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1. Introduction

- 1.1.1 A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is a written statement produced as part of the application process for a Development Consent Order (DCO) and is prepared jointly between the applicant and another party. It sets out matters of agreement between both parties, as well as matters where there is not an agreement. It also details matters that are under discussion.
- 1.1.2 The aim of a SoCG is to help the Examining Authority manage the Examination Phase of a DCO application. Understanding the status of the matters at hand will allow the Examining Authority to focus their questioning and provide greater predictability for all participants in examination. A SoCG may be submitted prior to the start of or during Examination, and then updated as necessary or as requested during the Examination Phase.
- 1.1.3 This is a SoCG between National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“National Grid”) and the North Yorkshire Council (NYC). The NYC has recently formed following the merger of North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council, Harrogate Borough Council and Selby District Council. The SoCG relates to the DCO application for the Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) Project (referred to as the Project or Yorkshire GREEN). It has been prepared in accordance with the guidance¹ published by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).
- 1.1.4 This SoCG has been prepared to identify matters agreed, matters not agreed and matters currently outstanding between National Grid and NYC in term of technical and environmental matters. Political matters have not been set out in this document.
- 1.1.5 This version (V4 September 2023) of the SoCG represents the final position between National Grid and NYC at Deadline 7 on 6 September 2023. This SoCG represents the final version for submission into the Examination.

1.2 Description of the Project

National Grid’s Needs Case for the Yorkshire GREEN Project

- 1.2.1 National Grid propose to upgrade and reinforce the electricity transmission system in Yorkshire. This reinforcement is needed to improve the transfer of clean energy across the country.
- 1.2.2 Electricity flows are set to double within the next ten years as a result of offshore wind developments, other sources of clean energy and expanding interconnection capacity (high-voltage cables that connect the electricity systems of neighbouring countries) in both Scotland and north-east England. Yorkshire GREEN would contribute towards strengthening the national electricity transmission network so that it can accommodate this growth in electricity flows. Reinforcement would ensure that the network is not

¹ Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent. Available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418015/examinations_guidance-final_for_publication.pdf

overwhelmed, and that potential future pressures on the network are relieved in the north and north-east of England, whilst balancing supply and demand.

- 1.2.3 Without additional reinforcement, the existing transmission system would become overloaded. To stop these overloads from happening, National Grid Electricity System Operator would need to constrain power generation. Such action could result in significant costs to consumers.
- 1.2.4 As a result, it is necessary and economical to invest in network reinforcement in the long term, and critically to ensure that Yorkshire GREEN is designed, tested and installed in sufficient time to meet the 2027 earliest in service date. Reinforcement of the network would enable an increase in the transfer of clean energy, increasing network capacity and avoiding constraint costs.

Yorkshire GREEN Project Description

- 1.2.5 Yorkshire GREEN comprises both new infrastructure and works to existing transmission infrastructure and facilities. The Project is divided into three sections (see **Figure 1**), located within three Local Authority boundaries² :

- **Section A (Osbalwick Substation) (City of York Council):** Minor works would take place at the existing Osbalwick Substation comprising the installation of a new circuit breaker and isolator along with associated cabling, removal and replacement of one gantry and works to one existing pylon. All substation works would be within existing operational land.
- **Section B (North west of York Area) (City of York Council and North Yorkshire Council):** Works would comprise:
 - reconductoring of 2.4km of the 400kV Norton to Osbalwick (2TW/YR) overhead line and replacement of one pylon on this overhead line;
 - the new 400kV YN overhead line (2.8km), north of the proposed Overton Substation;
 - the new Shipton North and South 400kV cable sealing end compounds (CSECs) and 230m of cabling to facilitate the connection of the new YN 400kV overhead line with the existing Norton to Osbalwick YR overhead line;
 - a new substation (Overton 400kV/275kV Substation) approximately 1km south of Shipton by Beningbrough;
 - two new sections of 275kV overhead line which would connect into Overton Substation from the south (the 2.1km XC overhead line to the south-west and the 1.5km SP overhead line to the south-east);
 - works to 5km of the existing XCP Poppleton to Monk Fryston overhead line between Moor Monkton in the west and Skelton in the east comprising a mixture of decommissioning, replacement and realignment. To the south and south-east of Moor Monkton the existing overhead line would be realigned up to 230m south from the current overhead line and the closest pylon to Moor Monkton (340m south-east) would be permanently removed. A 2.35km section of this existing

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

overhead line permanently removed between the East Coast Mainline (ECML) Railway and Woodhouse Farm to the north of Overton.

- **Section C (existing 275kV Poppleton to Monk Fryston (XC) overhead line north of Tadcaster (Section D)) (North Yorkshire Council):** Works proposed to this existing 275kV overhead line include replacing existing overhead line conductors, replacement of pylon fittings, strengthening of steelwork and works to pylon foundations.
- **Section D (Tadcaster) (Leeds City Council and North Yorkshire Council):** Two new CSECs (Tadcaster East and West 275kV CSECs) and approximately 350m of cable would be installed approximately 3km south-west of Tadcaster and north-east of the A64/A659 junction where two existing overhead lines meet. One pylon on the existing 275kV Tadcaster Tee to Knaresborough (XD) overhead line would be replaced.
- **Section E (existing 275kV Poppleton to Monk Fryston (XC) overhead line south of Tadcaster (Section D)) (North Yorkshire Council):** Works proposed to this existing 275kV overhead line include replacing existing overhead line conductors, replacement of pylon fittings, strengthening of steelwork and works to pylon foundations. Work to the existing overhead line similar to those outlined for Section C would be undertaken; and
- **Section F (Monk Fryston Area) (North Yorkshire Council):** A new substation would be constructed to the east of the existing Monk Fryston Substation which is located approximately 2km south-west of the village of Monk Fryston and located off Rawfield Lane, south of the A63. A 1.45km section of the 275kV Poppleton to Monk Fryston (XC) overhead line to the west of the existing Monk Fryston Substation and south of Pollums House Farm would be realigned to connect to the proposed Monk Fryston Substation. East of the existing Monk Fryston Substation the existing 4YS 400kV Monk Fryston to Eggborough overhead line, which currently connects to the existing substation, would be reconfigured to connect to the proposed Monk Fryston Substation.

1.2.6 Temporary infrastructure would be required to facilitate the Project, including temporary overhead line diversions and temporary construction compounds.

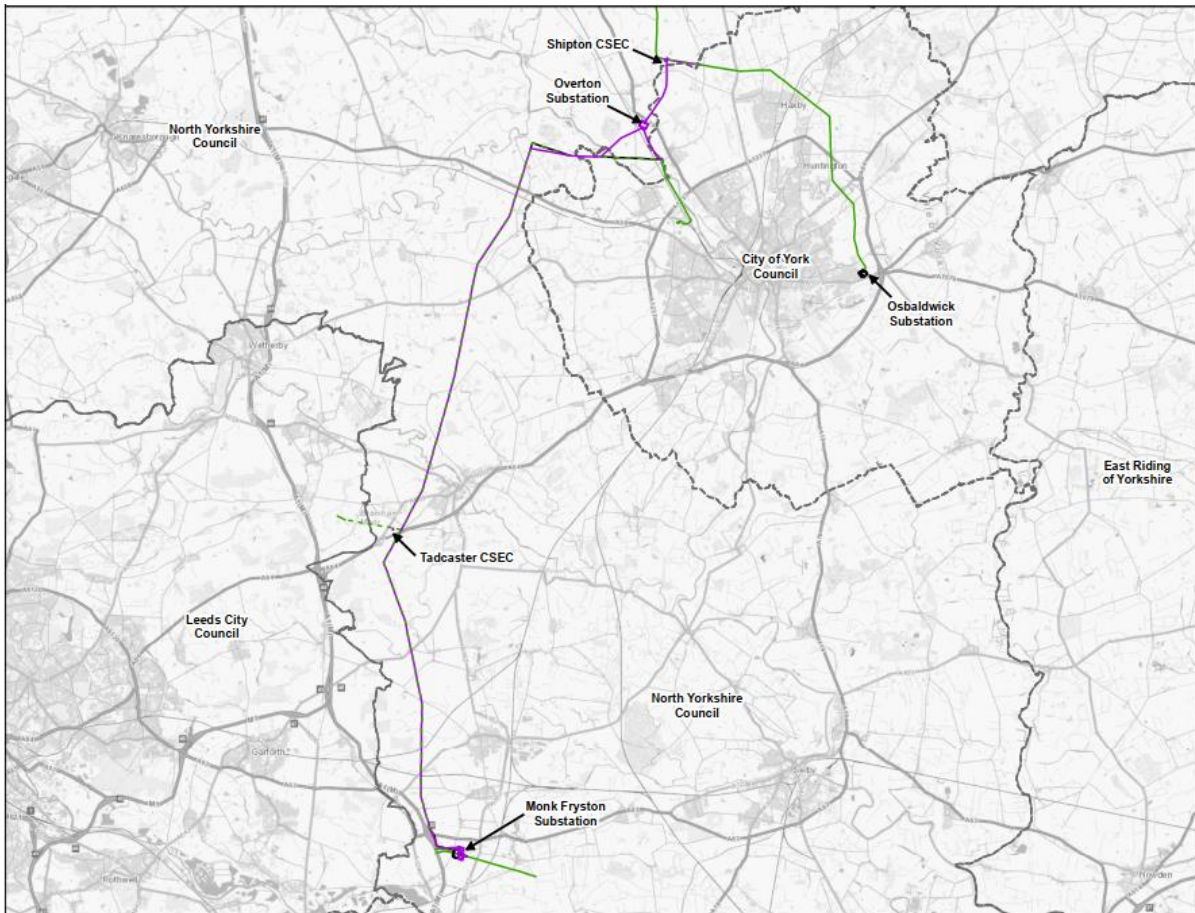


Figure 1– Location of the Yorkshire GREEN Project

1.3 This Statement of Common Ground

1.3.1 For the purpose of this SoCG, National Grid and NYC will jointly be referred to as the “Parties”.

1.3.2 Throughout the SoCG:

- Where a section begins ‘matters agreed’, this sets out matters that have been agreed between the Parties or where no issues have been raised by NYC, and therefore where there is no dispute;
- Where a section begins ‘matters not agreed’, this sets out matters that have been discussed and are not agreed between the Parties and where a dispute remains; and
- Where a section begins ‘matters outstanding’, this sets out matters that are subject to further negotiation between the Parties.

1.3.3 This SoCG is structured as follows:

- **Section 1:** Provides an introduction to this SoCG and a description of its purpose together with a broad description of the Project;
- **Section 2:** States the role of NYC in the DCO application process and details consultation undertaken between the Parties;
- **Section 3:** Sets out matters agreed between the Parties;

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

2. Record of Engagement

2.1 Role of North Yorkshire Council in the DCO process

- 2.1.1 NYC is the Local Authority for the land in which the Project is located (i.e. the Host Authority³). Pursuant to Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008, National Grid must consult each Local Authority if any part of the Project is located within the Local Authority's area. Highway Authority matters of common ground are also included in this SoCG.
- 2.1.2 Following the government consultation on reorganisation it was announced in July 2021 that North Yorkshire County Council (in its capacity as both local planning and local highway authority), Hambleton District Council, Harrogate Borough Council and Selby District Council (the Host Authorities) together with Ryedale District Council, Scarborough Borough Council, Craven District Council and Richmondshire District Council would be replaced by a new single unitary council for North Yorkshire in April 2023. Further information on this is set out in Section 3.2 of the **Planning Statement (Document 7.1) [APP-202]**.
- 2.1.3 As part of the consultation process the Applicant carried out non statutory and statutory consultation. North Yorkshire County Council, Selby District Council, Harrogate Borough Council and Hambleton District Council, the former County, District and Borough Councils which now form NYC were requested to comment on a draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) at both non statutory and statutory consultation stages. Further information on this consultation is set out in Section 4 and 5 of the **Consultation Report (Document 6.1) [APP-195]**.
- 2.1.4 As part of the ongoing engagement process, which is in addition to consultation, briefings have taken place with the Parties, to inform the Host Authorities of the design of the Project, it's evolution and, for all the Parties to identify any sensitivities or other issues which may be relevant in the design process for the Project.
- 2.1.5 On submission of the DCO, the Host Authorities were invited to participate in the examination of the Project as Interested Parties. They were asked to comment on the adequacy of the consultation carried out and prepare a Local Impact Report⁴. During the examination process, NYC may prepare written representations, and respond to written questions from the Examining Authority as well as participate in hearings.
- 2.1.6 Should a consent be granted for the Project, it will be subject to a number of DCO requirements⁵. NYC will be required to discharge these, and the Applicant and NYC would agree a process for this.

