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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“National Grid”) (“the Applicant”) has made an application (the Application) under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”) for an order granting development consent (DCO) for the proposed Yorkshire GREEN Project (“the Project”).
- 1.1.2 That application was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 15 November 2022 and was accepted for examination on 8 December 2022. The Examination of the Project by the appointed Examining Authority (ExA) commenced on 22 March 2023 and is due to complete on 22 September 2023.
- 1.1.3 Since submission of the Application, National Grid has continued to engage with stakeholders, including landowners, to discuss concerns raised in representations submitted to the Examination and to consider this further in design terms. As a result of this work and following consideration of the representations which have been made by Interested Parties, National Grid identified four changes to the Project (as detailed further in this document), which were the subject of a notification of request for proposed changes to the ExA.
- 1.1.4 National Grid notified the ExA of its intention to submit a request for proposed changes to the DCO application in a letter dated 19 June 2023 (**Appendix A**) [**AS-020**]. Within this letter National Grid confirmed that it considers the changes to be non-material, and that the changes do not invoke The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (CA Regulations) or The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations). A response by the ExA was published in a letter dated 22 June 2023 (**Appendix E**) which provided advice to National Grid on the procedural implications of the proposed changes, subject to the nature of the changes remaining as originally described. Furthermore, on 26 June 2023, National Grid provided a letter to the ExA to clarify National Grid’s intended approach to the submission of supporting documentation with the request for the proposed changes to the DCO application (**Appendix F**).
- 1.1.5 National Grid’s notification of its intention to submit a request for proposed changes to the Application identified four proposed changes. For two of those changes (Change 3 and Change 4), National Grid confirmed that the proposed changes would only be sought if landowner consent was obtained. National Grid can confirm that landowner consent has not been obtained for Change 4 (Reorientation of the Tadcaster West Cable Sealing End Compound (CSEC)) and so this change application does not include Change 4. Evidence is provided in **Appendix G** in the form of the email response from the landowner’s agent confirming that consent from the landowner has not been provided.

1.2 Purpose of this Report

- 1.2.1 The main purposes of this document are:

- To set out the background to the proposed changes, including the reason for the changes, engagement undertaken, the environmental effects of the changes, land right implications, and implications for application documents.
 - To explain the amendments which are required to the documents submitted with the Application, as a result of the proposed changes if accepted by the ExA.
- 1.2.2 Sections 3, 4, and 5 of this report set out the following for each of the three changes:
- Description of the proposed change;
 - Reason for change;
 - Engagement undertaken relating to the change;
 - Environmental effect of the change;
 - Any implications in terms of mitigation;
 - Land implications; and
 - Potential changes to the draft DCO.
- 1.2.3 The remaining sections of this report set out the following:
- Section 6 sets out the implications for other land acquisition documents and matters including the Funding Statement, the Statement of Reasons and Crown Land, National Trust Land, statutory undertakers land and special category land;
 - Section 7 sets out the implications for the case for the scheme (including planning policy, Green Belt and planning balance);
 - Section 8 details amendments or addenda required to current application documents and a summary of the changes should the changes be accepted.
 - Section 9 provides a conclusion.
 - Seven appendices are referred to within this report (Appendices A-G of this document).
- 1.2.4 This report should be read in conjunction with **Change Application: Plans and Drawings (Document 9.2)**, **Change Application: Book of Reference (Document 9.3)** and **Change Application: Flood Risk Assessment (Document 9.4)**. The **Change Application: Plans and Drawings (Document 9.2)** includes the following:
- Change Application: Land Plan Section B (Document 2.5.2);
 - Change Application: Works Plan, Section B to E (Document 2.6.2 to 2.6.5);
 - Change Application: Access Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plan Section B (Document 2.7.2);
 - Change Application: Trees and Hedgerows Potentially Affected Plan, Section B (Document 2.11.2); and
 - Change Application: Design Drawings (Document 2.15) (as relevant to the changes proposed).

2. Proposed Changes

2.1 Scheme Changes

- 2.1.1 The Proposed Changes that form this change application request are summarised below and have been made following ongoing design refinement, engagement and feedback from key stakeholders and affected land interests.
- Change 1 – Shipton North Reduction in Limits of Deviation (within Work No.2).
 - Change 2 – New Farm Cottage Access (within Work No. 5).
 - Change 3 – Shipton Cable Sealing End Compound (CSEC) Access (within Work No.2).
- 2.1.2 Details of the Proposed Changes are included in Sections 3 to 5 below with a schedule provided in Section 8 setting out those Application documents which will need to be updated if the changes are accepted by the ExA.
- 2.1.3 As detailed above in Section 1.1.5, Change 4 as set out in National Grid’s notification of its intention to submit a request for proposed changes (19 June 2023) (**Appendix A**) has not been taken forward as landowner consent has not been obtained for this change. Therefore, this document does not refer to Change 4 any further.

3. Change 1 – Shipton North Reduction in Limits of Deviation

3.1 Description of proposed change

- 3.1.1 Change 1 is for a reduction in Limits of Deviation (LoD) around the north (1m reduction), east (5m reduction) and western (5m reduction) sides of the Shipton North CSEC, which in turn would result in a reduction of the land over which compulsory acquisition powers would be sought. Instead, this would be amended to land required for temporary acquisition, for construction works only. There are no other amendments proposed as part of this change.
- 3.1.2 Figure 3.1 below shows the relevant existing **Land Plan Section B** for the proposed development (**Document 2.5.2(C) [REP2-004]**). Figure 3.2 shows the Change Application Land Plan for Section B in this location following the proposed change. This demonstrates a reduction in the LoD and a change in the class of rights, with a reduction in class one and class two rights, with this being reallocated as class four rights (temporary use for construction and mitigation). The change application plans and drawings are included in Document 9.2.

Figure 3.1 – Change 1 Shipton North Reduction in LoD – Before Land Plan Amendments - Land Plan Section B (Document 2.5.2(C) [REP2-004])

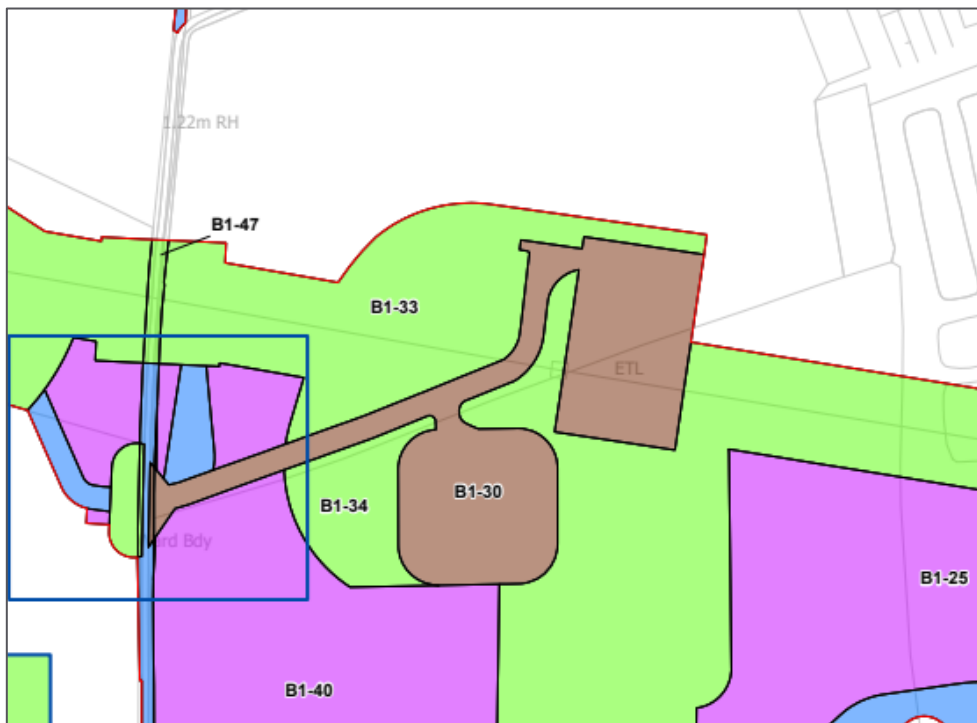
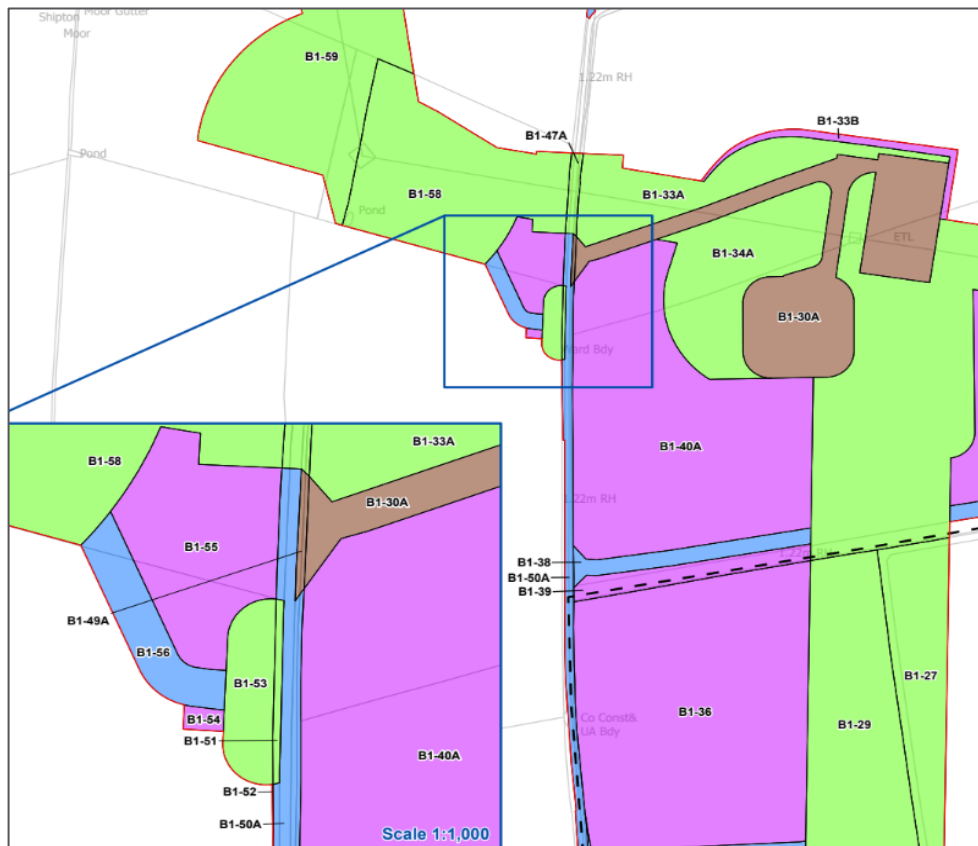


Figure 3.2 – Change 1 Shipton North Reduction in LoD – After Change Application Land Plan Section B Amendments



3.2 Reason for change

- 3.2.1 A Written Representation was submitted at Deadline 2 [REP2-131] by the agent representing the landowner and occupiers in this location, expressing concerns regarding the interface of the Project and suggested alternative locations for the Northern CSEC. The Applicant's Comments on Written Representations and other Interested Parties Deadline 2 Submissions (**Document 8.20**) [REP3-032] set out National Grid's response in Table 2.10 on the alternative proposals put forward by the landowner and occupier's agent regarding the location of the CSECs including previous design changes made to minimise impacts on the farm business. The landowner and occupier's primary concerns related to their future ability to expand their farming business operations which would include the development of additional buildings and silage clamps as further described in written representations [REP4-030].
- 3.2.2 These aspects were discussed at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1) held on Thursday 25 May 2023 and CAH1 Action Point 3, requested National Grid to consider whether the extent of the northern part of the Shipton North CSEC could be limited or moved to better accommodate the farming activities. There is already limited flexibility to move the Shipton North CSEC because the CSEC in this location is an anchor block solution and incorporates the new pylon YR040 within the fence line of the compounds. Given this and the constraints of the existing silage clamps in proximity to the Project, it is considered feasible to reduce the amount of flexibility in this particular location.
- 3.2.3 National Grid consider that a reduction to the limits of deviation for the Shipton North CSEC could be accommodated to reduce interaction with the future farm development

whilst retaining some flexibility in construction with a 5m limit of deviation surrounding the CSEC (as detailed in Table 2,1 in **(Document 8.23.5) [REP4-027]**). As detailed in Section 3.1 of this report, the change would reduce the land over which compulsory acquisition powers would be sought, and instead this would be amended to land for temporary acquisition. **Appendix C** to this report provides details of the purpose for which compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers are sought and amendments proposed as a result of this change.

3.3 Engagement

Affected Parties

- 3.3.1 Given that the change is not considered to invoke The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (CA Regulations) or The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations), no formal consultation is required. Consequently, the consent of the parties holding an interest in the land has not been sought, but National Grid has engaged with them as detailed below.
- 3.3.2 A meeting on site was held with the landowner, occupier and their agent on Friday 16 June 2023 at which time Change 1 was presented and discussed. The response from the owner, occupier (and their agent) was positive and supportive of the proposals.
- 3.3.3 The site meeting was followed by a letter dated 19 June 2023 which was sent to inform the owner, occupier and agent in writing (copy at **Appendix B**) of National Grid's intention to reduce the limits of deviation around the northern CSEC.
- 3.3.4 A letter to inform all other parties holding an interest in land affected by the change application was issued on 7 July 2023. Copies of all inform letters sent are included at **Appendix B**.

Other stakeholders

- 3.3.5 The host Local Planning Authority (North Yorkshire Council) for the area in which this change is located was notified via email on 20 June 2023 of National Grid's letter to the ExA notifying of its intention to submit a request for proposed changes to the DCO application, and that this would be submitted at Deadline 5. A copy of the notification was provided to the Local Planning Authority, and details of the change were discussed during a meeting on 6 July. North Yorkshire Council had no comments on the change based on the information provided.
- 3.3.6 The Local Planning Archaeologist (LPAr) at North Yorkshire Council was contacted on 28 June 2023. The LPAr found there to be no reason why the design changes could not be covered by the existing archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation.
- 3.3.7 The Environment Agency was contacted on 23 June 2023 and confirmed during a call (28 June 2023) that it had no issues with the changes proposed.
- 3.3.8 Natural England and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust were contacted on 29 June 2023. No comments on the proposed change have been received to date from Natural England. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has confirmed (4 July 2023) that it has no comments on the proposed change based on the information provided.

3.4 Effect of Change 1

3.4.1 Change 1 comprises a reduction in the Limits of Deviation (LoD) around the Shipton North CSEC only. This change in the LoD would not result in a change in the environmental effects described in the Environmental Statement (ES).

Environmental effects

3.4.2 There is no change in the environmental effects for Change 1 in comparison to those described in the ES for any of the aspects considered:

- Landscape and visual (**Document 5.2.6, [APP-078]**);
- Historic Environment (**Document 5.2.7, [APP-079]**);
- Biodiversity (**Document 5.2.8, [APP-080]**);
- Hydrology (**Document 5.2.9, [APP-081]**);
- Geology and Hydrogeology (**Document 5.2.10, [APP-082]**);
- Agriculture and Soils (**Document 5.2.11, [APP-083]**);
- Traffic and Transport (**Document 5.2.12, [APP-084]**);
- Air Quality (**Document 5.2.13, [APP-085]**);
- Noise and Vibration (**Document 5.2.14, [APP-086]**);
- Health and Wellbeing (**Document 5.2.15, [APP-087]**);
- Socio economics (**Document 5.2.16, [APP-088]**);
- Climate Change (**Document 5.2.17, [APP-089]**); and
- Cumulative effects (**Document 5.2.18, [APP-090]**).

3.4.3 In addition, there would be no change in the conclusions of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (**Document 5.3.3I, [REP4-009 to REP4-011]**) as a result of Change 1.

3.5 Mitigation

3.5.1 As no change in the environmental effects described in the ES would occur in relation to Change 1, no amendments to the embedded environmental measures set out in the ES (**Document 5.3.3A(B) [REP2-018]**) or the measures set out in the supporting management plans (Code of Construction Practice (**Document 5.3.3B(C)**), Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (**Document 5.3.3C, [APP-096]**), Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy (**Document 5.3.3D [APP-097]**), Outline Soil Management Plan (**Document 5.3.3E(B), [REP2-022]**), Construction Traffic Management Plan (**Document 5.3.3F(B)**), Public Rights of Way Management Plan (**Document 5.3.3G(B), [REP2-024]**) and Noise and Vibration Management Plan (**Document 5.3.3H, [APP-101]**) are required.

3.6 Land

3.6.1 The following paragraphs provide a description of the Change and how it affects Land. **Appendix C** provides a summary of the plot changes and can be read in conjunction

with the following paragraphs to provide greater detail. In addition, **Change Application: Book of Reference Document 9.3** is being submitted in support of this Change Application and provides confirmation of the plot changes that would result as a consequence of the changes should they be accepted.

- 3.6.2 The landowner affected by Change 1 is Newlands (York) Limited (Company No 11217225). The occupier is Mr Ben Rab and Mrs Fiona Rab. National Grid proposes to alter plot B1-33, which was all Class 2 land, by creating a revised B1-33A which will remain Class 2 but now has a reduced area, and a new plot B1-33B which is Class 4 representing an overall reduction in Class of Rights affecting this holding.
- 3.6.3 For Plot B1-30A the change represents a reduction in 1251 square metres of Class 1 land which was formerly included in plot B1-30. For Plot B1-33A the change represents a reduction of 932 square metres of Class 2 land which was formerly included in plot B1-33. Plot B1-23A represents an increase of 944square metres of Class 2 land which was formerly included in Plot B1-23. This change creates an increase in Class 2 land by 11 square metres, due to the reduction in Class 1 land. A new Plot B1-33B which amounts to 1244 square metres of land is required for Temporary use for construction, mitigation, maintenance dismantling and/or access under Class 4, representing a reduction in the class of rights over this holding.

3.7 Potential changes to the draft DCO

- 3.7.1 Table 3.1 below sets out a summary of the amendments which would be required to the text of the **draft DCO (Document 3.1(D))**, were Change 1 to be accepted

Table 3.1 – Proposed amendments to the draft DCO for Change 1

Article/Schedule reference	Proposed amendments were Change 1 to be accepted
Schedule 12, Part 1, (Land of which temporary possession may be taken)	Affected plot numbers to be updated in this Schedule
Schedule 13, Part 1 (Land in which only new rights and restrictive covenants etc. may be acquired)	Affected plot numbers to be updated in this Schedule

3.8 Explanatory Memorandum

- 3.8.1 The proposed changes do not have any material implications for the **Explanatory Memorandum (Document 3.2(D))** and it is considered that no updates to the Explanatory Memorandum are required and thus the Explanatory Memorandum submitted with the Application (and updated at Deadline 5) still stands.

4. Change 2 – New Farm Cottage Access

4.1 Description of proposed change

4.1.1 This change relates to the construction access to pylon SP005. Currently the access point is off the A19 (access AP93 on the **Access Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plan Section B (Document 2.7.2) [APP-027]**), and along an existing farm access track which passes New Farm Cottages and a number of agricultural buildings. This would result in the need to underground an existing utility (Work No. U4) across the A19, to allow suitable space for construction traffic to access the track; and would require the removal of sections of an existing hedgerow to accommodate the widening of an existing bellmouth, and the widening of the existing access track to provide passing places.

4.1.2 The proposed change is to utilise an access haul road arrangement from SP004 so construction vehicles will travel from the Overton Substation site to SP004, and then continue along an access haul road to SP005. The change will require a temporary bridge over Hurns Gutter for construction only, which will be subject to a land drainage consent under Section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991. The need for such a consent is already considered within the Details of Other Consents and Licences document **(Document 7.3) [APP-204]**, and therefore no changes to this document are required.

4.1.3 The change proposed would remove the need to undertake utility undergrounding works (Work No. U4) and would also remove the need for hedgerow removal associated with widening the bellmouth and creating vehicle passing places down the existing track and the associated visibility splay for the bellmouth.

The existing access off the A19 and down the existing track will remain in the Order Limits. There will be a need for a small number of vehicles to utilise this track to construct the bridge over Hurns Gutter, as it is not possible to construct the bridge from one side of Hurns Gutter. In addition, the existing track would be utilised for future maintenance activities. Given the very low vehicle numbers associated with maintenance activities, the use of the existing track is considered proportionate, compared to the retention of a haul road and the installation of a new permanent bridge. As such, the Order Limits will be amended accordingly, to remove the area of land required for the utility undergrounding works, remove the extended visibility splay, and remove the land required for access road widening.

4.1.4 As currently drafted, the draft DCO **(Document 3.1 (D))** allows for additional bridges to be installed as part of Schedule 1 Authorised Development (associated development). In addition, access tracks can be installed anywhere within the Order Limits, subject to works not giving rise to any new or materially different environmental effects to those identified in the Environmental Statement. Section 4.4 below considers this and confirms that there would be no new or materially different significant environmental effects associated with the change.

4.1.5 Figure 4.1 below shows the current arrangement, with the access track off the A19, passing the cottages and farm buildings, before reaching SP005, where an access haul road would then be extended to SP006 (to the south). The area in green crossing the A19 shows the utility diversion (Works No. U4).

4.1.6 Figure 4.2 shows the Change Application Land Plan, with the Order Limits reduced as detailed above. The change application plans and drawings are included in Document 9.2.

