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Dear Inspector,

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

Title: Response to the Issue Specific Hearing 4 Action Points

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

Following the Examining Authority's Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) held on Wednesday 19 July 2023, there is one action point (point 3) addressed to Natural England. Please find our answer to this in Table 1 below.

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

Yours faithfully,

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Natural England's response to the Examining Authority's Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) Action Points (AP)

Table 1: Natural England response to Examiner's ISH4 action points			
ISH4 action point (AP) ref	Question addressed to	Question	Answer
AP3	Natural England	<p>Respond to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's view in [REP4-043] that there would be the potential for bird strike at overhead lines as they cross the River Ouse to cause population effects at a designated site level in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whooper Swan as a feature of the Ouse and Nene Washes European sites; and - Pink-footed goose as a feature of The Wash and North Norfolk Coast European sites. 	<p>Natural England has assessed the development in line with our Impact Risk Zones (IRZs) for impact pathways on designated sites. Natural England does not hold evidence to support that bird populations from the Ouse Washes, Nene Washes, The Wash and North Norfolk Coast designated sites would be impacted by the proposed scheme.</p>