³ Host Authority – As defined by Section 43 of the Act 2008, and described in further detail in the Consultation Report at Section 6.2.

⁴ A "local impact report" is a report in writing giving details of the likely impact of the proposed development on the authority's area (or any part of that area).

⁵ Section 120 of the Act 2008 provides that a DCO may impose Requirements for development for which consent is granted. Such Requirements may correspond with conditions which could have been imposed on the grant of any permission, consent or authorisation (for example planning permission under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) which would have been required for the development if it had been consented through a different regime.

2.2 Summary of pre-application discussions

2.2.1 **Table 2.1** summarises the consultation and engagement that has taken place between the Parties prior to submission of the DCO application. This includes discussions relating to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping, Section 42 statutory consultation and additional technical engagement.

Table 2.1 – Pre-application discussions

Date	Discussion points
Planning officer meetings	
21 October 2020	Meeting #1 Introductory MSTeams meeting to identify the need for the Project and its general location with Hambleton District Council.
30 October 2020	Meeting #1 Introductory MSTeams meeting to identify the need for the Project and its general location with Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.
9 December 2020	Meeting #1 Introductory MSTeams meeting to identify the need for the Project and its general location with Selby District Council and Applicant.
16 December 2020	Meeting #1 Introductory MSTeams meeting to identify the need for the Project and its general location with North Yorkshire County Council and Applicant.
9 February 2021	Meeting #2 Pre non-statutory pre-application MSTeams meeting to update on non-statutory consultation and on Project design with Hambleton District Council and Applicant.
11 February 2021	Meeting #2 Pre non-statutory pre-application MSTeams meeting to update on non-statutory consultation and on Project design with Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.
19 February 2021	Meeting #2 Pre non-statutory pre-application MSTeams meeting to update on non-statutory consultation and on Project design with North Yorkshire County Council and Selby District Council and Applicant.
13 July 2021	Meeting #3 Pre non-statutory pre-application MSTeams meeting to update on non-statutory consultation and on Project design with Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.
14 July 2021	Meeting #3 Post non-statutory consultation update via MS Teams with North Yorkshire County Council and Selby District Council and Applicant.
19 August 2021	Meeting #3

Date	Discussion points
11 January 2022	<p>Post non-statutory consultation update via MS Teams with Hambleton District Council and Applicant.</p> <p>Meeting #4*</p> <p>Pre statutory consultation and Project design update meeting via MS Teams with Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.</p>
22 February 2022	<p>Meeting #5*</p> <p>Post statutory consultation update and Project design update with Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.</p>
05 April 2022	<p>Meeting #6*</p> <p>Update on responses received from statutory consultation and DCO process discussion with Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.</p>
17 May 2022	<p>Meeting #7*</p> <p>Update on responses received from statutory consultation and discussion on what a DCO may look like with Selby District Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.</p>
28 June 2022	<p>Meeting #8*</p> <p>Discussion on Green Belt approach, including the approach to reconductoring, substation and overhead lines, review of the Cumulative Impact Assessment list with Hambleton District Council, Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant. Agreement reached that the reconductoring works will not have greater effects on the Green Belt than the current infrastructure existing within the Green Belt. Agreement also reached that the Very Special Circumstances identified justify the development in the Green Belt. However, NYC consider that overhead lines are inappropriate development in the Green Belt.</p>
26 July 2022	<p>Meeting #9*</p> <p>Discussion on the structure of SoCG, Consultation Report, Local Impact Report, Planning Statement and Design and Access Statement, update on mitigation identified to date and confirmation of Cumulative Impact Assessment List with Hambleton District Council, Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.</p>
30 August 2022	<p>Meeting #10*</p> <p>Project design update, and identification of application documents with Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.</p>
27 September 2022	<p>Meeting #11*</p> <p>General Project update and mitigation plans update with Hambleton District Council, Selby District Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant</p>
18 October 2022	<p>Meeting #12*</p>

Date	Discussion points
	General Project update and discussion on proposed working hours with North Yorkshire County Council Hambleton District Council, Selby District Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant.
	*Other host authorities also in attendance
Non-Statutory Consultation	
11 February 2021	Email response to the draft Non Statutory SoCC from Harrogate Borough Council to Applicant.
12 February 2021	Email response to the draft Non Statutory SoCC from Selby District Council to Applicant.
15 February 2021	Email response to the draft SoCC from North Yorkshire County Council to Applicant.
15 February 2021	Email response to the draft SoCC from Hambleton District Council to Applicant.
EIA Scoping	
15 April 2021	Email scoping response received from Hambleton District Council to Applicant.
15 April 2021	Email scoping response received from Harrogate District Council to Applicant.
15 April 2021	Email scoping response received from North Yorkshire County Council and Selby District Council to Applicant.
Statutory Consultation Response (Comments on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR))	
9 December 2021	Email Statutory Consultation response from North Yorkshire County Council and Selby District Council to Applicant.
16 December 2021	Email Statutory Consultation response from North Yorkshire County Council and Selby District Council in terms of further landscape comments to Applicant.
Engagement - Landscape	
01 July 2021	MS Teams meeting for Landscape and visual impact effects with North Yorkshire County Council, Selby District Council, Harrogate Borough Council and the Applicant's environmental consultants.
21 February 2022	MS Teams meeting with North Yorkshire County Council, Selby District Council and the Applicant's environmental consultant to discuss the proposed methodology and tree canopy loss.
01 March 2022	Email from Applicant's environmental consultant to North Yorkshire County Council and NYC requesting additional feedback on viewpoints.
10 March 2022	Email from to North Yorkshire County Council agreeing with the methodology proposed for photomontages and photowires and additional comments were provided on the landscape and visual impact assessment.
19 April 2022	MS Teams meeting for Landscape and visual impact effects with North Yorkshire County Council representing Selby District Council and Harrogate Borough Council with the Applicant's environmental consultants.

Date	Discussion points
Historic environment	
01 July 2021	Call between Applicant's environmental consultant and North Yorkshire County Council regarding trial trenching.
08 July 2021	Call between the Applicant's environmental consultant and Selby District Council, no further issues identified.
14 December 2021	Call between the Applicant's environmental consultant and North Yorkshire County Council regarding evaluation of trenching at substations.
02 February 2022	Call between Applicant's environmental consultant and North Yorkshire County Council regarding geophysical surveys, trial trenching and scope of work.
02 March 2022	Call between Applicant's environmental consultant and North Yorkshire County Council regarding geophysical surveys, trial trenching and scope of work.
28 March 2022	Email from Applicant's environmental consultant to North Yorkshire County Council advising of boreholes and test pits.
01 April 2022	Email from North Yorkshire County Council to Applicant's environmental consultant advising no comments on boreholes and test pits.
25 April 2022	Email from Applicant's environmental consultant advising of Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI).
28 April 2022	Email agreement from North Yorkshire County Council to Applicant's environmental consultant advising agreement with the WSI.
01 June 2022	Email agreement for North Yorkshire County Council on WSI for Trial Trenching to Applicant's environmental consultant.
04 July 2022	Email from Applicant's environmental consultant advising of result of trial trenching.
05 July 2022	Email from North Yorkshire County Council advising no comments on trenching results.
Biodiversity	
28 March 2022	MSTeams Meeting to update on biodiversity survey results with North Yorkshire County Council representing Selby District Council, Hambleton District Council and Harrogate Borough Council and Applicant and Applicant's environmental consultant. NYC agreed with the proposed scope of the surveys, mitigation hierarchy for SINCs, and the approach to dealing with culverts.
Hydrology	
19 July 2021	Technical note issued via email by Applicant's consultant before the PEIR submission to discuss approach to EIA, Water Framework Directive (WFD) and Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) with North Yorkshire County Council Local Lead Flood Authority (LLFA).
29 July 2021	MSTeams Meeting before the PEIR submission to discuss approach to EIA, WFD and FRA with North Yorkshire County Council LLFA.

Date	Discussion points
16 June 2022	MS Teams Meeting with North Yorkshire County Council LLFA before submission of the DCO to present relevant modelling, drainage strategies, consenting requirements and approach to SoCG.
21 September 2022	Applicant's consultant issued draft versions of the Drainage Strategies for Overton and Monk Fryston Substations for review and comment by the North Yorkshire County Council LLFA prior to submission of the DCO application.
25 September 2022	Email from North Yorkshire County Council LLFA noting that they would review the draft substation drainage strategies week commencing 03/10/22
31 October 2022	Email from the Applicant's consultant asking whether the LLFA had comments on the substation drainage strategies
07 November 2022	Email from Applicant's consultant to the LLFA stating that there was no longer any time to incorporate comments into the substation drainage strategies and noting that the versions submitted for review on 21 September would be submitted in support of the DCO application.
Traffic and Transport	
5 February 2021	Meeting with North Yorkshire County Council to discuss design related issues, including bell mouth design, visibility splays, PRow diversions and abnormal load impacts. It was agreed that speed surveys should be used to inform the length of visibility splays at access junctions based on 85%tile speeds and in accordance with Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) design standards.
8 March 2022	Applicant's environmental consultant received comments via email from the North Yorkshire County Council on the road users of Overton Road and Rawcliffe Road.
11 May 2022	MSTeams Meeting to discuss assessment presented at PEIR with North Yorkshire County Council, Applicant and Applicant's environmental consultant. Agreement for traffic surveys, traffic assessment, future growth, generation, distribution and routing of HGVs.
Hard to Reach Groups	
14 June 2022	Selby District Council confirmed via a telephone call that the traveller encampment not benefiting from planning consent located next to the A1(M) junction will not be considered a noise sensitive receptor within the assessment given the unauthorised state of occupation.
05 July 2022	Telephone call between Applicant and Selby District Council regarding arranging accompanied site visit to the unauthorised traveller encampment.
12 July 2022	Email providing Selby District Council officer with information on Yorkshire GREEN in preparation for an accompanied site visit.
02 August 2022	Site meeting between National Grid, the agent acting for the owners/occupiers of the unauthorised camp and Selby District Council to explain the Project and answer queries.
03 August 2022	Email from agent acting for unauthorised camp setting out support for Yorkshire GREEN.

2.3 Summary of post-submission discussions

2.3.1 **Table 2.2** will summarise the consultation and engagement that takes place between the Parties post submission of the DCO application.

