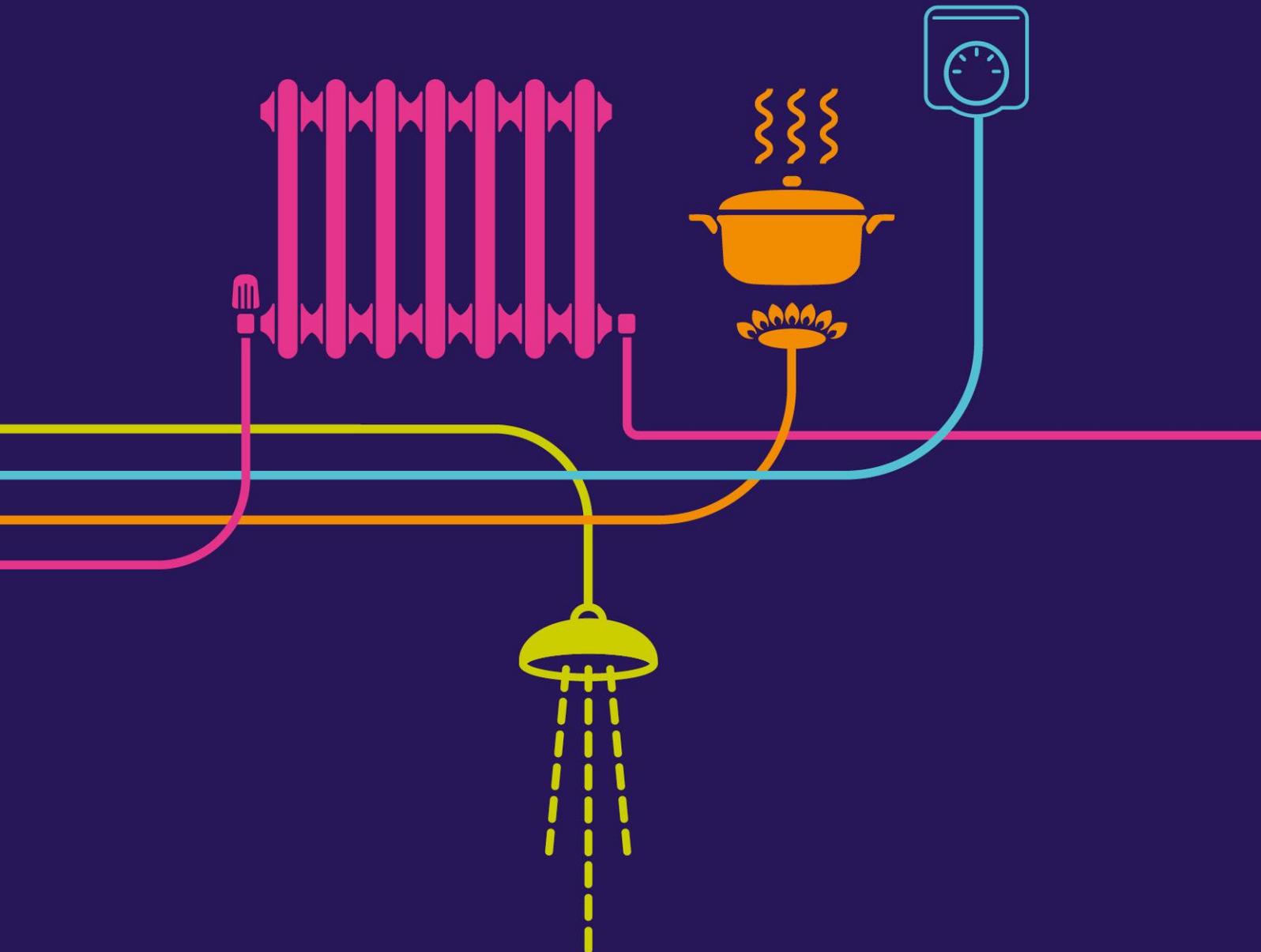


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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of the Document

1.1.1 This document is a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between National Grid Gas (the Applicant) and North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project (the Scheme).

1.1.2 This SoCG sets out the main areas of agreement and disagreement regarding the application documents between National Grid Gas and NLC.

## 1.2 Matters Addressed within this Document

1.2.1 Discussions and responses to consultation, to date cover the following topics which form the basis of this SoCG:

- Air Quality;
- Cultural Heritage;
- Ecology and Nature Conservation;
- Landscape and Visual Amenity;
- Noise and Vibration;
- Public Rights of Way (PRoW) (Socio-Economics and Land Use).

