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1. About this document

1. Introduction

- 1.1.1. This document provides National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc's (National Grid) (the Applicant) response to Action Points addressed to the Applicant arising from Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2) held on Tuesday 18 July in respect of the Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement Project (Yorkshire GREEN) (the Project).
- 1.1.2. Responses to actions addressed to the Applicant and required for Deadline 7 are provided in **section 2** below.

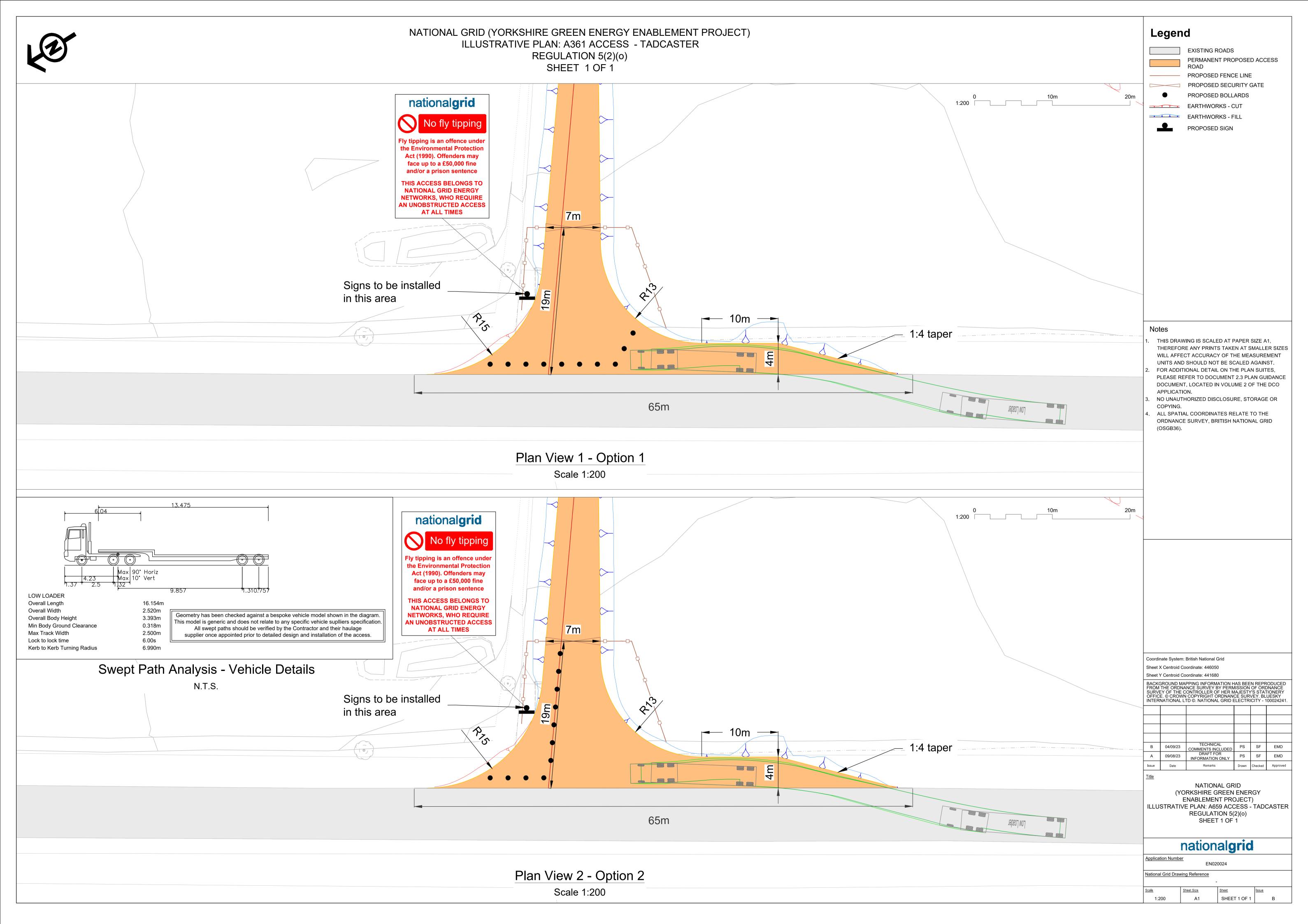
2. The Applicant's Deadline 7 Response to CAH2 Action Points