Table 2.2 – Post-submission discussions

Date	Discussion points
29 November 2022	Meeting #13 General Project update, update on proposed working hours, understanding the next stages in the DCO process and structure of the statements of common ground with Hambleton District Council, Harrogate Borough Council, Selby District Council.
06 January 2023	Email sent to NYCC with Version 1 of the Draft SoCG
02 February 2023	Meeting #14 General Project update, update on proposed working hours, understanding the next stages in the DCO process and structure of the statements of common ground with North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council, Harrogate Borough Council, Selby District Council.
08 February 2023	Email received from NYCC with comments on SoCG
15 February 2023	Email sent to NYCC clarifying approach for SoCG
23 February 2023	Email with tracked changed version of the SoCG
02 March 2023	Meeting #15 General Project update, update on the SoCG, review of the Rule 6 Letter with Harrogate Borough Council and Selby District Council.
09 March 2023	Email issuing meeting notes and requesting update on SoCG
30 March 2023	Meeting #16 General project update, Deadline 1 submission, SoCG update and PPA discussion
4 April 2023	Meeting to discuss amendments to SoCG for Deadline 1
27 April 2023	Meeting #17 General project update, review of Deadline 2 submissions, discussion on Local Impact Report content and approach for updating Statement of Common Ground.
10 May 2023	Email from NYC to National Grid with comments on the SoCG for Deadline 3.
15 May 2023	Meeting with NYC ecologist to discuss outstanding matters in the SoCG
18 May 2023	Meeting with NYC ecologist to discuss Biodiversity matters listed on the Issue Specific Hearing Agenda

18 May 2023	Meeting #18 General project update, review of Deadline 3 responses, Issue Specific Hearing discussions and update on SoCGs
18 May 2023	Email from NYC to National Grid with initial comments on the draft S106 agreement
19 May 2023	Meeting with NYC landscape officers to discuss outstanding matters
22 May 2023	Meeting with NYC noise officers to discuss outstanding matters regarding noise assessment methodology.
23 May 2023	Email from National Grid to NYC issuing an updated draft S106 agreement for comment by the LPAs
23 May 2023	Email from NYC relating to the Public Rights of Way Management Plan
7 June 2023	Meeting with NYC officers on to discuss outstanding highways matters in the SoCG
27 June 2023	Email from NYC to National Grid with comments on the draft S106 agreement and Construction Traffic Management Plan
26 July 2023	Meeting between NYC and National Grid to discuss outstanding matters in the SoCG
8 August 2023	Meeting between NYC and National Grid to discuss the finalisation of the S106 and outstanding matters in the SoCG
22 August 2023	Meeting between NYC and National Grid to discuss an approach to finalising the SoCG and outstanding matters
1 September 2023	Meeting between NYC and National Grid to discuss an approach to finalising the SoCG and outstanding matters

3. Matters Agreed

3.1.1 This section sets out the matters that have been agreed between National Grid and the NYC and **Table 3.1** details these matters.

Table 3.1 – Matters agreed

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed position	Date of Agreement
3.1 Description of the Project			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.1.1	Description of the Project	The Summary of the Proposed Development provided in Section 1.2 above reflects NYC understanding of the Project. NYC acknowledge National Grid’s description of the ‘need’ for the project but do not have the technical expertise or knowledge to query this.	Agreed on call 4th April 2023
3.2 Draft DCO, Document 3.1, Volume 3			
3.2.1	PART 3 STREETS	<p>Joint Authorities</p> <p>The items described Part 3 STREETS of the (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] accurately reflect the NYC understanding of the works proposed in each local authority.</p> <p>Highway Authority (North Yorkshire County Council)</p>	<p>The Draft DCO has been shared with the NYC at Deadline 3. The contents of the Draft DCO is now agreed subject to the detailed points set out in the matters not agreed section of this SoCG.</p> <p>Agreed for final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023</p>

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed position	Date of Agreement
		<p>The items described Part 3 STREETS of the (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] accurately reflect the highway authority's understanding of the works proposed in each local authority.</p>	
3.2.2	PART 4 SUPPLEMENTAL POWERS	<p><i>Joint Authorities</i></p> <p>The items described in PART 4 SUPPLEMENTAL POWERS of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] accurately reflect the NYC understanding of the works proposed in each local authority.</p> <p><i>Highway Authority (North Yorkshire County Council)</i></p> <p>The items described in PART 4 SUPPLEMENTAL POWERS of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] accurately reflect the highway authority's understanding of the works proposed in each local authority.</p>	<p>The Draft DCO has been shared with the NYC for comment, including the Yorkshire GREEN Meeting #10 which took place on the 30 August 2022. The wording of Part 4 of the draft DCO has not been raised as a matter for further discussion.</p>
3.2.3	PART 6 MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL	<p><i>Joint Authorities</i></p> <p>The items described in PART 6 MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(E))</p>	<p>The Draft DCO has been shared with the NYC, including the Yorkshire GREEN Meeting #10 which took place on the 30 August 2022. The wording of Part 6 of the draft DCO has not been raised as a matter</p>

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed position	Date of Agreement
		<p>[REP6-025] accurately reflect the NYC understanding of the works proposed in each local authority.</p> <p><i>Highway Authority (North Yorkshire County Council)</i></p> <p>The items described in PART 6 MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] accurately reflect the highway authority’s understanding of the works proposed in each local authority.</p>	for further discussion.
3.2.4	SCHEDULE 3 REQUIREMENTS	<p>The items described in SCHEDULE 3 of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025])) accurately reflect North Yorkshire Council’s understanding of the works proposed and the proposed wordings of the Requirements listed below are considered acceptable.</p> <p>Requirement 2: Time Limits Requirement 3: Design Drawings Requirement 4: Stages of authorised development Requirement 5: Construction Management Plans Requirement 6: Construction management plans to be approved</p>	<p>A meeting to confirm the final agreement to the draft DCO and Requirements was held on 22 August 2023.</p> <p>To respond to comments from NYC regarding Requirement 10 and the securing of the replacement planting proposals, the CoCP (Document 5.3.3B(E)) has been updated and agreed with NYC on 25 August 2023 and is submitted at Deadline 7.</p>

SoCG ID

Matter

Agreed position

Date of Agreement

Requirement 8: Landscaping and mitigation planting
Requirement 9: Implementation of landscaping and mitigation planting
Requirement 10: Retention and protection of existing trees
Requirement 11: Reinstatement schemes
Requirement 12: Contamination of land or groundwater and controlled waters
Requirement 13: Removal of temporary bridges and culverts
Requirement 14: Highway works
Requirement 15: Removal of existing overhead line
Requirement 16: Decommissioning
Requirement 17: Clearance over the River Ouse
Requirement 19: Site Specific Mitigation Scheme

Requirement 7 relating to Construction Hours is not agreed and covered in detail in Paragraph 4.2.1.
Requirement 18 relating to the approval of external colour and surface finish of permanent buildings having regard to the Design Approach to Site Specific Infrastructure is also not agreed as set out in paragraph 4.2.2

SoCG ID	Matter	Agreed position	Date of Agreement
3.2.5	Timescales pursuant to articles within the DCO	<p>National Grid confirm that the timescales specified throughout the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] pursuant to articles are agreed with NYC.</p> <p>The timescales for the discharge of Requirements are not agreed and covered in paragraph 4.2.2</p>	Agreed for final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023
Volume 5.3 Environmental Statement			
3.3 Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.3.1	ES Methodology approach adopted	<p>The NYC were supportive of the methodology set out in the LVIA PEIR with Reference to GLVIA 3 and LI TIN 06/19. The methodology used in the ES is unchanged from the PEIR (Section 6.8 of ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual, Document 5.2.6, [APP-078] and Appendix 6C: Landscape and Visual Impact Methodology [APP-110].</p>	As the methodology approach is unchanged, it is understood that the NYC are content with the ES methodology approach adopted and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.3.2	ES Baseline Description	<p>The NYC are content the landscape and visual baseline is appropriately described in Section 6.5.13 of ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual, Document 5.2.6, [APP-078].</p>	During pre-application discussions, the landscape and visual ES baseline description hasn't been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is

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			considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Landscape Mitigation</i>			
3.3.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Table 6.8, ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual, Document 5.2.6, [APP-078] .	During pre-application discussions, the landscape and visual ES Embedded Environmental Measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
3.3.4	Construction compound landscape mitigation	The NYC agree that the measures to minimise the landscape and visual effects of the construction compounds including solid 2.4m high fencing and temporary soil storage mounds (2-3m high) are appropriate.	Agreed on call 19 May 2023. National Grid note that potential additional mitigation measures comprising temporary fast-growing planting around construction compounds would not be appropriate as it would have a minimal additional benefit and would typically not be deliverable within the DCO boundary due to a lack of space and/or conflict with soil storage and existing planting.
3.3.5	Outline Landscape Mitigation Strategy proposals near substations and CSEC	The NYC agree with the location and height of the proposed earthworks and agree with the types and locations of proposed planting as illustrated in the Outline Landscape Mitigation Strategy as described in Figures 3.10-3.12B Document 5.4.3(c) [REP2-031] .	Agreed on call 19 May 2023. National Grid will continue to work with NYC to agree a detailed landscape scheme that would be discharged under Requirement 8 of the DCO. This detailed design would include a less distinct division between the woodland edge (shrub) planting on the slopes of the earthworks and woodland (tree and shrub) planting on the top of the earthworks.

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3.3.6	Outline Landscape Mitigation Strategy: Additional non-specific mitigation	<p>Additional non-specific landscape mitigation requested by NYC in response to ExA questions at ISH2 in relation to significant effects experienced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users of Public Rights of Way (National Cycle Network Route 65 and Jorvic Way long distance footpath (River Ouse to Shipton) (Major/Moderate Adverse and locally Significant or greater) • Public Rights of Way east of Shipton and near Newlands Farm (Major/Moderate Adverse and locally Significant or greater) 	<p>National Grid acknowledge there are opportunities for hedgerow management within the Order Limits at the northern end of Overton Road to offer additional screening and this is identified in the Outline Landscape Mitigation Strategy Figure 3.10 Document 5.4.3(D) [REP6-049].</p> <p>Agreed for final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023</p>
3.3.7	Draft DCO Requirements related to management of planting	<p>The NYC agree that a 5 year maintenance period for the establishment of planting as set out in Requirement 8 (2) (c) of the draft DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] is acceptable.</p>	<p>Further to the issuing of the EXA's commentary and questions on the Draft DCO Q8.0.11 regarding the replacement planting not being like for like and potentially delivering more in terms of numbers, diversity and quality, and being subject to the relevant planning authority's approval, National Grid has updated the wording in paragraph 2.3.22 of the Code of Construction Practice (Document 5.3.3B(E)) to addresses this and has issued it to NYC for agreement on 25 August 2023.</p> <p>The updated CoCP is now submitted at Deadline 7 and this point agreed.</p>

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	Draft DCO Requirements related to management of planting	The NYC agree that whilst the mitigation planting may be covered by Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and the requirement to manage for 30 years, this has yet to be determined and would be secured by a separate 106 Agreement.	Agreed on call 19 May 2023.
<i>Visualisations</i>			
3.3.9	Visualisations	The NYC agree that the submitted Type 3 visualisations in Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual Figures Document 5.4.6 [APP-167 to APP-181] and Additional Photomontages Document 8.16 [REP2-047] comply with Landscape Institute TGN 06/19 as they reflect a scheme that has not been finalised. 3.3.8	Agreed on call 19 May 2023. Whilst NYC consider it would have been preferable to have depicted all insulators and minor lattice work on the proposed pylons, it is acknowledged that this would require a more advanced infrastructure design. Notwithstanding these concerns it is agreed that the addition of the minor infrastructure details would not have the potential to alter the magnitude of change and therefore level of effect recorded in the LVIA ES Chapter (Document 5.2.6 [APP-078]).
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.3.10	Landscape and Visual Effects	The NYC agree with the Landscape and Visual Effects as summarised in Table 6.8, ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual, Document 5.2.6 [APP-078] .	During pre-application submissions, the landscape and visual ES assessment conclusions have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore they are considered agreed. National Grid's conclusions in relation to likely significant landscape and visual effects are described in Section 6.14, ES Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual, Document 5.2.6 [APP-078] . The only significant long-term (Year 15 operational phase) adverse effects, on

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			<p>landscape character would be restricted to peripheral parts of the Vale Farmland with Plantation Woodland and Heathland Regional LCA and the Huby and Shipton Vale Local LCA (Sub-Types 5b and 5c) in the North West of York Area.</p> <p>There would be significant long-term adverse effects, on residents at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hall Moor Farm Cottages; • Hall Moor Farm (South); • Overton Grange and Glenroyd Cottages; • New Farm Cottages; • dwellings on Stripe Lane; and • Pollums House Farm. <p>There would also be significant adverse effects (without enhancement planting) to views experienced by guests at the Woodstock Lodge Wedding Venue.</p> <p>The significant adverse long-term effects experienced by recreational receptors, would occur from localised sections of the following Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) and cycle routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Cycle Route 65; • ORPA near Newlands Farm; • PRoWs east of Shipton by Beningbrough and the Jorvic Way long distance footpath; and • Paulinus Way long distance footpath on Garnet Lane.

