerals, Waste and Energy):</p> <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); • no requirement for great crested newt surveys due to employment of District Level Licensing; • no requirement for reptile, fish, tansy beetle or other invertebrate surveys. <p>(Table 8.8 ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8) [APP-080].</p>	28 March 2022
3.6.2	Assessment Methodology	Based on no comments to the contrary in the statutory consultation response and no change in approach since PEIR it is assumed that the Leeds City Council are content with the	During pre-applications discussions, ES assessment methodology proposed for Biodiversity has not been raised as a

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		assessment methodology (Section 8.8, ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8) [APP-080] .	matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.6.3	Protected species survey approach (where revised since PEIR/meeting with North Yorkshire County Ecologist on 28 March 2022 – minutes issued to Leeds City Council)	Leeds City Council have reviewed the revised methodology and confirmed that it is acceptable as set out in Table 8.4, ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8 [APP-080] .	30 January 2023
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.6.4	ES Baseline Description	Leeds City Council is content the baseline is appropriately described in Section 8.5 (ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8) [APP-080] .	During pre-applications discussions, the B iodiversity ES baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.6.5	Proposals for Embedded Mitigation and compensation measures – Outline Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy (BMS) and Code of Construction Practice (CoCP)	Leeds City Council agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 8.6 Chapter 8: Biodiversity (Document 5.2.8) [APP-080] . These mitigation measures will be included within Outline BMS (Document 5.3.3D) [APP-095] as secured through the CoCP (Document 5.3.3B) [APP-097] and are therefore also considered to be satisfactory to Leeds City Council.	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>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.6.6	ES assessment of likely significant effects	Leeds City Council agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant effects as described in Section 8.9 and concluded in section 8.11	During pre-applications discussions, the biodiversity ES assessment of likely significant effects have not been raised as

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		(ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8) [APP-080] .	a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.7 Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.7.1	ES Scope and Assessment Methodology	Leeds City Council are content with the assessment scope and methodology for Hydrology and Flood Risk as described in Section 9.7 and 9.8 (ES Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk, Document 5.2.9) [APP-081].	During pre-applications discussions, the assessment methodology for Hydrology and Flood Risk has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.7.2	ES Baseline Description	Leeds City Council is content the baseline is appropriately described in Section 9.5 (ES Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk, Document 5.2.9) [APP-081].	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.
3.7.3	Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA)	Leeds City Council agree that there is no significant risk of flooding from groundwater, at present or in the future (9.5.36, ES Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk, Document 5.2.9) [APP-081].	During pre-applications discussions, flooding from groundwater 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	Leeds City Council agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 9.6, ES Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk (Document 5.2.9) [APP-081].	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>			
3.7.5	ES assessment of likely significant effects	Leeds City Council agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant effects as described	During pre-applications discussions, the Hydrology and Flood risk ES assessment of likely significant effects have not been

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		in Section 9.13 (ES Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk, Document 5.2.9) [APP-081] .	raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.8 Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.8.1	ES Scope and Assessment Methodology	Leeds City Council are content with the assessment scope and methodology for Geology and Hydrogeology as described in Section 10.4 and 10.7 (ES Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology, Document 5.2.10) [APP-082] .	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>			
3.8.2	ES Baseline Description	Leeds City Council is content the baseline is appropriately described in Section 10.5 (ES Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology, Document 5.2.10) [APP-082] .	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>			
3.8.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	Leeds City Council agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 10.6 (ES Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology, Document 5.2.10) [APP-082] .	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>			
3.8.4	ES assessment of likely significant effects	Leeds City Council agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant effects as described in Section 10.11 (ES Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology, Document 5.2.10) [APP-082] .	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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3.9 Chapter 11: Agriculture and Soils (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.9.1	ES Scope and Assessment Methodology	Leeds City Council 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) [APP-083] .	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>			
3.9.2	ES Baseline Description	Leeds City Council is content the baseline is appropriately described in Section 11.4 (ES Chapter 11: Agriculture and Soils, Document 5.2.11) [APP-083] .	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>			
3.9.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	Leeds City Council agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 11.5, (ES Chapter 11: Agriculture and Soils, Document 5.2.11) [APP-083] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Agriculture and Soils 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>			
3.9.4	ES assessment of likely significant effects	Leeds City Council agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant effects as described in Section 11.10 (ES Chapter 11: Agriculture and Soils, Document 5.2.11) [APP-083] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Agriculture and Soils assessment of likely significant effects has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.10 Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			