1.2.2 The following DCO Application Documents have been subject to discussions and review by NLC:

- Chapter 2: Scheme Description of the Environmental Statement (ES) (DCO Document Reference 6.2);
- Chapter 3: Alternatives of the ES (DCO Document Reference 6.3);
- Chapter 5: Air Quality of the ES (DCO Document Reference 6.5);
- Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage of the ES (DCO Document Reference 6.6);
- Chapter 7: Ecology and Nature Conservation of the ES (DCO Document Reference 6.7);
- Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual Amenity of the ES (DCO Document Reference 6.9);
- Chapter 10: Noise and Vibration of the ES (DCO Document Reference 6.10);
- Chapter 11: Socio-Economics and Land Use of the ES (DCO Document Reference 6.11);
- Initial Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (DCO Document Reference 7.3).

- 1.2.3 National Grid Gas has aimed to address all the points raised by NLC. Where there has not been agreement this SoCG sets out the outstanding issues and explains why there has been no resolution.
- 1.2.4 Note: All matters regarding traffic and transport will be included within a separate SoCG.



- 2.1.4 As stated above the Scheme lies within the local authorities of North Lincolnshire on the southern side of the Humber Estuary and within the East Riding of Yorkshire on the northern side of the Humber Estuary (refer to Figure 2).

**Figure 2 North Lincolnshire and East Riding of Yorkshire Administrative Boundaries with a Wider Context**



- 2.1.5 The section of the Scheme on the southern bank of the River Humber lies within an area dominated by individual farm holdings. The nearest settlement to the application site boundary is Goxhill that lies approximately 1.7km to the south east.
- 2.1.6 Under Section 60 of the Planning Act 2008 the Examining Authority invites the relevant local authority/s to submit a Local Impact Report. The report will set out, in the view of the authority, the likely impact of the Scheme. The Examining Authority will have regard to the report in its examination of the application.

### 3 Matters of Agreement

3.1.1 Tables 3-1 – 3-6 outline the matters of agreement between National Grid Gas and NLC.

**Table 3-1 Matters of Agreement Air Quality**

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
<b>Methodology</b>			
<p>The methodology sets out the approach to the air quality assessment, and is presented within Section 5.3 of the chapter. NLC has agreed that construction traffic effects can be scoped out of this assessment due to the predicted number of Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) movements being below 200 per day. It is also agreed that emissions from statutory sources such as site static generators would not have a significant air quality effect and therefore have been scoped out of the assessment.</p>	<p>Chapter 5: Air Quality (DCO Document Reference 6.5)</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
<p>Once the pipeline has been installed, there would be no additional emissions to the atmosphere above the existing baseline, as the Scheme is a replacement of an existing facility. Ball valve venting and pig trap venting are two typical maintenance activities that would be undertaken during the 40 year design life of the new pipeline. This is a comparable process to that undertaken for the existing pipeline. It is therefore considered that operational air quality effects would not be significant, and therefore have been scoped out of the assessment.</p>	<p>Chapter 5: Air Quality (DCO Document Reference 6.5)</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
<b>Baseline Information</b>			
<p>Section 5.4 and 5.5 of the chapter present the existing and future baseline information, respectively, that has been considered in relation to air quality. NLC accepts the baseline information and agrees with the identified potential receptors considered within the Dust Risk Assessment.</p>	<p>Chapter 5: Air Quality (DCO Document Reference 6.5) Appendix 5.1: Dust Risk Assessment (DCO Document Reference 6.5.1)</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
<b>Construction phase: Air Quality and Dust Mitigation Measures</b>			
<p>Environmental commitments related to air quality and dust during pre-construction and construction are included in Appendix 5.1: Dust Risk Assessment and Table 5.1 and Table 5.2 of the Initial CEMP.</p> <p>NLC agrees that the approach to dust mitigation measures set out in Appendix 5.1 and the Initial CEMP is appropriate.</p>	<p>Table 5.1 and Table 5.2 of the Initial CEMP (DCO Document Reference 7.3)</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
<b>Assessment Findings and Conclusions</b>			
<p>Appendix 5.1: Dust Risk Assessment presents the risk of dust impacts related to dust soiling, human health and ecological impacts.</p> <p>NLC agrees with the assessment of residual effects on potential receptors on the Goxhill side of the Humber Estuary.</p>	<p>Appendix 5.1: Dust Risk Assessment (DCO Document Reference 6.5.1)</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