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			<p>The only significant adverse long-term effects from local transport routes would be experienced by users of localised parts of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A19; and • Corban Lane. <p>Agreed for final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023</p>
3.3.11	Visual Effects experienced by residents of the Traveller Encampment.	The NYC agree with the visual effects as set out in the Environmental Statement Addendum, Document 5.2.20 [REP1-013] .	During pre-application submissions, the landscape and visual ES Addendum conclusions have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore they are considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.

3.4 Chapter 7: Historic Environment (Volume 5)

Assessment Scope and Methodology

3.4.1	Assessment Methodology	The NYC are content that the methodology of Historic Environment assessment set out in in Section 7.4, ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7 [APP-079] is appropriate.	During pre-application discussions, the Historic Environment assessment methodology has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
3.4.2	Assessment Methodology	The NYC are content that the methodology of Historic Environment assessment set out in in Section 7.4, ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7 [APP-079] is appropriate.	During pre-application discussions, the Historic Environment assessment methodology has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.

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3.4.3	Written Scheme of Investigation	The NYC are content with the watching brief on SI work and it is appropriately described in Table 7.5, ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7 [APP-079] .	28 April 2022
3.4.4	Trench Plan	The NYC are content with the trench plan and WSI for trial trenching and it is appropriately described in Table 7.5, ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7 [APP-079] .	1 June 2022
3.4.5	Evaluation through trial trenching at the proposed substation sites of Overton and Monk Fryston	The NYC requested Geophysical survey and archaeological evaluation through trial trenching. This has been undertaken at the proposed Overton and proposed Monk Fryston Substations Table 7.5, ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7 [APP-079] .	4 July 2021
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.4.6	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the historic environment baseline is appropriately described in Section 7.5, ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7 [APP-079] .	During pre-application discussions, the historic environment baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.4.7	Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Table 10.9, ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7 [APP-079] .	During pre-application discussions, the Historic Environment Embedded Environmental Measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and

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			therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.4.8	ES Assessment of Likely Significant Effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely historic environment effects as described in Section 7.7 (ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment, Document 5.2.7) [APP-079] .	<p>During pre-application discussions, Historic Environment ES assessment of likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.</p> <p>The Local Impact Report [REP1-056] submitted at Deadline 1 further confirms that NYC are in agreement to the approach taken to the historic environment.</p>
3.5 Chapter 8: Biodiversity (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.5.1	Scope of Surveys	<p>The NYC are content with the proposed scope of surveys for the following (as discussed in the meeting 28 March 2022):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approach to biodiversity surveys where land is not accessible; • ornithological surveys; • extended Phase 1 habitat survey; • protected species surveys (otter and badger); • no requirement for great crested newt surveys due to 	28 March 2022

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		<p>employment of District Level Licensing; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no requirement for reptile, fish, tansy beetle or other invertebrate surveys. <p>(Table 8.8, ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8) [APP-080].</p>	
3.5.2	Assessment Methodology	The NYC are content with the methodology adopted in the ES in Section 8.8, ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8) [APP-080].	During pre-application discussions, ES assessment methodology proposed for Biodiversity has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
3.5.3	Protected species survey approach (where revised since PEIR/meeting on 28 March 2022)	The NYC are content with the revised methodology (Table 8.8 ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8).	15 May 2023
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.5.4	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the biodiversity baseline is appropriately described in Section 8.5, ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity, Document 5.2.8 [APP-080].	During pre-application discussions, the biodiversity ES baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.5.5	Proposals for Embedded Environmental Mitigation and compensation measures – Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy (BMS) and Code of Construction Practice (CoCP)	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 8.6 ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity Document 5.2.8 [APP-080]. These mitigation measures are included within Outline BMS,	During pre-application discussions, the Biodiversity ES embedded environmental measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.

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		Document 5.3.3D [APP-097] as secured through the CoCP, Document 5.3.3B(E) and are therefore also considered to be satisfactory to the NYC.	
3.5.6	Mitigation specific to watercourse crossings	The NYC are content with the pragmatic approach to culverts which has been utilised on the Project and the Embedded Environmental Measures to cover sensitive culvert design - the Embedded Environmental Measures are detailed within Section 8.6 of the ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity Document 5.2.8 [APP-080] .	28 March 2022
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.5.7	ES assessment of likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant biodiversity effects as described in Section 8.9 (ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity Document 5.2.8) [APP-080] .	During pre-application discussions, the biodiversity ES assessment of likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
3.6 Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.6.1	Assessment Methodology	The NYC are content with the methodology adopted in the ES in Section 9.7 and 9.8 (ES Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk, Document 5.2.9) [APP-081] .	During pre-application discussions, the hydrology and flood risk ES assessment scope and methodology have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Baseline</i>			

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3.6.2	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the hydrology and flood risk baseline is appropriately described in Section 9.5 (ES Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk, Document 5.2.9) [APP-081] .	During pre-application discussions, the Hydrology and Flood risk ES baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.6.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 9.6 (ES Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk, Document 5.2.9) [APP-081] .	During pre-application discussions, the Hydrology and Flood risk ES Embedded Environmental Measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.6.4	ES assessment of likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant hydrology and flood risk effects as described in Section 9.13 (ES Chapter 9: Hydrology and Flood Risk, Document 5.2.9) [APP-081] .	During pre-application discussions, the Hydrology and Flood risk ES assessment of likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Permitting of works in Ordinary Watercourses</i>			
3.6.5	Land Drainage Consents for works on Ordinary Watercourses	A number of temporary access watercourse crossings are required during the construction phase of the Project, which would either involve the installation of a temporary culvert or use (and potential upgrading) of existing culverts. National Grid agrees that applications would be made to North Yorkshire Council as LLFA for Land Drainage Consent under Section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991 for	16 June 2022

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		any works within top of bank of Ordinary Watercourses within their jurisdiction.	
3.7 Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.7.1	Mineral Resource Assessment	The NYC are content with the conclusions of the Minerals Resource Assessment (Document 7.10) [APP-211], which are that the Project meets the requirements of mineral safeguarding Policy S02 (Developments proposed within Safeguarded Surface Mineral Resource Areas) for built development to be acceptable in a Mineral Safeguarding Area.	26 September 2022
3.7.2	ES Scope and Assessment Methodology	The NYC are content the assessment scope and methodology for Geology and Hydrogeology is appropriately described in Section 10.4 and 10.7 (ES Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology, Document 5.2.10) [APP-082].	During pre-application discussions, the Geology and Hydrogeology ES scope and assessment methodology has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.7.3	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the Geology and Hydrogeology baseline is appropriately described in Section 10.5 (ES Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology, Document 5.2.10) [APP-082].	During pre-application discussions, the Geology and Hydrogeology ES baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			

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3.7.4	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 10.6 (ES Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology, Document 5.2.10) [APP-082] .	During pre-application discussions, the Geology and Hydrogeology ES Embedded Environmental Measures methodology have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.7.5	ES assessment of likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant Geology and Hydrogeology effects as described in Section 10.11 (ES Chapter 10: Geology and Hydrogeology, Document 5.2.10) [APP-082] .	<p>During pre-application discussions, the Geology and Hydrogeology ES assessment of likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.</p> <p>This has been further agreed through the Local Impact Report [REP1-056] submitted at Deadline 1.</p>
3.8 Chapter 11: Agriculture and Soils (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.8.1	EIA Assessment and Methodology	The NYC are content with the assessment scope and methodology for Agriculture and Soils as described in Section 11.7, ES Chapter 11: Agriculture and Soils, Document 5.2.11 [APP-083] .	During pre-application discussions, the Agriculture and Soils ES methodology approach has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.8.2	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the soils and agriculture baseline is appropriately described in Section 11.4, ES	During pre-application discussions, the Agriculture and Soils ES baseline has not been raised as a matter for further

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		Chapter 11: Agriculture and Soils, Document 5.2.11 [APP-083].	discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.8.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 11.5, ES Chapter 11: Agriculture and Soils, Document 5.2.11 [APP-083].	During pre-application discussions, the Agriculture and Soils ES Embedded Environmental Measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.8.4	ES assessment of likely significant effects	<p>The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant agricultural land effects as described in Section 11.1 (ES Chapter 11: Agriculture and Soils, Document 5.2.11) [APP-083].</p> <p>It is agreed the only significant adverse effects post construction are the total permanent loss of agricultural land of Grade 2 and Subgrade 3a quality (best and most versatile agricultural land).</p>	<p>During pre-application discussions, the Agriculture and Soils assessment of likely significant effects has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.</p> <p>This has been confirmed through the Local Impact Report [REP1-056] submitted at Deadline 1.</p>
3.9 Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.9.1	Speed Surveys	The NYC agreed that speed surveys could be used to inform visibility splays and that the 85% tile speed could be used based on Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) design guidance to inform these splays (Table 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and	5 February 2022

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		Transport, Document 5.2.12) [APP-084].	
3.9.2	Traffic Survey Data	<p>The NYC confirmed that they were content with the approach to collect traffic survey data for all locations where data in the PEIR was older than 2019 or there was a gap as a result of COVID-19 (Table 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12) [APP-084].</p> <p>Where speed/ traffic surveys were undertaken, it was agreed by the NYC that where these were available and appropriate these should be used rather than the historic DfT Traffic data. (Section 12.5.66, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12) [APP-084].</p>	11 May 2022
3.9.3	EIA Assessment and Methodology	<p>The NYC confirmed they were content with the use of the EIA assessment methodology based on Guidelines of the Environmental Assessment of Traffic (GEART) (IEA, 1993) to inform the EIA assessment (Table 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12) [APP-084].</p>	11 May 2022
3.9.4	Methodology for traffic generation and distribution	<p>The NYC confirmed that they were content with the methodology for traffic generation and distribution.</p>	11 May 2022
3.9.5	Requirement for a Transport Assessment	<p>The NYC confirmed that they agreed that there was no requirement for a Transport Assessment as set out and</p>	11 May 2022

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		agreed with PINS in the EIA Scoping Opinion (Table 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] .	
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.9.6	Growth of DfT and count data	The NYC confirmed that they were content with the growth of DfT and count data to a 2022 baseline (and future year baseline) using TEMPro Growth (Table 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] .	11 May 2022
3.9.7	Accident Data	<p>The NYC confirmed that they were content with North Yorkshire County Council accident data to be from a 5 year period back from April 2022 (Table 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12) [APP-084].</p> <p>It should be noted however that this data could not be provided by North Yorkshire County Council due to an issue with its accident data system. North Yorkshire County Council were informed that crash map data would be used as at PEIR.</p>	11 May 2022
3.9.8	TEMPro Growth Rates	The NYC are content that the TEMPro growth rates used would include traffic from the new settlement site near the A59 at Whixley (Table 12.5, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12) [APP-084] .	11 May 2022