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3.10.1	ES Scope and Assessment Methodology	Leeds City Council are content with the assessment scope and methodology for Traffic and Transport as described in Section 11.7, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport (Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] .	During pre-applications discussions, the assessment methodology for Traffic and Transport 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	Leeds City Council is content the baseline is appropriately described in Section 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport (Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] .	During pre-applications discussions, the assessment methodology for Traffic and Transport 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	Leeds City Council agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 12.6 (Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] .	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>			
3.10.4	ES likely significant effects	Leeds City Council agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant effects as described in Section 12.11 (Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Traffic and Transport assessment of likely significant effects has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.10.5	Transport Statement	Leeds City Council agree that a Transport Statement is not required, as all pertinent information is provided within the ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport (Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] and the Construction Traffic Management Plan (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099]	27 March 2023

3.11 Chapter 13: Air Quality (Volume 5)

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<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.11.1	ES Scope and Assessment Methodology	Leeds City Council 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) [APP-085] .	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>			
3.11.2	ES Baseline Description	Leeds City Council is content the baseline is appropriately described in Section 13.5 (ES Chapter 13: Air Quality, Document 5.2.13) [APP-085] .	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>			
3.11.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	Leeds City Council agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 13.6 (ES Chapter 13: Air Quality, Document 5.2.13) [APP-085] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Air Quality 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>			
3.11.4	ES likely significant effects	Leeds City Council agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant effects as described in Section 13.7 (ES Chapter 13: Air Quality, Document 5.2.13) [APP-085] .	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.
3.12 Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.12.1	ES Scope and Assessment Methodology	Leeds City Council are content with the assessment scope and methodology for Noise and Vibration as described in Section 14.8 (ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration, Document 5.2.14) [APP-086] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Noise and Vibration EIA assessment and methodology has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.

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3.12.2	Noise Monitoring Locations	It is agreed that a noise monitoring location was not required within the Leeds City Council administrative area (Table 14.4 and Section 14.4, ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration, Document 5.2.14) [APP-086] .	23 March 2022
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.12.3	ES Baseline Description	Leeds City Council is content the baseline is appropriately described in Section 14.5 (ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration, Document 5.2.14) [APP-086] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Noise and Vibration baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.12.4	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	Leeds City Council agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 14.6 (ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration, Document 5.2.14) [APP-086] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Noise and Vibration 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>			
3.12.5	ES likely significant effects	Leeds City Council agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant effects as described in Section 14.9, ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration (Document 5.2.14) [APP-086] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Noise and Vibration baseline ES likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.12.6	Working Hours	Working hours Following discussion regarding the scope of works within the Leeds City Council area (typical scope and approximate durations detailed below), Leeds City Council agree to the working hours proposed.	9 May 2023

These are indicative items of work which are not necessarily carried out consecutively or in parallel:

- Survey and set out demarcation of work areas – 1 day
- Create access and working areas from existing bellmouths – 1 to 2 weeks
- Protection of working areas at pylons (temporary fencing) – 2 days
- Erect scaffold at road crossing – 1 - 2 weeks
- Install netting between scaffolds – 1 day (during working hours if road is not busy, otherwise evening daylight hours, night-time would be least preferred)
- Apply earthing system to pylons per circuit – 1 day (2 separate circuits on each pylon)
- Re-regulate conductor system per circuit – 2 days (involves modifications to conductors, insulators and fittings, gap between arcing horns to be modified at same time)
- Dismantling and removal from site of temporary works associated with the above – similar durations to the installation
- Reinstate (if required) – 1 to 2 weeks (estimate only, includes work to highway (if any))