Figure 4.1 – Change 2 New Farm Cottage Access – Before Land Plan Section B Amendments (Document 2.5.2(C)) [REP2-004]

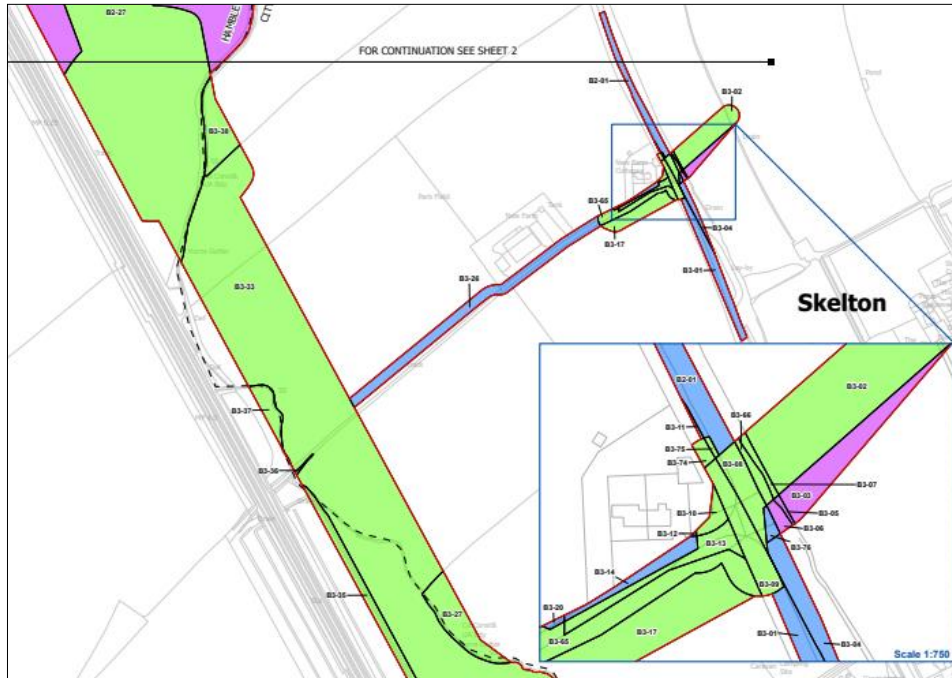
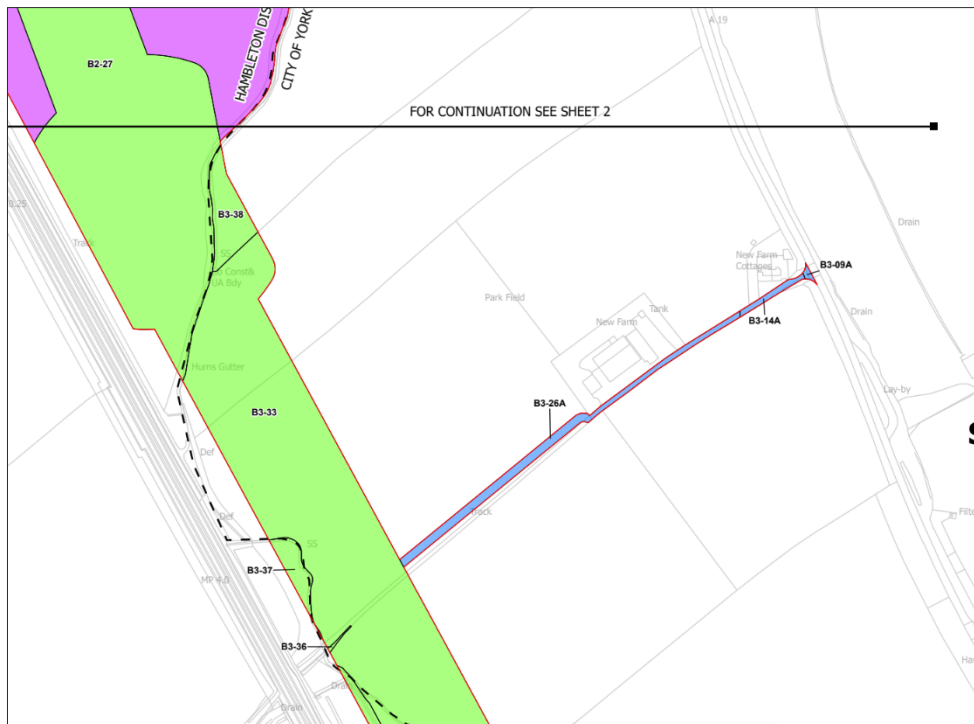


Figure 4.2 – Change 2 New Farm Cottage Access – After Change Application Land Plan Section B Amendments



4.2 Reason for change

- 4.2.1 The change is proposed in response to Written Representations submitted at Deadline 2 from Stephenson's Rural LLP on behalf of the owners and occupiers of New Farm Cottages [REP2-132] within which they expressed concerns over temporary and permanent rights for construction traffic being granted over the access track to the front of their residential properties, as well as potential conflict with their parking arrangements and construction vehicle access. Concern was also expressed in relation to the impact of the vehicles passing their properties, such as dust being generated.
- 4.2.2 In addition, the landowner of the agricultural land which utilises the access track raised concerns around construction vehicles using the access track, due to potential conflict between agricultural and construction vehicles.
- 4.2.3 In response to these concerns, National Grid undertook further design work to consider the use of an access haul road in this location, as opposed to utilising the existing access proposals. This was considered feasible, as detailed in the following sections.
- 4.2.4 The proposed change relates to the access route during construction only, with a small number of construction vehicles required to utilise this access route for the construction of the temporary bridge crossing of Hurns Gutter only. The existing access track past New Farm Cottages will continue to be used for maintenance purposes during operation, due to the low vehicle numbers associated with maintenance activities. As a result of the proposed change there will be no requirement to undertake utility diversion works, widen the bellmouth and associated visibility splay, or create passing points for maintenance activities, due to the type of vehicle access required, and infrequent access required during operation.

4.3 Engagement

Affected Parties

- 4.3.1 Given that the change is not considered to invoke The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (CA Regulations) or The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations), no formal consultation is required. Consequently, the consent of the parties holding an interest in the land has not been sought, but National Grid has engaged with those that raised the representations and are directly affected by the current access proposal as detailed below. A meeting was held on site between National Grid and Ms Husband, Mr Bulmer & Ms Eves (who own and occupy residential premises, New Farm Cottages and whose representations resulted in this proposed change request) on Friday 23 June 2023 at which time the change was presented to them and was well received. Also present at the site meeting were Mr Blacker (adjacent landowner), and Mr Stephenson (as agent for Ms Husband), Mr Bulmer and Ms Eves.
- 4.3.2 Given that the change would impact land owned by the adjacent landowner, Mr Blacker, a further meeting was held with him and his agent on Friday 30 June 2023. The agent acting on behalf of Mr Blacker had previously submitted Relevant Representations to the ExA [RR-022] which National Grid had responded to (**Document 8.3 [REP1-015]**) and Mr Blacker confirmed that the changes would do much to alleviate concerns regarding the potential conflict between agricultural activities and construction traffic during busy periods such as harvest, which formed part of his objection. On that basis the proposed change was supported.

- 4.3.3 Other Interested Parties include National Highways who own the section of highway where the original access would have been widened to create the bell-mouth. Mr Proctor owns land opposite the access that was required for National Powergrid undergrounding works. Given that negotiations with National Highways are ongoing, and the impact on Mr Proctor would be removal as an affected party as there would be no longer a requirement to seek rights over his land. Mr Proctor has had minimal engagement in the project to date, therefore no specific site meetings were held with these parties, however, National Grid remains open to discussion with the parties.
- 4.3.4 Letters informing Mr Blacker, Ms Husband, Mr Bulmer & Ms Eves (along with their respective agents) were issued on 3 July 2023 (**included in Appendix B**).
- 4.3.5 A letter to inform all other parties holding an interest in land affected by the change application was issued on 7 July 2023. Copies of all inform letters sent are included at **Appendix B**.

Other Stakeholders

- 4.3.6 Both North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council (host authorities for the change) were notified via email on 20 June 2023 of National Grid's submission of a notification of intention to submit a request for proposed changes to the DCO application, and that this would be submitted at Deadline 5. An offer to provide further detail if required was made, and a copy of the notification was sent to the Authorities. Given that this change relates to an access onto the highway, a subsequent email was sent to both Local Planning Authorities on 23 June requesting the details of the change be passed to the relevant highways officer, along with any other technical officer deemed relevant. Furthermore, details of the change were discussed with both the Local Planning Authorities during a meeting on 6 June. Neither Local Planning Authority or the Highway Authorities had any comments on the change based on the information provided.
- 4.3.7 The Local Planning Archaeologist (LPAr) at North Yorkshire Council was contacted on 28 June 2023. The LPAr found that the design change could be covered by the existing archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation.
- 4.3.8 The Environment Agency was contacted on 23 June 2023 and confirmed during a call (28 June 2023) that it had no issues with the change proposed.
- 4.3.9 The Kyle and Upper Ouse Internal Drainage Board (KUOIDB) were contacted regarding the proposed change on 23 June 2023. The KUOIDB has confirmed that the change would be acceptable in principle, subject to Final Design and the terms being agreed under its Statement of Common Ground with National Grid for other crossings and structures proposed within ordinary watercourses.
- 4.3.10 Natural England and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust were contacted on 29 June 2023. No comments on the proposed change have been received to date from Natural England. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has confirmed (04 July 2023) that it has no comments on the proposed change based on the information provided.

4.4 Effect of Change 2

- 4.4.1 Change 2 would result in some changes to the environmental effects reported in the ES (**Document 5.2.6 to 5.2.17, [APP-078 to APP-089]**), but there would be no new or materially different significant environmental effects. Further information on these changes is provided below.

Environmental effects

- 4.4.2 The following paragraphs address the changes to the environmental effects for Change 2 in comparison to those already assessed and presented in the ES aspect chapters (**Documents 5.2.6 to 5.2.17, [APP-078 to APP-089]**).
- 4.4.3 There would be no/negligible change in environmental effects for the following aspects:
- Historic Environment (**Document 5.2.7, [APP-079]**);
 - Geology and Hydrogeology (**Document 5.2.10, [APP-082]**);
 - Agriculture and Soils (**Document 5.2.11, [APP-083]**);
 - Air Quality (**Document 5.2.13, [APP-085]**);
 - Noise and Vibration (**Document 5.2.14, [APP-086]**);
 - Health and Wellbeing (**Document 5.2.15, [APP-087]**);
 - Socio economics (**Document 5.2.16, [APP-088]**);
 - Climate Change (**Document 5.2.17, [APP-089]**); and
 - Cumulative effects (**Document 5.2.18, [APP-090]**).
- 4.4.4 The following aspects required further consideration which is discussed below.

Landscape and visual

- 4.4.5 During construction, the residents of New Farm Cottages would experience a Low magnitude of change, consisting of views partially restricted by garden planting and typically oblique in direction to the nearby 275kV SP pylons under construction and the decommissioning of the 275kV XCP overhead line. Construction activity at Overton Substation would also be visible, particularly from upper floor rear views at New Farm Cottages. Effects would be significant (paragraph 6.10.15, **Document 5.2.6, [APP-078]**). Change 2 would not alter these conclusions as localised loss and trimming of vegetation and trees along the Hurns Gutter would be required in any event to construct the SP overhead line. There would no change in the operational design of the Project as a result of Change 2. Therefore overall, there would be no new or materially different significant environmental effects as a result of Change 2.

Arboriculture

- 4.4.6 The proposed changes to remove the area of land required for undergrounding works of the utility diversion, remove the extended visibility splay at the junction with the A19, and remove the land required for road widening would have a beneficial effect in that some of the status of removal of some of the hedgerows in this area (H613, Category C, low quality (224m loss/affected) and H615, Category C, low quality (11m loss/affected) would change (Annex 3I.1 Tree Constraints Plan, **Document 5.3.3I(B), [REP4-011]**). The amendment would allow the full retention of these two hedgerows. The areas of trees at the eastern end of the utility diversion undergrounding would also no longer require removal with the status of these trees changing from 'Removed' to 'Not affected' (Annex 3I.3, Tree Removal and Hedgerow Protection Plan, Sheet 4, (**Document 5.3.3I(B), REP4-012]**) securing the retention of 608m² of tree canopy. These changes are also indicated on the revised Tree and Hedgerows Potentially Affected Plan Section B (Sheet 3) (**Document 9.2 Change Application Plans and Drawings**).

- 4.4.7 A field of small, newly planted trees (G799, Category C, low quality, Annex 3I.1 Tree Constraints Plan, **Document 5.3.3I(B), [REP4-011]**) is located to the south of proposed pylon SP004. Under the current design this area of planting is mostly shown as 'Affected Managed' (with some Removed) (Annex 3I.3, Tree Removal and Hedgerow Protection Plan, Sheet 4, (**Document 5.3.3I(B), REP4-012]**). The design revisions, with a new access between SP004 and SP005 would increase the area of this group of trees to be 'Removed' from 3358m² to 4678m² noting that this area is not solid tree canopy but rather the area covered by small newly planted trees which do not provide a cohesive canopy and at the time of the tree survey were in relatively poor condition. These changes are also indicated on the revised Tree and Hedgerows Potentially Affected Plan Section B (Sheet 3) (**Document 9.2** Change Application Plans and Drawings).
- 4.4.8 The new access between SP004 and SP005 would also slightly increase the area of tree groups (G622 Category C, low quality and G624 Category C, low quality, Annex 3I.1 Tree Constraints Plan, **Document 5.3.3I(B), [REP4-011]**) to be removed (Annex 3I.3, Tree Removal and Hedgerow Protection Plan, Sheet 4, (**Document 5.3.3I(B), REP4-012]**), noting that parts of these two groups of trees would be removed anyway as a result of the overhead line construction, the proposed amendment would result in an increase from 178m² to 221m² for both features combined. These changes are also indicated on the revised Tree and Hedgerows Potentially Affected Plan Section B (Sheet 3) (**Document 9.2** Change Application Plans and Drawings).
- 4.4.9 There would a slight increase in the extent of tree loss or impact. This comprises a reduction in the loss of lower quality hedgerow tree features and a small area of unsurveyed trees, but an increase in the loss of small newly planted trees within G799 (1320m²) and a small section of groups G622 and G624 (combined as 43m²). The overall impact on trees would be an increased area of loss of 270m². This would not constitute a substantial change from the conclusions reported in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment **Document 5.3.3I(B), [REP4-009]** and no materially new or different arboricultural impacts would occur. The majority of additional loss would be focused on small newly planted trees and the now retained trees consist of a more established group and hedgerow features which are arguably of greater value.
- 4.4.10 The Arboricultural Impact Assessment (**Document 5.3.3I(B), [REP4-009 to REP4-011]**) will be revised and submitted, should the change application be accepted, to address the changes in tree loss and impact. This will include updates to the Tree Survey Schedule (**Annex 3I.2) [REP4-010]** and the Tree Removal and Protection Plan (**Annex 3I.3) [REP4-012]**.

Biodiversity

- 4.4.11 There would be no change in the significance of biodiversity effects as a result of Change 2 and the embedded environmental measures (Tables 8.11 and 8.12, **Document 5.2.8, [APP-080]**) would ensure there would be no contravention of legislation or significant effects on ecological features' favourable conservation status. However, a summary is provided below regarding the biodiversity receptors relevant to the location of Change 2:
- Hedgerows: Due to the proposed changes to remove the extended visibility splay at the junction with the A19, and to remove the land required for road widening along the access track, hedgerows in these locations would be retained as referred to in **paragraph 4.4.6** above which would constitute a small (though not significant) benefit.

- Bats: A single dead tree in a strip of sparse riparian hawthorn scrub within the indicative access swathe/bridge working area has been identified as having low bat roost potential (TR42 - Figure 8.26(B), **Document 5.4.8(B), [REP2-034]**). Mitigation measures within Section 4.6 of the Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy, **Document 5.3.3D, [APP-097]** would ensure updated pre-construction surveys to confirm no change in status of the roost potential, and sensitive removal of vegetation, should this be unavoidable. As the potential tree loss is of low roost potential only (with no evidence of roosting bats recorded), there is no change to the assessment of effects on bats within the ES (Section 8.9, **Document 5.2.8, [APP-080]**). Otter and water vole surveys were undertaken along the stretch of Hurns Gutter where Change 2 is located, as part of the baseline surveys. No evidence of water vole was recorded. Otter spraint has been recorded indicating otter utilise Hurns Gutter (at least for commuting). No otter rest sites, or potential rest sites were recorded within close proximity of Change 2 that could be subject to disturbance impacts. The embedded environmental measures set out in the ES (Table 8.11, Table 8.12, **Document 5.2.8, [APP-080]**) would minimise the potential impacts of Change 2 at the Hurns Gutter on otters and water vole. More specifically, embedded environmental measure 1 – ‘Pre-construction update surveys’ would identify any newly created water vole burrows or otter rest sites that could be subject to impacts from Change 2, with embedded environmental measure 16 – ‘Protected species licences’ ensuring the works would not contravene legislation. In addition, Change 2 would remove the requirement for the utility diversion undergrounding of the 11kV OHL either side of the A19. Access to this section of the Hurns Gutter was not available to undertake surveys, however this change would avoid impacts on this section of watercourse and remove any potential effects on otter and water vole should they be present, noting water vole presence is highly unlikely given the lack of any confirmed evidence at any surveyed location.
- Invasive non-native species: No invasive non-native species were recorded at the location of Change 2, however Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam, and giant hogweed have all been identified along Hurns Gutter, with stands of Japanese knotweed and Himalayan balsam located approximately 50m downstream of the location of Change 2. There is potential these invasive non-native plant species could therefore become established in the working area of Change 2. However, embedded environmental measure 1 - Pre-construction update surveys (Table 8.11, **Document 5.2.8, [APP-080]**) would identify any invasive on-native species present and the relevant best practice measures would be put in place to prevent the spread of these species.

4.4.12 Overall, the conclusions in the ES regarding significance of effects would not change and there would be no new or materially different significant effects.

4.4.13 ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity (**Document 5.2.8, [APP-080]**) will be revised and submitted, should the change application be accepted, by way of the ES Errata Document (**Document 5.2.19**) to make reference to the additional crossing of the Hurns Gutter where relevant.

Hydrology

4.4.14 Change 2 would require an additional watercourse crossing, comprising a temporary bridge, over the Hurns Gutter. In addition the revised access route to SP005 via SP004 would also require an additional access track, which would be located in Flood Zones 2 and 3. The measures set out in the ES (Chapter 9: Hydrology, Table 9.18, **Document 5.2.9, [APP-081]**) and updated Change Application Flood Risk Assessment (FRA)

(Table 6.1, **Document 9.4 (Appendix F)**) and implemented by way of the Code of Construction Practice (**Document 5.3.3B(C)**), would control and manage potential flood risk from the changes proposed in Change 2 and ensure that effects would not be significant. No additional embedded environmental measures would be required.

- 4.4.15 Change 2 would have a slight increase in magnitude of effect as a result of the additional access track and watercourse crossing but with the embedded environmental measures in place the conclusions in the ES and the FRA would not change and no new or materially different significant effects would occur.
- 4.4.16 As set out in paragraph 9.11.9 of the ES (Chapter 9: Hydrology, **Document 5.2.9, [APP-081]**) the watercourse crossing would require consent, prior to its construction from the Kyle and Upper Ouse IDB. Detailed, site-specific arrangements for limiting the ingress of fine sediment into the Hurns Gutter associated with the installation and removal of the additional temporary crossing would be required to accompany the permit application and demonstrate this will not cause increased flood risk due to flow obstruction.
- 4.4.17 Change 2 would not result in non-compliance with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) as set out in Table 1.1 (ES Appendix 9B, WFD Waterbody Status and Objectives, **Document 5.3.9B, [APP-136]**). The assessment concluded that the impacts of the Project to the aquatic environment can be suitably mitigated by the effective implementation of embedded measures, thereby reducing the residual effects to water quality and hydrogeomorphology to Not Significant. These conclusions would not change as a result of Change 2. Consequently, the embedded measures are effective in supporting the WFD waterbody objectives and therefore no changes to the WFD assessment, which was integrated into the ES assessment, are required (ES Chapter 9: Hydrology, Section 9.14, **Document 5.2.9, [APP-081]**). In the context of Change 2, the only aspect of the proposed change that is pertinent to WFD compliance would be the additional temporary watercourse crossing of the Hurns Gutter. The principal mitigation for any effects on WFD compliance arising from this is that the crossing would be a clear-span bridge, as required as part of the Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy (also refer to measure ID12, Embedded Measures Schedule (**Document 5.3.3A(B) [REP2-018]**) and secured by draft DCO (**Document 3.1(D)**) Requirement 5(2)(c). Therefore, implementation of the bridge would not involve any direct disturbance of the watercourse channel.
- 4.4.18 ES Chapter 9 hydrology (**Document 5.2.9, [APP-081]**) will be revised and submitted, should the change application be accepted, by way of the ES Errata Document (**Document 5.2.22**). A revised Change Application FRA (**Document 9.4**) is submitted at Deadline 5 as part of the change application.

Traffic and transport

- 4.4.19 Change 2 would result in a slight change in the pattern of traffic movements. Under the current design, construction traffic would access SP005 via the New Farm Cottages access track (Access AP93, Sheet 3, Figure 3F.7, Construction Traffic Management Plan, **Document 5.3.3F(B)**) travelling from the north or south via the A19. Under Change 2 traffic travelling from the south would continue north along the A19 and access SP005 via AP89 to Overton Substation and an access track south from SP004. Traffic from the north would exit the A19 further north, via Overton Substation and SP004. Construction traffic movements along the current access between the A19 and SP005 would reduce, noting that some construction traffic would need to use this access to install and remove the temporary bridge over the Hurns Gutter.

- 4.4.20 Under the current design a total of 2,258 two-way construction traffic movements (across the 2024 to 2027 construction programme) would use the New Farm Cottages access track (access AP93) to construct SP005. Following the change, the majority of these traffic movements would access SP005 via Overton Substation (Access AP89) which currently would experience total two-way construction movements of 54,398 across the construction programme. Construction traffic movements needing to travel along the New Farm Cottages access track to construct the temporary bridge would be in the order of a total of 30 two-way Light Vehicle (LV) movements and 12 two-way Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) movements. These movements would be split across two five day periods to construct and then dismantle the temporary bridge following construction (i.e. 15 LV two way movements and six HGV two-way movements per five-day period).
- 4.4.21 Therefore, the only change in construction traffic movements would be along the A19 between the access at New Farm Cottages and Overton Road. As there are no receptors (other than New Farm Cottages) along this section of the A19 there would be no change in the overall effects from traffic movements or conclusions of the assessment as set out in ES Chapter 12 (**Document 5.2.12, [APP-084]**). There would be no change in the volumes of traffic travelling on the A19 through Shipton by Beningbrough or Skelton.
- 4.4.22 Longer term, there would be no change in operational effects, with occasional maintenance traffic using the existing access track to SP005 for maintenance purposes.
- 4.4.23 In order to ensure that construction traffic utilises the route detailed within the change application (other than that required to install and remove the temporary bridge over the Hurns Gutter) the following wording would be added to the **Construction Traffic Management Plan (Document 5.3.3F, [APP-099])** after paragraph 7.2.5 'Locations requiring traffic management': "*Site specific temporary traffic management arrangements will be implemented with respect to access 93 from the A19 at New Farm Cottages to ensure that traffic required to construct SP005 is routed via Overton Substation*". The updated CTMP with this wording and any other updates relevant to access AP93 (New Farm Cottages access track) will be revised and submitted should the change application be accepted.

4.5 Mitigation

- 4.5.1 As no change in the significance of environmental effects described in the ES would occur in relation to Change 2 no amendments to the embedded environmental measures (**Document 5.3.3A(B) [REP2-018]**) set out in the ES or the measures set out in the supporting management plans (Code of Construction Practice (**Document 5.3.3B(C)**), Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (**Document 5.3.3C, [APP-096]**), Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy (**Document 5.3.3D [APP-097]**), Outline Soil Management Plan (**Document 5.3.3E(B), [REP2-022]**), Public Rights of Way Management Plan (**Document 5.3.3G(B), [REP2-024]**) and Noise and Vibration Management Plan (**Document 5.3.3H, [APP-101]**) are required.