**Table 3-2 Matters of Agreement Cultural Heritage**

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
<b>Methodology</b>			
<p>The methodology sets out the approach to the cultural heritage assessment, and is presented within Section 6.3 of the chapter. A meeting was held on the 17th December 2013 between National Grid Gas, Hyder Consulting and NLC. At this meeting NLC stated that a Desk Based Assessment (DBA) and appropriate fieldwork should be carried out for the Scheme and Thornton Abbey should be included in the list of designated assets to be considered (although based on subsequent site visits it was confirmed that there would be no significant effects on this heritage asset). It was also agreed that the vertical height of equipment along with traffic and noise issues should be considered when assessing impacts on setting.</p> <p>The DBA was undertaken to obtain information relating to heritage assets. In May 2014, a draft version of the DBA was issued to the North Lincolnshire Historic Environment Service for comment. Comments were received and the DBA was then updated to incorporate those comments.</p> <p>In addition to the DBA, a programme of archaeological investigations has been undertaken. This included a geophysical surveys at Goxhill. The approach, methodology and results of each of these investigations is presented within Appendix 6.4 and Appendix 6.5. A programme of evaluation is in place for the Goxhill site and a trench plan and WSI has been agreed with NLC. The trenching will take place once landowner agreement is secured. A commitment has been made to include evaluation of Soff Lane into the programme for the Goxhill site. This has been agreed with NLC. NLC agrees</p>	<p>Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage (DCO Document Reference 6.6)  Appendix 6.1: DBA (DCO Document Reference 6.6.1)  Appendix 6.4: Geophysical Surveys Undertaken at Goxhill and Appendix 6.5: South End Bypass Geophysical Survey (DCO Document Reference 6.6.4 and 6.6.5 respectively)</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
<p>with the methods used to obtain baseline information and inform the assessment.</p> <p>Work on the evaluation is ongoing. The fieldwork was completed on the 16th of October and an interim post-excavation assessment report will be made available to NLC for comment at the end of November.</p>			
<p>The Soff Lane Diversion did not form part of the Scheme at the time of the production of the DBA so was not included in the study area of this document. The Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage (DCO Document Reference 6.6) contained an assessment of Soff Lane and a study area of 500m for undesignated assets and 1km for designated assets which matched the study areas for the mains site. A geophysical survey has also been carried out along the route of the Soff Lane Diversion and has been provided to the HER Appendix 6.5: Southend Bypass Geophysical Survey (DCO Document Reference 6.6.5).</p>	<p>Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage (DCO Document Reference 6.6)</p> <p>Appendix 6.5: Southend Bypass Geophysical Survey (DCO Document Reference 6.6.5).</p>	Agreed	Agreed
<p>In July 2014, a meeting was held between Hyder Consulting and the Historic Environment Service to discuss the programme for the archaeological trial trenching. It was agreed that due to the programme for the submission of the DCO application it would not be possible for the results of the trial trenching to be available on submission. However, the trial trenching would be progressed during the consideration of the application.</p> <p>A Written Scheme of Investigation setting out the scope and methodology for the trial trenching work at the Goxhill site and the Soff Lane Diversion has been agreed with NLC and the fieldwork was completed on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2015 (DCO Document Reference 8.9.3).</p>	<p>Annexure 3 to Response to First Written Questions - Q10.1 Written Scheme of Archaeological Investigation (DCO Document Reference 8.9.3).</p>	Agreed	Agreed

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
<p>The fieldwork stage of the evaluation was completed in October 2015. The post-excavation assessment report and mitigation strategy will be completed and made available to NLC before the end of the examination period and will be presented as supplementary information along with the archaeological mitigation strategy.</p>		Agreed	Agreed
<b>Baseline Information</b>			
<p>Section 6.4 and 6.5 of the chapter present the existing and future baseline information, respectively, that has been considered in relation to the cultural heritage assessment. Potentially affected receptors have been assigned a value in accordance with guidance to assist in determining those which should be considered within the detailed assessment. NLC has commented that until the results of the evaluation are available there is insufficient information in Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage (DCO Document Reference 6.6) with which to assess the value of archaeological receptors within the application site. NLC cannot agree the evaluation of value of receptors potentially affected by the Scheme until the field evaluation is completed and there is adequate information to assess the significance of the heritage assets that will be subject to direct physical impact; as required by EN1 &amp; NPPF (Table 6-1) NLC looks forward to receiving the results of the field evaluation in the near future.</p> <p>Section 6.4 and 6.5 presents baseline information on assets that are not related to archaeological receptors within the application site. NLC agrees with the evaluation of value those receptors.</p>	<p>Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage (DCO Document Reference 6.6) Appendix 6.1: DBA (DCO Document Reference 6.6.1)</p>	Agreed	Agreed
<p>The Grade I listed Goxhill Medieval Hall was not specifically mentioned in Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage (DCO Document</p>	N/A	Agreed	Agreed