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<p><u>hours (Document 8.5.24) is being prepared in support of this SOCG.</u></p>			
3.13 Chapter 15: Health and Wellbeing (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.13.1	ES Scope and Assessment Methodology	Leeds City Council 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) [APP-087] .	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>			
3.13.2	ES Baseline Description	Leeds City Council is content the baseline is appropriately described in Section 15 (ES Chapter 15: Health and Wellbeing, Document 5.2.15) [APP-087] .	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>			
3.13.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	Leeds City Council agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 15.6 (ES Chapter 15: Health and Wellbeing, Document 5.2.15) [APP-087] .	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>			
3.13.4	ES likely significant effects	Leeds City Council agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant effects as described in Section 15.9 (ES Chapter 15: Health and Wellbeing, Document 5.2.15) [APP-087] .	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.
3.14 Chapter 16: Socio-Economics (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			

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3.14.1	ES Scope and Assessment Methodology	Leeds City Council are content with the assessment scope and methodology for Socio-Economics as described in Section 16.7 (ES Chapter 16: Socio-Economics, Document 5.2.16) [APP-088] .	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>			
3.14.2	ES Baseline Description	Leeds City Council is content the baseline is appropriately described in Section 16.4 (ES Chapter 16: Socio-Economics, Document 5.2.16) [APP-088] .	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>			
3.14.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	Leeds City Council agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 16.5 (ES Chapter 16: Socio-Economics, Document 5.2.16) [APP-088] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Socio-Economics 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	Leeds City Council agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant effects as described in Section 16.8 (ES Chapter 16: Socio-Economics, Document 5.2.16) [APP-088] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Socio-economic ES likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.15 Chapter 17: Climate Change (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.15.1	ES Scope and Assessment Methodology	Leeds City Council are content with the assessment scope and methodology for Climate Change as described in Section 17.8, ES Chapter 17: Climate Change (Document 5.2.17) [APP-089] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Climate Change EIA assessment and methodology has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Baseline</i>			

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3.15.2	ES Baseline Description	Leeds City Council is content the baseline is appropriately described in Section 17.5 (ES Chapter 17: Climate Change, Document 5.2.17) [APP-089] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Climate Change baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.15.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	Leeds City Council agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 17.6 (ES Chapter 17: Climate Change, Document 5.2.17) [APP-089] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Climate Change 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>			
3.15.4	ES likely significant effects	Leeds City Council agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant effects as described in Section 17.9 (ES Chapter 17: Climate Change, Document 5.2.17) [APP-089] .	During pre-applications discussions, the Climate Change ES likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.16 Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.16.1	Inter-project Cumulative Effects assessment methodology	Leeds City Council are content with the inter-project Cumulative Effects assessment scope and methodology as described in Section 18.4 (ES Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects, Document 5.2.18) [APP-090] .	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.
3.16.2	Intra-project Cumulative Effects assessment methodology	Leeds City Council are content with the intra-project Cumulative Effects assessment scope and methodology, and are appropriately described in Section 18.5, ES Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects (Document 5.2.18) [APP-090] .	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.
<i>Assessment of Significance</i>			

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3.16.3	Significance Conclusions	The likely significance of Cumulative Effects from the Project are appropriately described in Section 18.9 (ES Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects, Document 5.2.18) [APP-090] .	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.
Volume 5.3 Environmental Statement Appendices			
3.17 Appendix 3B - Code of Construction Practice			
3.17.1	Code of Construction Practice	Leeds City Council are content the Code of Construction Practice (ES Chapter 3: Code of Construction Practice, Document 5.3.3B) [APP-095] is secured in Requirement 5(2)(a) of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004] appropriately reflects the mitigation required to minimise effects during construction.	During pre-applications discussions, the document has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.18 Appendix 3C -Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation			
3.18.1	Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation	Leeds City Council are content the Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (ES Chapter 3: Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation, Document 5.3.3C) [APP-096] is secured in Requirement 5(2)(b) of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004] appropriately reflects the mitigation required to protect archaeological assets.	During pre-applications discussions, the document has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.19 Appendix 3D - Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy			
3.19.1	Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy	Leeds City Council are content the Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy (ES Chapter 3: Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy, Document 5.3.3D) [APP-097] is secured in Requirement 5(2)(c) of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(c))	During pre-applications discussions, the document has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.