4.6 Land

- 4.6.1 The following paragraphs provide a description of the Change and how it affects Land. **Appendix C** provides a summary of the plot changes and can be read in conjunction with the following paragraphs to provide greater detail. In addition, **Change Application: Book of Reference Document 9.3** is being submitted in support of this

Change Application and provides confirmation of the plot changes that would result as a consequence of the changes should they be accepted.

- 4.6.2 If Change 2 were to be accepted, it would reduce the Order Limits and also reduce the number of affected parties. No additional land is required for this change, however this change results in a revision to the land powers sought, as there will be a reduction in the amount of land in Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4, as detailed below.
- 4.6.3 There will be a reduction of 5651 square metres for compulsory acquisition of rights for the authorised development in Class 2 land, (removal of Plots B3-02, B3-07, B3-08, B3-10, B3-13, B3-17, B3-65, B3-66, B3-74, B3-75). There is a reduction of 5145 square metres of land required for compulsory acquisition of rights of access in Class 3 land (removal of Plot B2-01, B3-01, B3-04, B3-11, B3-12, B3-20, B3-76). There would be an amendment to plots B3-09, B3-14 and B3-26 and because of this, these plots will now be referenced B3-09A, B3-14A and B3-26A and require only Class 3 rights. There is a reduction of 592 square metres of land required for temporary use for construction, mitigation, maintenance, dismantling and/or access Class 4 land (removal of Plots B3-03, B3-05, B3-06).

4.7 Potential changes to the draft DCO

- 4.7.1 Table 4.1 below sets out a summary of the amendments which would be required to the text of the **draft DCO (Document 3.1(D))**, were Change 2 to be accepted.

Table 4.1 – Proposed amendments to the draft DCO for Change 2

Article/Schedule reference	Proposed amendments were Change 2 to be accepted
Article 2 (Interpretation)	The removal of the reference to Work No U4 and subsequent re-numbering of all works referred to within this Article
Schedule 1 (Authorised Development)	Removal of Work No. U4 from this Schedule and subsequent re-numbering of all works referred to within this Schedule.
Schedule 12, Part 1 (Land of which temporary possession may be taken)	All references to "U4" to be removed from this Schedule
Schedule 12, Part 2 (Land of which temporary possession may be taken)	All references to "U4" to be removed from this Schedule
Schedule 13, Part 1 (Land in which only new rights and restrictive covenants etc. may be acquired)	All references to "U4" to be removed from this Schedule
Schedule 13, Part 2 (Land in which only new rights and restrictive covenants etc. may be acquired)	All references to "U4" to be removed from this Schedule
Schedule 14 (Traffic Regulation)	All references to TR13 and TR14 to be removed from Schedule 14

Article/Schedule reference	Proposed amendments were Change 2 to be accepted
Schedule 17 (Hedgerow which may be removed)	HE018 (Not important) and HE017 (Historic Environment Important) to be removed from Schedule 17

4.8 Explanatory Memorandum

- 4.8.1 The proposed changes do not have any material implications for the Explanatory Memorandum (**Document 3.2(D)**) and it is considered that no updates to the Explanatory Memorandum are required and thus the Explanatory Memorandum submitted with the Application (and updated at Deadline 5) still stands.

5. Change 3 – Shipton Cable Sealing End Compound (CSEC) Access

5.1 Description of proposed change

- 5.1.1 This change relates to the access to the Shipton CSECs. The location is the same area as Change 1 (detailed in Section 3 of this report); however the changes are independent of each other.
- 5.1.2 The proposed change is to amend the current access AP98 (Access Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plan Section B (**Document 2.7.2**) [**APP-027**]) and move the access point northwards approximately 50 metres. The access would then run in a straight line to the Shipton North CSEC, and a shorter access road would connect the Shipton South CSEC. This can be seen within figures 5.1 and 5.2 below and full plans are included in the Change Application Plans document that accompanies this report (**Document 9.2**).
- 5.1.3 Overall, the land required for permanent acquisition, that falls within Classes 1 and 2, will not increase. As detailed within Section 5.2 below the change has been made at the request of the landowner and occupier, to reduce interference with the use of their land. The extent of Class 1 land has increased because the access has been relocated and its area is greater than it was originally. This increase falls within existing Class 2 land, and so does not require any new land for permanent acquisition of land or rights in land. The amount of Class 2 land has reduced as a result of the increase in area of Class 1 land within the unchanged Order Limits. The amount of Class 3 land has reduced because an area of access has been removed. The area of Class 4 land has increased because the Class 1 land area has been moved northward.
- 5.1.4 The submitted proposal utilises an existing field gate, whereas the change would require a new access point and the removal of the existing hedgerow to create a permanent access. However, the existing field gate would be closed up and infilled with new hedgerow, leaving only the new access point for construction and permanent maintenance access. This would be implemented by the scheme of replacement planting as secured under Requirement 10 and in particular Requirement 10(3)(a) of the draft DCO (**Document 3.1(D)**). However, should the change application be accepted, the Code of Construction Practice (**Document 5.3.3B(C)**) would be updated to include a specific measure to reinstate hedgerow at the location of the existing field gate and the embedded environmental measures (**Document 5.3.3A(B)**) [**REP2-018**] also updated to reflect this additional measure.

Figure 5.1 – Shipton CSEC Access – Before Land Plan Amendments (Section B) (Document 2.5.2(C) [REP2-004])

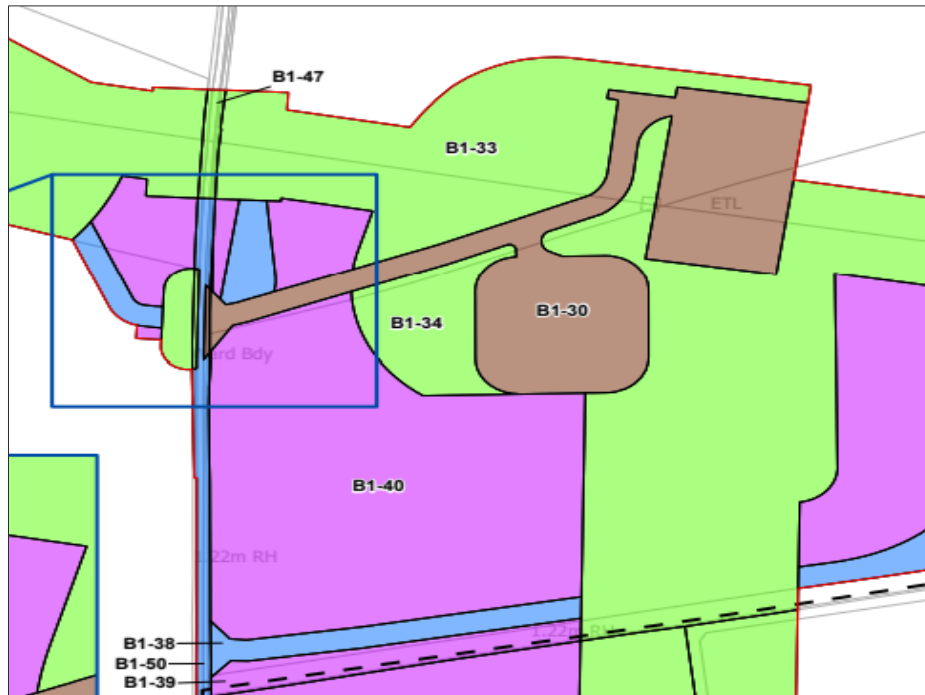
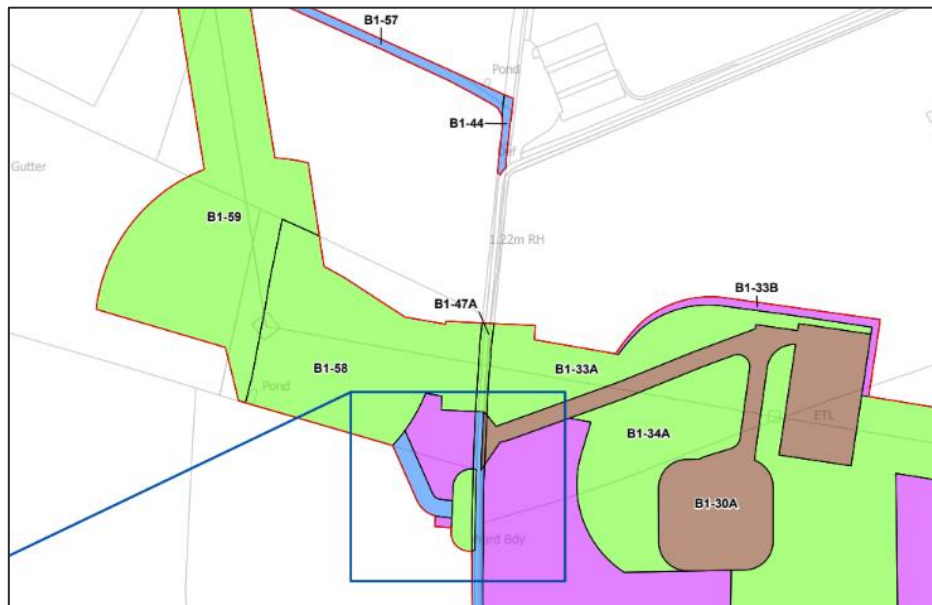


Figure 5.2 – Shipton CSEC Access – After Draft Land Plan Amendments



5.2 Reason for change

- 5.2.1 At Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1) the agent representing the landowner and occupier in this location raised an alternative access proposal to the Shipton North CSEC. The landowner and occupier submitted a Deadline 4 post hearing submission [REP4-030] which explained that the proposed alternative access track would avoid the wettest part of the landowner’s field and would also be more compatible with the future expansion of the farm business operations. CAH1 Action Number 2 requested an update on continuing negotiations over alternative access to Shipton CSEC and whether this could be accommodated in the Order Limits. National Grid considered the

alternative access proposed at CAH1 and confirmed in the Applicant's response to CAH1 Hearing Action Points (**Document 8.23.5**) [REP4-027] Action Point 2, that an access change may be accommodated with the Order Limits. National Grid considered the change further and engaged with the landowner, occupier and their agent. The change proposed will alter the Class of Rights within the Order Limits over which National Grid is seeking compulsory acquisition powers, by altering the location and area of the access track which has the effect of increasing the area of Class 1 rights required. The extent of Class 1 land has increased because the relocated access track is now greater in length. However, this increase exists in an area of Class 2 land, meaning that there is no additional land required for compulsory acquisition of land or rights in land.

5.3 Engagement

Affected Parties

- 5.3.1 The change is not considered to invoke The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (CA Regulations) or The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations), however, landowner consent has been sought for the proposed change as detailed below.
- 5.3.2 A meeting on site was arranged with the landowner, occupier and their agent on Friday 16 June 2023 at which time Change 3 was presented and discussed. The response from the owner, occupier and their agent was positive and supportive of the proposals.
- 5.3.3 The site meeting was followed by a letter dated 19 June 2023 which was sent to the owner, occupier and agent (copy at **Appendix B**) to confirm the detail of the proposed changes in writing and seek written consent to the change from the owner and occupier. It was made clear to the owner and occupier that confirmation of their consent would be required by 4 July 2023 in order to progress the change so that it could form part of the change application.
- 5.3.4 A further meeting was held with the owner and occupier and their agent on Friday 23 June 2023 and, although the purpose of this meeting was not specifically to discuss Change 3, the agent and his clients did reiterate support for the change.
- 5.3.5 On 30 June 2023 National Grid met with the agent who returned the signed Letter of Consent from both landowner and occupier (included in **Appendix D**).
- 5.3.6 A letter to inform all other parties holding an interest in land affected by the change application was issued on 7 July 2023. Copies of all inform letters sent are included at **Appendix B**.

Other Stakeholders

- 5.3.7 Furthermore, the host Local Planning Authority for the change (North Yorkshire Council) was notified via email on 20 June 2023 of National Grid's submission of a notification of intention to submit a request for proposed changes to the DCO application, and that this would be submitted at Deadline 5. An offer to provide further detail was made, and the Local Planning Authority was sent a copy of the notification. Given that this change related to an access onto the highway, a subsequent email was sent to the host Local Planning Authority on 23 June requesting the details of the change be passed to the relevant highways officer, along with any other technical officer deemed relevant. Furthermore, details of the change were discussed with the host Local Planning

Authority during a meeting on 6 June 2023. The Local Planning Authority had no comments on the change based on the information provided.

- 5.3.8 The Local Planning Archaeologist (LPAr) at North Yorkshire Council was contacted on 28 June 2023. The LPAr found there to be no reason why the design changes could not be covered by the existing archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation.
- 5.3.9 The Environment Agency was contacted on 23 June 2023 and confirmed during a call (28 June 2023) that it had no issues with the changes proposed.
- 5.3.10 Natural England and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust were contacted on 29 June 2023. No comments on the proposed change have been received to date from Natural England. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has confirmed (4 July 2023) that it has no comments on the proposed change based on the information provided.

5.4 Effect of Change 3

- 5.4.1 Change 3 would result in some changes to the environmental effects reported in the ES (**Document 5.2.6 to 5.2.17, [APP-078 to APP-089]**), but there would be no new or materially different significant environmental effects. Further information on these changes is provided below.

Environmental effects

- 5.4.2 The following paragraphs address the changes to the environmental effects for Change 3 in comparison to those already assessed and presented in the ES (**Document 5.2.6 to 5.2.17, [APP-078 to APP-089]**).
- 5.4.3 There would be no/negligible change in environmental effects for the following aspects:
- Historic Environment (**Document 5.2.7, [APP-079]**);
 - Hydrology (**Document 5.2.9, [APP-081]**);
 - Geology and Hydrogeology (**Document 5.2.10, [APP-082]**);
 - Agriculture and Soils (**Document 5.2.11, [APP-083]**);
 - Traffic and Transport (**Document 5.2.12, [APP-084]**);
 - Air Quality (**Document 5.2.13, [APP-085]**);
 - Noise and Vibration (**Document 5.2.14, [APP-086]**);
 - Health and Wellbeing (**Document 5.2.15, [APP-087]**);
 - Socio economics (**Document 5.2.16, [APP-088]**);
 - Climate Change (**Document 5.2.17, [APP-089]**); and
 - Cumulative effects (**Document 5.2.18, [APP-090]**).
- 5.4.4 The following aspects required further consideration which is discussed below.

Landscape and visual

- 5.4.5 There would be no changes in the conclusions of the ES regarding significant landscape and visual effects as a result of Change 3.

- 5.4.6 Residents of Newlands Farm would have restricted views towards the Shipton CSECs and associated accesses as these would be largely screened by planting or intervening buildings. Effects on views from this receptor during construction and operation (paragraphs 6.10.19 and 6.10.33, **Document 5.2.6, [APP-078]**) would not be significant and the changes proposed for Change 3 in altering the access track location would not alter this conclusion.
- 5.4.7 Users of the Other Route of Public Access (ORPA) along the track to Newlands Farm would have clear views of the construction activity associated with the construction of the Shipton North and South CSECs. During operation (year 0) users of the ORPA would experience views of the new 400kV YN overhead line which would be prominent in views where the trackside hedgerow would have been removed and cut back to accommodate construction activity. In addition, there would be clear visibility of the Shipton CSECs. After 15 years the retention of the hedgerows along the track and regrowth of sections trimmed back would limit visibility of the CSECs with the upper parts of the pylons being the most prominent elements in the view. Effects during construction and operation (Year 0 and Year 15) would be significant (paragraphs 6.10.42, 6.10.51, 6.10.60, **Document 5.2.6, [APP-078]**). Change 3 would alter the location of the access track to the CSECs but there would be no change in the position or height of the CSECs or 400kV overhead line and therefore there would be no change in the conclusions of the ES.
- 5.4.8 Overall, there would be no new or materially different significant effects.

Arboriculture

- 5.4.9 A small section of hedgerow (H272, Category C, Low Quality, Annex 3I.1 Tree Constraints Plan, **Document 5.3.3I(B), [REP4-011]**) would be removed to install the bellmouth for Change 3, whereas the current design would comprise the widening of an existing field gate within the same hedgerow. Therefore, there would be a slight increase in hedgerow removal. These changes are also indicated on the revised Tree and Hedgerows Potentially Affected Plan Section B (Sheet 1) (**Document 9.2 Change Application Plans and Drawings**).
- 5.4.10 However existing embedded environmental measures (reinstatement planting, Table 1.10, **Document 5.3.3I(B), [REP4-009]**) would be implemented at the location of the current bellmouth, which currently comprises a field gate, and elsewhere at this location within the project Order Limits. Overall, there would be no new or materially different impacts in relation to arboriculture.
- 5.4.11 The Arboricultural Impact Assessment **Document 5.3.3I(B), [REP4-009 to REP4-011]** will be revised and submitted should the change application be accepted to amend the Arboricultural Impact Assessment Report (**Document 5.3.3I(B), [REP4-009]**) and the Tree Removal and Protection Plan (**Annex 3I.3) [REP4-010]**.

Biodiversity

- 5.4.12 Both the bellmouth for Change 3 and the existing access design are located within hedgerow HE004 which is classed as an important hedgerow based on the historic environment criteria set out in the Hedgerow Regulations (Figure 8.6(B), **Document 5.4.8(B), [REP2-034]**) and also species-rich (Figure 8.4, **Document 5.4.8(B), [REP2-033]**). Change 3 would involve the removal of a section of this hedgerow to install the bellmouth (39m), whereas the current design would comprise the widening of an existing field gate (approximately 4m wide) within the same hedgerow (widening the 4m

gap by 35m to install the 39m bellmouth). Therefore, there would be a slight increase (4m) in permanent hedgerow removal once construction works were complete and hedgerow reinstatement had taken place to leave behind a permanent 8m wide bellmouth. With the change in removal length being insignificant in the context of the total hedgerow within the Order Limits (approximately 29,566m as stated in Section 8.9 of ES, **Document 5.2.8, [APP-080]**), and with the embedded environmental measures in place (refer to paragraphs 8.9.42 to 8.9.45, **Document 5.2.8, [APP-080]**) there would be no change with regards to the conclusion of the ES and there would be no new or materially different significant environmental effects.

- 5.4.13 There are no trees located within this hedgerow suitable for roosting bats and therefore there is no change in potential effects on bats.
- 5.4.14 ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity (**Document 5.2.8, [APP-080]**) will be revised, should the change application be accepted, by way of the ES Errata Document (**Document 5.2.22**) to make reference to the minor change in hedgerow loss.

5.5 Mitigation

- 5.5.1 No amendments to the measures set out in the supporting management plans (Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (**Document 5.3.3C, [APP-096]**), Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy (**Document 5.3.3D [APP-097]**), Outline Soil Management Plan (**Document 5.3.3E(B), [REP2-022]**), Public Rights of Way Management Plan (**Document 5.3.3G(B), [REP2-024]**) and Noise and Vibration Management Plan (**Document 5.3.3H, [APP-101]**) are required. The Code of Construction Practice (**Document 5.3.3B(C)**) would be updated to include a specific measure to reinstate hedgerow at the location of the existing field gate and the embedded environmental measures (**Document 5.3.3A(B) [REP2-018]**) also updated to reflect this additional measure.

5.6 Land

- 5.6.1 The following paragraphs provide a description of the Change and how it affects Land. **Appendix C** provides a summary of the plot changes and can be read in conjunction with the following paragraphs to provide greater detail. In addition, **Change Application: Book of Reference (Document 9.3)** is being submitted in support of this Change Application and provides confirmation of the plot changes that would result as a consequence of the changes should they be accepted.
- 5.6.2 The Change was requested by the occupier of land at Newlands Farm. The landowner affected by Change 3 is Newlands (York) Limited (Company No 11217225). The occupier is Mr Ben Rab and Mrs Fiona Rab. No additional land is required for this change, there is no additional land required for permanent acquisition of land or rights in land. All alterations exist within the existing Order Limits. This is a revision to the land powers sought. The extent of Class 1 land has increased because the relocated access track is now greater in length. This increase exists in an area of Class 2 land, meaning that there is no additional land required for compulsory acquisition of land or rights in land. The amount of Class 2 land has reduced as a result of the increase in area of Class 1 land within the unchanged Order Limits. The amount Class 3 land has reduced because an area of access has been removed. The area of Class 4 land has increased because the Class 1 land area has moved northward. There is a change in rights required with an overall addition of 383 square metres of land required for compulsory acquisition of Class 1 land which was previously Class 2 land. This is because plot B1-

30 has increased in size and has been renamed Plot B1-30A. Plot B1-49 has decreased in size and has been renamed Plot B1-49A.

- 5.6.3 There is a reduction of 490 square metres in total for compulsory acquisition of rights for Class 2. Plot B1-33 and B1-23 remain but reduce in area and so have been renamed Plot B1-33A and Plot B1-23A. Plots B1-34 and B1-47 also remain, but have increased in area and so have been renamed Plot B1-34A and Plot B1-47A.
- 5.6.4 There is a reduction of 1120 square metres in total for compulsory acquisition of rights of access in Class 3 land. Plots B1-43, B1-46 and B1-48 have been removed. Plot B1-50 has increased in and so has been renamed Plot B1-50A.
- 5.6.5 There is an additional 1226 square metres of land required for temporary use for construction, mitigation, maintenance, dismantling and/or access (Class 4 land). Plot B1-41 and Plot B1-45 have been removed. Plot B1-40 remains but increases in area and so it has been renamed Plot B1-40A.

5.7 Potential changes to the draft DCO

- 5.7.1 Table 5.1 below sets out a summary the amendments which would be required to the text of the draft DCO (**Document 3.1 (D)**) were Change 3 to be accepted.

Table 5.1 – Proposed amendments to the draft DCO for Change 3

Article/Schedule reference	Proposed amendments were Change 3 to be accepted
Schedule 12, Part 1 ((Land of which temporary possession may be taken)	All affected plot numbers to be updated throughout this Schedule
Schedule 13, Part 1 ((Land in which only new rights and restrictive covenants etc. may be acquired)	All affected plot numbers to be updated throughout this Schedule

5.8 Explanatory Memorandum

- 5.8.1 The proposed changes do not have any material implications for the Explanatory Memorandum (**Document 3.2(D)**) and it is considered that no updates to the Explanatory Memorandum are required and thus the Explanatory Memorandum submitted with the Application (and updated at Deadline 5) still stands.

6. Other Land Acquisition Documents

6.1 Funding Statement

- 6.1.1 The proposed changes do not have any material implications for the **Funding Statement [APP-070]** and it is considered that no updates to the Funding Statement are required and thus the Funding Statement (**Document 4.2) [APP-070]** submitted with the Application still stands.

