



Meeting note

Project name	Yorkshire GREEN
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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	20 July 2022
Meeting with	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Venue	Microsoft Teams
Meeting objectives	Project Update Meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Project Highlights & run through to date

The Applicant has refined the design of the proposed development (including overhead lines, substations, cable sealing end compounds (CSEC) associated underground cable and works to the existing overhead lines) following statutory consultation. The Applicant provided a run through of the project to date noting some key project highlights.

The Inspectorate queried how many landowners there are for the entirety of the project as this will be helpful in determining the likely level of Compulsorily Acquisition being sought, which is a factor when considering the appropriate allocation of an Examining Authority. The Applicant confirmed that there are approximately 550 Persons with an interest in land (PIL's) along the entirety of the project route, however NGET will be seeking voluntary agreements with landowners as much as possible.

The Applicant advised that there will be acoustic mitigation required for the Monk Fryston substation.

The cumulative impact assessment has aimed to identify any issues related to battery storage for those projects proposed in the area that are known at this time, as this has been a main concern expressed by consultees throughout statutory and non-statutory consultation.

Green Belt has been discussed in detail with the local councils and meetings with the relevant local authorities have been increased in frequency to once per month.

The Applicant is aiming to highlight what has been agreed and what is not agreed with local authorities regarding Green Belt issues in a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG).

The Inspectorate highlighted that there are guidelines of example documents available on the National Infrastructure website that the Applicant may find helpful for their Statements of Common Ground.

Post Meeting Note: The Applicant contacted the Inspectorate on 23 August via email to provide an update that the approximate number of PILs impacted is 429, of which 317 are Category 1 interests (freeholders, leaseholders, tenants and occupiers)

Targeted and Additional PIL Consultation

The Applicant conducted nine separate targeted consultations in April and May 2022. These included:

- Junction widening and movement of compound and cycle path diversion at Overton substation;
- Amended access tracks to avoid veteran trees;
- Amendments to the Cable Sealing End Compound (CSEC) design;
- Amendments to access route to include a preferred access solution;
- Changes to location of stringing position;
- Changes to overhead line alignment to avoid veteran trees;
- Trackway through Scheduled Monument of access scaffold position;
- 11kV diversion resulting in an increase in Order Limits (new PIL).

The Applicant received 20 responses and plans to further engage with owners/occupier regarding overhead line re-alignment. The Applicant also plans to carry out further targeted consultation and additional PIL's consultations following further minor changes and a land registry refresh or where new information has become known on PIL's from desked based and on the ground research. This will be reported in the Consultation Report submitted with the application.

Consultation and Engagement Updates

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that they have been attempting to engage with an unlawful Traveller encampment near Monk Fryston, which is occupied by a number of caravans.

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that the landowner's agent has advised them that the Traveller occupiers have received the notices that the Applicant posted at the site entrance. The Applicant advised if they are able to engage with the occupiers, they plan to provide the consultation materials. The Inspectorate advised that this will be important to ensure they are appropriately consulted prior to the submission of the application. The Applicant were unable to conduct a meeting with the occupiers on 19 July 2022 but are aiming to meet within the coming weeks, through the Enforcement Officer of the local authority, Selby District Council.

Post Meeting Note: The Applicant confirmed the meeting took place on 2nd August with Selby District Council enforcement officer, one site owner, travellers' agent, a number of occupiers, and NG representatives.

The Applicant plans to conduct their targeted consultation in the next few weeks, however they will provide a specific date as soon as possible so it can be included in the meeting note as a post meeting note.

Post Meeting Note: The Applicant confirmed the targeted consultation was undertaken with letters being issued on 3rd August, with some hand delivered on 5th August, with the consultation running until the 8th September.

The Applicant continues to see land access for the purpose of surveys at approximately 75%.

Application Submission Formats and Documents to be Submitted with DCO

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate of the volume numbers of their application documents which would be used when the application was formally submitted:

- Volume 1.0 – Application Information
- Volume 2.0 – Plans
- Volume 3.0 – Draft Development Consent Order
- Volume 4.0 – Compulsory Acquisition Information
- Volume 5.0 – Environment Statement
- Volume 6.0 – Reports/Statements
- Volume 7.0 – Other Documents

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant should ensure that the Environmental Statement (ES) documents are submitted within the size restrictions provided within the relevant Advice Note. The Inspectorate advised that submissions are also requested in an electronic format but the Examining Authority (ExA) may request a physical printed hard copy of specific documents at a later date.

The Inspectorate advised that hyperlinks are only acceptable if they lead to Government or professional organisation websites. Any hyperlinks that do not meet this requirement would be redacted.

The Inspectorate also requested a specific submission date to be provided as soon as possible, so that appropriate resourcing can be planned. The Applicant confirmed that the application will be submitted in early November to ensure the Acceptance period is completed prior to Christmas.

Post Meeting Note: The Inspectorate advised that an update was upcoming for Advice Note Ten, regarding Habitat Regulation Assessment. This has since been published on the National Infrastructure website.

Draft Documents for Review by PINS

The Inspectorate requested that the Applicant highlights any novel approaches in the DCO for the Inspectorate to review the draft documentations as efficiently as possible. The Inspectorate asked the Applicant to provide them with the intended submission date of the draft documents as soon as possible in order for them to plan resources.

Post Meeting Note: The draft documents were sent to the Inspectorate for review on 4 August 2022. The Inspectorate's comments will be provided to the Applicant by early September.

Date for Next Meeting and Likely Discussion Points

The Inspectorate agreed to another update meeting in mid/late September following receipt of the Inspectorate's review of the draft documents.

Post meeting note: Draft document review meeting scheduled for the 13 September.