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Your Ref: EN020036

3 September 2024

Dear Hannah,

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA regulations) – Regulations 10 and 11 Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Proposed Grimsby to Walpole Project (the Proposed Development).
Scoping consultation and notification of the Applicant's contact details and duty to make available information to the Applicant if requested.**

In response to your letter of 6 August 2024 asking Gedney Hill Parish Council as a consultative body to either:

- Inform the Planning Inspectorate of the information the Parish Council considers should be provided in the Environmental Statement (ES); or
- Confirm that the Parish Council does not have any comments.

The Parish Council would like to make the following points:

The Parish Council would like the ES to clearly set out how the construction will be blended into the existing landscape and the steps that will be taken to mitigate the visual impact. We would also like to see a plan for how any landscape enhancements will be maintained.

The ES needs to show how very small local roads will cope with increased volumes and physical weight of traffic during the construction process. The report should outline the plans for repair and maintenance of these roads.

The Parish Council believes that any change of use to the current landscape could increase the area's flood risk. The report should contain details of any drainage systems that will be required, where the water will discharge and the effect of this on the surrounding area.

The Parish Council would like to see an independent assessment of the anticipated loss of existing biodiversity from the proposed project. We would like to see how the loss/gain of biodiversity will be measured and how it is proposed to minimise the impact on local wildlife during construction.

Gedney Hill Parish Council thanks the Planning Inspectorate for allowing us to comment as a consultation body and hopes that our comments will be taken into consideration when the Environmental Statement is planned.

Yours sincerely,

Vicki Watson

Vicki Watson
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