6.2 Statement of Reasons

- 6.2.1 Although there will be no additional land required outside existing Order Limits for compulsory acquisition of land or rights in land (class 1 and 2 land), the proposed changes would require alterations to the compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers for Changes 1, 2 and 3.
- 6.2.2 The extent and nature of the changes in the land interests affected by the compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers sought by National Grid is described in sections 3.6, 4.6 and 5.6 above, and in **Appendix C**.
- 6.2.3 National Grid has engaged all persons affected by the revised compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers and persons who may have a claim for compensation arising from the proposed changes to the Project. The proposed changes do not create additional interested parties that National Grid would require land or rights from, and do not materially affect the voluntary terms that National Grid has offered to existing affected parties. The status of negotiations with affected parties is set out in **Statement of Reasons Appendix B – Schedule of Negotiations with Land Interests (Document 4.1-B(D))**. The following alterations would be required to the **Statement of Reasons (Document 4.1) [APP-069]** should the change application be accepted as follows:
- Paragraph 1.3.1: there would be a change in the number of low voltage overhead lines to be undergrounded from 15 to 14 as the undergrounding of Work No. U4 would not be required.
 - Paragraph 3.2.10: Reference to Work No. U4 would need to be removed and subsequent utility works renumbered.
 - All references to plots that would be removed as a result of the change application would need to be removed from the body of the Statement of Reasons report, as well as appendices A and B. New plots and altered plot references would also need to be referenced in the report and appendices.

6.3 Crown land, National Trust land, statutory undertaker land and special category land

- 6.3.1 Matters related to Crown land, National Trust land and statutory undertaker land remain as set out in the version of the Statement of Reasons (Document 4.1 [APP-069]) submitted with the Application.

7. Implications for the Case for the Scheme

7.1 Introduction

- 7.1.1 A review of the Proposed Changes has been undertaken to check they comply with the National Policy Statement and relevant planning policy, as set out in the **Planning Statement (Document 7.1) [APP-202]**. It is concluded that an update to the Planning Statement is not necessary. A commentary on the impacts of the Proposed Changes is set out below.

7.2 Conformity with Planning Policy

- 7.2.1 Chapters 7 and 8 of the **Planning Statement (Document 7.1) [APP-202]** and Appendices A, B and C of that document provide an assessment of the Project's compliance with National and Local planning policy and conformity with the Overarching National Policy Statement (NPS) for Energy (EN-1) and the National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure EN-5 (EN-5).
- 7.2.2 Proposed Changes 1-3 respond to concerns raised by stakeholders and seeks to mitigate these concerns. The assessment of conformity with Changes 1-3 with planning policy is still applicable and the outcomes of the assessment contained within the **Planning Statement (Document 7.1) [APP-202]** is not changed as a result of the Proposed Changes.

7.3 Conformity with Green Belt Policy

- 7.3.1 Paragraphs 7.3.59 to 7.3.105 and 7.4.7 to 7.4.17 of the **Planning Statement (Document 7.1) [APP-202]** set out in detail the Project's conformity with Green Belt policy. It notes that there is an urgent need to reinforce the National Electricity Transmission System in the Yorkshire area by 2027 and that Very Special Circumstances exist which justify the development in the Green Belt, as set out in paragraphs 7.3.98 to 7.3.100.
- 7.3.2 Changes 1-3 seek to address concerns from landowners. The Proposed Changes do not alter the position that the Project would address the urgent need to reinforce the National Electricity Transmission System in the Yorkshire area and do not change the position that Very Special Circumstances exist to justify the Project.

7.4 Planning Balance

- 7.4.1 Chapter 9 of the **Planning Statement (Document 7.1) [APP-202]** confirms that there are not any adverse effects which would outweigh the benefits of the Project, and that overall it is considered the planning balance lies strongly in favour of the grant of development consent. Given that Changes 1-3 seek to address concerns raised by Interested Parties, and as presented above no new or materially different significant environmental effects arise as a result of the changes, the position of the planning balance in favour of the Project remains the same.

8. Amendments or addenda to current Application documents

- 8.1.1 As part of the Change Application National Grid has submitted all necessary supporting information required to allow a thorough, fair and reasonable examination of the proposed changes. **Document 9.2** provides the relevant plans and drawings of reference to the changes described in this report, **Document 9.3** provides a Change Application Book of Reference and **Document 9.4** the Change Application Flood Risk Assessment.
- 8.1.2 **Table 8.1** below sets out the details of all Application documents that would be required to be revised and submitted due to the consequential amendments arising as a result of the changes as described in this document. Updated revised application documents would be submitted to the examination should the changes be accepted.

Table 8.1 – Summary of Amendments or addenda to current Application documents

Document to be Changed	Updated Document Reference	Description of Action, Amendment or Addenda
Volume 1: Application Information		
No documents to be changed specific to the changes.		
Volume 2: Plans and Drawings		
Master Key to Section Identification Plan (Document 2.2) [APP-006]	Updated Master Key to Section Identification Plan (Document 2.2 (B))	This document would be updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits as set out in this Change Application Report on Proposed Changes.

Document to be Changed	Updated Document Reference	Description of Action, Amendment or Addenda
Land Affected Plan Section B (Document 2.4.2) [APP-009]	Updated Land Affected Plan, Section B (Document 2.4.2(B))	This document would be updated to reflect the changes in the Order Limits as set out in this Change Application Report on Proposed Changes.
Lands Plan, Section B (Document 2.5.2(C)) [REP2-004]	Updated Lands Plan, Section B (Document 2.5.2(D))	Only those sheets where changes are required have been submitted as part of this change application. A revised full set of Land Plan Section B would be submitted should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.
Works Plan Sections B – E (Document 2.6.2 to 2.6.5(B)) [REP1-005 to REP1-008]	Updated Works Plan, Section B to E (Document 2.6.2 to 2.6.5(C))	Only those sheets where changes occur have been submitted as part of this change application. A revised full set of Works Plan Section B – E would be submitted should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA, to provide for consequential utility diversion renumbering.
Access Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plan Section B (Document 2.7.2(B)) [APP-027]	Updated Access Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plan, Section B (Document 2.7.2(C))	Only those sheets where changes are required have been submitted as part of this change application. A revised full set of Access Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plan Section B would be submitted should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.
Statutory or Non-Statutory Sites or Features of Nature Conservation Plan Section B (Document 2.8.2 [APP-033])	Updated Statutory or Non-Statutory Sites or Features of Nature Conservation Plan, Section B (Document 2.8.2(B))	This document would be updated to reflect the change in the Order Limits as set out in this Report on Proposed Changes. This is a consequential change due to Order Limits amendment in Section B only so not deemed essential for examining the proposed change.
Updated Habitats Other Diversity Features and Water Bodies Plan, Section B (Document 2.9.2) [APP-039]	Updated Habitats Other Diversity Features and Water Bodies Plan, Section B (Document 2.9.2(B))	This document would be updated to reflect the change in the Order Limits as set out in this Report on Proposed Changes. This is a consequential change due to Order Limits amendment in Section B only so not deemed essential for examining the proposed change.

Document to be Changed	Updated Document Reference	Description of Action, Amendment or Addenda
Trees and Hedgerows Potentially Affected Plan, Section B (Document 2.11.2) [APP-051]	Updated Trees and Hedgerows Potentially Affected Plan, Section B (Document 2.11.2(B))	National Grid has included the relevant updated environmental information within this Report on Proposed Changes, to include full consideration of effects on trees, hedgerows and protected species in all locations. Only those sheets where changes are required have been submitted as part of this change application. A revised full set would be submitted should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.
Traffic Regulation Order Plan, Section B (Document 2.12.2) [APP-057]	Updated Traffic Regulation Order Plan, Section B (Document 2.12.2(B))	This document would be updated to reflect the change in the Order Limits and construction accesses as set out in this Report on Proposed Changes. This is a consequential change due to Order Limits and construction access amendment in Section B only so not deemed essential for examining the proposed change.
Crown and Special Category Land Plan (Document 2.13) [APP-062]	Updated Crown and Special Category Land Plan (Document 2.13(B))	This document would be updated to reflect the change in the Order Limits as set out in this Report on Proposed Changes. This is a consequential change due to Order Limits amendment in Section B only so not deemed essential for examining the proposed change.
Extinguishment of Easements Servitudes and Other Private Rights Plan (Document 2.14) [APP-063]	Updated Extinguishment of Easements Servitudes and Other Private Rights Plan (Document 2.14(B))	This document would be updated to reflect the change in the Order Limits as set out in this Report on Proposed Changes. This is a consequential change due to Order Limits amendment in Section B only so not deemed essential for examining the proposed change.

Document to be Changed	Updated Document Reference	Description of Action, Amendment or Addenda
Design Drawings (Document 2.15(B)) [REP2-011]	Updated Design Drawings (Document 2.15(C))	Only those sheets where changes are required to reflect changes to the Limits of Deviation have been submitted as part of this change application. A revised full set of the Design Drawings would be submitted incorporating those sheets included as part of the change application should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.
Volume 3: Development Consent Order		
Draft Development Consent Order (Document 3.1(D))	Updated draft DCO (Document 3.1(E))	<p>A summary of proposed changes has been provided in the relevant change sections of this document, however no amendments to any Articles or Requirements in the dDCO are required as a result of the proposed changes.</p> <p>An updated draft DCO (clean and tracked) would be submitted reflecting all consequential changes to the Schedules should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.</p>
Volume 4: Compulsory Acquisition Information		
Statement of Reasons (Document 4.1 [APP-069])	Updated Statement of Reasons (Document 4.1(B))	A summary of changes has been provided at Section 6 of this document. An updated Statement of Reasons including associated Appendices would be submitted reflecting all consequential changes to the document should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.
Book of Reference (Document 4.3 (D) [REP4-008])	Updated Book of Reference (Document 4.3(E))	A Change Application Book of Reference is submitted at Document 9.3.
Volume 5: Environmental Information		
Environmental Statement Errata Document (Document 5.2.19 (C))	Updated ES Errata Document (Document 5.2.19(D))	Updates to the ES Chapters (Documents 5.2.1 to 5.2.18) would be provided through the updated ES Errata Document. As an example, this would include revisions to the Project description where this is referenced throughout the ES Chapters. A summary which confirms that the proposed changes do not alter the

Document to be Changed	Updated Document Reference	Description of Action, Amendment or Addenda
		conclusions of the ES is provided in Sections 3 to 5 of this document. This updated document would be submitted should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.
Embedded Measures Schedule (Document 5.3.3A(B)) [REP2-018]	Updated Embedded Measures Schedule (Document 5.3.3A(C))	Updates to include a specific measure regarding hedgerow reinstatement for Change 3 as summarised in Section 5 of this Document. This updated document would be submitted should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.
Code of Construction Practice (Document 5.3.3B(C))	Updated Code of Construction Practice (Document 5.3.3B(D))	Updates would be made to include a specific measure regarding hedgerow reinstatement for Change 3 as summarised in Section 5 of this Document. This updated document would be submitted should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.
Construction Traffic Management Plan (Document 5.3.3F(B))	Updated Construction Traffic Management Plan (Document 5.3.3F(C))	Updates would be made to include a specific measure in relation to the New Farm Cottages Access Track for Change 2 as summarised in Section 4 of this Document. This updated document would be submitted should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.
Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Document 5.3.3I(B)) [REP4-009 to REP4-012]	Updated Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Document 5.3.3I(C))	The Arboricultural Impact Assessment (including the Appendices and Figures contained within the Arboricultural Impact Assessment) would be updated to reflect the changes in trees and hedgerows affected by Changes 2 and 3 as summarised in Sections 4 and 5 of this Document. This updated document would be submitted should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.
Flood Risk Assessment (Document 5.3.9D) [APP-138]	Flood Risk Assessment (Document 9. 3.9D(B))	An updated Flood Risk Assessment would be submitted in line with the Change Application Flood Risk Assessment (Document 9.4).
ES Figure 3.2 Description of the Project: Section B North West of York Area (Document 5.4.3(C)), [REP2-031]	Updated ES Figure 3.2 Description of the Project: Section B North West of York Area (Document 5.4.3 (D))	An updated figure would be submitted to reflect the changes to Limits of Deviation, access routes, temporary bridge crossings and Order Limits as described in Sections 3 to 5 of this Document.

Document to be Changed	Updated Document Reference	Description of Action, Amendment or Addenda
		This updated document would be submitted should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.
ES Hydrology Figures 9.3 to 9.10 (Document 5.4.9) [APP-184, APP-0185]	Updated ES Hydrology Figures 9.3 to 9.10 (Document 5.4.9(B))	Updated figures would be submitted to reflect the changes to access routes, temporary bridge crossings and Order Limits as described in Sections 4 to 5 of this Document. This updated document would be submitted should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.
ES Figure 12.8: Total Proposed Accesses (Document 5.4.12) [APP-188]	Updated ES Figure 12.8: Total Proposed Accesses (Document 5.4.12(B))	An updated figure would be submitted to reflect the changes to access points in relation to Change 3 as described in Section 5 of this Document. This updated document would be submitted should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.
Figure 3F.7: TCC Temporary Construction Access Routes (Construction Traffic Management Plan, Document 5.3.3F(B))	Updated Figure 3F.7: TCC Temporary Construction Access Routes (Construction Traffic Management Plan, Document 5.3.3F(C))	An updated figure would be submitted to reflect the changes to access points in relation to Change 3 as described in Section 5 of this Document. This updated document would be submitted should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.
ES Figures (Documents 5.4.1 to 5.4.18), [APP-162 to APP-194, REP-031 to REP2-034, REP3-013] other than those referenced above	Updated ES Addendum Errata Document (Document 5.2.19 (D))	With the exception of the changes to the ES figures outlined above, changes to the ES Figures (Documents 5.4.1 to 5.4.18) would be provided through the updated ES Errata Document. This will clarify those drawings where there has been a change in the Order Limits in relation to change 2 (as described in Section 4 of this Document) to reduce the Order limits only. It is proposed to not update the Order Limits on these figures. For a number of the figures the scale the Order Limits are shown at is such that the change would not be discernible. For other figures the amendment in Order Limits would not impact the information shown, which typically comprises baseline features and receptors shown over a wider study area.

Document to be Changed	Updated Document Reference	Description of Action, Amendment or Addenda
Volume 6: Reports and Other Statements		
No changes required		
Volume 7: Other Documents		
No changes required		

9. Conclusion

- 9.1.1 National Grid has brought forward three proposed Changes to the DCO Application in response to representations received during the examination, further design work, and ongoing engagement with landowners and agents. This report provides details of the proposed Changes, and the amendments required to the Application, should the Changes be accepted by the ExA.
- 9.1.2 The three Changes proposed are non-material and minor in nature, and would not require new land to be compulsorily acquired. As such, the Changes would not invoke The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (CA Regulations) and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations) (see **Appendix A**). Therefore, formal consultation has not been undertaken.
- 9.1.3 This approach has been acknowledged by the ExA, in their letter dated 22 June 2023 (**Appendix E**), which states:
- The ExA notes that all four of the potential change requests seek to respond to concerns raised by landowners. Each potential change is relatively contained in scope and relates to site-specific matters raised during the Examination. In light of the above considerations, the ExA is satisfied that the proposed changes, whether considered individually or taken together, would not be so substantial as to amount to a materially different project from that which was applied for. [Note: this change application covers three of the four changes originally set out in the notification to the ExA as detailed at Paragraph 1.1.5 above].*
- 9.1.4 The changes are being sought by National Grid in direct response to the requests of affected landowners and occupiers. For each Change, the relevant landowners have been informed of the Change (**Appendix B**), and in all cases the proposals have been received positively. In addition, other stakeholders including the host Local Planning Authorities for the Change, Natural England, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, the Internal Drainage Board and the relevant Highway Authority, have been notified (as relevant) of the Changes. No concerns have been raised by these stakeholders. As such, National Grid hope that the Changes will be welcomed and accepted into the Examination.
- 9.1.5 This report sets out for each Change: a description of the Change; the reason for it being proposed; engagement undertaken; potential environmental effects of the Change; any necessary mitigation; land rights implications; and any amendments necessary to the draft DCO. In addition, the report details the implications of the Change on relevant land acquisition documents and the case for the scheme (including conformity with planning policy, green belt policy and planning balance). Finally, this report provides a summary of amendments or addenda required to the current Application, should the Changes be accepted by the ExA.
- 9.1.6 A brief summary of each of the Changes is provided below:
- **Change 1:** This comprises a reduction in the Limits of Deviation around the Shipton North CSEC. This results in a reduction of land required for permanent acquisition, and instead this will be amended to land required for temporary acquisition. The Change results in no changes to environmental effects described in the Environmental Statement (ES).

- **Change 2:** This comprises an amendment to the access route to pylon SP005, during construction only. The Application currently shows this pylon to be accessed via an existing farm track off the A19, resulting in the need to divert existing utilities, widen the existing bellmouth, and create passing places along the existing track resulting in hedge removal. The Change proposed is to create a temporary haul road from SP004, over Hurns Gutter, to SP005. Some vehicles would be required to utilise the existing access track, for example to construct the temporary bridge, and for future maintenance. However, the change would remove the need to underground existing utilities, widen the bellmouth and create passing places. The Change would result in some minor changes to some chapters of the ES, however, the conclusions in the ES regarding significance of effects would not change and there would be no new or materially different significant effects.
- **Change 3:** This comprises minor amendments to the access road to the Shipton CSEC. The current Application utilises an existing gate off the highway. The proposed change comprises gapping up this gate with hedgerow, and instead creating a new access approximately 50m to the north, to better accommodate the existing and future use of the land. The Change would result in some minor changes to some chapters of the ES, however the conclusions in the ES regarding significance of effects would not change and there would be no new or materially different significant effects.

9.1.7 In summary, the above minor, non-material Changes have been brought forward to better accommodate parties affected by the Project. Should these Changes be accepted by the ExA, the necessary amendments as detailed in **Table 8.1** will be made to the Application documents, ensuring these Changes are incorporated into the Project.

Appendix A Changes

Notification of Request for Proposed

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Our ref: **Notification of Request for Proposed Changes**
Your ref: **EN020024**

Dear Sian Evans,

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (National Grid) – The National Grid Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) Project – EN020024

Notification of Applicant's Intention to Submit a Request for Proposed Changes to the DCO Application

I am writing to advise you that National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC (**National Grid**), the Applicant in relation to the above referenced development consent order application intends to submit a written request to the Examining Authority (**ExA**) seeking changes to the Project (the **Proposed Changes**).

The Proposed Changes are described further below and summarised in the table at Appendix A. Proposed Changes 1 and 2 have been proposed to respond to landowner requests and Actions from the Examining Authority during the examination and would result in a reduction of the land over which compulsory acquisition powers would be sought. Proposed Changes 3 and 4 have not been specifically requested by landowners in writing but are proposed by National Grid in response to landowner representations. These changes alter the nature of certain land rights to be compulsorily acquired within the landowners' respective land parcels but do not cause any new land to be compulsorily acquired. Therefore, before making a formal application for Proposed Changes 3 and 4, National Grid is seeking consent of the relevant landowners and only proposes to formally apply for these changes if relevant landowner consent is obtained even though (as set out below) it is National Grid's position that there is no statutory requirement for consent to be secured from any of the landowners.

National Grid considers that the Proposed Changes would be non-material and that The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (CA Regulations) and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations) are not invoked.

Change 1 – Shipton North Reduction in Limits of Deviation

This change would reduce the limits of deviation around the Shipton North CSEC, which would, in turn, mean a reduction in the acquisition of class 1 land in this location (land identified for permanent acquisition would be amended to temporary acquisition in line with the reduction in limits of deviation).

Appendix B provides an indicative plan showing how the land plan would be updated to facilitate this change.

Change 2 – New Farm Cottage Access

This change would alter the construction access point and redirect the construction access route (save in respect of the construction of a temporary watercourse crossing) through existing land within the Order limits. It would prevent the need for utilities diversion 'U4' to take place but would necessitate an additional temporary watercourse crossing. Construction access past New Farm Cottages would be retained to allow vehicles access to construct the temporary watercourse crossing only. In addition, operational access past New Farm Cottages would also be retained for maintenance purposes.

Appendix C provides an indicative plan showing how the land plan would be updated to facilitate this change.

Change 3 – Shipton Cable Sealing End Compound (CSEC) Access

This change is in the same location as the Shipton North Reduction (Change 1) but the two changes are not interrelated. The change would be to straighten the access and move the bellmouth northwards adjoining the highway (but still within the Order limits) as requested in representations made by the landowner's agent at the Accompanied Site Visit and at the Hearings.

Appendix B provides an indicative plan showing how the land plan could be updated to facilitate this change (Appendix B indicative plans covers both changes at Shipton CSEC).

Change 4 – Reorientation of the Tadcaster West CSEC

National Grid proposes that the Tadcaster West CSEC be rotated by ninety degrees, pushed back slightly in the field to provide the necessary clearances for the downleads, and reorientated to align with the permanent hedgerow landscaping. This has the effect of moving the Tadcaster West CSEC outside of the currently drawn limits of deviation which would be amended accordingly, whilst remaining within the existing Order limits.

Appendix D provides an indicative plan showing how the land plan could be updated to facilitate this change.

Overall justification for immateriality of proposed changes

The approach to seeking a change to a DCO application following its acceptance and during the course of Examination is set out in Guidance for Examination of Applications for Development Consent, DCLG, March 2015 and Advice Note 16. The decision on materiality rests with the ExA.

There is no legal definition of the term “material” but the guidance differentiates between material changes and changes that amount to an entirely different project. Paragraph 2.1 of Advice Note 16 states:

“Only the appointed ExA can decide whether a change requested by an applicant can be accepted and examined. Upon receipt of a request to make a change to an application, the ExA must initially consider whether the development now being proposed is in substance the same as the development which was originally applied for. If the ExA considers that the effect of the change would be so substantial as to constitute a materially different project the Applicant will need to decide whether to withdraw the application and submit a fresh application accommodating the desired changes, submit a lesser change request or proceed with the examination on the basis of the development originally applied for.”

The change proposed does not constitute a different project. It follows that the issues which fall to be considered are whether the changes are sufficiently substantial to result in a material change. The question of whether the change is "material" is a question of planning judgment for the ExA (see paragraphs 2.1 and 5.4 of Advice Note 16).

National Grid submits that the Proposed Changes are not material for the reasons explained in respect of each change above and the general principles set out below, which apply to all changes. This section of this document sets out why National Grid has reached this conclusion in order to assist the ExA in exercising its planning judgment.

The following factors are relevant:

- All of the land required in respect of each change falls within the existing Order limits and Order land. Advice Note 16 states that the extension to the Order land and the addition of new plots of land or interests for compulsory acquisition may be factors suggesting a material change. This test of materiality is not met, as there are no new areas of land being sought for compulsory acquisition. Where changes are being made to the classes of rights to be compulsorily acquired within a landowner's holding, landowner consent has been sought in any event, albeit it is not considered that it is a pre-requisite. Written confirmation of these consents would be submitted in support of the Change Application.
- Moreover, the procedure under the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 is not engaged as the proposed change does not provide for the acquisition of different or new land – all of the changes relate to land already proposed for compulsory acquisition and in some cases result in a reduction in land required.