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<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.9.9	A63 into Rawfield Lane	The NYC are content that to alleviate any potential highways safety issues regards access to Rawfield Lane for Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) routing from the west, a left in left out arrangement would be the best approach at the junction. This has been set out in the CTMP and secured via Requirement 5(2)(d). (Table 12.12, ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12) [APP-084].	11 May 2022 The new Monk Fryston sub station is to be constructed near to the existing substation. The site has direct access from the A1(m) and A63. Local widening of Rawfield Lane and its junction with the A63 will be required. Management of deliveries to site may need to be outside peak times to reduce conflict at the junction onto Rawfield Lane.
3.9.10	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	It is agreed that the Embedded Environmental Measures are appropriate to manage the likely significant effects on Traffic and Transport measures, as detailed in Section 12.6, Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12 [APP-084].	7 June 2023
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.9.11	ES likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant Traffic and Transport effects as described in Section 12.11, Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport, Document 5.2.12 [APP-084].	7 June 2023
3.10 Chapter 13: Air Quality (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			

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3.10.1	EIA Assessment and Methodology	The NYC are content with the assessment scope and methodology for air quality as described in Section 13.8, ES Chapter 13: Air Quality, Document 5.2.13 [APP-085] .	During pre-application discussions, the Air Quality assessment and methodology approach has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.10.2	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the air quality baseline is appropriately described in Section 13.5, ES Chapter 13: Air Quality, Document 5.2.13 [APP-085] .	During pre-application discussions, the Air Quality baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.10.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 13.6, ES Chapter 13: Air Quality, Document 5.2.13 [APP-085] .	During pre-application discussions, the Air Quality ES Embedded Environmental Measures has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.10.4	ES likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant air quality effects as described in Section 13.7 ES Chapter 13: Air Quality, Document 5.2.13 [APP-085] .	During pre-application discussions, the Air Quality assessment of likely significant effects has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023. This has been confirmed through the Local Impact Report [REP1-056] submitted at Deadline 1.

3.11 Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration (Volume 5)

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<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.11.1	Construction Noise Assessment	While NYC do not agree to the methodology used to carry out the construction stage noise assessment as described in Section 14.8, ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration, Document 5.2.14, Volume 5 , as noted in paragraph 4.3.1, the conclusions of no significant affects are agreed.	6 September 2023
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.11.2		The NYC are content the Noise and Vibration baseline for the construction stage is appropriately described in Section 14.5, ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration, Document 5.2.14, Volume 5	4 April 2023
<i>Assessment of likely significant effects</i>			
3.11.3	Traveller Encampment (Next to the A1 (M)) not benefiting from planning consent	North Yorkshire Council is content that the unauthorised Traveller encampment located next to the A1(M) junction would not be considered as a Noise Sensitive Receptor (NSR) within the assessment. Notwithstanding this, National Grid will consider the unauthorised Traveller encampment within the ES. (Table 14.6, ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration, Document 5.2.14) [APP-086] .	14 June 2022
3.11.4	Overhead Line Noise Assessment	NYC agrees that there are no significant effects from overhead line noise	22 May 2023

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3.11.5	Vibration assessment	NYC agrees that there are no significant vibration effects	Agreed at ISH2 25 May 2023
<i>Embedded measures</i>			
3.11.6	Noise and vibration management plan (NVMP, Document 5.3.3H) [APP-101]	NYC agrees that the measures detailed within the Noise and Vibration Management Plan, as they pertain to all matters (with the exception of reference to core working hours which is not agreed as detailed in para 5.5.1 below) are appropriate	Agreed at ISH2 25 May 2023
3.12 Chapter 15: Health and Wellbeing (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.12.1	EIA Assessment and Methodology	The NYC are content with the assessment scope and methodology for Health and Wellbeing as described in Section 15.8, ES Chapter 15: Health and Wellbeing, Document 5.2.15 [APP-087] .	During pre-application discussions, the Health and Wellbeing assessment and methodology have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.12.2	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the Health and Wellbeing baseline is appropriately described in Section 15.5, ES Chapter 15: Health and Wellbeing, Document 5.2.15 [APP-087] .	During pre-application discussions, the Health and Wellbeing baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.12.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 15.6, ES Chapter 15:	During pre-application discussions, the Health and Wellbeing Embedded Environmental Measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and

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		Health and Wellbeing, Document 5.2.15 [APP-087].	therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.12.4	ES likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant Health and Wellbeing effects as described in Section 15.9, ES Chapter 15: Health and Wellbeing, Document 5.2.15 [APP-087].	During pre-application discussions, the Health and Wellbeing ES likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
3.13 Chapter 16: Socio-Economics (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.13.1	EIA Assessment and Methodology	The NYC are content with the assessment scope and methodology for Socio-Economics described in Section 16.7, ES Chapter 16: Socio-Economics, Document 5.2.16 [APP-088].	During pre-application discussions, the Socio-Economics EIA assessment and methodology have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.13.2	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the Socio-Economics baseline is appropriately described in Section 16.4, ES Chapter 16: Socio-Economics, Document 5.2.16 [APP-088].	During pre-application discussions, the Socio-Economics baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.13.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 16.5, ES Chapter 16: Socio-Economics, Document 5.2.16 [APP-088].	During pre-application discussions, the Socio-Economics Embedded Environmental Measures have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.

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<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.13.4	ES likely significant effects	<p>The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant Socio-Economics effects as described in Section 16.8, ES Chapter 16: Socio-Economics, Document 5.2.16 [APP-088].</p> <p>It is agreed the only significant adverse effects during operation are on Woodstock Lodge Wedding Venue. An offsite landscape planting scheme, located outside the Order Limits but within the grounds of Woodstock Lodge Wedding Venue, is proposed as an additional measure to minimise effects on this receptor. This would be agreed through a voluntary agreement with the landowner.</p>	During pre-application discussions, the Socio-Economics ES assessment of likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
3.14 Chapter 17: Climate Change (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.14.1	EIA Assessment and Methodology	The NYC are content with the assessment scope and methodology for climate change as described in Section 17.8, ES Chapter 17: Climate Change, Document 5.2.17 [APP-089] .	During pre-application discussions, the Climate Change EIA assessment and methodology has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Baseline</i>			
3.14.2	ES Baseline Description	The NYC are content the climate change baseline is appropriately described in Section 17.5, ES	During pre-application discussions, the Climate Change ES baseline has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and

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		Chapter 17: Climate Change, Document 5.2.17 [APP-089].	therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Embedded Environmental Measures</i>			
3.14.3	ES Embedded Environmental Measures	The NYC agree with the Embedded Environmental Measures as described in Section 17.6, ES Chapter 17: Climate Change, Document 5.2.17 [APP-089].	During pre-application discussions, the Climate Change ES Embedded Environmental Measures has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</i>			
3.14.4	ES likely significant effects	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant climate change effects as described in Section 17.9, ES Chapter 17: Climate Change, Document 5.2.17 [APP-089].	<p>During pre-application discussions, the Climate Change ES assessment of likely significant effects have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.</p> <p>NYC will take a pragmatic approach to the Climate Change assessment. The Authority does not have the necessary resources to critically assess the work undertaken.</p>
3.15 Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects (Volume 5)			
<i>Assessment Scope and Methodology</i>			
3.15.1	Inter-project Cumulative Effects assessment methodology	The NYC are content with the inter-project Cumulative Effects assessment scope and methodology, and they are appropriately described in Section 18.4, ES Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects, Document 5.2.18 [APP-090].	During pre-application discussions, the Inter-project Cumulative Effects assessment methodology has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.

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3.15.2	Intra-project Cumulative Effects assessment methodology	The NYC are content with the intra-project Cumulative Effects assessment scope and methodology, and they are appropriately described in Section 18.5, ES Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects, Document 5.2.18 [APP-090] .	During pre-application discussions, the Intra-project Cumulative Effects assessment methodology has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
<i>Assessment of Significance</i>			
3.15.3	Significance Conclusions	The NYC agree with the conclusions in relation to likely significant Cumulative Effects as described in Section 18.9 (ES Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects, Document 5.2.18) [APP-090] .	During pre-application discussions, the Cumulative Effects significance conclusions have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
Volume 5.3 Environmental Statement Appendices			
3.16 Appendix 3B - Code of Construction Practice			
3.16.1	Code of Construction Practice	The NYC are content the Code of Construction Practice (ES Chapter 3: Code of Construction Practice, Document 5.3.3B(E)) secured in Requirement 5(2)(a) of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] appropriately reflects the mitigation required to minimise effects during construction.	No issues have been raised regarding the construction practices proposed during previous meetings and therefore it is considered the code of construction practice is agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
3.17 Appendix 3C - Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation			
3.17.1	Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation	The NYC are content the Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (ES Chapter 3: Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation, Document 5.3.3C) [APP-096] secured in Requirement	28 April 2022

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		5(2)(b) of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] appropriately reflects the mitigation required to protect archaeological assets.	
3.18 Appendix 3D - Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy			
3.18.1	Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy	The NYC are content the Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy (ES Chapter 3: Biodiversity Mitigation Strategy, Document 5.3.3D) [APP-097] secured in Requirement 5(2)(c) of the DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] appropriately reflects the mitigation required to protect biodiversity assets.	During pre-application discussions, mitigation strategy has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
3.19 Appendix 3E - Outline Soil Management Plan			
3.19.1	Outline Soil Management Plan	The NYC are content the Outline soil Management Plan (ES Chapter 3: Outline soil management plan, Document 5.3.3E) [APP-098] secured in Requirement 5(3) of the DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] appropriately reflects the mitigation required to protect soils.	During pre-application discussions, soil management plan has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
3.20 Appendix 3G - Public Rights of Way Management Plan			
3.20.1	Public Rights of Way Management Plan	The NYC are broadly content the Public Rights of Way Management Plan (ES Chapter 3: Public Rights of Way Management Plan, Document 5.3.3G (B)) [REP2-024] secured in Requirement 5(2)(e) of the DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] . It is agreed that consultation related to the specifics of the PRowMP will be	23 May 2023

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		undertaken at the appropriate time, for example once the contractors have been appointed. This is in line with the commitment to consult with Rights of Way Officers outlined in Section 3 of the PRowMP Document 5.3.3G (B)) [REP2-024].	
3.21 Appendix 3I -Arboricultural Impact Assessment			
3.21.1	Arboricultural Impact Assessment	The NYC are content the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (ES Chapter 3: Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Document 5.3.3I) [APP-101] secured in Requirement 6(g), 8(a) and 10 of the DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] appropriately reflects the mitigation required to protect arboricultural assets.	During pre-application discussions, Arboricultural Impact Assessment has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
3.22 Document 5.3.9D - Appendix 9D – Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) [APP-138]			
3.22.1	Flood risk assessment	The NYC in their capacity as LLFA are content with the findings of the flood risk assessment.	During pre-application discussions, the flood risk assessment has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
3.22.2	Surface water management	The NYC in their capacity as LLFA are content with the measures proposed for surface water management for the construction and operational phases of the project, as set out in Section 6 of the Appendix 9D Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) (Document 5.3.9D [APP-138]).	During pre-application discussions, the proposed surface water management measures for the Project have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and are therefore considered to be agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.