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		[REP3-004] appropriately reflects the mitigation required to protect biodiversity assets.	
3.20 Appendix 3E - Outline Soil Management Plan			
3.20.1	Outline Soil Management Plan	Leeds City Council are content the Outline soil management plan (ES Chapter 3: Outline soil management plan, Document 5.3.3E) [APP-098] is secured in Requirement 5(3) of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004] appropriately reflects the mitigation required to protect soil assets.	During pre-applications discussions, the document has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.21 Appendix 3F - Construction Traffic Management Plan			
3.21.1	Traffic Regulation Orders	Leeds City Council notes two Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) are required on Warren Lane and note the required Leeds City Council TRO application process.	21 March 2023 It should be noted that the majority of consents required for the Project are included within the Draft DCO which will be the principal consent for the Project. This includes the traffic regulation matters required during construction that are equivalent to Traffic Regulation Orders made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic management Act 2004 (refer to Article 45 of the Draft DCO, (Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004] Document 3.1(B) Volume 3, [AS-011]). Further information is also provided in the Outline Consents and Licences Document (Document 7.3, [APP-204]) .
3.21.2	Highways Condition Surveys	Leeds City Council agreed that the existing commitment, within the ES Chapter 3 Appendix 3F – Construction Traffic Management Plan (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] , which is secured by Requirement 5 (2)(d) of the Draft	27 March 2023

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3.21.3	Off Site Highway Works	<p>DCO (Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004](Document 3.1(B)) [AS-011], to undertaken Highway Condition surveys of the accesses within the Leeds City Council area include condition surveys of the access route. The committed highway condition surveys will assess the existing quality of the route and mitigation will be agreed post-works to return the local road network to a position of nil detriment.</p>	27 March 2023
3.21.4	Access Points: AP36, AP 37 and AP38	<p>Leeds City Council agreed that changes to these existing accesses are not required, as they are only proposed to be used only for minor works and for a temporary duration. Further consultation, which is secured by the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004](Document 3.1(B)) [AS-011], will be undertaken with Leeds City Council at the appropriate time to agree any required traffic management measures at these access points.</p>	27 March 2023

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<p>Please note that it has been identified that the Access Category within the Construction Traffic Management Plan Table 3.2 (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] for AP36 is incorrect; the correct access category for this access point is 'Minor'; this will be formally corrected in the application documents in due course<u>This has been corrected through the Environmental Statement Consolidated Errata (Document 5.2.19(B)) [REP3-008].</u></p>			
<p>3.22 Appendix 3G - Public Rights of Way Management Plan</p>			
3.22.1	Public Rights of Way Management Plan	<p>Leeds City Council acknowledged that the proposal does not impact on any Public Rights of Way in the Leeds City Area.</p> <p>The content of the Public Rights of Way Management Plan (ES Chapter 3: Public Rights of Way Management Plan, Document 5.3.3G) [APP-100] secured in Requirement 5(2)(e) of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004] is not relevant to Leeds City Council.</p>	22 February 2023
<p>3.23 Appendix 3H - Noise and Vibration Management Plan</p>			
3.23.1	Noise and Vibration Management Plan	<p>Leeds City Council are content the Noise and Vibration Management Plan (ES Chapter 3: Noise and Vibration Management Plan, Document 5.3.3H) [APP-101] secured in Requirement 5(2)(f) of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004] appropriately reflects the noise and vibration mitigation required.</p>	During pre-applications discussions, the document has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
<p>3.24 Appendix 3I -Arboricultural Impact Assessment</p>			

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3.24.1	Arboricultural Impact Assessment	There will be no trees removed within the Leeds City Council administrative area. It is therefore assumed that Leeds City Council are content the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (ES Chapter 3: Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Document 5.3.3I) [APP-102] secured in Requirement 6(g), 8(a) and 10 of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(c)) [REP3-004] appropriately reflects the mitigation required to protect arboricultural assets.	21 February 2022 (meeting) and 1 March 2022 (minutes circulated).