- The wording of the **draft DCO (Document 3.1(C))** (submitted at Deadline 3), requires only consequential alterations to accommodate the Proposed Changes.
- Furthermore, the effect of the Proposed Changes (considered both alone and cumulatively) does not give rise to any new or materially different environmental effects compared to those effects previously reported in the **Environmental Statement (ES) (Documents 5.1 to 5.4.18 and 5.2.19 to 5.2.21)**. Environmental information which confirms this will be submitted as part of the change application document, if the ExA agrees to accept the Proposed Changes, this will be included as part of the consolidated ES Addendum.

For the reasons set out, National Grid submits that the changes proposed to be submitted do not amount to a material change, nor an entirely different project, as there is no change to the fundamentals of the underlying project or its objectives.

Proposed timetable for requesting the proposed changes

National Grid intend to submit a formal change application at Deadline 5.

National Grid are considering the updates to examination documentation which would be required if the Proposed Changes were accepted by the ExA. At this stage it is anticipated that the following documentation would be updated and submitted to the Examination:

- Updated Master Key to Section Identification Plan (Document 2.2);
- Updated Land Affected Plan, Section B (Document 2.4.2);
- Updated Lands Plan, Section B and Section D (Document 2.5.2 and to 2.5.4);
- Updated Works Plan, Section B to E (Document 2.6.2 to 2.6.5);
- Updated Access Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plan, Section B (Document 2.7.2);
- Updated Statutory or Non-Statutory Sites or Features of Nature Conservation Plan, Section B (Document 2.8.2);
- Updated Habitats Other Diversity Features and Water Bodies Plan, Section B (Document 2.9.2);
- Updated Statutory or Non-Statutory Sites or Features of the Historic Environment Plan, Section B (Document 2.10.2);
- Updated Trees and Hedgerows Potentially Affected Plan, Section B (Document 2.11.2);
- Updated Traffic Regulation Order Plan, Section B (Document 2.12.2);
- Updated Crown and Special Category Land Plan (Document 2.13);
- Updated Extinguishment of Easements Servitudes and Other Private Rights Plan (Document 2.14);
- Updated Design Drawings (Document 2.15);
- Updated draft DCO (Document 3.1);
- Updated Explanatory Memorandum (Document 3.2);
- Updated Statement of Reasons (Document 4.1);
- Updated Book of Reference (Document 4.3);

- Updated Code of Construction Practice (Document 5.3.3B);
- Updated Construction Traffic Management Plan (Document 5.3.3F);
- Updated Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Document 5.3.3I);
- Updated Flood Risk Assessment (Document 5.3.9D);
- Updated Embedded Measures Schedule (Document 5.3.3A); and
- Updated ES Addendum (Document 5.2.22); and
- Updated ES Errata (Document 5.2.19).

National Grid considers that there is still sufficient time within the examination period to examine these Proposed Changes, particularly noting that they will be made in response to landowner requests or representations.

I should be grateful if you would acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and arrange for a copy of it and its enclosures to be placed before the ExA.

Yours sincerely,

Emer McDonnell

Senior Project Manager – Yorkshire GREEN

Appendix A: Summary of Proposed Changes

Change	Documents to be updated	Whether the CA Regulations are invoked	Whether the EIA Regulations are invoked	Engagement with landowners
1- Shipton North reduction in LoD	<p>Work Plan, Section B (Document 2.6.2)</p> <p>Land Plan, Section B (Document 2.5.2)</p> <p>Design Drawings (Document 2.15)</p>	The CA Regulations are not invoked because there is no additional acquisition of land.	There would be no new or materially different environmental effects resulting from the change and so the EIA Regulations are not invoked.	The Proposed Change would be made in response to a landowner request and an Action from the ExA. The Proposed Change would result in a reduction of the land over which compulsory acquisition powers would be sought. No letter of consent will be sought.
2- New Farm Cottage Access	<p>Work Plan, Section B (Document 2.6.2)</p> <p>Land Plan, Section B (Document 2.5.2)</p> <p>draft DCO (Document 3.1)</p> <p>Explanatory Memorandum (Document 3.2)</p> <p>Statement of Reasons (Document 4.1)</p>	The CA Regulations are not invoked because there is no additional acquisition of land.	There would be no new or materially different environmental effects resulting from the change and so the EIA Regulations are not invoked.	The Proposed Change would be made in response to a landowner request. The Proposed Change would result in a reduction of the land over which compulsory acquisition powers would be sought. No letter of consent will be sought.

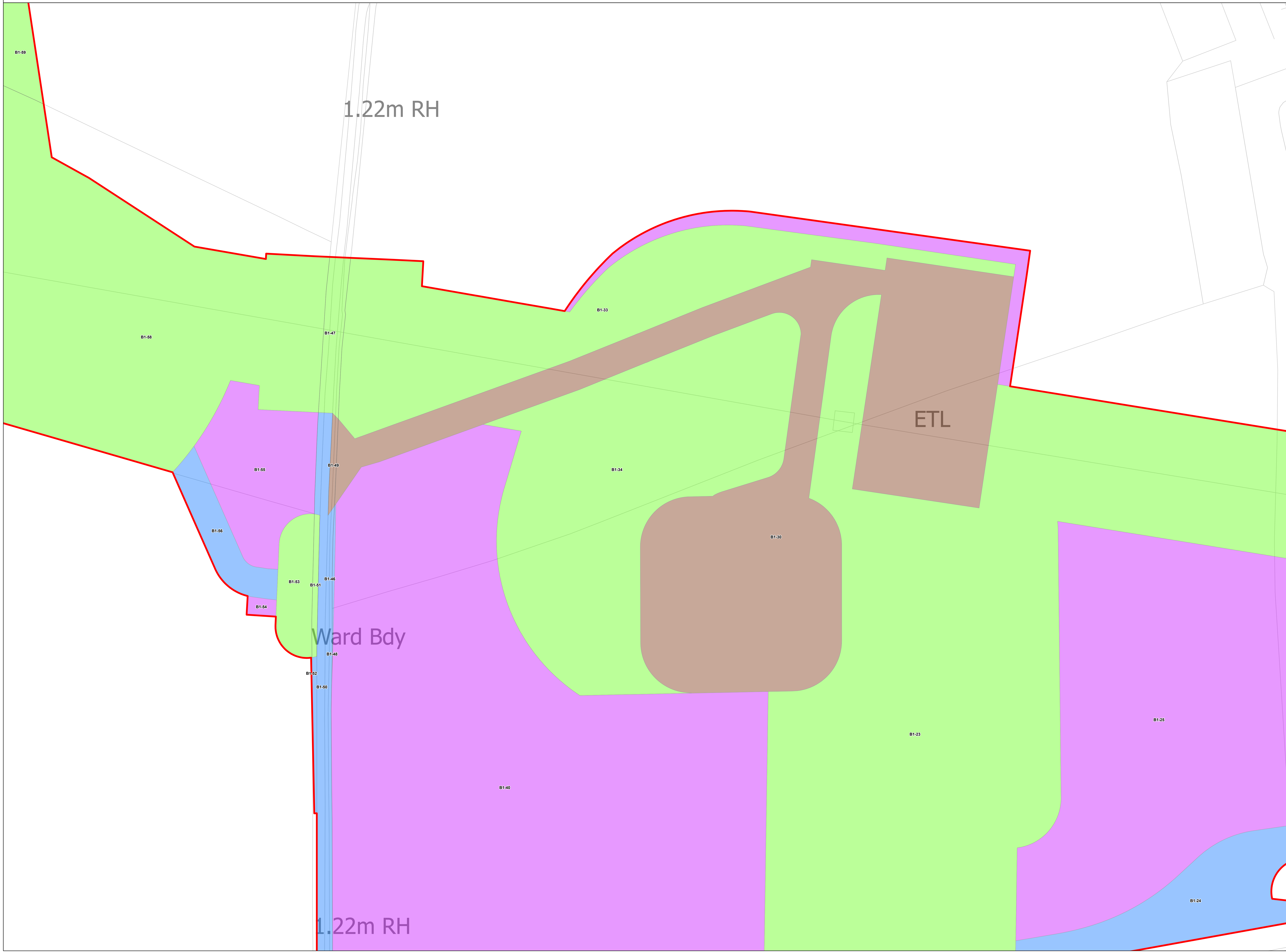
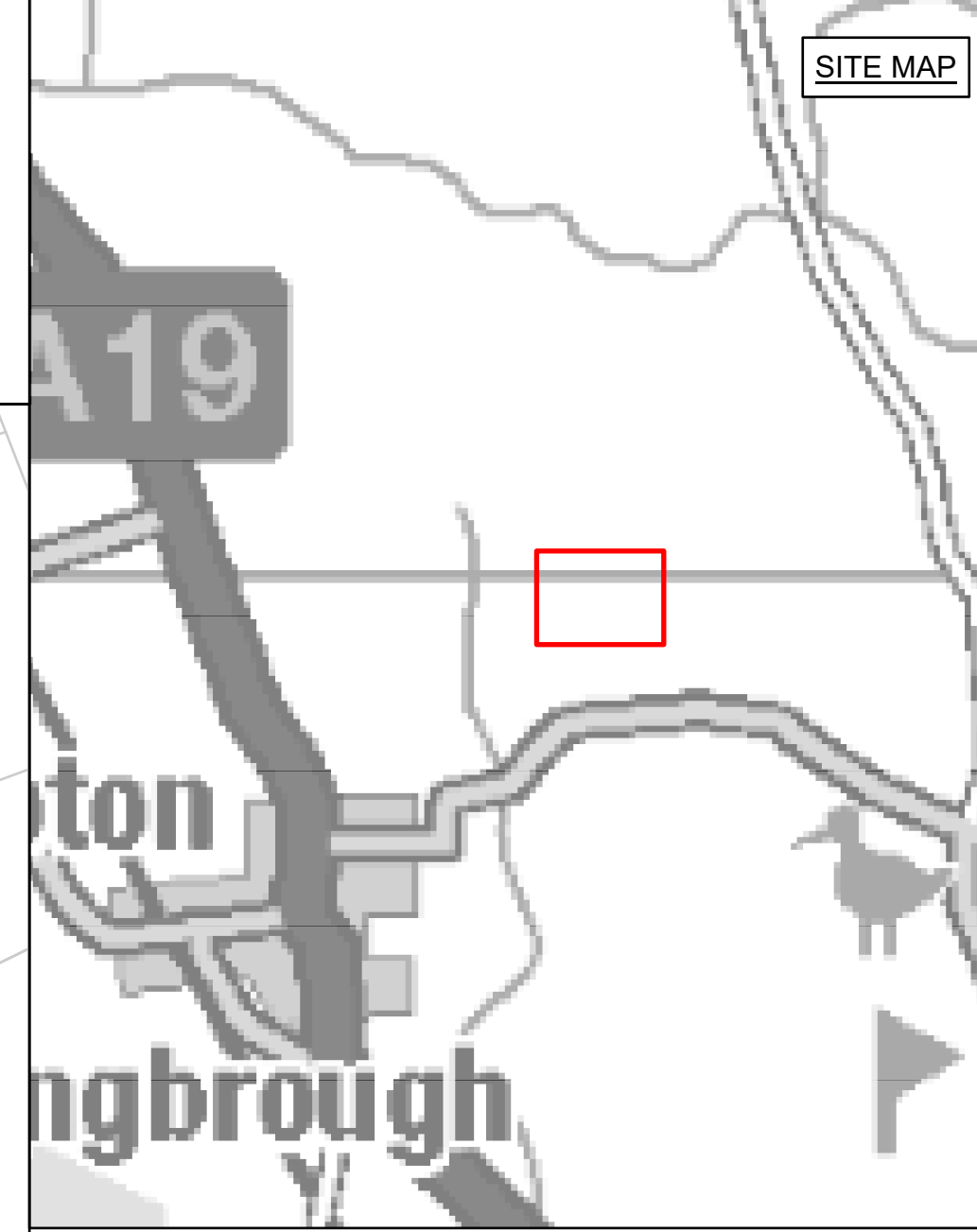
Change	Documents to be updated	Whether the CA Regulations are invoked	Whether the EIA Regulations are invoked	Engagement with landowners
	Other plans and documents consequential to the Order limits reducing due to the change.			
3- Shipton CSEC Access	Land Plan, Section B (Document 2.5.2) Access, Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plan, Section B (Document 2.7.2) draft DCO (Document 3.1)	The CA Regulations are not invoked because there is no additional acquisition of land.	There would be no new or materially different environmental effects resulting from the change and so the EIA Regulations are not invoked.	The Proposed Change will only be sought if landowner's consent is obtained.
4- Tadcaster West CESC Rotation	Work Plan, Section D (Document 2.6.4) Land Plan, Section D (Document 2.5.4) Design Drawings (Document 2.15)	The CA Regulations are not invoked because there is no additional acquisition of land.	There would no new or materially different environmental effects resulting from the change and so the EIA Regulations are not invoked.	The Proposed Change will only be sought if landowner's consent is obtained.

Appendix B: Change 1 - Shipton North Reduction in Limits of Deviation, and Change 3 - Shipton Cable Sealing End Compound (CSEC) Access



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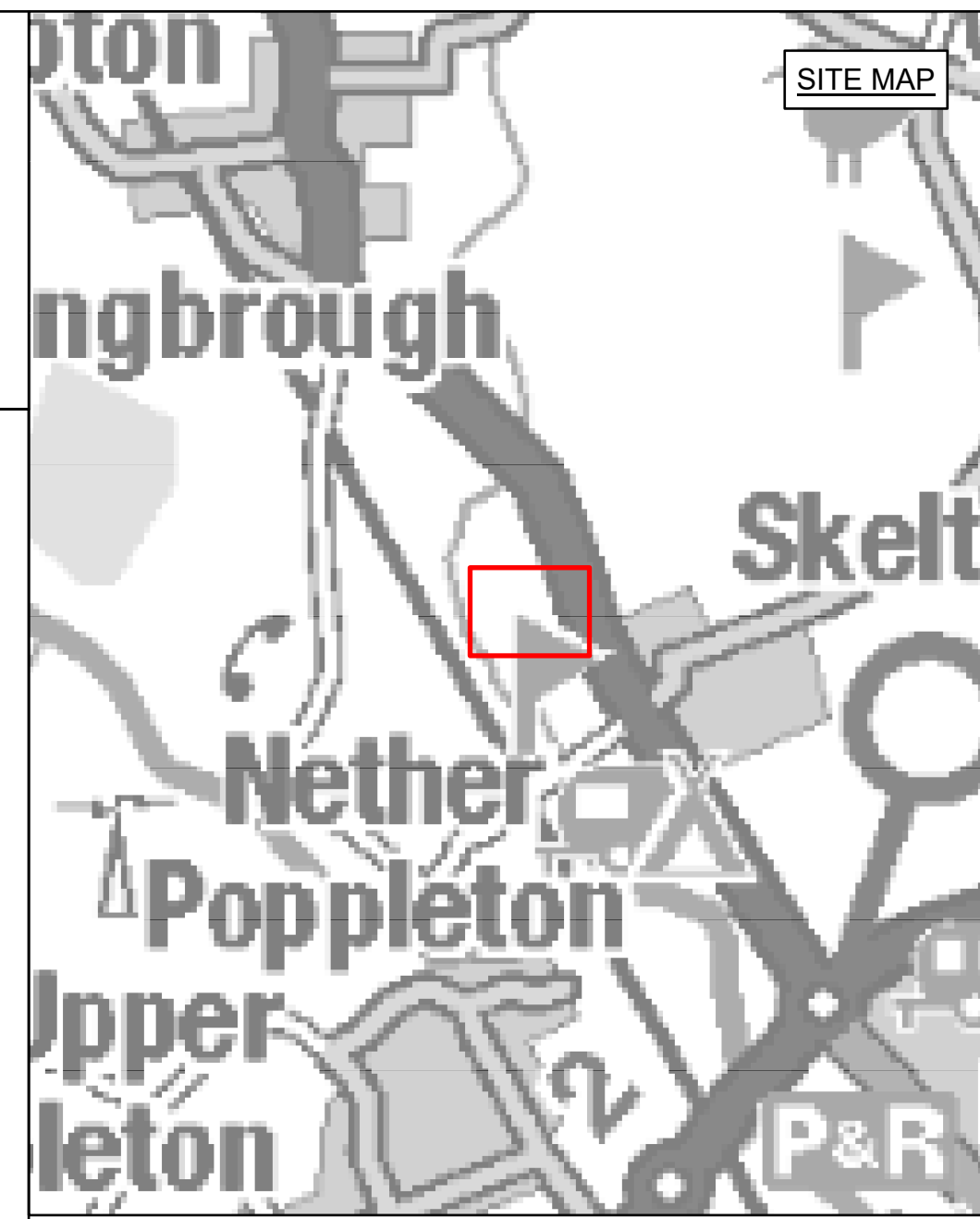
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Appendix C: Change 2 – New Farm Cottage Access



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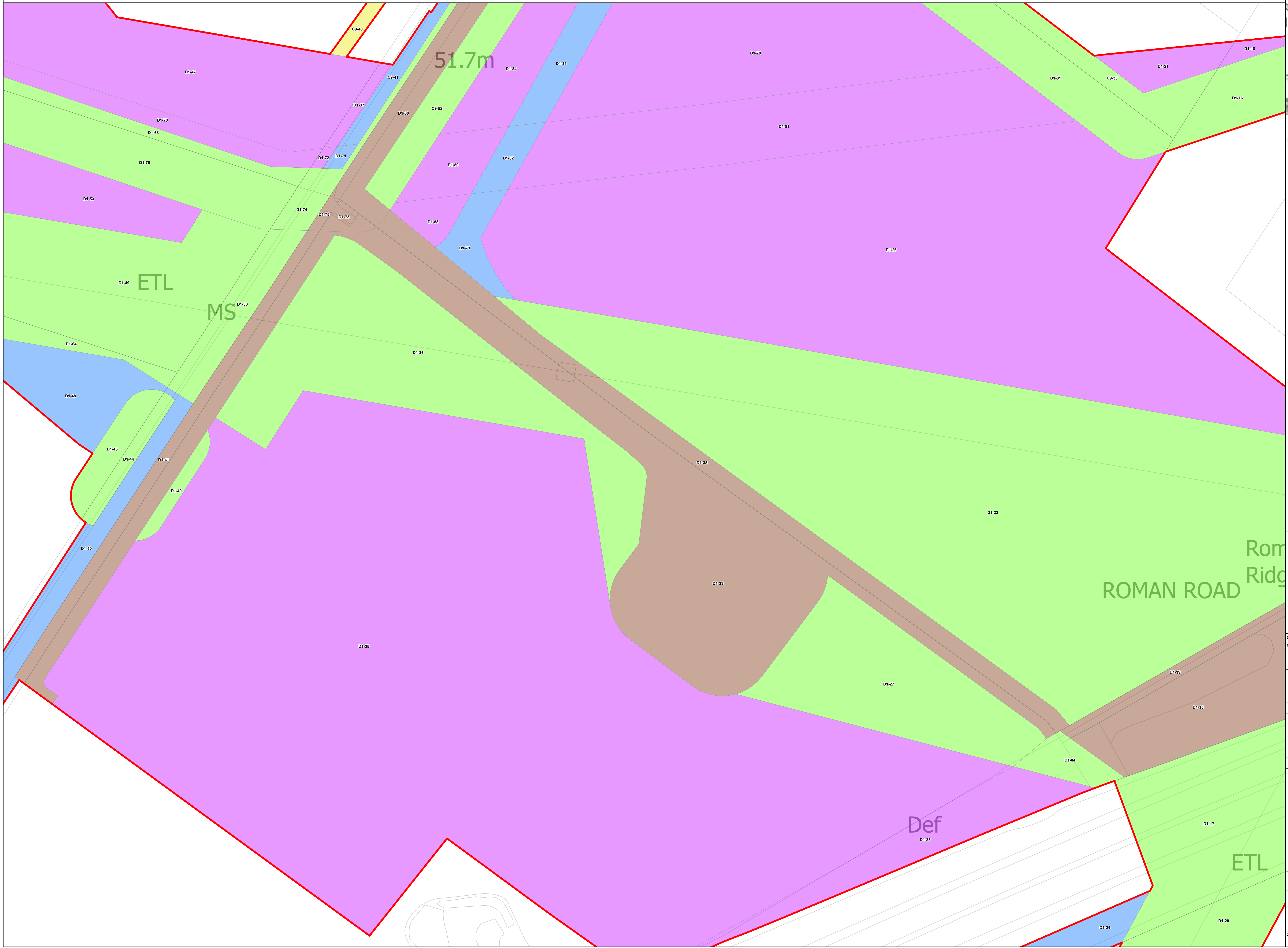
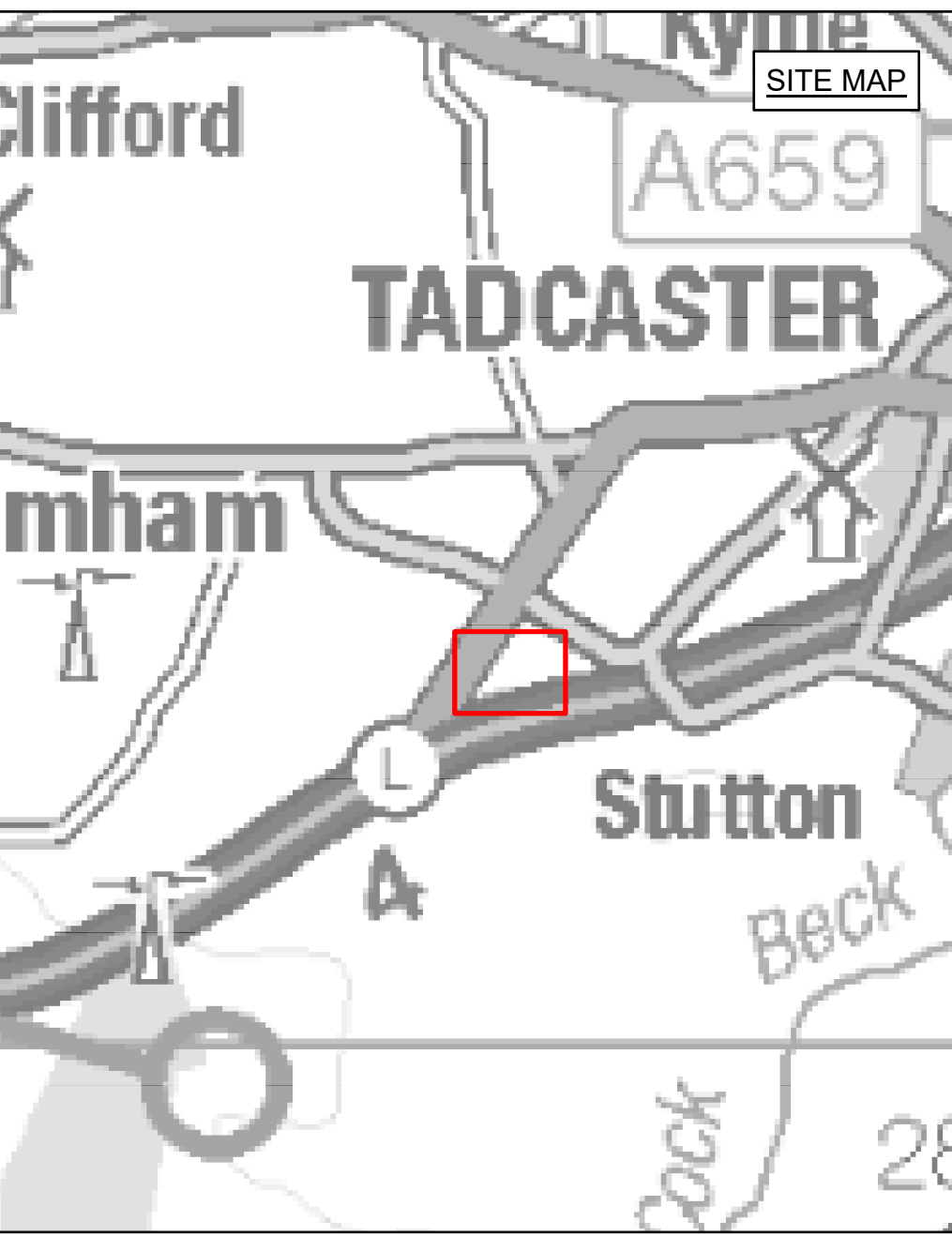
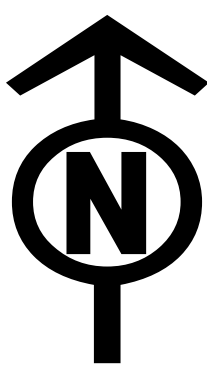
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Appendix D: Change 4 – Reorientation of the Tadcaster West CSEC

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Appendix B Letters sent to Landowners and Affected Parties

NEWLANDS (YORK) LIMITED (11217225)
Hallikeld Farm,
Long Lane,
Northallerton,
DL6 2UF

19 June 2023

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (National Grid) – The National Grid Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) Project – EN020024 (the Project)

Letter of consent for amendments to land interests to be acquired

Dear Mr Sanderson

Further to the meeting held at Newlands Farm on 16 June 2023, the preceding meetings with your agent on 16, 23 and 25 May 2023 and representations made by your agent to the Examination, we are writing with regard to the proposed change to the permanent access onto your land as part of the Yorkshire Green project.