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Draft versions of the Drainage Strategy documents for the Overton and Monk Fryston Substations were provided to the LLFA for review prior to submission of the DCO application. No comments were received by the Applicant, so it is considered that the principles of these drainage strategies are agreed.

It is noted that under DCO Requirement 6.(1)(b) a Drainage Management Plan (DMP) which will provide details of surface water management for the construction phase of the Project for approval by the relevant planning authority prior to commencement of works.

Provision is made under DCO Requirement 6.(4) for the relevant planning authority to consult with the relevant drainage authority in approving details of surface water and foul drainage systems. For those areas of North Yorkshire outside of Internal Drainage Board districts, the relevant drainage authority for surface water would be North Yorkshire County Council in its capacity as LLFA.

3.22.3

Surface water management for permanent infrastructure

The NYC in their capacity as LLFA are content with the measures proposed for management of flood risk and drainage during the construction phase of the project.

During pre-application discussions, the proposed surface water management measures for the Project have not been raised as a matter for further discussion and are therefore considered to be agreed in

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			this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
3.23 Appendix 3F - Construction Traffic Management Plan			
3.23.1	Construction Traffic Management Plan	NYC have confirmed that the content of the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F(D)) is acceptable.	National Grid undertook a workshop with NYC on 7 June 2023 to work through the content of the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F(D)) . Comments have subsequently been received from NYC which do not raise any further concern with the content of the CTMP subject to the objection to the use of Butts Lane noted as a matter not agreed and detailed in paragraph 4.5.1.

Volume 7: Other Documents

3.23 Volume 7.1, Planning Statement

Development plan documents

3.23.1	Development plan documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The adopted development plans for the NYC comprise the following: North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Joint Plan (NYMWJP) February 2022; Hambleton Local Plan (Adopted February 2022); Harrogate District Local Plan (Adopted December 2020); 	<p>The Local Impact Report [REP1-056] submitted at Deadline 1 on 5 April 2023 confirms that these documents are agreed as the adopted and emerging Local Plans relevant to NYC.</p> <p>The correct list of policies was included in the Local Impact Report [REP1-056] and in the response to the Written Questions from the ExA to NYC. Side by side comparison will show that these differ from the list provided by National Grid in the Planning Statement (Document 7.1) [APP-202].</p>
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- Selby District Local Plan (Saved Policies) (2005) 2005; and
- Selby District Core Strategy Local Plan (2013).

There is only one emerging development plan for consideration:

- Selby District New Local Plan (Preferred Options) 2021.

Key policies of relevance have been identified in the submitted **Planning Statement (Document 7.1) [APP-202]**.

3.23.2	Design and Access Statement	The NYC are content that the Design and Access Statement (DAS) demonstrates how National Grid has taken into account the criteria for good design contained within NPS EN-1 and EN-5 and explains the ways in which the design of the Project has evolved.	During pre-application discussions, Design and Access Statement has not been raised as a matter for further discussion and therefore it is considered agreed in this final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023.
3.23.3	Details of Other Consents and Licences	The NYC agree that the Details of Other Consents and Licences (Document 7.3) [APP-204] clearly identifies the consents and licences, in addition to the DCO, which are expected to be necessary to the Project and confirms how these consents will be obtained.	The principles of these documents were discussed with the NYC from the outset of the Project and were available for the PEIR. On this basis the NYC are in agreement with their content. Agreed for final SoCG issued to NYC on 25 August 2023
3.23.4	Updated Need Case, Strategic Proposal Reports and Corridor and Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study	The NYC acknowledge the Applicants Needs Case (Document 7.4) [APP-205] and the project development process, including the Strategic	Agreed on call 4 April 2023

		<p>Proposal Report 2019 and 2020 (Document 7.5 [APP-206] & 7.6 [APP-207]) and the 2021 addendum (Document 7.7 [APP-208]) and the Corridor and Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study ('the CPRSS'), (Document 7.8 [APP-209]) but do not have the technical expertise or knowledge to query this.</p>	
3.23.5	<p>Consultation Report, Consultation Report Appendices and Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)</p>	<p>The NYC agree that they were given the opportunity to comment on the draft SoCC and their suggestions were included in the final SoCC (see Consultation Report (Document 6.1) and Consultation Report Appendices (Document 6.2) including the Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') (Appendix B4, Document 6.2) [APP-195])</p>	<p>The principles of these documents were discussed with the NYC from the outset of the Project and were available for the PEIR. The NYC confirmed at meeting #13 held on 29 November 2022 that they agreed that the approach to consultation had been discussed and agreed with the NYC.</p> <p>On this basis the NYC are in agreement with their content.</p>

3.24 Document 7.9 Biodiversity Net Gain Report [APP-210]

3.24.1	BNG	<p>In its consultation responses (9 December 2021) and subsequent meeting (28 March 2022), the NYC welcomed the Project commitment to deliver 10% BNG.</p> <p>In terms of DCO submission, the initial BNG report (Document 7.9 [APP-210]) is based on a number of precautionary assumptions, which provides a reasonable worst-case indication of the deficit in biodiversity units resulting from the Project (which is likely to overstate losses as a</p>	15 May 2023
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precaution) and the amount and type of on and off-site habitat creation required to achieve BNG.

National Grid will then undertake further BNG assessment at different stages through the project lifecycle updating the BNG report metric calculation with final baseline data and results of the Strategic Significance assessment. These updated reports will be produced post-consent at detailed design stage (including the BNG management and monitoring plan), and after construction (based on as-built information) to refine and finalise the assessment as further information becomes available.

In a subsequent meeting (**15 May 2023**), the NYC confirmed its agreement with the approach to BNG in terms of the following:

- Provision of adequate information at application stage (in view of land access constraints and lack of detailed design pre-consent), and agreement with the proposed production of updated BNG reports post-consent.
- National Grid's approach to identifying suitable locations for delivery of meaningful BNG which in order of priority would be: 1) habitat creation/enhancement within the Order Limits with agreement with third party landowner/managers; 2) agreements with/contributions to local stakeholder

schemes outside the Order Limits but within the relevant LPA where possible (or Project-wide where more favourable outcomes for biodiversity would be achieved by delivering BNG at a site outside the relevant LPA); and 3) inputs to strategic biodiversity offsite schemes through purchase of biodiversity units.

- Avoiding loss of irreplaceable habitats
- Adherence to the Mitigation hierarchy, especially to avoid and minimise habitat clearance (especially for priority habitats)
- Achieving a minimum 10% increase in area-based units, in linear units and in river units in ways that meet the Biodiversity Metric V3.1 trading rules.

The final S106 agreement to secure this is signed and submitted at Deadline 7 (**Document 8.22(B)**).

4. Matters Not Agreed

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

Table 4.1 – Matters not agreed

SoCG ID	Matter	North Yorkshire Council position	National Grid position
Volume 7: Other Documents			
4.1 Planning Statement			
4.1.1	Overhead lines in the Green Belt	NYC’s view regarding the Green Belt considerations are set out in the Green Belt Position Statement (Document 8.34.2) submitted at Deadline 7.	A Green Belt Position Statement (Document 8.34.2) has been prepared and is submitted at Deadline 7 which provides a detailed commentary on National Grid’s position on Green Belt matters adjacent to the considerations of NYC and City of York Council as the Local Planning Authorities where Green Belt considerations of the project are relevant.
Volume 3: Draft Development Consent Order			
4.2 Draft DCO, Document 3.1, Volume 3			
4.2.1	SCHEDULE 3 REQUIREMENTS	Following discussions throughout the examination, NYC remain not agreed to Requirement 7 relating to the proposed construction hours. NYC’s position and reasoning for this is set out in the Working Hours Position Statement submitted at Deadline 7.	The proposed construction hours for the Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement Project are set out in Schedule 3 Requirement 7 paragraphs 1 to 3 of the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] . National Grid’s position and reasoning for these proposed hours is set out

			in the Working Hours Position Statement (Document 8.34.1) submitted at Deadline 7.
4.2.2	SCHEDULE 3 REQUIREMENTS	Following discussions throughout the examination, NYC disagree with Requirements 18 as set out in at Deadline 4 [REP4-041] which raises concerns with the approval of fencing colour. NYC acknowledge the position put forward by National Grid as discussed at a meeting on 1st September 2023 and as set out in Table 22.8 in Document 8.24 Applicants Comments on Interested Parties Deadline 4 Submission [REP5-082] and Table 2.17 in Document 8.25.1 Applicants Response to Examining Authority's Second Written Questions (ExQ2) [REP5-083]	National Grid's position is set out in Table 22.8 in Document 8.24 Applicants Comments on Interested Parties Deadline 4 Submission [REP5-082] and Table 2.17 in Document 8.25.1 Applicants Response to Examining Authority's Second Written Questions (ExQ2) [REP5-083] .
4.2.3	SCHEDULE 4 DISCHARGE OF REQUIREMENTS	As set out in NYC's Local Impact Report [REP1-056] and subsequent responses to written questions [including REP5-117], NYC would like to see the following changes to the timescales proposed in Schedule 4 of the Draft DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] : a) Article 1(1) – change 35 days to 8 weeks. b) Article 1(3) – change 7 business days to 21 working days. c) Article 1(4) – change 3 working days to 5 working days. d) Article 1(5) – Request removal. e) Article 2(b) – change 35 days to 8 weeks and add in, unless a longer period of time for determination has been agreed with the undertaker in accordance with (1)(1)(c). As detailed in the written response to question 5.4.1 [REP5-117] the Service Level Agreement	Timescales pursuant to articles are agreed with NYC as noted in paragraph 3.2.5. In terms of timescales specified for the discharge of requirements, these timescales are not agreed. The draft Development Consent Order (DCO) (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025] proposes a formal determination period for the discharge of requirements of 5 weeks by the relevant planning authority. As detailed in the written response to question 5.5.1 (Document 8.9.1) [REP2-038] , the durations proposed reflect the urgent need for the Project to be operational by 2027 in order to enable the connection of customers; ensure the connection of renewable generation without incurring significant constraint costs; facilitate net zero; and meet National Grid's transmission licence obligations, as set out in

(SLA) provisions within the draft s106 agreement would not address NYC's concerns in relation to the timescale for Discharge of Requirements specified in Schedule 4 of the draft DCO.

The SLA commits to monthly meetings between the Parties taking place and for the Applicant to reimburse the Council reasonable costs incurred by these. However, the SLA does not commit to the National Grid having to submit Draft Submissions for Discharge in Principle prior to an application for the Discharge of Requirement pursuant to Schedule 4 of the draft DCO being submitted. Nor does it commit to the information being Discharged in Principle needing to be substantively the same as that submitted as part of an application for the Discharge of Requirement pursuant to Schedule 4 of the draft DCO.

Therefore, NYC could receive an application to discharge a requirement without seeing or commenting on a draft submission, or the information should be substantially different to that submitted with a draft submission.

Therefore, NYC would maintain that they would like to see the changes to the timescales proposed in Schedule 4 of the draft DCO, as highlighted above.

NYC would like to make clear that they can see the benefits discussions and engagements relating to the discharge of requirements prior to a

the Updated Needs Case (**Document 7.4**) [**APP-205**].

As detailed in the written response to question 5.5.1 (**Document 8.9.1**) [**REP2-038**], to ensure the durations proposed in the Draft DCO are achievable, a signed S106 agreement (**Document 8.22(B)**) has been shared with the Local Planning Authorities which secures a Service Level Agreement that would provide a mechanism for National Grid to engage with the local planning authorities agree timescales for the discharge of DCO requirements and other consents required pursuant to the DCO Articles. A programme of a 6 week pre-application process which would be fully funded by National Grid has been proposed to the Local Authorities relating to the discharge of requirements.