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
<p>Reference 6.6), although the Scheduled Goxhill Moated site which it sits within and the Grade II* Listed Goxhill Hall which it adjoins were fully addressed and the complex of medieval buildings that are located within the moated site were referenced. Goxhill Medieval Hall adjoins the north east corner of the post-medieval Goxhill Hall and the medieval origins of the hall at this site are also referred to in the ES. The medieval hall is a first floor hall and dates to the late 14th or early 15th century with an 18th century roof and 17th, 18th and 19th century windows. It is constructed of squared limestone and limestone rubble with a pantile roof.</p> <p>The significance of Goxhill Medieval Hall is related to its status as a Grade I listed building and as such it is a High value asset. The relationship between Goxhill Medieval Hall, Goxhill Hall and Goxhill moated site is a key contributing factor to its significance. Goxhill Medieval Hall also has historical and architectural significance.</p> <p>The setting of Goxhill Medieval Hall is informed by its relationship to Goxhill Hall and Goxhill moated site and also its surroundings which remain similar in nature to how they would have been when the hall was constructed and at the height of its use, with the addition of a few modern elements including Goxhill Airfield and modern agricultural buildings. However its significance is primarily informed by its architectural features and historical associations.</p> <p>Construction activity associated with the construction of the Soff Lane Diversion will have a minor impact on the setting of this high value asset. The construction of the access track will</p>			

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
<p>bring a new, modern, albeit temporary, element into the setting of this asset.</p> <p>However there are a number of pre-existing modern elements within the setting of this asset and the new access track will not be a major feature in the landscape.</p> <p>In addition there will be no impact on the relationship of the Medieval Hall with Goxhill moated site or Goxhill Hall or its historical and architectural significance. Therefore the significance of effects on the asset will be slight adverse but temporary.</p>			
<p>Early consultations carried out as part of this assessment identified a requirement to assess the potential for the Scheme to impact on the setting of the Scheduled Monument Thornton Abbey following a consultation request from the North Lincolnshire Historic Environment Officer. This was done as part of the DBA (see Appendix 6.1 (DCO Document Reference 6.6.1) and it was demonstrated that there would be no impact. Therefore Thornton Abbey was scoped out of the assessment</p>	<p>DBA (DCO Document Reference 6.6.1)</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
<p><b>Environmental Design Measures</b></p>			
<p>The upstanding ridge and furrow would be reinstated where removed by construction impact</p>	<p>Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage (DCO Document Reference 6.6) Initial CEMP (DCO Document Reference 7.3)</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

**Table 3-3 Matters of Agreement Ecology and Nature Conservation**

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
<b>Methodology</b>			
<p>A series of ecological surveys were undertaken between September 2013 and October 2014 including Phase 1 Habitat and protected species walkover surveys, badger bait marking survey, reptile, water vole, bird surveys, aquatic invertebrates, and aquatic plant surveys. Details of survey methodologies and survey results are presented in Appendix 7.1: Technical Appendix and Appendix 7.2: Potentially Excepted Information. It is noted that appropriate habitat / species surveys using standard methods have been carried out.</p>	<p>Chapter 7: Ecology and Nature Conservation (DCO Document Reference 6.7) Appendix 7.1: Technical Appendix and Appendix 7.2: Potentially Excepted Information (DCO Document Reference 6.7.1 and 6.7.2).</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
<b>Baseline Information</b>			
<p>Section 7.4 summarises the existing ecological resources identified during the desk study, consultations and field surveys. Full details of the field survey results and raw data are provided in Appendix 7.1: Technical Appendix and Appendix 7.2: Potentially Excepted Information. The baseline reported in the chapter and associated appendices clearly presents the existing ecological conditions.</p>	<p>Chapter 7: Ecology and Nature Conservation (DCO Document Reference 6.7) Appendix 7.1: Technical Appendix and Appendix 7.2: Potentially Excepted Information (DCO Document Reference 6.7.1 and 6.7.2).</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
<b>Environmental Design Measures</b>			
Environmental design measures are considered in Section 7.7 and the Initial CEMP. NLC considers the measures set out in Chapter 7: Ecology and Nature Conservation and the Initial CEMP appropriate.	Chapter 7: Ecology and Nature Conservation (DCO Document Reference 6.7) Table 5.1 and 5.3 of the Initial CEMP (DCO Document Reference 7.3)	Agreed	Agreed
<b>Assessment Findings and Conclusions</b>			
The majority of the mitigation measures have already been included in the environmental design (including the retention of the hedges around and within the site, bunding, close board fencing and the lighting design). The likely effects of the Scheme on each of the key ecological receptors have therefore been characterised based on these mitigation measures being in place. The likely effects of the Scheme have been assessed as 'Not Significant' at any geographic level.	Chapter 7: Ecology and Nature Conservation (DCO Document Reference 6.7)	Agreed	Agreed
A Habitats Regulations Assessment has been undertaken to determine the likely impact of the Scheme either alone or in combination with other plans or projects on European sites. It is concluded that there would be 'no adverse effect' on the integrity of any European sites as a result of the Scheme, alone or in-combination with other plans and projects. The need for a further examination of alternative designs, activities and process is therefore not considered necessary.	Habitats Regulations Assessment (DCO Document Reference 5.4)	Agreed.	The Planning Inspectorate is the Competent Authority for this project. However NLC agrees with the conclusions of the HRA (DCO Document Reference 5.4).

