

National Grid Gas plc – The Proposed River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project

NOTICE OF COMPULSORY ACQUISITION AND ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARINGS SECTIONS 91 AND 92 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

RULE 13 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

APPLICATION REFERENCE: EN060004

Notice is hereby given that the Examining Authority will be holding issue specific hearings under section 91 of the Planning Act 2008 (the “2008 Act”) and a compulsory acquisition hearing under section 92 of the 2008 Act for the examination of the application by National Grid Gas plc (“National Grid”) for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) for the proposed River Humber (Gas Pipeline Replacement) Order. The application was made under sections 14(1)(f) and 20 of the 2008 Act on 15 April 2015 and was accepted for examination on 12 May 2015 (application reference EN060004) (“the Application”).

Description of the Project

The Application seeks consent for the construction of a section of high-pressure natural gas replacement pipeline in a new tunnel beneath the River Humber (the “Project”) to replace the existing section of pipeline that runs in a trench on the river bed. The Project is principally comprised of:

- The construction of a high-pressure gas pipeline up to 6km in length and 1050mm in diameter connecting the existing above-ground installations at Goxhill in North Lincolnshire and Paull in the East Riding of Yorkshire, comprised of approximately 5.03km of pipeline in a tunnel under the River Humber and 520m of onshore pipeline laid by trenched or trenchless methods;
- Connection works to the existing pipeline at Goxhill;
- Connection works and minor modifications to the existing above-ground installation at Paull;
- Construction of cathodic protection and nitrogen monitoring facilities at Goxhill and Paull;
- Associated works for permanent and temporary accesses, highways works, drainage works, temporary construction compounds, temporary spoil storage, temporary lay-down and work areas and ancillary works.

The proposed DCO will authorise amongst other things:

- the construction, operation and maintenance of a high-pressure natural gas pipeline which is a nationally significant infrastructure project under section 14(1)(f) of the Planning Act 2008;
- associated development under section 115(2) of the Planning Act 2008;
- the compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights over land for the operation and maintenance of the Project;
- temporary use and possession of land for carrying out construction of the Project and other rights over or affecting land;
- provisions relating to streets and temporary interference with public rights of way;
- the application and disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project;
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential works, permits, consents or provisions as are necessary for the Project.

Issue Specific Hearing Details

Issue specific hearings will be held on the following dates at the times and venue indicated to consider the issues noted below:

Date	Issue	Registration Time	Hearing Time	Venue
17 November 2015	Construction	9.00 - 9.30 am	9.30 am	Mercure Hull Royal Hotel 170 Ferensway, East Yorkshire, Hull HU1 3UF
18 November 2015	The draft Development Consent Order	9.00 - 9.30 am	9.30 am	Mercure Hull Royal Hotel 170 Ferensway, East Yorkshire, Hull HU1 3UF

At the hearings, each Interested Party is entitled (subject to the Examining Authority’s powers of control over the conduct of the hearing) to make oral representations about the Application. An “Interested Party” includes any person that has made a relevant representation to the Examining Authority in accordance with section 102(4) of the 2008 Act, as well as National Grid and various persons and bodies prescribed by statute.

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

The compulsory acquisition hearing will be held on the following date at the time and venue indicated below:

Date	Issue	Registration Time	Hearing Time	Venue
18 November 2015	Compulsory acquisition	1.00 - 1.30pm	1.30pm	Mercure Hull Royal Hotel 170 Ferensway, East Yorkshire, Hull HU1 3UF

At the compulsory acquisition hearing, each Affected Person whose land interest(s) are affected under the compulsory acquisition proposals is entitled (subject to the Examining Authority’s powers of control over the conduct of the hearing) to make an oral representation about those compulsory acquisition proposals. An Affected Person is any person whose land, or any part of it, is affected by the proposed compulsory acquisition of land and whose name has been provided pursuant to section 59 of the Planning Act 2008.

Copies of the Application documents

Copies can be viewed online on the relevant page for this Project, accessible via PINS’ website: see <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/river-humber-gas-pipeline-replacement-project/>

For viewing via free internet access and chargeable printing, please visit:

Location	Opening Times	Printing charges (per page)
Hull Central Library Albion Street, Hull HU1 3TF	Monday: 9.30am – 5.00pm Tuesday: 9.30am – 5.00pm Wednesday: 1.00pm – 7.30pm Thursday: 9.30am – 7.30pm Friday: 9.30am – 1.00pm	A4 Black and white: 10p; A4 Colour: 50p
Hedon Library 31 St Augustine’s Gate, Hedon HU12 8EX	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 9.30am – 7.00pm Wednesday: 9.30am – 5.00pm Thursday: 9.30am – 5.00pm Friday: 9.30am – 7.00pm Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm	A4 Black and white: 10p; A4 Colour: 50p
Barton Library Providence House, Holydyke, Barton upon Humber, North Lincolnshire DN18 5PR	Monday: 9.30am – 6.00pm Tuesday: 9.30am – 5.00pm Wednesday: 9.30am – 2.00pm Thursday: 9.30am – 5.00pm Friday: 9.30am – 5.00pm Saturday: 9.00am – 1.00pm	A4 Black and white: 10p; A4 Colour: 20p; A3 Black and white: 35p A3 Colour: 50p;

Further information

If you wish to contact the Planning Inspectorate, please telephone: 0303 4445000; or email: Riverhumbergaspipeline@pins.gsi.gov.uk; or write to:

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The PINS reference number (EN060004) should be quoted in any correspondence.

NATIONAL GRID GAS PLC 22 October 2015