The draft SLA documents have been shared with all LPAs on 20 July 2023 and discussed with NYC in a meeting on 26 July 2023 however no substantive comments on the content of the SLA document have been received from NYC.

The proposal for a pre-application process is based on National Grid's previous DCO experience, where pre-application submissions have been a fundamental part of achieving swift full application approvals. Previous experience has demonstrated that a high-quality, detailed pre-application submission has allowed the LPAs to provide

formal submission being made to discharge a requirement and do encourage this. However, if a shorter period is being proposed for the formal discharge of requirement stage, NYC would like to have certainty that draft submissions would be submitted for each requirement; that NYC would have at least 8 weeks to review and comment on the draft submission; that discharge in principle has to be agreed prior to a formal submission; and that the final submission would be made on the same terms. Otherwise, NYC could potentially be put in a position of having to review new information not previously seen within the shorter time periods, which NYC do not consider appropriate given the nature and level of information to be submitted at the discharge of requirement stage on such a large project.

As NYC have advised National Grid, while longer time periods are being sought for Schedule 4 of the draft DCO, where there has been discussions and engagement prior to the formal submission, this should speed up the process of considering the formal submission, and NYC would issue a decision in advance of the proposed 8 week date where they were able to do so. NYC are merely seeking to safeguard their position in the event that draft submission is not submitted; or the information at the formal discharge stage is not substantially the same as at the draft submission stage, given the SLA does not secure these points and NYC consider it would be difficult for the SLA to do so.

NYC consider the changes to the timescales proposed in Schedule 4 of the draft DCO,

full and detailed comments, meaning these can be reflected in the full-application submission. This reduces the risk of requests for additional information and associated delays and enabled discharge of requirements within the timeframes of the DCO over a period of 35 days as matters are resolved in advance of formal submission.

National Grid consider that a total of 11 weeks (6 weeks for pre-application, followed by 5 weeks for full-application) is a realistic and reasonable timescale, reflecting both the urgent need to ensure the Project is delivered promptly (set out in the **Updated Need Case (Document 7.4) [APP-205]**), and the time needed for LPAs to review the necessary information. In addition, the submission of a Stage Plan required under Requirement 4 of the **draft DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025]**, as well as monthly update meetings agreed and funded via the SLA, would provide the LPAs significant notice prior to receiving DoR applications. National Grid have agreed that should the LPAs require external resource to manage/process DoR applications, funding under the SLA can be used in this way. NYC have stated that they do not propose to procure a third party to assist in this way.

This process has been agreed by Leeds City Council and City of York Council however remains an area of disagreement with the Selby arm of NYC. Despite this being a point of disagreement, National Grid seek to

highlighted above, are reasonable and proportionate to the nature and level of the information to be submitted and reviewed, and are consistent with timescales contained within a number of other DCO's.

continue engagement with NYC on this matter.

A discussion was held on 22 August between NYC and National Grid where NYC identified some concerns being:

- A risk that a pre-application request would not be submitted. National Grid are able to commit, through the SLA, that a pre-application submission would be made unless agreed with all LPAs that one is not necessary.
- A risk of information varying between a pre-application submission sign off and a formal discharge of requirements submission. National Grid has committed to providing a full, detailed pre-application submission and ensured that the draft DCO includes a mechanism to allow the LPAs to stop the discharge timescales where further information is requested. This is secured in Schedule 4 Paragraph 1 (B) of the Draft DCO **(Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025]**. Paragraph 1(c) of Schedule 4 of the Draft DCO also provides for an extension of the timeframe if required to be agreed in writing between the LPA and National Grid.

- A lack of resource. National Grid have committed to fully funding the pre-application process and have suggested the use of external consultants to provide additional resources and manage the process. This process has worked successfully on other projects including across multiple LPAs.
- Time required to obtain input from external consultees. National Grid would note that only some of the Requirements would require external consultation and the monthly project meetings would provide ample forewarning of an intended submission to allow resource and a response procedure to be put in place.

4.3 Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration

4.3.1	Noise and Vibration Assessment	NYC do not agree with the Overhead Line noise assessment methodology and do not agree with the application of Annex E ABC categories to determine significance for the construction noise assessment. The conclusions of the assessment however have been agreed between the parties as noted in paragraph 3.11.6.	National Grid have provided a full response to this matter explaining why it disagrees with NYC in paragraph 8.0.4 of Document 8.33 Applicant's Responses to the Examining Authority's commentary on, or proposed schedule of changes to, the draft Development Consent Order.
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4.4 Appendix 3H - Noise and Vibration Management Plan

4.4.1	Noise and Vibration	NYC do not agree with the inclusion of weekend or bank holiday core hours within the Noise and Vibration Management Plan (ES Chapter 3:	National Grid have provided a full response to this matter explaining why it disagrees with NYC in paragraph 8.0.7 of Document 8.33
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Management Plan and Draft DCO		Noise and Vibration Management Plan, Document 5.3.3H) [APP-101] secured in Requirement 5(2)(f) of the draft DCO (Document 3.1(E)) [REP6-025].	Applicant's Responses to the Examining Authority's commentary on, or proposed schedule of changes to, the draft Development Consent Order.
			Notwithstanding this, a Working hours Position Statement (Document 8.34.1) has been submitted at Deadline 7 which details National Grid's and NYC's position on the construction stage working hours.
4.5 Appendix 3F - Construction Traffic Management Plan			
4.5.1	Access Route via Lumby	As per the highways meeting 7 June 2023 NYC's position remains that they do not recommend the use of the Butts Lane, Lumby route which is currently outlined in the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] as a construction traffic route to AP8.	National Grid have provided a full response to this matter paragraph 8.0.2 of Document 8.33 Applicant's Responses to the Examining Authority's commentary on, or proposed schedule of changes to, the draft Development Consent Order.

5. Matters outstanding

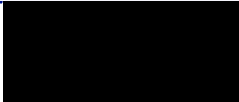
5.1.1 Section 5 sets out matters where agreement is currently outstanding between National Grid and North Yorkshire Council. In particular **Table 5.1** details these matters.

Table 5.1 – Matters outstanding

SoCG ID	Matter	North Yorkshire Council position	National Grid position
No matters remain outstanding			

6. Approvals

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Appendix – Highways Approval Note to the ExA: National Grid Response

Comments received from North Yorkshire Council Highway Authority, and National Grid's response

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<p>The North Yorkshire Council as Local Highway Authority wishes to state that the applicant shall without fail consult and seek approval for all work within the highway boundary and or close to it. This consultation must be undertaken in a reasonable time and no later than 28 days before planned implement of any work and must allow the authority to post street work permits as guided by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 to inform the travelling public of planned work on the highway.</p>	<p>National Grid confirms that it will engage with the Local Highway Authority (LHA) prior to any works within the highway taking place. This is required through the draft Development Consent Order in relevant requirements and articles, as detailed in the table below.</p> <p>The DCO does not change/ impact how the LHA would notify the public of works taking place.</p>										
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			<p>informed of planned work on the highway.</p> <p>Also covered by relevant provisions of the CTMP, detailed below this table.</p>	
		2	<p>List of activities that can be undertaken to any street whether or not within the OLS</p>	<p>Requires consent from the street authority, referred to within paragraph (2)</p>
	Article 13- Alter layout	1	<p>Undertake works detailed within Schedule 7</p>	<p>For accesses, details must be submitted to and approved by the Highway Authority under Requirement 14(1)</p>
		2	<p>Alter layout of street, or carry out works, to any street within or adjacent to OLS</p>	<p>Requires consent from the street authority under paragraph (2)</p>
	Article 14- Temp stopping up	1	<p>Temporarily stop up, alter or divert street, cycle track or PRoW shown on the access, rights of way and public rights of navigation plans, or within the OLS</p>	<p>Requires consultation with the Highway Authority for those streets listed in Schedule 8 under paragraph (5)(a). For all others, consent must be obtained from the Highway Authority under paragraph (5)(b).</p>

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	Article 16- Access to works	1(a)	Form and lay out means of access set out in Schedule 9	Covered by Requirement 14(1)- details must be submitted to and approved by the Highway Authority
		1(b)	Form and layout out of means of access anywhere within the OLS	Requires consultation to take place and consent to be obtained from Highway Authority under paragraph (1)(b)
	Article 45- Traffic regulation	1	TRO in schedule 14	Requires consent of (paragraph (1)), notification to (paragraph (3)(a)) and consultation with (paragraph (6)) Traffic Authority
		2	TRO in any other location	Requires consent of (paragraph (1)), notification to (paragraph (3)(a)) and consultation with (paragraph (6)) Traffic Authority. Note that National Grid is also required to advertise the TRO as specified by the street authority (paragraph (3)(b)).
	Req 14- Highway works		Construction or alter new or existing means of access- relates to all locations	Requires details to be submitted to and approved by the Highway Authority under Requirement 14(1). Note that National Grid is also required to advertise the

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			TRO as specified by the street authority (paragraph (3)(b)).
	<p>Further, the Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] requires the following engagement (our emphasis):</p> <p><i>“7.1.2 National Grid would implement a number of the mitigation measures as set out below, but <u>discussion with NH, CYC, NCC and LCC will be undertaken to inform consideration of detailed traffic management</u> and to <u>allow for implementation of traffic management works that are required to be scheduled around other ongoing works in the highway.</u>”</i></p> <p>and</p> <p><i>“7.2.4. <u>All temporary traffic management implementation plans would need to be agreed with NH, CYC, NCC and LCC (location dependant)</u>, and will be applied in accordance with guidance and procedures set out within Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 19845 (as necessary).</i></p> <p><i>7.2.5 Site specific temporary traffic management arrangements will be produced at the detailed design stage for the bellmouths and temporary traffic management arrangements as required. <u>The detailed plans and temporary traffic management implementation dates will be agreed with the relevant highway authority.</u>”</i></p> <p>The CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] is secured by Requirement 5 of the dDCO (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005].</p>		

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	<p>In addition to the above, the Local Highway Authority will receive further notice of anticipated works and timings through the following mechanisms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing monthly update calls between National Grid and the Local Planning Authorities, during which the timings of works, including the submission of relevant applications will be discussed. • Monthly meetings between National Grid's Transport Officer and the Local Highway Authority. • The Stage Plan, submitted under Requirement 4 of the Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005]. This is required prior to any development commencing and will provide an overview of when each stage of the development is expected to commence. This will be updated and resubmitted as required. <p>As prescribed through the dDCO (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005], the Local Highway Authority would have 28 days to respond to applications (35 days for those submitted under Requirement 14). In addition to the prescribed timescales, National Grid is proposing a two-week engagement period for applications submitted under articles, and six weeks pre-application consultation for those submitted under Requirements.</p> <p>National Grid is proposing to reimburse the Local Highway Authorities time through a Service Level Agreement (SLA), and this could include external consultants undertaking work on behalf of the Council, if resourcing is a constraint.</p>
<p>Article 14 – Temporary stopping Up – Specifically is 'temporary stopping up' the correct term to be used in this case? Should this be temporary closure</p>	<p>Whilst it is agreed that in law there is no concept of 'temporary stopping up', and that 'temporary closures' and 'temporary diversions' are distinguished from 'permanent stopping up', the Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005] has used the precedent form of wording that has been used in many previously made DCOs.</p>