**Table 3-4 Matters of Agreement Landscape and Visual Amenity**

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
<b>Methodology</b>			
NLC support the methodological approach outlined within the ES, noting that the assessment follows the guidance outlined in Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, 3rd edition (2013) and other relevant guidance.	Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual Amenity (DCO Document Reference 6.9)	Agreed	Agreed
<b>Baseline Information</b>			
NLC are satisfied with the baseline analysis provided in the chapter. The selection of likely receptors is appropriate.	Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual Amenity (DCO Document Reference 6.9)	Agreed	Agreed
<b>Environmental Design Measures</b>			
NLC agrees that the overall approach to the environmental design measures and considered the measures proposed by National Grid Gas appropriate. Environmental design measures in terms of bunding would screen the Scheme and soften the boundaries of the site.	Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual Amenity (DCO Document Reference 6.9)	Agreed	Agreed
<b>Assessment Findings and Conclusions</b>			
NLC consider that the Scheme would primarily have a localised visual impact and any impact would be over a temporary period of time. Alterations to the Scheme in terms of its scale and the opportunities to retain hedgerows and landscape features reduce the Scheme's prominence.	Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual Amenity (DCO Document Reference 6.9)	Agreed	Agreed

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
NLC agree that cumulative impacts with other developments in the area in terms of visual/landscape impact are not considered to result in likely significant effects.			

**Table 3-5 Matters of Agreement Noise and Vibration**

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
<b>Methodology</b>			
NLC agree with National Grid Gas' approach to the assessment of baseline noise levels including noise monitoring locations.	Chapter 10: Noise and Vibration (DCO Document Reference 6.10)	Agreed	Agreed
No residential receptors within the defined study area have been scoped out of the noise and vibration assessment. NLC confirms that the list of potentially affected receptors at Goxhill is appropriate for the assessment.	Chapter 10: Noise and Vibration (DCO Document Reference 6.10)	Agreed	Agreed
<b>Environmental Design Measures</b>			
Environmental design measures and environmental commitments related to noise and vibration during pre-construction and construction are included in Chapter 10: Noise and Vibration along with Table 5.1 and Table 5.2 of the Initial CEMP. NLC agrees the measures outlined in the Initial CEMP appropriate for the management of noise emissions.	Chapter 10: Noise and Vibration (DCO Document Reference 6.10) Table 5.1 and Table 5.2 of the Initial CEMP (DCO Document Reference 7.3)	Agreed	Agreed
<b>Assessment Findings and Conclusions</b>			
National Grid proposes that an additional commitment is included in the Initial CEMP (Doc Ref 7.3A) such that the Main Works Contractor ensures that appropriate noise limits are established for the works.  In response to the query from NLC regarding details of any additional plant or noise sources from the AGIs, National Grid	Chapter 10 Noise and Vibration (DCO Document Reference 6.10) Initial CEMP (DCO Document Reference 7.3A)	Agreed	Agreed

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
<p>Gas confirms that there would be no change to the operational AGIs once the Scheme is complete, therefore no change to the existing noise level. NLC confirms that the assessment of construction noise and operational noise used in the production of Chapter 10: Noise and Vibration and the assessment of residual effects, provides a robust assessment.</p>			