As requested, we have looked to accommodate your request to move the access road from its current proposed position as shown in **Figure 1** and as set out in our application for the Project, further north to a new alignment shown in **Figure 2**. This is the plan that was presented to your agent at the meeting on 16 June 2023. At the meeting your agent indicated that **Figure 2** does show your preferred location for the access road.

We have also looked to reduce the Limits of Deviation around the northern Cable Sealing End Compound. This is reflected in **Figure 2** and we are informing you of this for information only.

To formalise the change in respect of the access, National Grid must submit a written request to the Examining Authority (the **ExA**) asking the ExA to accept the change into the examination process.

Because the change to the access that you have requested, has the effect of altering the land interests to be compulsorily acquired, we will only agree to seek the change if you provide your written consent for us to do so. Although we hope to enter into a voluntary land agreement with you in accordance with the Heads of Terms being progressed, compulsory acquisition provisions are being sought in the DCO in the event that agreement is not reached or it is necessary to deal with third party interests.

Your consent would **not** mean that National Grid can exercise compulsory acquisition powers at this stage, but rather that you consent to the application for the change being made, and that you consent to the change in the nature of the land and rights which could be compulsorily acquired if the DCO is granted.

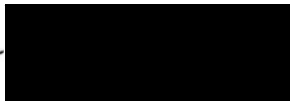
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If you would like us to request the ExA to accept this change to the access into the examination, we would be grateful if you could sign and return the enclosed letter of consent to the above address by **4 July 2023**. You should be aware that if you do not wish to proceed with the change at this point in time, it will not be possible to request the change at a later point in the examination process. This is because the examination

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Please feel free to discuss any queries with me on the above contact details.

Yours sincerely



Thomas Aylott MRICS

Senior Project Surveyor



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Description of Land: Newlands Farm

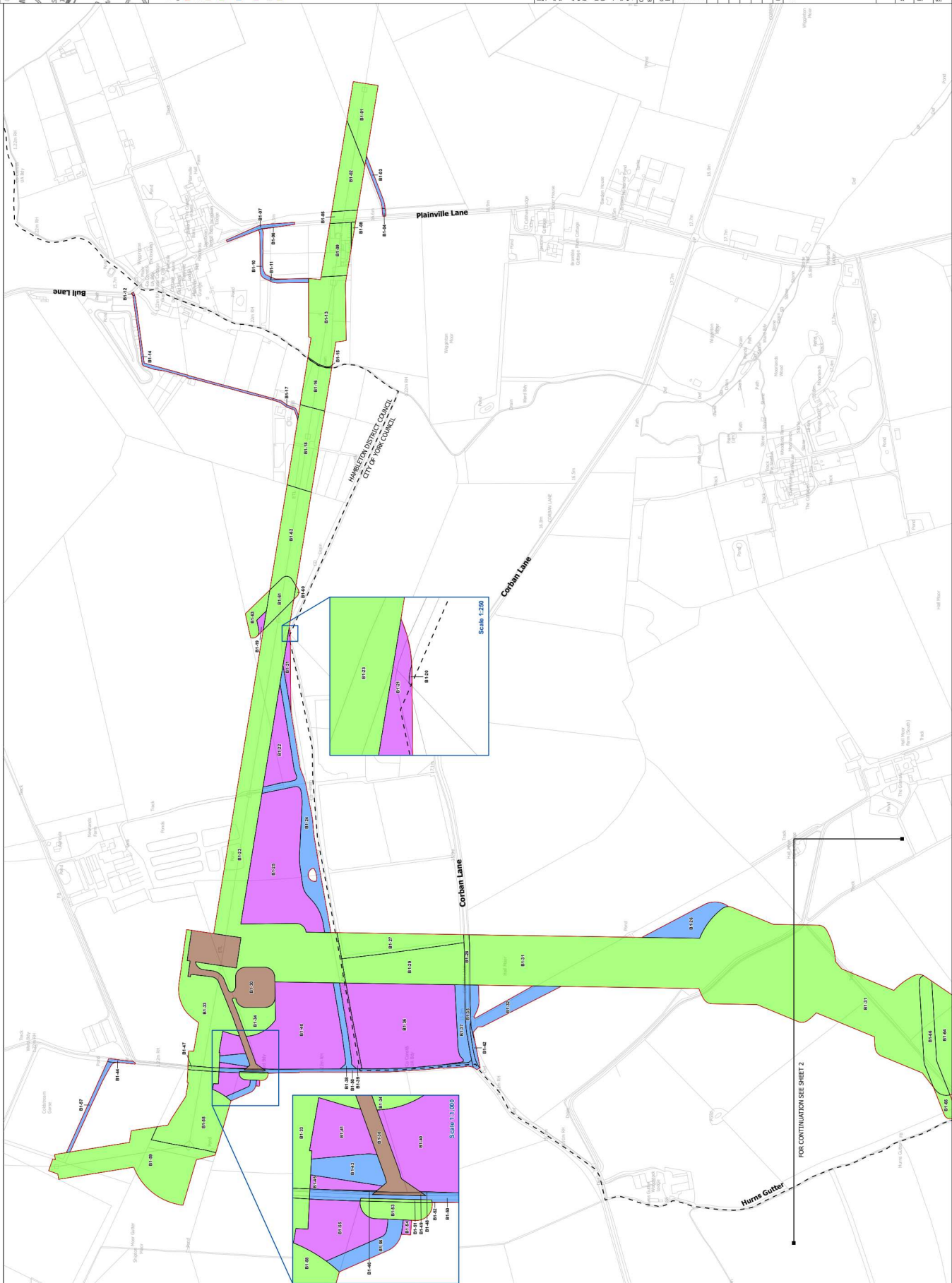
We consent to the inclusion in the Development Consent Order application for the Project of changes to the provisions authorising compulsory acquisition of the land or new rights in land as shown on the plan attached as Figure 2.

Signed:

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Figure 1. Plan showing land before amendment to land plan

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 All easements, servitudes and private rights are proposed to be enjoyed on or for the benefit of the project unless stated otherwise.
 For additional detail on the plot titles, please refer to Document 2.3 Planning Guidance Document, located in Volume 2 of the EDO Application.
 The local authorities' boundaries and titles are covered at the time of publication. The local authorities' boundaries and titles are subject to change and are not intended to form a final record (North Yorkshire Council on 14 April 2023, Hambleton District Council on 14 April 2023, City of York Council on 14 April 2023).
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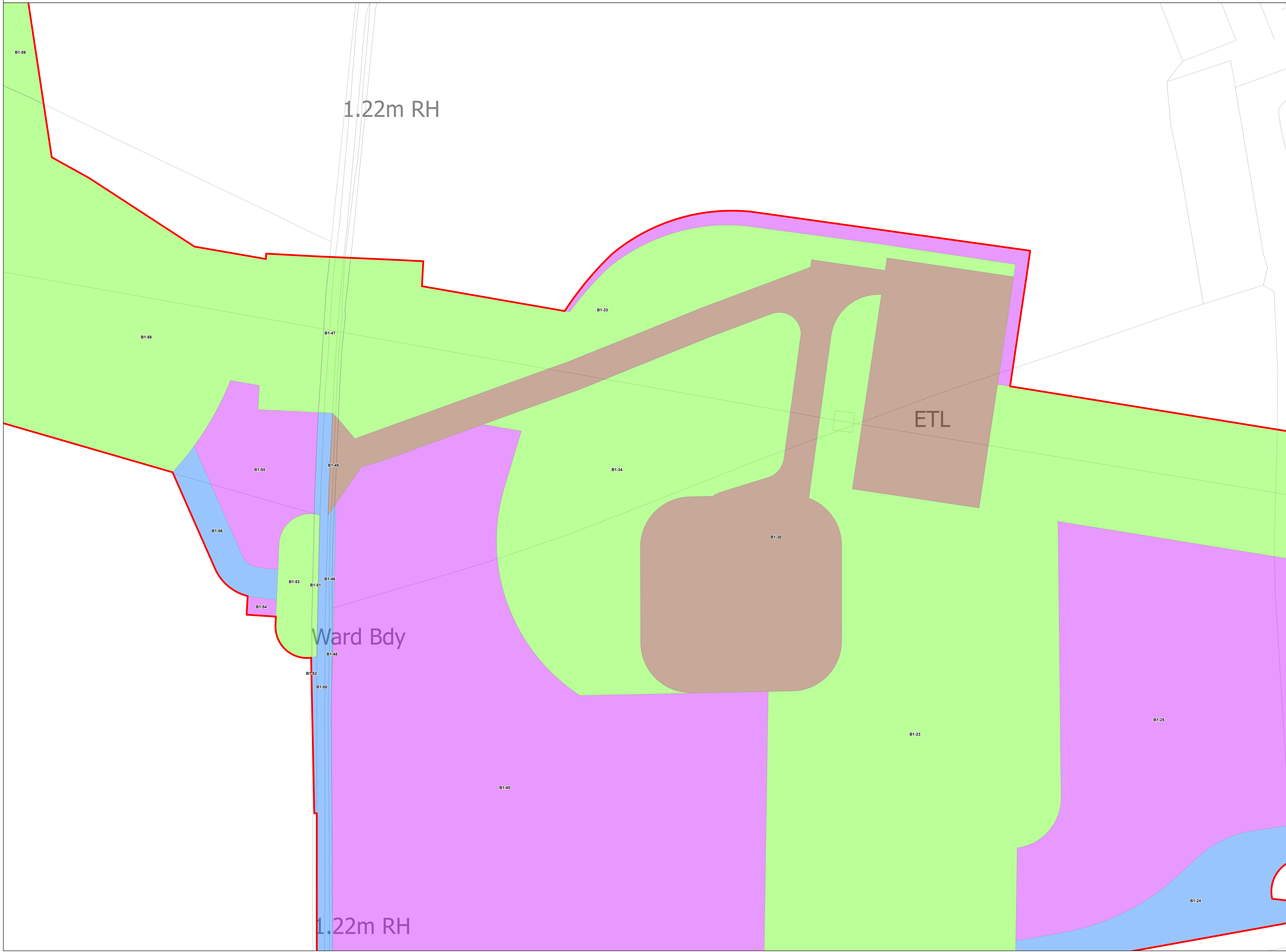
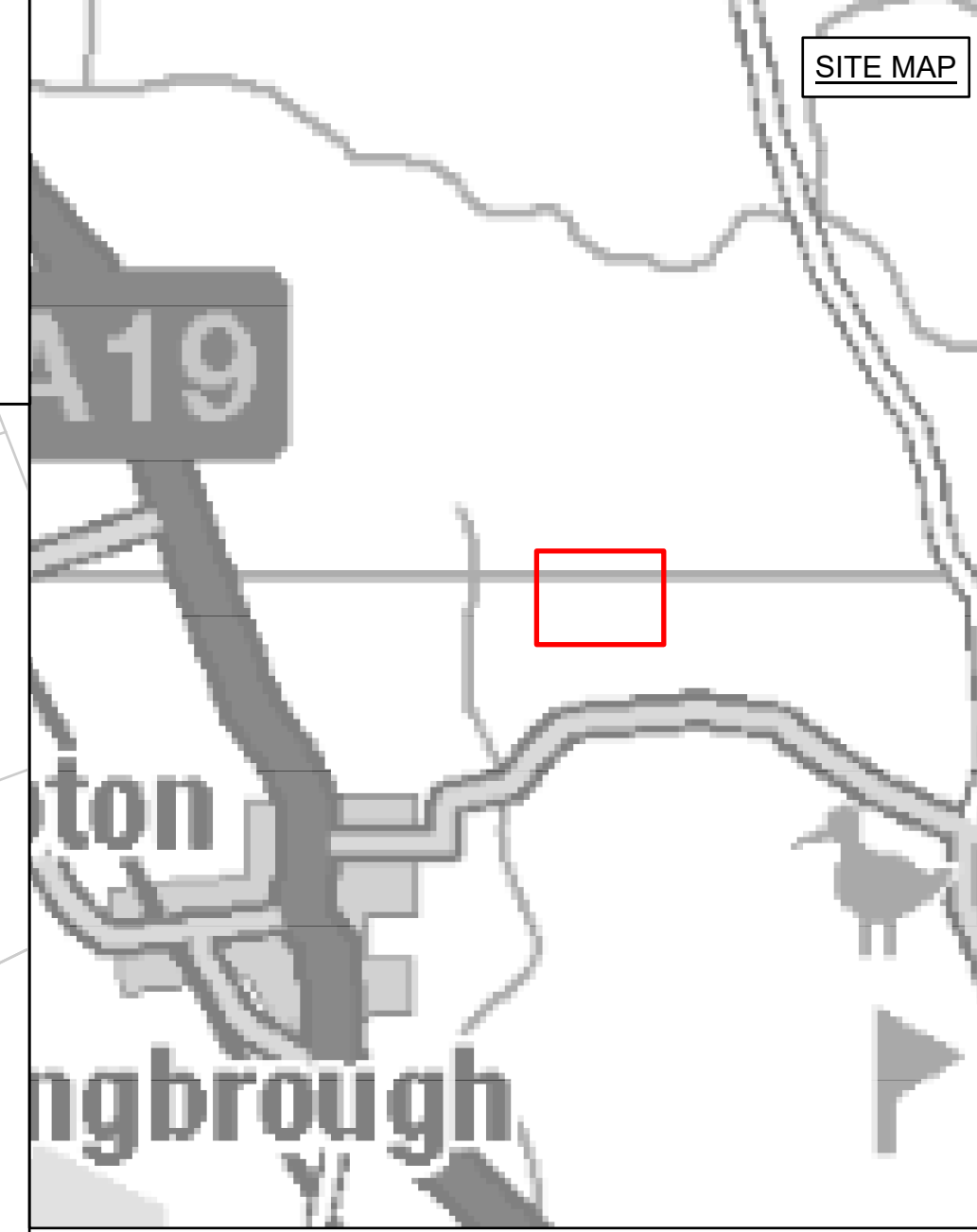
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Figure 2. Plan showing amended land plan



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Mr Benedict William Rab and Mrs Fiona Kirk Rab
Newlands Farm,
Shipton Lane,
Wigginton,
York,
YO32 2RQ

19 June 2023

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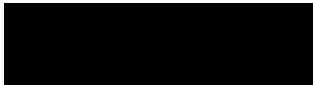
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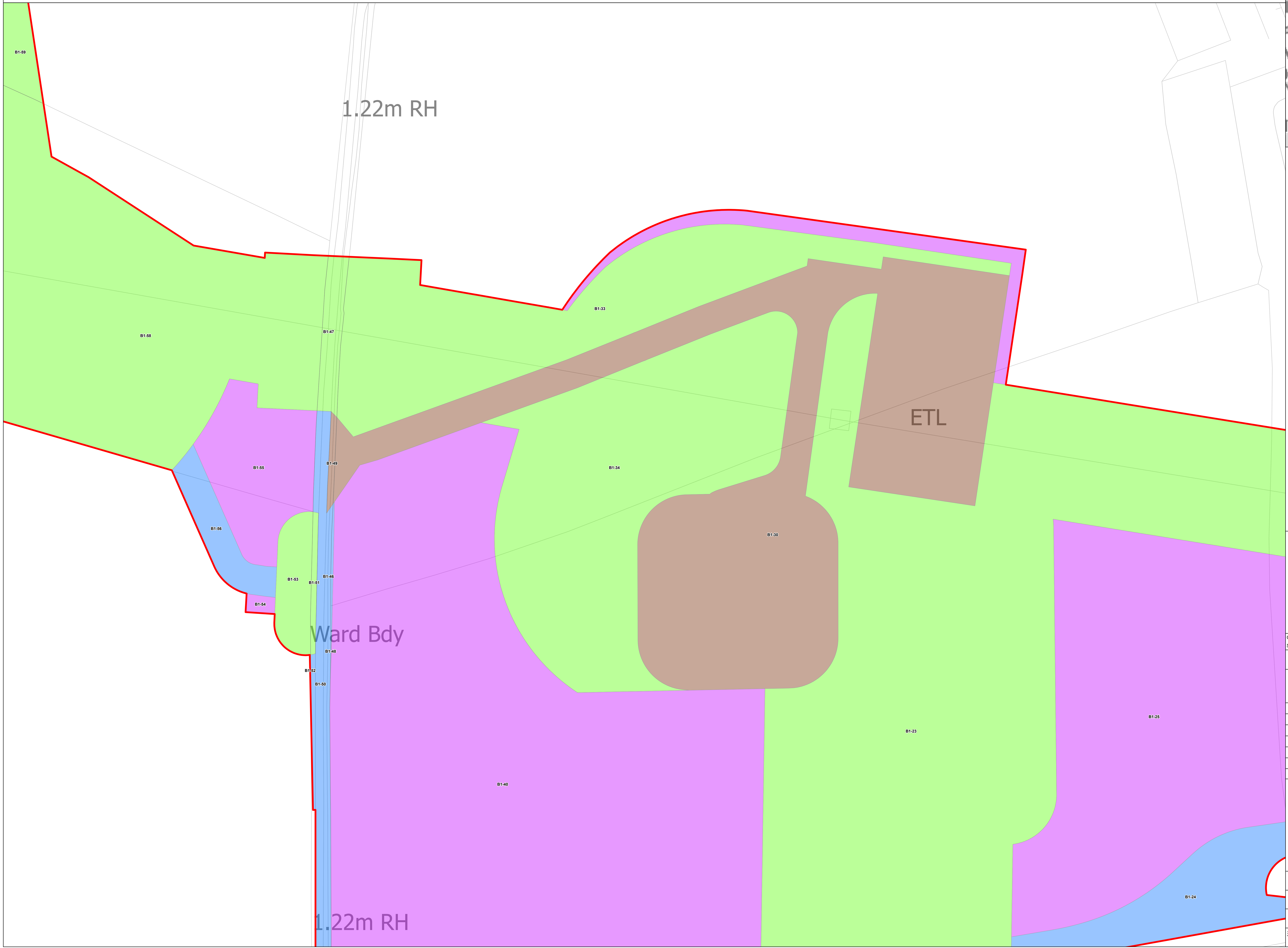
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Letter of consent for amendments to land interests to be acquired

Dear Mr Watson

Further to our meeting on 15 May 2023, we agreed to provide you with the site areas over which National Grid would seek temporary possession and compulsory acquisition powers for the Yorkshire Green project. **Table 1** shows the difference in area between the existing proposal and the alternative re-orientated location of the Tadcaster West Cable Sealing End Compound (CSEC) that you previously raised in feedback. National Grid would be prepared to seek an amendment to the Order if you agree to the proposed re-orientated location on the terms set out in this letter. **Table 2** shows the difference in total areas for each class of rights between the 2 designs as presented in the DCO Book of Reference and Land Plans. This is also illustrated on the attached land plans (**Figures 1 & 2**):

Table 1 - Area Comparison

Constraint	Existing Proposal – Figure 1 (sqm)	Alternative Proposal – Figure 2 (sqm)
Hedgerow north	849.5	984.2
Hedgerow west	2,213.5	2,213.5
Permanent access	1,587.6	2001.2
CSEC Limits of Deviation	4,541.4	3,443.6
CSEC	<u>1,149.5</u>	<u>1,149.5</u>
	10,341.5	9,792.0

Table 2 - Class of Rights Comparison – change in areas

Tadcaster				
	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
	-549.5 sq m	-2,284.3 sq m	0	+2,834.1 sq m

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(please note that land subject to temporary possession would be returned to you post completion of construction).

Although there is a reduction in the total area over which compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers would be sought, at our meeting we explained that the alternative design would require an extended access road which would increase the actual area of land required to deliver the Project. In considering the change in areas shown in the tables above you should bear in mind the following:

- Whilst the figures in **Table 1** show a reduction in Class 1 land for the proposed alternative this is because the limits of deviation have been reduced on the north eastern side of the CSEC by the position of the hedgerow. This results in a reduction of 1,097.8 square metres.
- Limits of Deviation (LoD) are required to allow for any engineering uncertainty, and areas subject to LoD may or may not need to be acquired. This will not be known until final design.
- The figures shown in the tables are maximum figures. The actual permanent land take for the CSEC is expected to be the same under both options and may be less than the Class 1 boundary shown on **Figures 1 & 2** attached if the Limits of Deviation are not required.
- The access road for the alternative proposal would be longer and result in 413.6 square metres of land being acquired for this purpose.
- The increase in land on the northern hedgerow by 134.7 square metres is because the LoD overlaps the hedgerow in the existing proposal, but does not overlap it in the alternative proposal.
- Until the exact position of the CSEC is fixed, we are unable to tell you exactly how much land would be required for the 2 designs under each class identified.