Volume 7: Other Documents

3.25 Volume 7.1, Planning Statement

<i>Development plan documents</i>			
3.25.1	Development plan documents	<p>The adopted development plan for consideration is the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended by the Core Strategy Selective Review 2019).</p> <p>Key policies of relevance have been considered in the submitted Planning Statement.</p>	During pre-applications discussions, this has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.25.2	Planning Statement	Leeds City Council are content that the Planning Statement (Document 7.1, Volume 7) [APP-202] appropriately assesses the Project against the National Policy Statements (NPS), the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and local plan policies.	During pre-applications discussions, the Planning Statement document has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.25.3	Green Belt – Reconductoring	Leeds City Council (in Briefing Session #8 on 28 th June 2022) are content that the reconductoring works to upgrade the existing XC 275kV overhead line would not have greater effects on the Green Belt than the current infrastructure existing within the Green Belt.	This was agreed at the Briefing Session #8 on 28th June 2022. It is also noted within the Local Impact Report [REP1-053] that Leeds City Council agree with National Grid's position that Very Special

			Circumstances exist for the P roject in regard to works in the Green Belt.
3.25.4	Design and Access Statement	Leeds City Council 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, the document has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed.
3.25.5	Details of Other Consents and Licences	Leeds City Council agree that the Details of Other Consents and Licences (Document 7.3, Volume 7) [APP-204] clearly identifies the consents and licences, in addition to the Draft DCO [REP3-004] , 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 Leeds City Council from the outset of the Project and were available for the PEIR. On this basis Leeds City Council are in agreement with their content.
3.25.6	Updated Need Case, Strategic Proposal Reports and Corridor and Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study	Leeds City Council understand and agree with the findings of the Need Case (Document 7.4, Volume 7) [APP-205] and the P roject development process, including the Strategic Proposal Report 2019 and 2020 (Document 7.5 [APP-206] & 7.6) [APP-207] and the 2021 addendum (Document 7.7) [APP-208] and the Corridor and Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study ('the CPRSS'), (Document 7.8 [APP-209]).	The principles of these documents were discussed with Leeds City Council from the outset of the Project and were available for the PEIR. Leeds City Council confirmed at the Briefing #13 meeting held on 29 November 2022 that they agreed that the approach to consultation had been discussed and agreed with the Council.
3.25.7	Consultation Report, Consultation Report Appendices and Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)	Leeds City Council agree that they were given the opportunity to comment on the SoCC and their suggestions were included in the SoCC (see Consultation Report (Document 6.1 and Consultation Report Appendices (Document 6.2) [APP-195 and APP-196 to APP-198] including the Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') (Appendix B4, Document 6.2) [APP-196 to APP-198]	The principles of these documents were discussed with Leeds City Council from the outset of the Project and were available for the PEIR. Leeds City Council confirmed at the Briefing #13 meeting held on 29 November 2022 that they agreed that the approach to consultation had been discussed and agreed with the Council.

~~3.26 Volume 7.9 Document 7.9 Biodiversity Net Gain Report [APP-210] Biodiversity Net Gain: Initial Biodiversity Net Gain Metric Calculation~~

3.26.1 Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Leeds City Council has agreed the approach to BNG within the Project (~~Document 7.9~~) [~~APP-210~~]. 30~~16~~ ~~May~~th January 2023

~~In terms of the DCO submission, the initial BNG report [APP-210] is 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.~~

~~National Grid will then undertake further BNG assessments at different stages throughout 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.~~

~~The approach to BNG has been agreed in terms of the following:~~

~~- Provision of adequate information at application stage (in view of land access constraints and lack of detailed design pre-consent), and agreement with the proposed production of updated BNG reports post-consent.~~

-National Grid's approach to identifying suitable locations for delivery of meaningful BNG which in order of priority would be: 1) habitat creation/enhancement within the Order Limits with agreement with third party landowner/managers; 2) agreements with/contributions to local stakeholder schemes outside the Order Limits but within the relevant LPA where possible (or Project wide where more favourable outcomes for biodiversity would be achieved by delivering BNG at a site outside the relevant LPA); and 3) inputs to strategic biodiversity offsite schemes through purchase of biodiversity units.

-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.

Schedule 3 of the S106 agreement secures the Biodiversity Net Gain approach detailed above as agreed with the Leeds City Council.