**Table 3-6 Matters of Agreement Public Rights of Way**

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
<b>Baseline Information</b>			
<p>The baseline information relating to PRow has been obtained from NLC and presented in Chapter 11: Socio-Economics and Land Use. NLC agrees that the list of PRows and potentially affected receptors included in the study area is appropriate. NLC was contacted regarding usage data and confirmed there is currently none available for those identified within the defined study area.</p>	<p>Chapter 11: Socio-Economics and Land Use (DCO Document Reference 6.11)</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	
<b>Mitigation and Enhancement Measures</b>			
<p>National Grid Gas confirms that the Scheme has been designed in a way to allow footpath 50 to remain open for the duration of the construction works.</p> <p>Where Footpath 70 intersects with the Soff Lane Diversion, it would be clearly separated from the access track using a gate, fencing and appropriate signage. It would remain open for the duration of the construction works. The gate, fencing and signage would be agreed in liaison with North Lincolnshire Council.</p> <p>There may be an interface with Footpath 71 associated with the Soff Lane Diversion. If this is the case it is likely to involve moving the footpath signage only. Again, this would be agreed with North Lincolnshire Council. Access to Footpath 71 would be maintained throughout the construction works.</p>	<p>Chapter 11: Socio-Economics and Land Use (DCO Document Reference 6.11)</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
<b>Assessment Findings and Conclusions</b>			
<p>The Soff Lane Diversion crosses Footpath 70, however during the 35 month construction period the footpath would remain open. Although, it would be fenced and gated at the crossing of</p>	<p>Chapter 11: Socio-Economics and Land</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

Matters of Agreement	DCO Document Reference	National Grid Gas	North Lincolnshire Council
<p>the temporary haulage road. Traffic using the Soff Lane Diversion would also be controlled by marshals. There may be an interface with Footpath 71 associated with the Soff Lane Diversion. If this is the case it is likely to involve moving the signage to access the path only. Footpath 71 would remain open during the course of the construction period.</p> <p>NLC confirms that, providing these assurances are adhered to, there are no further comments to make.</p>	Use (DCO Document Reference 6.11)		
<p>There is likely to be a temporary loss of amenity for users of all PRoW within the study area during construction as a result of temporary elevated noise levels and visual intrusion, with most disturbance likely to be during the 12 month tunnelling operations. These effects would be relatively short-lived and transient effects for the user as they travel along the PRoW. However, following the 35 month construction phase there would be no effects.</p>	Chapter 11: Socio-Economics and Land Use (DCO Document Reference 6.11)	Agreed	Agreed

## 4 Matters Not Concluded

4.1.1 This section covers matters raised and unresolved / un-concluded in respect of each identified DCO submission document / topic discussed. Where there has not been agreement National Grid Gas has endeavoured to address all the points raised by NLC. This section, therefore sets out the outstanding issues and provides a summary of the discussions held and why there has been no resolution (refer to Table 4-1).

**Table 4-1 Matters Not Concluded – Cultural Heritage**

Matters Not Concluded	DCO Document Reference	North Lincolnshire Council
<b>Environmental Design Measures</b>		
<p>Environmental design measures are identified within section 6.7 of the chapter and clear commitments are listed within the Initial CEMP. Environmental design measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of a Written Scheme of Investigation for all archaeological mitigation required;</li> <li>• Installation of topsoil storage bunds and either close board fencing or heras fencing to create partial screening of the construction activities and to reduce the impacts on the settings of heritage receptors;</li> <li>• An archaeological watching brief where soil stripping would take place;</li> <li>• Archaeological trial trench evaluation has been carried out within the application site and fieldwork completed in October 2015.</li> <li>• Prior to construction any archaeological remains within the Goxhill application site proved by evaluation would be subject to a programme of archaeological mitigation. The exact form of the mitigation will be finalised following the completion of the trial trench evaluation, but would likely include discrete areas of open excavation; and</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage (DCO Document Reference 6.6) Initial CEMP (DCO Document Reference 7.3)</p>	<p>Until the trial trenching on both the Goxhill site and Soff Lane Diversion is completed, there is insufficient information to agree the mitigation proposals. However, it is agreed that the trial trenching has not identified any remains of national significance.</p> <p><i>National Grid Gas Response: The archaeological trial trench evaluation has now been undertaken. The fieldwork stage of the evaluation was completed on Friday 16th October. Preliminary results indicate that there are four areas of archaeological potential across the site. The first is located around trench 45 (DCO Document Reference 8.9.3) at Soff Lane where evidence of potential Roman activity was recorded.</i></p>

Matters Not Concluded	DCO Document Reference	North Lincolnshire Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure all written records of the archaeological investigations are completed and submitted in a timely manner.</li> </ul> <p>NLC agrees that the approach to further work and archaeological mitigation set out in Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage is appropriate.</p>		
<b>Assessment Findings and Conclusions</b>		
<p>Section 6.8 of the chapter presents the potential residual effects on each receptor i.e. effects which would remain following implantation of the of the environmental design measures.</p> <p>NLC agrees with the assessment of residual effects on cultural heritage receptors based on currently available information.</p>	<p>Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage (DCO Document Reference 6.6)</p>	<p>At the current time, there is insufficient information available to agree the values of the heritage assets prior to the completion of trial trenching, or the direct and indirect impacts of construction work, in particular of the Soff Lane Diversion.</p> <p><i>National Grid Gas Response: The archaeological trial trench evaluation has now been undertaken. The fieldwork stage of the evaluation was completed on Friday 16th October. Preliminary results indicate that there are four areas of archaeological potential across the site. The first is located around trench 45 (DCO Document Reference 8.9.3) at Soff Lane where evidence of potential Roman activity was recorded.</i></p>

## 5 Signed Statement of Common Ground

5.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared by Hyder Consulting on behalf of National Grid Gas and agreed by NLC.