Table 2.1 – Deadline 7 Response to CAH2 Action Points

| Action No. | ExA description | Party | Deadline | Response |
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| 3 | Provide a statement of intention of visual enhancement planting for properties at Skelton Springs. | Applicant | D6 | A draft planting enhancement plan has been prepared by National Grid showing planting along the property curtilage. As confirmed at Deadline 6 in response to Action Point 3 (Applicant's Response to CAH2 Hearing Action Points (Document 8.29.3) [REP6-061]), the plan indicates the location and specification of proposed new tree and shrub planting that would reduce the visibility of the new pylons at two key locations along the curtilage of Skelton Springs to the west and northwest of the summerhouse. The residents of the properties at Skelton Springs requested this planting following discussions on site as to how the impacts of the new infrastructure could best be mitigated particularly in relation to these proposed new pylons (pylons Sp003 and Sp004). The proposed planting is within the same land parcel of the property. This was circulated to the residents' land agent on 14 August 2023. The agent confirmed by email on 17 August 2023 that he had forwarded this on to the residents and was awaiting feedback from them on the proposals. On 22 August National Grid followed up with the residents' agent with a further offer of a meeting on site to discuss the planting proposals. Having had no response from the agent a further chasing email was sent to the agent on 30 August. If the enhancement planting plan is agreed with the residents it would be incorporated into and form part of the voluntary offer of terms currently being negotiated in relation to No.2 Skelton Springs, within whose curtilage the planting would sit. |
| 6 | Update on discussions with Mr Watson regarding the access point off the A659 to include proposals for alleviating potential obstructions eg fly-tipping, overnight parking, etc. | Applicant | D7 | A draft illustrative plan has been prepared by National Grid showing two potential options for the access off the A659 with measures to alleviate potential obstructions. These can be seen in Appendix A . National Grid has made requests for a meeting with Mr Watson on 25 July and 3 August via his land agent. Mr Watson emailed National Grid on 6 August 2023 stating that he was unable to spare any time at the moment due to harvest and asking for National Grid's solutions or suggestions to the potential fly-tipping and parking concerns. A response was provided to Mr Watson on 16 August 2023 attaching a draft illustrative plan which included potential solutions to include gate, fencing, signage and retractable bollards and reiterating National Grid's desire to meet and discuss the proposals further and concerns raised during examination. Attempts to obtain feedback from Mr Watson via his agent were made on 18 August and 31 August 2023 but no response has been received to date. National Grid will continue to try and engage with Mr Watson and his agent. A spelling error on the illustrative plan provided to Mr Watson was identified, which has been rectified prior to submission as Appendix A . The amended illustrative plan has also been provided to Mr Watson on 5 September 2023 for completeness. |
| 8 | Consider inserting appropriate wording in the next iteration of the CoCP regarding a commitment to continuing negotiations with Mr Blacker and Mrs Blacker snr regarding the micro-siting of the pylons within the overall limits of deviation. | Applicant | D7 | National Grid responded to this Action in Applicant's Response to Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2) Hearing Action Points (Document 8.29.3) [REP6-061] and updated the Code of Construction Practice (Document 5.3.3B(D)) [REP6-037] at Deadline 6. The response at Deadline 6 is repeated below for ease of reference and completeness. Deadline 6 Response for reference: To note a response has been provided to this Action at Deadline 6 and the Code of Construction Practice (Document 5.3.3B(D)) updated and submitted at Deadline 6. In respect of landowner liaison for micro-siting within the Limits of Deviation if required due to an unforeseen or unknown constraint and in particular in relation to pylons SP005 and SP006 a new measure has been added to the Code of Construction Practice (Document 5.3.3B(D)) submitted at Deadline 6. The following text has been added to the document after Table 2.1. "Landowner liaison for micro-siting in Limits of Deviation |

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| | | | | The Order Limits delineate the maximum extent of the Project for which development consent is being sought; and encompass the land required temporarily to build the Project and permanently to operate the project. The Order Limits include the Limits of Deviation (LoD), which represent the maximum deviation for new permanent infrastructure. The LoD provide a proportionate and necessary degree of flexibility to allow adjustment to the final positioning of new permanent infrastructure should unknown or unforeseen issues arise after the Project has been consented. If the final position of the new permanent infrastructure needs to be moved from the locations shown on the Works Plans (Documents 2.6.1 – 2.6.6) within the LoD due to an unforeseen or unknown constraint then National Grid and its contractor(s) would consider the following to ensure landowners views are reflected where possible: |
| | | | | National Grid and/or its contractor(s) would initially consider the proposed micro-siting with information on the ground conditions found that necessitated a possible move; |
| | | | | National Grid and/or its contractor(s) would undertake a preliminary impact assessment to define all relevant engineering, environmental, planning and landowner constraints; |
| | | | | an engineering feasibility study to consider engineering options and implications; and |
| | | | | final consideration of all relevant engineering, environmental, planning and landowner constraints before arriving at final solution. Feedback final solution to all parties. |
| | | | | It would be the responsibility of the National Grid Land Officer/Agent to co-ordinate all relevant engagement with landowners regarding the use of the LoD to ensure that their comments are considered as part of the preliminary impact assessment if a change to new permanent infrastructure is required within the LoD from those shown on the Works Plans. |
| | | | | In respect of pylons SP005 and SP006 National Grid commits to liaise with the affected landowners on the final siting of these pylons as the detailed design is progressed to establish whether there is the potential to minimise impact on farming practices through the micro-siting of the pylons in this location only." |
| 10 | Update progress with Mr P Swales. | Applicant | D6 | Further to the update given at Deadline 6 in Applicant's Response to Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2) Hearing Action Points (Document 8.29.3) [REP6-061] National Grid has emailed both the agent and landowner on 10 August 2023 asking for feedback on their position with the scheme. At the meeting on 12 May 2023 they raised no specific issues with the design of the scheme but were concerned with the temporary compound payment rates, which is a compensation quantum matter and falls outside the remit of this examination. Following the email of 10 August, National Grid had a further telephone conversation with the Landowner on 18 August which was followed up with an email on 23 August and further email exchanges on 24 August and a further telephone conversation on 30 August 2023. On 31 August 2023 the Landowner emailed National Grid to confirm that they had withdrawn their objections and National Grid believe that they are now close to reaching an agreement on voluntary terms. |

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