3.27 Draft S106 agreement

3.27.1

Service Level Agreement for post-determination work

A draft S106 agreement has been shared with the Local Planning Authorities which includes reference to a Service Level Agreement that would provide a mechanism for National Grid to engage with the local planning authorities agree timescales for the discharge of DCO requirements and other consents required pursuant to the DCO articles. A programme of a 3 week pre-application process has been discussed with the Local Authorities relating to the discharge of requirements. A process involving a 2 week pre-submission consultation period on any additional consents required under the articles has also been discussed with the Local Authorities.

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4. Matters Not Agreed

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

Table 4.1 – Matters not agreed

SoCG ID	Matter	Leeds City Council position	National Grid position
	Through engagement between Leeds City Council and National Grid there are no matters not agreed.		

5. Matters outstanding

5.1.1 Section 5 sets out matters where agreement is currently outstanding between National Grid and Leeds City Council. In particular **Table 5.1** details these matters.

Table 5.1 – Matters outstanding

SoCG ID	Matter	Leeds City Council position	National Grid position
5.1 <u>Document 3.1 (C) Draft DCO</u>			
5.1.1	<u>Schedule 4 Discharge of Requirements</u>	<p><u>Leeds City Council will not be using a third party to discharge any Requirements or Articles. The discharge timescales therefore remain an important consideration. We are working with the applicant to agree on their recently revised proposed timescales for discharging Requirements and Articles, which have been amended following the concerns raised by all relevant Local Authorities at a previous hearing. The discharge of Requirements timescales currently under our consideration are currently proposed as:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>42 days for pre-app consultation with a Local Authority; and,</u> <u>35 days for Local Authorities to issue a decision on a discharge application (subject to caveats).</u> <p><u>In principle, the applicant’s proposal to front-load the discharge timescales via the introduction of a pre-application</u></p>	<p><u>A draft S106 agreement has been shared with the Local Planning Authorities which includes reference to a Service Level Agreement that would provide a mechanism for National Grid to engage with the local planning authorities to agree timescales for the discharge of DCO requirements and other consents required pursuant to the DCO articles. A programme of a 6 week pre-application process has been discussed with the Local Authorities relating to the discharge of requirements. A process involving a 2 week pre-submission consultation period on any additional consents required under the articles has also been discussed with the Local Authorities. Both aspects would be funded under the SLA, along with ongoing meetings with both the case officer and highway officer, to give regular updates on the Project programme and forthcoming submissions. The final S106 agreement is under discussion with the LPAs with a view to it being finalised for Deadline 7.</u></p>

timescale period appears to be more manageable to Leeds City Council, and therefore more acceptable but only in terms of discharging any Requirements.

In terms of Articles of the dDCO the associated timescales are much tighter:

- 14 days for pre-app consultation with a Local Authority; and,
- 28 days for Local Authorities to issue a decision to on any Article.

We are currently considering whether these proposed timescales will be achievable to Leeds City Council, given that the Articles could include for decision-making on a s278 Highway Agreement and, say, a Traffic Regulation Order; where such matters typically take longer than 20 working days to resolve/ determine. This would be the case where a major rather than mini-278 Agreement was proposed/ required.

The applicant has also proposed for continuous dialogue to take place between their appointed contractors and the relevant Local Authorities. This is acceptable in principle but must be subject to an agreed and signed post-determination Planning Performance Agreement, something which has not been received from the applicant to

date and is therefore remains a point of negotiation.

5.2 Volume 7.9 Biodiversity Net Gain: Initial Biodiversity Net Gain Metric Calculation

5.2.1

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

The Local Impact Report [REP1-053] paragraph 32 highlights that National Grid propose to deliver 10% Biodiversity Net Gain. The City Council would like to see a portion of this net gain delivered within the Leeds district. It is recommended that habitat enhancement and habitat creation could most easily be secured and delivered here and, appropriately conditioned in any consent and/ or within a S106 Agreement as planning obligation.

In summary, key points of National Grid's approach for the Project to achieve BNG are:

- 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.

In terms of DCO submission, National Grid 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.

National Grid 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.

National Grid have discussed the proposed mechanism of securing the BNG provision through a S106 agreement with the Local Planning Authorities. A final version of the S106 agreement is intended to be submitted at Deadline 7 to finalise this matter.

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