**Table 5-1 Signatures**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Name and Title</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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Appendix A



Comments on the SoCG



## SoCG Questions from North Lincolnshire Council

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## Questions / Comments from North Lincolnshire Council

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Cultural Heritage	<p><b>a</b> Goxhill Medieval Hall Listed Building Grade I has been missed off the settings assessment for Soff Lane Diversion.</p> <p><b>b</b> The archaeological consultant hasn't kept me informed of the evaluation for the Soff Lane Diversion, geophysical survey and Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for trial trenching has not been seen and needs to be agreed. Trenching needs to be undertaken either in advance of or at the same time as trenching on the main site.</p>	<p><b>a</b> Goxhill Medieval Hall a Grade I listed Building within the Scheduled Monument of Goxhill Moated site and adjoining the Grade II* listed Goxhill Hall. Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage of the Environmental Statement (ES) dealt with this asset in the context of it being both a Scheduled Monument and a listed building of High Value. The SoCG has now been updated to make specific reference to the status of part of the asset also being a Grade I listed building.</p> <p><b>b</b> Discussions have been held with North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) regarding the Soff Lane evaluation and this is being progressed. The lack of information provided previously was a result of a miscommunication which has now been rectified. The SoCG has been updated to reflect this.</p>
	<p><b>Methodology</b> - NLC advised that the staged programme of archaeological field evaluation needed to inform the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) should comprise fieldwalking, auger and geophysical survey, as appropriate, followed by trial trenching to confirm results and determine the nature, extent and significance of any archaeological remains, together with an assessment of the setting of designated heritage assets likely to be impacted by the development, including Thornton Abbey.</p>	<p>Progress on the archaeological trial trench evaluation is being made in consultation with NLC and NLC has been informed of the timetable. An assessment of the setting of designated heritage assets, including Thornton Abbey was included in the ES.</p> <p>The Desk Based Assessment (DBA) did not include Soff Lane as it was finalised before the proposal for the Soff Lane diversion was put forward. A full baseline and impact assessment for Soff Lane was included in the ES.</p>

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	<p>To date, the preliminary stages of the field evaluation have been satisfactorily carried out, comprising the archaeological monitoring of geotechnical boreholes and trial pits and a geophysical survey. The Historic Environment Record (HER) agreed the methodology for these surveys.</p> <p>The trial trenching has not yet been carried, thus the methods used to obtain baseline information and inform the assessment are incomplete.</p> <p>NB. The draft DBA (May 2014) did not include a study area of the proposed access road off Soff Lane; the geophysical survey of the proposed road corridor has not previously been sent to the HER</p>	
	<p>In July 2014 it was suggested that the trial trenching would be undertaken in February 2015.</p> <p>To date (June 2015), a written scheme of investigation setting out the scope and methodology for the trial trenching work at the Goxhill site has been agreed with NLC.</p> <p>NB. This WSI does not cover trial trenching on the Soff Lane Diversion (6.7.2), yet to be discussed with the HER.</p> <p>It is understood that negotiations to gain access to the Goxhill site to carry out further geotechnical site investigations and the archaeological trial trenching are ongoing. It is not known whether there are any access</p>	<p>This has been covered in the SoCG.</p>

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	<p>issues on the Soff Lane Diversion or whether this work could go ahead separately.</p> <p>In June 2014, National Grid provided NLC with a written undertaking that the trial trenching would be completed in sufficient time to inform the Planning Inspectorate (PINs) examination of the heritage issues, to enable the decision making process to take account of the significance of the remains and to consider appropriate proposals to conserve that significance.</p> <p>The results of the trial trenching should be presented as supplementary information to the ES.</p>	
	<p><b>Baseline Information</b> - Section 6.4 Built Heritage omits Goxhill Medieval Hall, a Grade I Listed Building that shares a setting with the adjacent Goxhill Hall, Grade II* (6.4.40-42); both these listed buildings stand within the Scheduled Monument of Goxhill moated site (6.4.12-17). The contribution that this shared setting makes to the significance of each of the individual assets is not adequately assessed, therefore nor is the impact of the Soff Lane Diversion on that significance.</p> <p>There is insufficient information in the ES with which to assess the value of archaeological receptors within the application site. NLC cannot agree the evaluation of value of receptors potentially affected by the Scheme until the field evaluation is completed and there is adequate information to assess the significance of the heritage assets that will be subject to direct physical impact; as</p>	<p>A section has been added into the SoCG to specifically address Goxhill Medieval Hall.</p> <p>The field evaluation is ongoing and has been addressed in the SoCG.</p>