In summary, if the alternative proposal was progressed, the total area over which powers could be exercised would reduce. However, the total area actually required to deliver the alternative would likely increase to accommodate the longer access track. That longer access track would require rights granted in favour of National Grid over that longer distance.

As discussed at the meeting, the alternative reorientated design is not National Grid's preference from an engineering perspective because it does not represent an optimal engineering design. However, the alternative proposal could be accommodated during the course of the examination if, within the timescales set out below, you confirm that it is your preference.

To formalise the change, National Grid must submit a written request to the Examining Authority (the **ExA**) asking the ExA to accept the change into the examination process.

Because the changes you have requested have the effect of altering the land interests to be compulsorily acquired, we will only agree to seek the change if you provide your written consent for us to do so. Although we hope to enter into a voluntary land agreement with you in accordance with the Heads of Terms being progressed, compulsory acquisition provisions are being sought in the DCO in the event that agreement is not reached or it is necessary to deal with third party interests.

For the avoidance of doubt your consent would **not** mean that National Grid can exercise compulsory acquisition powers at this stage, but rather that you consent to the application for the change being made, and that you consent to the change in the nature of the land and rights which could be compulsorily acquired if the DCO is granted.

For the avoidance of doubt, ***the change proposed would not result in National Grid seeking any compulsory acquisition powers over additional land in which you hold an interest***, only a change to the location of the plots or a change in the classification of the interest to be acquired. Overall, there would be a reduction in the land which would be subject to compulsory acquisition powers, although the actual land required within this area is likely to increase due to the need to accommodate an extended access.

If you would like us to request the ExA to accept this change into the examination, we would be grateful if you could sign and return the enclosed letter of consent to the above address by **4th July 2023**. You should

be aware that if you do not wish to proceed with the change at this point in time, it will not be possible to request the change at a later point in the examination process. This is because the examination is required to close on 22 September 2023 and sufficient time for the ExA to consider the request and provide an opportunity for it to be examined must be provided.

Please feel free to discuss any queries with me on the above contact details.

Yours sincerely



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Senior Project Surveyor



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Enclosure:

- Letter of Consent
- Figure 1 – Tadcaster Land Plan
- Figure 2 – Tadcaster RE-Orientation Land Plan

Letter of Consent

Dear Sirs

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (National Grid) – The National Grid Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) Project – EN020024 (the Project)

Letter of consent for amendments to land interests to be acquired

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Description of Land: Land lying to the north of A64

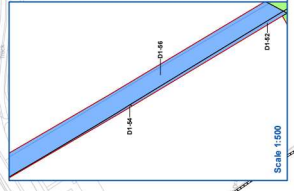
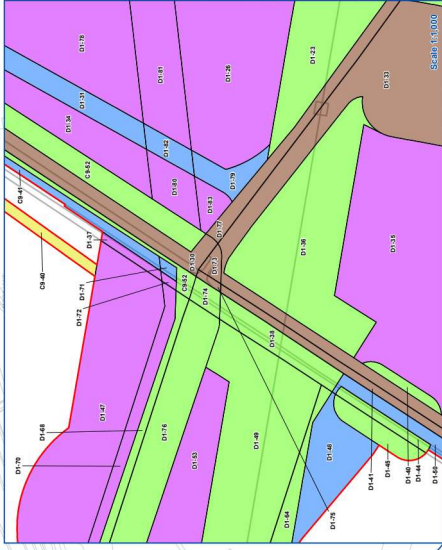
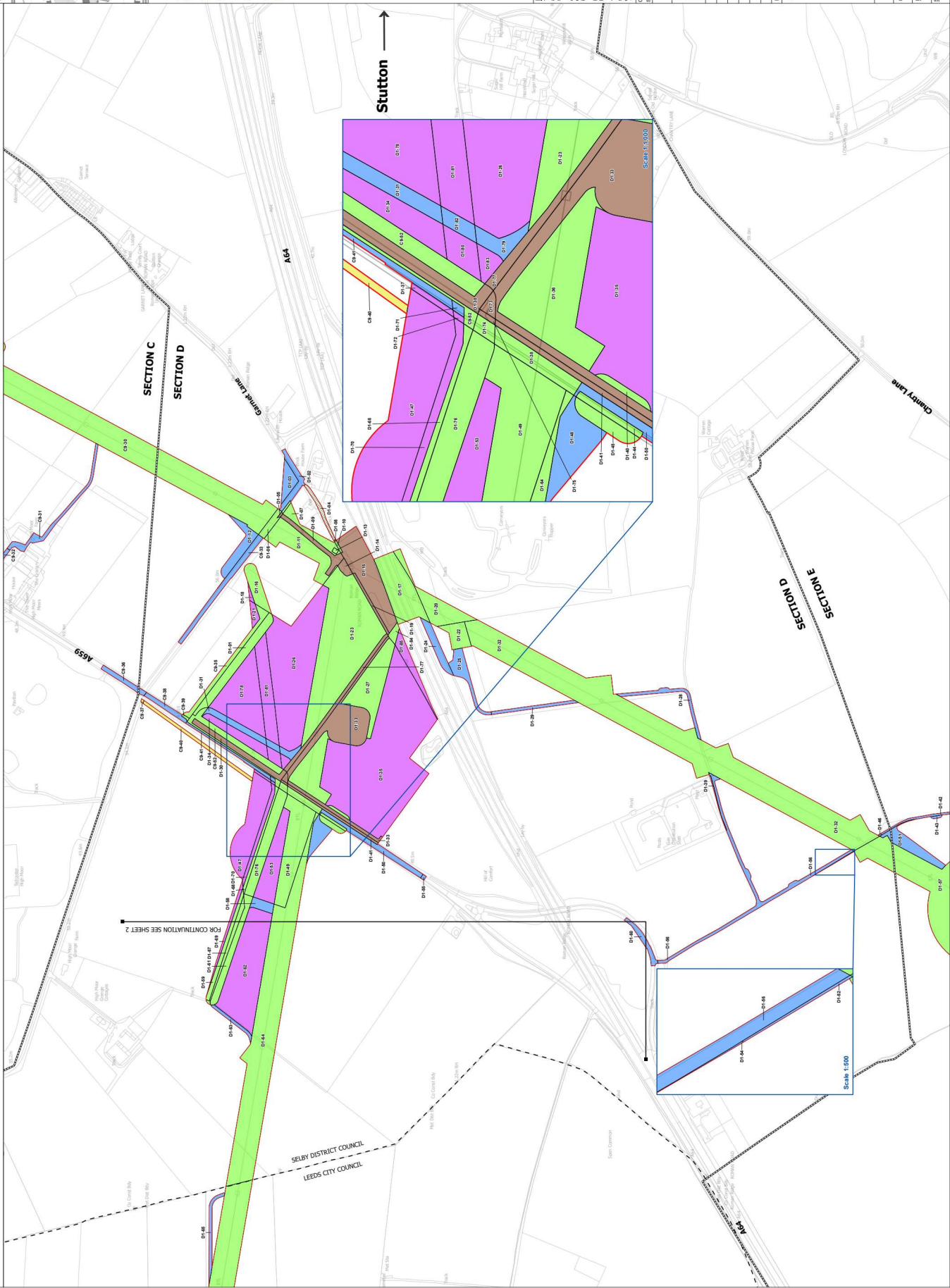
We consent to the inclusion in the Development Consent Order application for the Project of changes to the provisions authorising compulsory acquisition of the land or new rights in land as shown on the plan attached as Figure 2.

Signed:

Name (printed):

Figure 1. Plan showing land before amendment to land plan

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 LAND PLAN
 REGULATION 5(2)(i) - (ii)(iii)
 SECTION D, SHEET 1 OF 2



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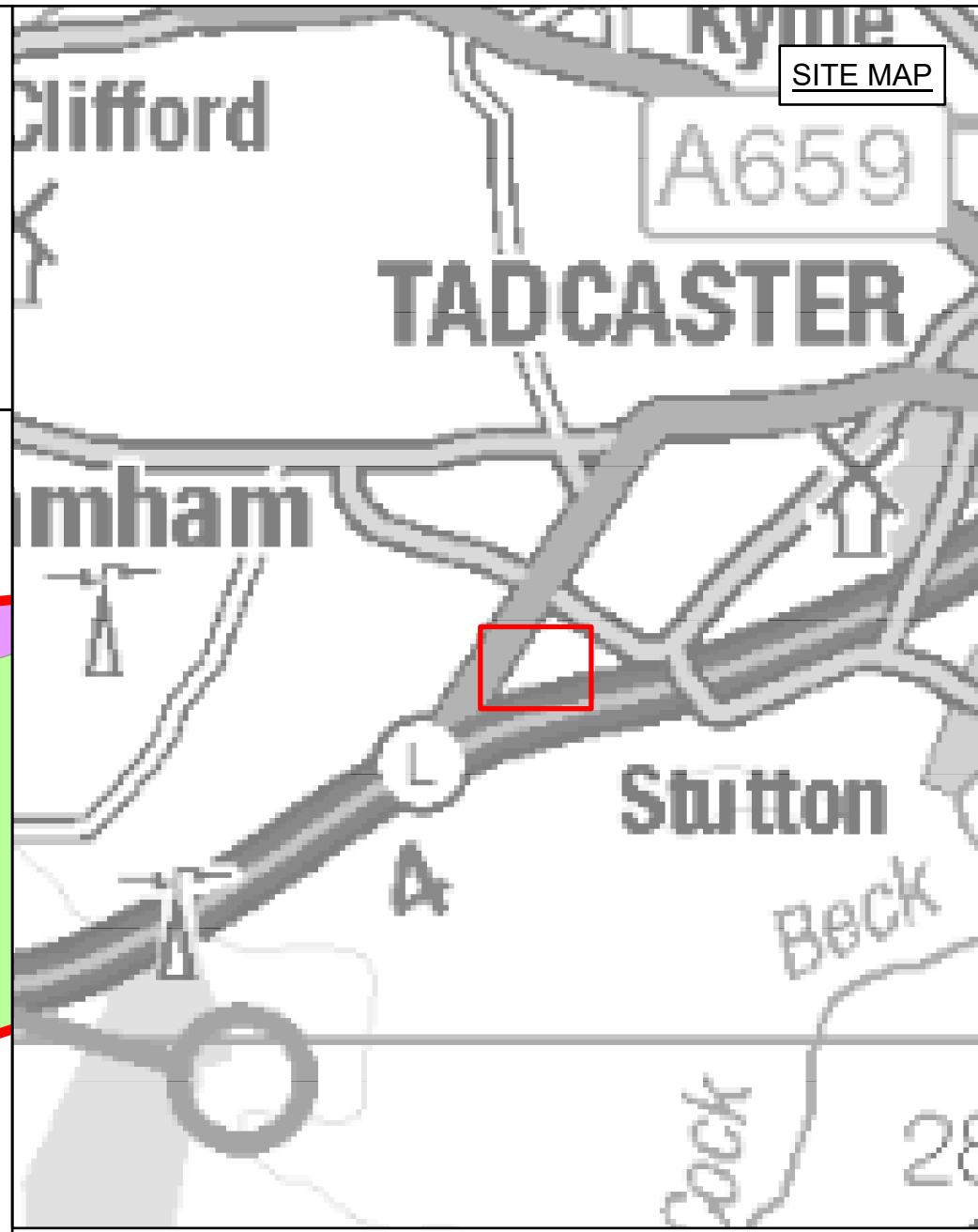
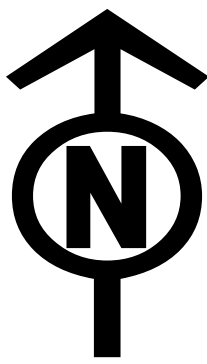
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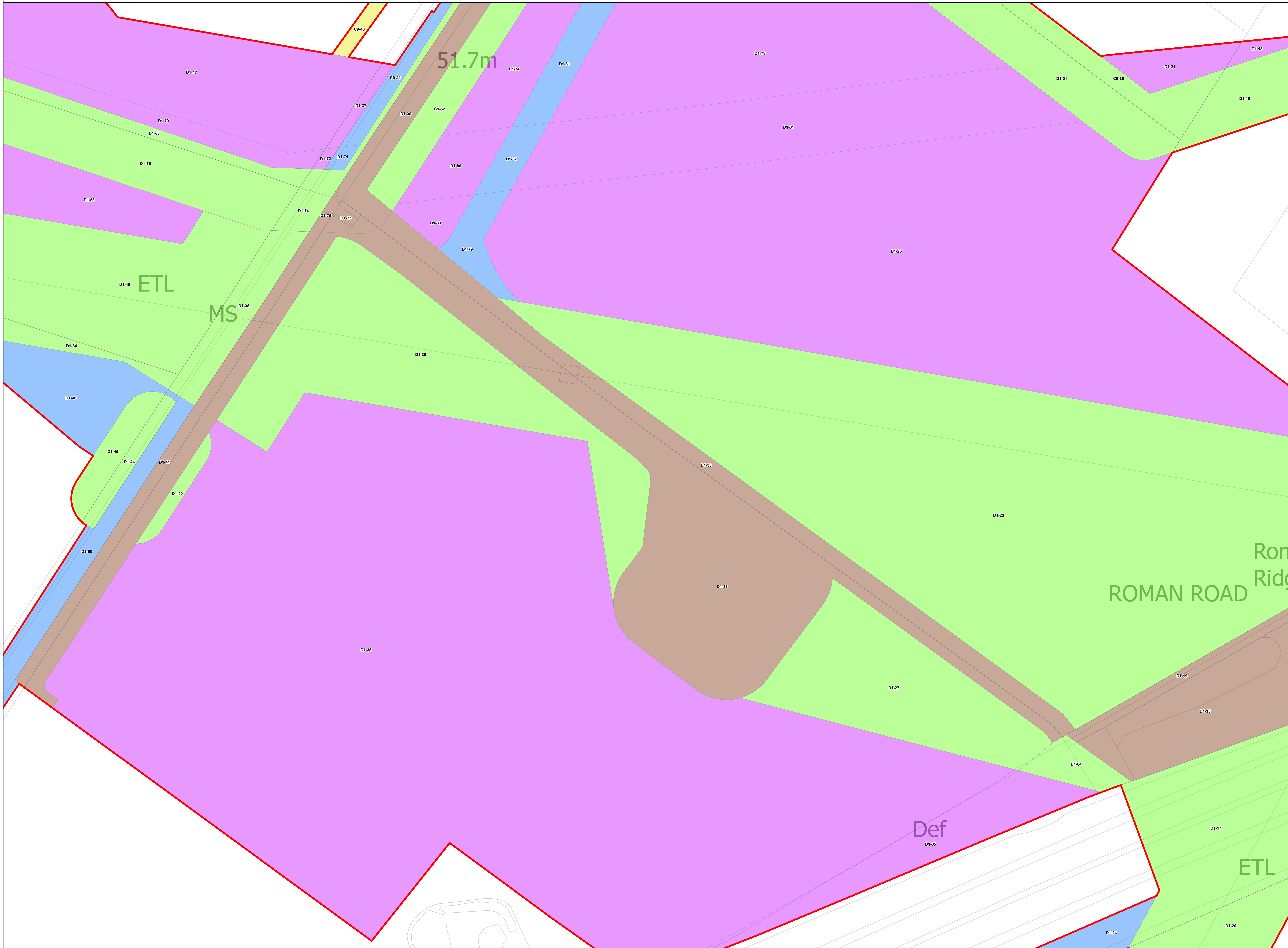
Figure 2. Plan showing amended land plan

NATIONAL GRID (YORKSHIRE GREEN ENERGY ENABLEMENT PROJECT) ORDER
 INDICATIVE ALTERNATIVE TADCASTER WEST CSEC RE-ORIENTATION PLAN - FOR INFORMATION ONLY
 SHEET 1 OF 1



LEGEND

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 - CLASS 6 - TEMPORARY USE FOR ACCESS



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Informative letter relating to proposed changes to access provisions at New Farm Cottages

Dear Ms. Husband

We are writing regarding concerns you have raised in relation National Grid's proposals under the above Project, specifically construction vehicles passing your property, potential conflict with construction vehicles and your parking arrangements and the impact of the vehicles passing your property, such as dust generation as detailed in your representations to the Examination.

Further to the meeting held at your property on 24 March 2023, preceding meetings with your agent on 16, 23 and 25 May 2023, and representations made by your agent to the Examination, we are writing to explain a proposed change to the access arrangements at New Farm Cottages as part of Project.

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Yours sincerely



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Enc. Notification of Request for Proposed Changes 19 June 2023

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Informative letter relating to proposed changes to access provisions at New Farm Cottages

Dear Messer's Blacker,

We are writing regarding concerns you have raised in relation National Grid's proposals under the above Project, specifically construction vehicles passing your property, potential conflict with construction vehicles and your farming practices as detailed in your written representations to the Examination.

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7th July 2023

Dear Mr A J Barrowman

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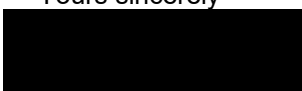
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Appendix C Details of the purpose for which Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession powers are sought

Each table below describes the proposed amendments to the class of rights for each plot of land affected at each of the three Change locations in isolation per change and does not take account of the cumulative effect of multiple changes being accepted. The first table, **Table C.1** relates to changes of Class 1 land. **Table C.2** relates to changes of Class 2 land. **Table C.3** relates to Class 3 land. **Table C.4** relates to changes of Class 4 land. Where a plot number would be removed if the Change were to be accepted, it is shown with a 'strikethrough'.

Table C.1 – Permanent Acquisition of Land – Class 1

Proposed Change	Plot Number	Nature of Change	Purpose for which land is required- DCO submission	Purpose for which land is required- Proposed Changes to the DCO
Change 1	B1-30A	Decrease in size	Class 1	Class 1
Change 3	B1-30A,	Increase in size	Class 1	Class 1
Change 3	B1-49A	Decrease in size	Class 1	Class 1

Table C.2 – Acquisition of Land Rights – Class 2

Proposed Change	Plot Number	Nature of Change	Purpose for which land is required- DCO submission	Purpose for which land is required- Proposed Changes to the DCO
Change 1	B1-33A	Reduction in size	Class 2 (as B1-33)	Class 2
Change 1	B1-23A	Increase in size (due to reduction in LOD)	Class 2	Class 2
Change 2	B3-02, B3-07, B3-08, B3-10, B3-13, B3-17, B3-65, B3-66, B3-74, B3-75,	Removal of Plots	Class 2	N/A

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Change 3	B1-23A, B1-33A	Decrease in size	Class 2	Class 2
Change 3	B1-34A, B1-47A	Increase in size	Class 2	Class 2

Table C.3 – Acquisition of Access Rights – Class 3

Proposed Change	Plot Number	Nature of Change	Purpose for which land is required- DCO submission	Purpose for which land is required- Proposed Changes to the DCO
Change 2	B2-01, B3-01, B3-04, B3-11, B3-12, B3-09A, B3-14A, B3-20, B3-26A, B3-76	Reduction in size	Class 3	Class 3
Change 3	B1-43, B1-50A, B1-46, B1-48	Reduction in size	Class 3	Class 3

Table C.4 – Temporary Possession of Land – Class 4

Proposed Change	Plot Number	Nature of Change	Purpose for which land is required- DCO submission	Purpose for which land is required- Proposed Changes to the DCO
Change 1	B1-33B	Creation of plot	Class 2 (as plot B1-33)	Class 4
Change 2	B3-03, B3-05, B3-06	Reduction in size	Class 4	Class 4
Change 3	B1-45, B1-41 B1-40A	Increase in size	Class 4	Class 4

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National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (National Grid) – The National Grid Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) Project – EN020024 (the Project)

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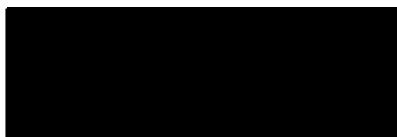
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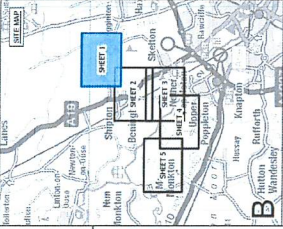
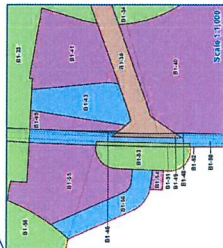
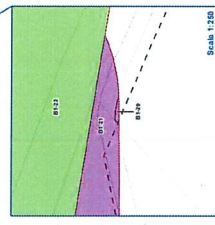
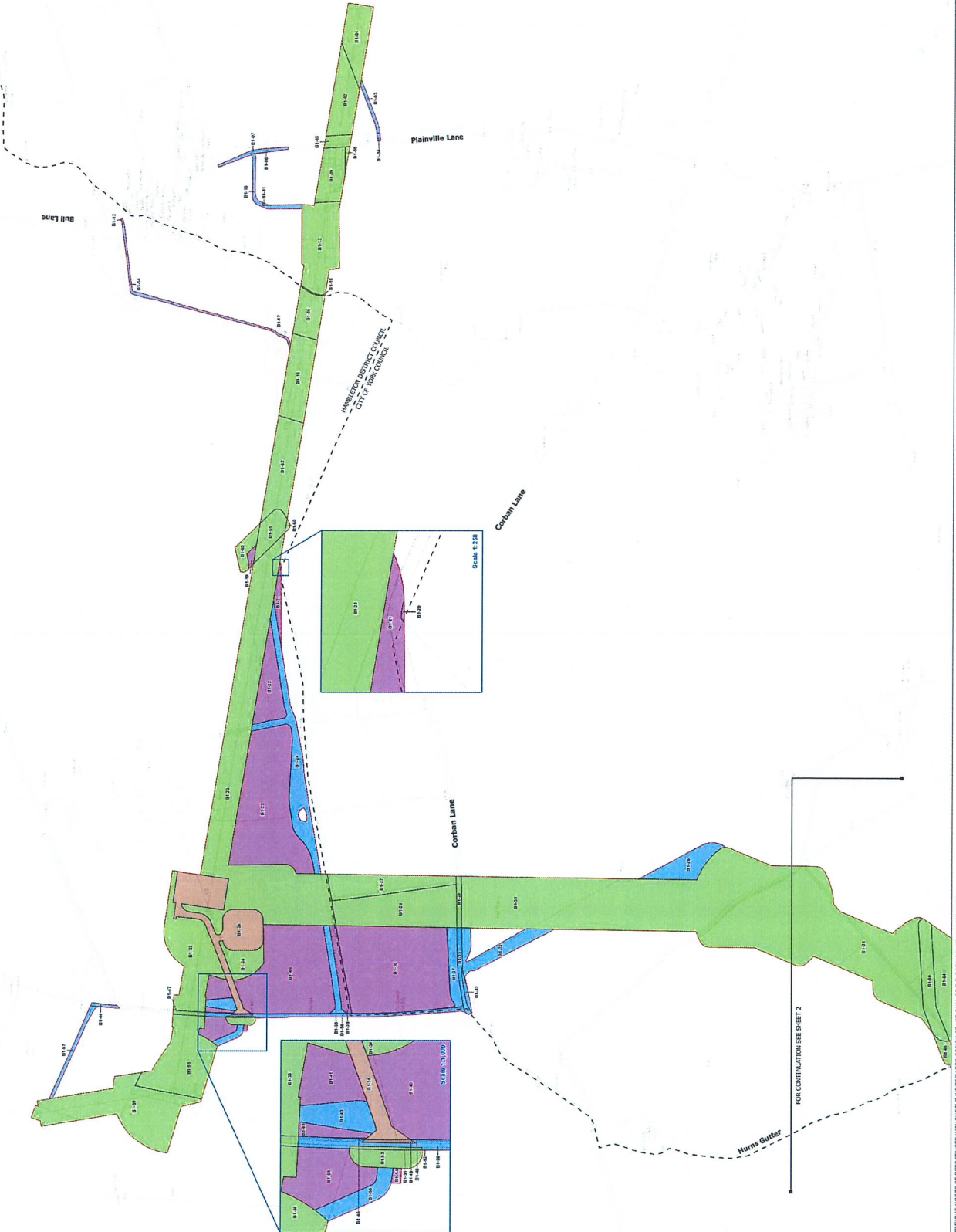
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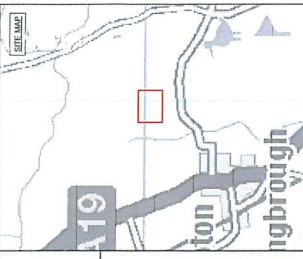