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<p>Construction Traffic management Plan</p> <p>Main issue for the authority is the need to consultant at each stage. Access points may need individual consultation for unknown reasons so the developer needs to understand this and work with the authority . The document has outlined the important stages within the construction phase and it is worth repeating : -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed accesses 2. Abnormal Loads 3. HGV & LV Routeling Strategy 4. Over head Crossings 5. Traffic Management 6. Mitigation Strategies 7. Management of CTMP and enforcement 	<p>Please see the above table relating to engagement, in particular Requirement 14, which states that no means of access can be constructed or altered prior to written details of the design and layout being submitted to and approved by the highway authority. Requirement 14 of the Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005] is reproduced below for ease of reference:</p> <p><i>“(1) No work to construct or temporarily alter any new or existing means of access to a highway to be used by vehicular traffic may commence until written details of the design and layout of that means of access has been submitted to and approved by the relevant highway authority.</i></p> <p><i>(2) The highway accesses must be constructed in accordance with the details approved under paragraph (1) unless otherwise agrees in writing with the relevant highway authority.”</i></p> <p>For items (1) to (7), these have been responded to in the separate rows below.</p>
<p>Proposed Access</p> <p>The authority requests they are consulted on each access and wish to do this as efficiently as possible perhaps by looking at clusters of sites with on site discussions. Each access will need to follow an implementation plan using guidance</p>	<p>Please see the above table, which sets out the engagement process for each type of application. As detailed within the Construction Traffic Management Plan (section 3.5.1) (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099], accesses are compliant the DMRB. Details of accesses are also required to be approved by the highway authority under Requirement 14 of the Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005] which states:</p> <p><i>“(1) No work to construct or temporarily alter any new or existing means of access to a highway to be used by vehicular traffic may commence until written details of the design</i></p>

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<p>either within the DMRB or the Councils design standards.</p>	<p><i>and layout of that means of access has been submitted to and approved by the relevant highway authority.</i></p> <p><i>(2) The highway accesses must be constructed in accordance with the details approved under paragraph (1) unless otherwise agrees in writing with the relevant highway authority.”</i></p>
<p>Abnormal loads the LHA will need to be consulted on the proposed route and any mitigation measures the developer is to take. Traffic management of each site will need to be established.</p>	<p>The AIL movements are required to be submitted into the Electronic Service Delivery for Abnormal Loads, which is the process under which the relevant authorities are consulted. Therefore, North Yorkshire Council will be consulted through this process.</p> <p>This is specified at paragraph 3.6.3 of the Construction Traffic Management Plan (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] which states:</p> <p><i>“The National Highways Electronic Service Delivery for Abnormal Loads (ESDAL) system will be used to notify National Highways, the local highway authorities and the Police of AIL movement details, times, types and route. The ESDAL system will be used to notify the aforementioned authorities prior to the departure of each AIL. Leaflet drops will be undertaken at key sections along the AIL delivery routes to inform local residents.”</i></p> <p>The CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] is secured by Requirement 5 of the Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005].</p>
<p>Routing HGVs are the more demanding form of vehicle and several of the roads included are narrow and of unknown construction and in some cases may fail due to the weight of vehicles.</p>	<p>As outlined in Section 4.5 of the Construction Traffic Management Plan (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099], the HGV access strategy assessed potential routing options on the local road network in terms of a wide range of constraints to select the most appropriate highway links. As stated in paragraph 4.5.2 of the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] this included potential constraints such as: weight restrictions and road layouts.</p>

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<p>Each route will need a survey being mindful that other large vehicles may use the route as well.</p>	<p>The committed highway condition surveys will assess the existing quality of the access routes, before, during and after construction and mitigation will be agreed post-works to return the local road network to a position of nil detriment. National Grid consider these highway condition surveys to be covered within paragraphs 7.3.10 to 7.3.11 of the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] and thus secured by Requirement 5 of the Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005].</p> <p>Paragraphs 7.3.10 and 7.3.11 of the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] state:</p> <p><i>“Highway condition surveys</i> <i>7.3.10 Highway condition surveys of access points would be undertaken before construction, at intervals during the construction programme and following final use, to ensure that the surface of the highway remains in good repair and highway safety is maintained. The condition survey inspections would also enable any repairs to be made in a timely manner throughout the construction period.</i></p> <p><i>7.3.11 At the end of the construction period, the accesses and crossing points shall be inspected and a programme of works to restore them to the condition they were in before the construction period began would be agreed with the relevant local and strategic highway authority.”</i></p>
<p>Over head crossing The Authority wishes to state that this type of work is hazardous and could present a risk to the public. Therefore the LHA asked that National Grid undertakes risk assessmentsof each operation</p>	<p>All scaffold crossings proposed across any road will be designed to the relevant standards and will take into consideration climatic conditions and safety requirements in the design. Under the Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] the contractor is required to undertake risk assessments for the traffic management measures as set out at paragraph 8.2.2 (our emphasis):</p>

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<p>within the highway. Often the large maxtric's either side of the road can be disturbed by the weather hot/cold/windy or indeed hit by vehicles so care will need to be taken by developer.</p>	<p><u>“Risk Assessment Method Statement (RAMS) procedures</u> – <i>The contractor, through the TCO, will implement the CTMP, adhere to the requirements and meet the goals through management practices. This will include site inductions for contractors, briefing on the obligations of the National Grid standards, induction and <u>adherence to RAMS procedures</u>, DMS briefing, driver inductions and compliance guidance.”</i></p> <p>Table 6.1 of the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] details all crossing locations, the crossing method for each location and the relevant highway authority. This shows that for all locations scaffold and netting will be used, save for Stripe Lane where stop/go boards will be used if required. As the CTMP [APP-099] explains at paragraph 6.22:</p> <p><i>“It is proposed that all crossings would be undertaken using scaffolding and protected crossings of the road. This construction method prevents the disturbance of the road during the crossing installation. This removes the need for shuttle working and road closures during the main construction works. At all these locations traffic management by way of a short rolling road block will be needed to install the netting in these scaffolding locations. <u>This will be sought by means of traffic regulation order (TRO) under the DCO (as will all other required traffic management where works are directly off, or on the public highway).....”</u></i></p> <p>The CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] is secured by Requirement 5 of the Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005].</p> <p>The power to make TROs is included in Article 45 of the dDCO (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005], with the detail of the proposed TROs set out in Schedule 14 of the dDCO. As previously explained, the power to make TROs under Article 45 of the dDCO, is subject to the traffic authority's consent. National Grid is also required to consult the traffic authority</p>

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	<p>on the proposed TRO, and following that consultation, to provide at least 28 days' advance notification to the traffic authority of National Grid's intention to exercise the power. National Grid must also advertise the intention to exercise the power as specified by the traffic authority.</p> <p>In addition to the above, the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] makes clear at paragraph 7.2.4 that (our emphasis):</p> <p><i><u>“7.2.4. All temporary traffic management implementation plans would need to be agreed with NH, CYC, NCC and LCC (location dependant), and will be applied in accordance with guidance and procedures set out within Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 19845 (as necessary).”</u></i></p> <p>As set out above, the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] is secured by Requirement 5 of the dDCO (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005].</p>
<p>Traffic Management Planning of works in the highway will need Street works approval and at this stage the Traffic management proposals will be examined by the street works authority.</p>	<p>In summary, certain provisions of the NRSWA 1991 are applied by the Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005]. In particular, National Grid would be required to give advance notice of certain works (section 54), give notice of the starting date of works (section 55), would be bound by the street authority's general duty to co-ordinate works (section 59), and bound by the general duty of undertakers to co-operate (section 60). Although, the street authority would not be able to give directions to the timing of street works (section 56), the timing of street works is secured under paragraph 7.1.2 and 7.2.5 of the Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] as set out further below.</p> <p>The street works which are included in Schedule 6 do not require further approval from the street authority, because the details of those works have already been provided to the street authority and would be approved by the Secretary of State in granting the DCO.</p>

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	<p>However, street works which are not listed in Schedule 6 do require prior approval from a street authority, for which there is a 28-day determination period, and deemed approval in the event that the street authority fails to notify its decision within this time period. The dDCO (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005] states that the street authority's approval cannot be unreasonably withheld or delayed (see Article 11 of the dDCO (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005] in respect of street work powers).</p> <p>However, the traffic management mitigation strategies identified in section 7 of the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] would be informed by discussion with the relevant highway authorities as set out at paragraph 7.1.2 of the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] which states as follows (our emphasis):</p> <p><i>“7.1.2 National Grid would implement a number of the mitigation measures as set out below, but <u>discussion with NH, CYC, NCC and LCC will be undertaken to inform consideration of detailed traffic management</u> and to <u>allow for implementation of traffic management works that are required to be scheduled around other ongoing works in the highway.</u>”</i></p> <p>In addition, paragraph 7.2.4 and 7.2.5 of the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] state the following (our emphasis):</p> <p><i>“7.2.4. <u>All temporary traffic management implementation plans would need to be agreed with NH, CYC, NCC and LCC (location dependant)</u>, and will be applied in accordance with guidance and procedures set out within Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 19845 (as necessary).</i></p> <p><i>7.2.5 Site specific temporary traffic management arrangements will be produced at the detailed design stage for the bellmouths and temporary traffic management arrangements</i></p>

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	<p data-bbox="752 272 1995 347"><i>as required. <u>The detailed plans and temporary traffic management implementation dates will be agreed with the relevant highway authority.</u></i></p> <p data-bbox="752 395 2018 470">As set out above, the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] is secured by Requirement 5 of the dDCO (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005].</p>
<p data-bbox="203 512 555 544">Management of CMTP.</p> <p data-bbox="203 549 723 730">North Yorkshire Council as highway authority wishes to be involved and consulted to help the project run smoothly without unnecessary disruption to the highway network.</p>	<p data-bbox="752 512 1995 587">National Grid welcome this comment and seek to work closely with all relevant Highway Authorities to minimise disruption as far as possible.</p>
<p data-bbox="203 735 723 1066">We also require further explanation of the explanatory memorandums justification for the disapplication for the 1991 Act provisions. In particular the updating of the street works register in light of the discussion at the highways workshop and the importance of updating the register with the local highways offices.</p>	<p data-bbox="752 735 2029 1034">Appendix A to the Explanatory Memorandum (Document 3.2(D)) provides justification for the disapplication of each provision within the 1991 Act. This demonstrates that where a provision is being disapplied, there is an alternative protection applicable through the DCO requirements or mitigation plans. Moreover, of the 10 provisions listed for disapplication, four are not yet in force and so only six specific provisions, which are currently active, are being sought to be disapplied by National Grid. Ten provisions are also stated in the dDCO as specifically being applied to the street works under the Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005].</p> <p data-bbox="752 1070 2029 1393">In respect of the street works register specifically, section 53 of the NRSWA 1991 is dis-applied by the dDCO (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005]. This means that the street authority is not required to update the street works register with the street works identified in the dDCO (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005] (because the intention to undertake these works and the relevant detail for the works is already contained within Schedule 6 of the dDCO (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005]). This is a standard provision contained in DCOs where the detail of street works to be undertaken is listed in a schedule to the DCO. However, there is nothing to prevent the street authority from updating the street works register with the detail of the street works contained in Schedule 6 if the street authority wishes to do</p>

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	<p>so. In this respect, the dDCO (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005] applies section 54 (advance notice of certain works) and section 55 (notice of starting date of works) of the NRSWA 1991, so National Grid is required to provide the information normally required under these sections to the street authority (save in the case of emergency works).</p> <p>In addition, as set out above, the Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] states at paragraph 7.2.5 (our emphasis):</p> <p><i>“7.2.5 Site specific temporary traffic management arrangements will be produced at the detailed design stage for the bellmouths and temporary traffic management arrangements as required. <u>The detailed plans and temporary traffic management implementation dates will be agreed with the relevant highway authority.</u>”</i></p> <p>As set out above, the CTMP (Document 5.3.3F) [APP-099] is secured by Requirement 5 of the dDCO (Document 3.1(C)) [REP3-005].</p>

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