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	<p>required by EN1 &amp; National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (Table 6-1)</p> <p>NLC agrees that Thornton Abbey is scoped out.</p>	
	<p><b>Environmental Design Measures</b> - Until the trial trenching on both the Goxhill site and Soff Lane Diversion is completed, there is insufficient information to agree the mitigation proposals. In the event that trial trenching indicates that remains of national significance would be harmed by the development, mitigation to conserve that significance may require in situ preservation, avoiding any damage to remains and may thus require redesign of the site layout.</p> <p>There is insufficient information in the ES chapter of the Soff Lane Diversion and its potential impacts on heritage assets to inform the assessment and any appropriate mitigation.</p> <p>Upstanding ridge and furrow should be reinstated where removed by construction impact.</p>	<p>The evaluation has been covered in the SoCG and elsewhere in this table.</p> <p>The upstanding ridge and furrow would be reinstated where removed by construction impact</p>
	<p><b>Assessment Findings and Conclusions</b> - At the current time, there is insufficient information available to agree the values of the heritage assets prior to the completion of trial trenching, or the direct and indirect impacts of construction work, in particular of the Soff Lane Diversion. Goxhill Medieval Hall, Grade I listed, is not assessed.</p>	<p>The progress of the trial trenching is dealt with elsewhere in the SoCG and this table. An assessment of Goxhill Medieval Hall has been added to the SoCG.</p>
Ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Could not find the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) on the PINS website.</li> </ul>	<p>The Initial CEMP is available on the PINS website.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Planning Inspectorate is the Competent Authority for this project. However NLC agrees with the conclusions of the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/yorks-hire-and-the-humber/river-humber-gas-pipeline-replacement-project/?ipcsection=docs&amp;stage=app&amp;filter=Other+Documents">http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/yorks-hire-and-the-humber/river-humber-gas-pipeline-replacement-project/?ipcsection=docs&amp;stage=app&amp;filter=Other+Documents</a></p> <p>Noted. No further response required.</p>
Air Quality	<p>This department acknowledges that Hyder Consulting and National Grid have provided a comprehensive Air Quality Impact Assessment and Dust Risk Assessment, along with the Statement of Common Ground. We agree with the results in Table 3.1 of the SoCG that the air quality in the area will not be adversely affected by construction or vehicular movements. We also agree that the dust impacts in tables 5.6 and 5.7 of the Dust Risk Assessment, as long as the mitigation measures listed in Table 5.10 are strictly adhered to.</p>	<p>Noted. No further response required.</p>
Noise and Vibration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This department agrees with the applicant's approach to the assessment of baseline noise levels including noise monitoring locations.</li> <li>▪ This department confirms that the list of potentially affected receptors at Goxhill is appropriate for the assessment.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted. No further response required.</p> <p>Noted. No further response required.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="416 256 1240 475">▪ This department agrees that the measures described in the initial CEMP, along with the measures described in section 10.7 of the ES, provide an appropriate outline from which to plan detailed measures for the management of noise emissions.</li> <li data-bbox="416 483 1240 914">▪ This department agrees with the overall approach to the assessment of construction noise and vibration used in the production of Chapter 10: Noise and Vibration. This department would recommend that in addition to considering noise criteria based on the 12h LAeq, the applicant should also consider criteria for the control of noise based on LAeq over shorter time periods for activities that have high noise levels over short time periods, and LAm<sub>ax</sub> for impact noise where appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="1252 256 2051 475">Noted. No further response required.</p> <p data-bbox="1252 483 2051 914">National Grid notes this request and proposes that an additional commitment is included in the Initial CEMP (DCO Document Reference 7.3A) such that the Main Works Contractor ensures that appropriate noise limits are established for the works.</p>
Traffic and Transport	Noted that Leader of the Council wrote to Mr Holliday - Chief Executive National Grid regarding this project asking him to reconsider highways aspects of this scheme essentially to consider making temporary access road a permanent highway. A response on this needs to be secured before a SoCG can be taken further.	National Grid have removed all matters regarding traffic and transport in the SoCG – these issues will now be considered within a separate SoCG which will be issued to the council. .