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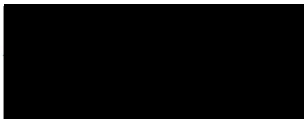
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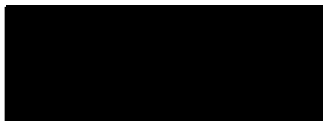
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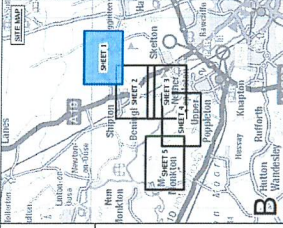
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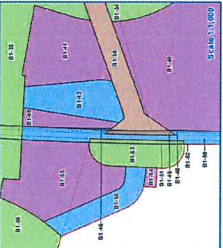
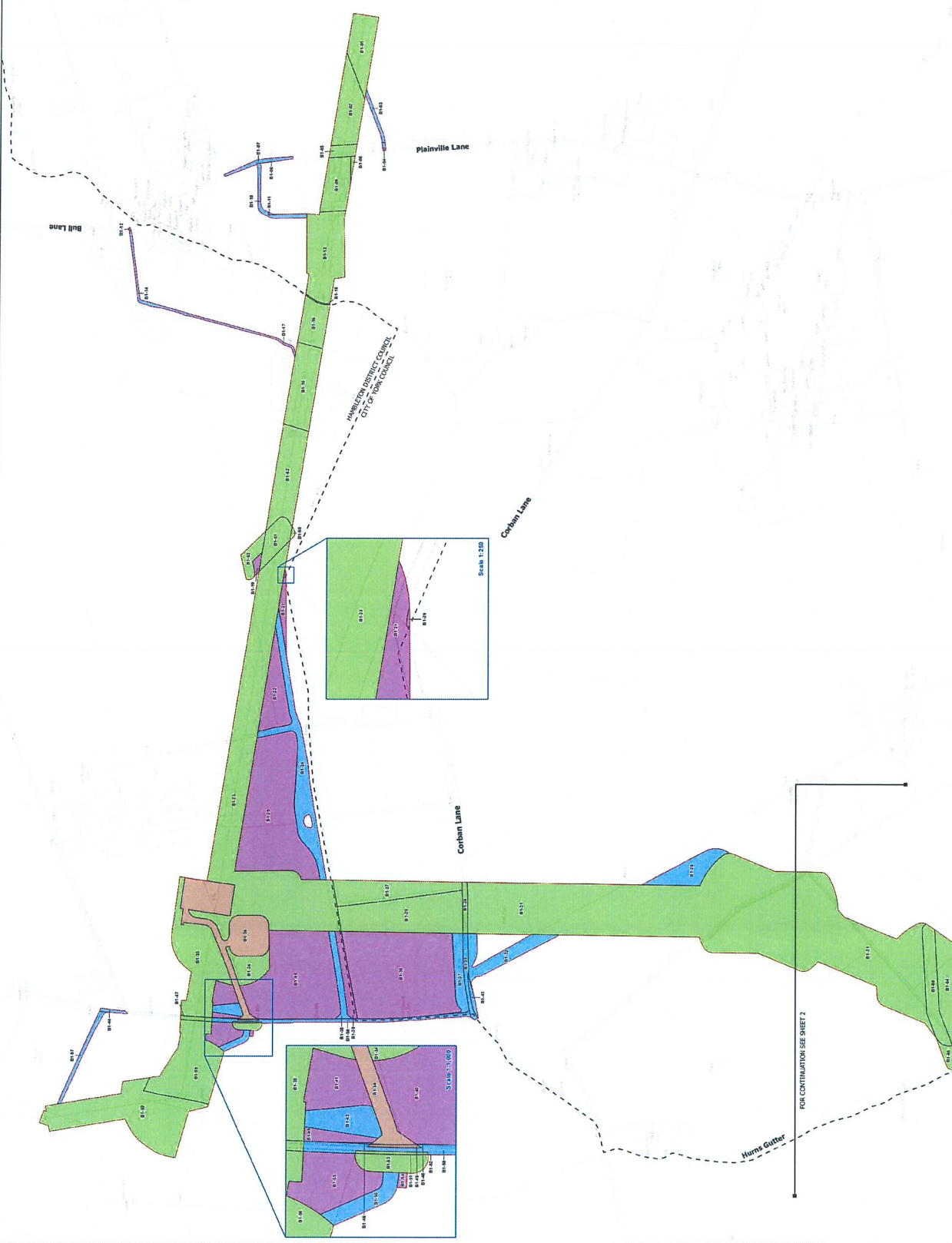


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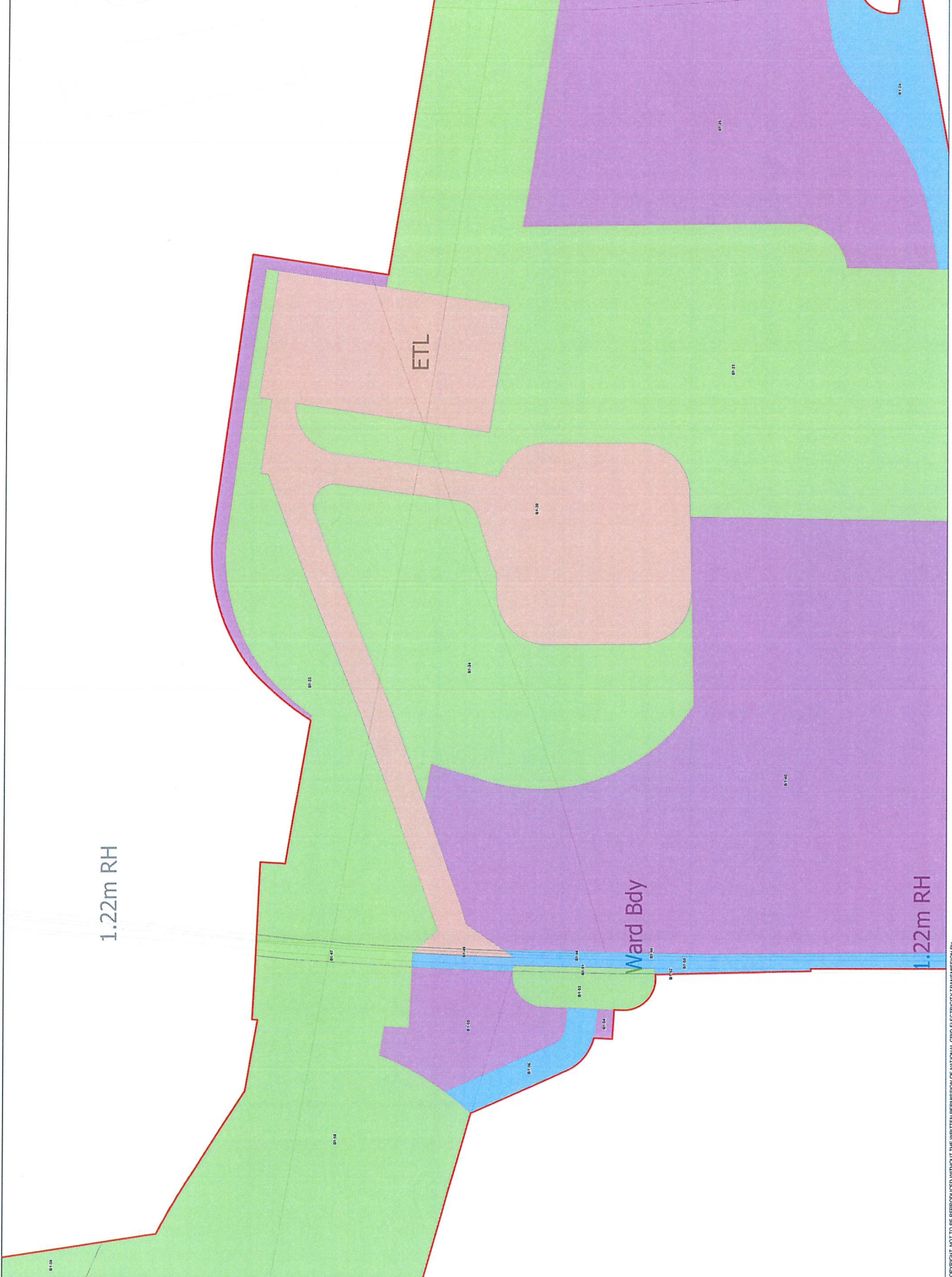
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**Appendix E ExA Rule 9 Letter in response to
Notification of Applicant’s Intention to Submit a
Request for Proposed Changes to the DCO
Application**



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YorkshireGreen@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

To: The Applicant and all Interested Parties

Our Ref: EN020024

Date: 22 June 2023

Dear Sir / Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 9

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) Project

Notification of Applicant's Intention to Submit a Request for Proposed Changes to the DCO Application

The Applicant gave notice to the Examining Authority (ExA) on 19 June 2023 of its intention to submit a request for proposed changes to the above application. The ExA used its discretion to accept the notification letter [[AS-020](#)] on 20 June 2023. This letter provides advice to the Applicant about the procedural implications of the proposed changes.

The Proposed Changes

The Applicant has submitted notification of up to four proposed changes to the application which relate to the following elements of the Proposed Development:

- Change 1: Shipton North reduction in Limits of Deviation
- Change 2: New Farm Cottage access
- Change 3: Shipton Cable Sealing End Compound access
- Change 4: Reorientation of the Tadcaster West Cable Sealing End Compound

Proposed changes 3 and 4 will only be included in the formal change request if relevant landowner consent is obtained.

The notification letter indicates that all of the land required in relation to each change would fall within the existing Order limits and Order land. Whilst there would be changes to the nature of certain land rights to be compulsorily acquired, all of the proposed changes relate to land already proposed for compulsory acquisition and there would in some cases be a reduction in the land required. Assuming this continues to be the case, the ExA is satisfied that The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (the CA Regulations) would not be engaged.

The notification letter states that none of the proposed changes would be expected to result in any new or different likely significant environmental effects compared to those effects reported in the submitted Environmental Statement. The ExA notes that environmental information which confirms this will be submitted as part of the formal change request, alongside updates to relevant management plans and application plans. We would expect this to include full consideration of any hydrological (including Water Framework Directive) implications relating to the crossing of Hurns Gutter, as well as effects on trees, hedgerows and protected species in all locations.

The ExA notes that all four of the potential change requests seek to respond to concerns raised by landowners. Each potential change is relatively contained in scope and relates to site-specific matters raised during the Examination. In light of the above considerations, the ExA is satisfied that the proposed changes, whether considered individually or taken together, would not be so substantial as to amount to a materially different project from that which was applied for.

We note the engagement with landowners that has taken place in formulating the proposed changes, as described in Appendix A of the notification letter. We would expect that the Applicant is also in dialogue more widely with any other relevant Interested Parties such as local authorities, specific statutory parties (including the Kyle and Upper Ouse Internal Drainage Board in respect of Hurns Gutter), and all persons with an interest in the affected land, in order that they are prepared for the submission of the Change Application and ready to respond as appropriate.

To this end, the ExA would be assisted by a list of all plots that would be affected by the proposed changes as part of the formal Change Application. As a specific point, we would observe that where plots are proposed to be changed in the updated Land Plan and Book of Reference, new and unique plot numbers should be used, rather than reusing existing plot numbers as can be seen in the indicative plan provided at Appendix B to the notification letter. This will avoid any scope for ambiguity over plot numbers going forward.

Examination Timetable

The Applicant intends to submit a formal Change Application at Deadline 5 (11 July 2023). The ExA notes the list of application documents to be updated as a result of the proposed changes and expects that all such updates will be submitted at the same time as the Change Application.

If the ExA decides to accept the proposed changes, all Interested Parties will have an opportunity to make representations on the changed application during the Examination in line with the principles of fairness and reasonableness.

Our current view, which may be subject to change depending on the content of the Change Application, is that the proposed changes may be examined as follows:

- proposed changes to be considered as part of the planned Compulsory Acquisition and Issue Specific Hearings on 18/19/20 July;
- all Interested Parties to respond to the proposed changes by Deadline 6 (28 July 2023);
- submission of comments on responses to proposed changes by Deadline 7 (6 September 2023);

- potential for further written questions from the Examining Authority under Rule 17.

It is our view that this programme would enable a thorough examination of the proposed changes within the statutory timescales of the Examination and without a need to change the dates within the Examination Timetable contained in our Rule 8 letter [[PD-008](#)]. However, we emphasise that the submission of any proposed changes later than Deadline 5 could compromise our ability to examine them fairly and reasonably within the statutory timescales and would, at the very least, require amendments to the dates within the Examination Timetable. We therefore strongly encourage the submission of all proposed changes (and all supporting material) no later than Deadline 5.

Next Steps

In preparing its Change Application, the Applicant should pay close regard to the content of this letter and of Inspectorate [Advice Note 16](#) (AN16). In line with Figure 2b of AN16, the Change Application should include a statement setting out the rationale and pressing need for making each change and an update on any consents or licenses that may be required.

If you have any queries about any of the matters raised in this correspondence, please contact the Case Team using the details provided at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Jessica Powis

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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Appendix F Notification of Request for Proposed Changes – Clarification Letter

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26 June 2023

Our ref: **Notification of Request for Proposed Changes**
Your ref: **EN020024**

Dear Sian Evans,

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (National Grid) – The National Grid Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) Project – EN020024

Applicant's Intention to Submit a Request for Proposed Changes to the DCO Application – Proposed Approach

I am writing to further set out the proposed approach of National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC (**National Grid**), the Applicant, in relation to its intention to submit a written request to the Examining Authority (**ExA**) seeking changes to the Project (the **Proposed Changes**). National Grid submitted a Notification of Request for Proposed Changes (the **Notification**) on 19 June 2023, to which the ExA responded (the **Procedural Decision**) on 22 June 2023.

National Grid notes from the Procedural Decision advice about the procedural implications of the Proposed Changes. National Grid wishes to clarify its proposed approach of how it intends to satisfy the points raised by the ExA in the Procedural Decision.

National Grid is seeking to provide all of the necessary supporting information required to allow for a thorough, fair and reasonable examination of the proposed changes. However, owing to the consequential amendments required to a number of Application Documents resulting from the proposed changes, National Grid does not intend to submit revised shadow versions of all documents required alongside the Change Application at Deadline 5. Instead, it is proposed to submit the necessary information considered to be required at this stage to examine the proposed changes, and will follow up with revised versions of all Application Documents should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.

A further breakdown of all of the supporting information National Grid intends to submit as part of or alongside the Change Application at Deadline 5 is provided in **Appendix A** to this letter.

I would be grateful if you could please acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and arrange for a copy of it and its enclosures to be placed before the ExA.

Yours sincerely,
Emer McDonnell
Senior Project Manager – Yorkshire GREEN

Appendix A: Summary of Proposed Approach

Advice No.	Advice from ExA's Procedural Decision	Applicant Proposal
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	Where plots are proposed to be changed in the updated Land Plan and Book of Reference, new and unique plot numbers should be used, rather than reusing existing plot numbers as can be seen in the indicative plan provided at Appendix B to the notification letter.	<p>Application, and will take on board the comments provided in relation to new and unique plot numbers.</p> <p>National Grid will provide this list as an extract of the Book of Reference, rather than submitting the entire document in a shadow version, but will ensure all plots, landowners and classes are included to ensure all relevant information is provided. Should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA, an updated Book of Reference and other supporting information will be provided at the next subsequent deadline.</p>
5	All application documents updated as a result of the proposed changes to be submitted at the same time as the Change Application.	<p>National Grid intends to provide the relevant information alongside the Change Application at Deadline 5 to allow the ExA and Interested Parties to allow a thorough, fair and reasonable examination of the proposed changes.</p> <p>National Grid proposes to provide the following updated documents (or relevant sections of) as part of the Change Application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated Lands Plan, Section B and Section D (Document 2.5.2 and to 2.5.4). Only those sheets where changes are required will be submitted, with a revised full set to follow should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA. - Updated Works Plan, Section B to E (Document 2.6.2 to 2.6.5). Only those sheets where changes occur will be submitted, with a revised full set to follow should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA, to provide for consequential utility diversion renumbering. - Updated Access Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plan, Section B (Document 2.7.2). Only those sheets where changes are required will be submitted, with a

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		<p>revised full set to follow should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated Trees and Hedgerows Potentially Affected Plan, Section B (Document 2.11.2). Only those sheets where changes are required will be submitted, with a revised full set to follow should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA. - Updated Design Drawings (Document 2.15). Only those sheets where changes are required to reflect changes to the Limits of Deviation will be submitted, with a revised full set to follow should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA. - Updated Flood Risk Assessment (Document 5.3.9D), as discussed against Advice 1 above. <p>National Grid proposes to provide the relevant information setting out proposed changes to the following documents within the Report on Proposed Changes, to be submitted with the Change Application, and therefore does not propose to provide full updated shadow documents at Deadline 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated draft DCO (Document 3.1). A summary of proposed changes will be provided, however no amendments to any Article or Requirement are required. - Updated Explanatory Memorandum (Document 3.2). A summary of changes required will be provided. - Updated Statement of Reasons (Document 4.1). A summary of changes required will be provided.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated Book of Reference (Document 4.3). As set out for Advice 4 above, the required information will be submitted with the Change Application. - Updated Construction Traffic Management Plan (Document 5.3.3F). A summary of proposed changes will be provided. - Updated Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Document 5.3.3I). A summary of proposed changes will be provided alongside the updated Trees and Hedgerows Potentially Affected Plan, Section B (Document 2.11.2) as set out above. - Updated Embedded Measures Schedule (Document 5.3.3A). A summary of proposed changes will be provided, if required. - Updated ES Addendum (Document 5.2.22). The Report on Proposed Changes will provide the environmental information required to support the Change Application. If the proposed changes are accepted by the ExA, then this information will be presented by way of an update to the ES Addendum. - Updated ES Errata (Document 5.2.19). The Report on Proposed Changes will provide the environmental information required to support the Change Application. If the proposed changes are accepted by the ExA, then an updated ES Errata will be prepared to present any relevant information. <p>National Grid does not consider the following documents are necessary at this stage in order to allow a thorough examination of the proposed changes, as they are only required to reflect a</p>

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		<p>reduction to the Order Limits associated with Proposed Change 3, but instead notes that they will require updating should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated Master Key to Section Identification Plan (Document 2.2) - Updated Land Affected Plan, Section B (Document 2.4.2) - Updated Statutory or Non-Statutory Sites or Features of Nature Conservation Plan, Section B (Document 2.8.2). Consequential change due to Order Limits amendment in Section B only so not essential for examining the proposed change. - Updated Habitats Other Diversity Features and Water Bodies Plan, Section B (Document 2.9.2). Consequential change due to Order Limits amendment in Section B only so not essential for examining the proposed change. - Updated Statutory or Non-Statutory Sites or Features of the Historic Environment Plan, Section B (Document 2.10.2). Consequential change due to Order Limits amendment in Section B only so not essential for examining the proposed change. - Updated Crown and Special Category Land Plan (Document 2.13). Consequential change due to Order Limits amendment in Section B only so not essential for examining the proposed change. - Updated Extinguishment of Easements Servitudes and Other Private Rights Plan (Document 2.14). Consequential

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		<p>change due to Order Limits amendment in Section B only so not essential for examining the proposed change.</p> <p>For those documents listed above as not essential for examining the proposed change or where the information will be contained within the Report on Proposed Changes, should the proposed changes be accepted by the ExA then at this point a full set of updated documents will be submitted to examination to replace the existing application documents.</p> <p>National Grid is further considering whether any updates are required to Traffic Regulation Order Plan, Section B (Document 2.12.2), which is dependent on whether a TRO is required to be removed in relation to Proposed Change 3. Should updates be required, National Grid proposes to submit the relevant updated sheet from this document with the Change Application.</p> <p>National Grid has further considered whether any updates are required to the Code of Construction Practice (Document 5.3.3B) and has concluded that no updates are likely to be required.</p>
6	In line with Figure 2b of AN16, the Change Application should include a statement setting out the rationale and pressing need for making each change and an update on any consents or licenses that may be required.	National Grid will set out clear rationale and pressing need for making each change within the Report on Proposed Changes. National Grid will also clarify that no changes to other consents and licences are required, and therefore Details of Other Consents and Licences (Document 7.3) does not need updating.

Appendix G Correspondence from Landowner's Land Agent regarding Change 4

From: Duncan Clarke <Duncan.Clarke@fishergerman.co.uk>
Sent: 07 July 2023 10:23
To: Baybut, Oliver
Subject: FW: Mr Watson [CJO-WorkSite.FID297901]

Hi Oliver

Re Para 1.1.5 of the change report – below is the email from the agent confirming consent was not being granted for the re-orientation of the Tadcaster CSEC

Best wishes

Duncan

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Subject: RE: Mr Watson [CJO-WorkSite.FID297901]

Hi Duncan

Apologies I have been out of the office a lot recently! I have just managed to speak to Mr Watson and he has requested that I do not provide consent to the changes.

Kind regards

Gill

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Cc: NGYorkshireGreen <NGYorkshireGreen@fishergerman.co.uk>
Subject: [Ext Msg] Mr Watson

Hi Gill

As per previous emails, National Grid really do need to know by close of play today whether Mr Watson wants them to take forward the proposal as set out in the letter of 19th June. Unless we have a positive response today National Grid will be progressing with the original proposals, and there will not be any scope for taking the alternative proposal forward at a later date.

Are you able to confirm the position so that I can update National Grid accordingly?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

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