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Status of the Statement of Common Ground

This is the Final Agreed Statement of Common Ground between (1) National Highways (the Applicant) and (2) National Grid Electricity Transmission plc.

Both parties have reached a position on the status of all 34 matters. All 34 matters are agreed, subject to the completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for those matters.

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I confirm that this version is agreed and can be submitted at deadline 9A.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Statement of Common Ground

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared in respect of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the proposed A122 Lower Thames Crossing (the Project) made by National Highways Limited (the Applicant) to the Secretary of State for Transport (Secretary of State) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 31 October 2022.
- 1.1.2 The SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority where agreement has been reached between the Applicant and NGET and where agreement has not been reached.
- 1.1.3 This final version of the SoCG has been submitted at Examination Deadline 9A.

1.2 Principal Areas of Disagreement

- 1.2.1 On 19 December 2022, the Examining Authority made some early Procedural Decisions to assist the Applicant, potential Interested Parties and themselves to prepare for the Examination of the DCO application.
- 1.2.2 One such Procedural Decision was to use a tracker recording Principal Areas of Disagreement in Summary (PADS). This tracker is known as the PADS Tracker.
- 1.2.3 The PADS Tracker provides a record of principal matters of disagreement emerging from the SoCG and will be updated alongside the SoCG as appropriate throughout the examination with the expectation that a revised PADS Tracker should be submitted at every Examination deadline.
- 1.2.4 This SoCG should be read in conjunction with the NGET PADS Tracker.

2 Matters

2.1 Final position on matters

- 2.1.1 A position statement on engagement undertaken between the Applicant and NGET is presented in Appendix A.
- 2.1.2 The outcome of discussions are presented in Table 2.1 which details and presents the matters which have been agreed between (1) the Applicant and (2) NGET.
- 2.1.3 In Table 2.1, relevant issues relating to the dDCO articles and Requirements in Schedule 2 to the dDCO have been identified under the heading 'DCO and Consents'.
- 2.1.4 In the column 'Item No' in Table 2.1, 'RRN' indicates a matter entered into the SoCG as a result of content in the Relevant Representation, 'RRE' indicates an existing SoCG matter that was also raised in the Relevant Representation and 'DLX' indicates a new matter added during examination at/around that deadline.
- 2.1.5 At Examination Deadline 1 there were 34 matters of which eight were agreed and 26 were under discussion.
- 2.1.6 At Examination Deadline 9A the 34 matters are agreed in principle, subject to completion of a separate (and commercially confidential) Side Agreement.
- 2.1.7 This is the final version of the Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and NGET.

Table 2.1 Final Position on Matters

Topic	Item No.	National Grid Electricity Transmission Comment	The Applicant’s Response	Application Document Reference	Status
DCO and Consents					
DCO	2.1.1	Acceptability of DCO application material is subject to NGET information/designs being accurately portrayed in the DCO Documents and Plans. NGET to be included in the quality assurance process for all relevant documents with advance warning to ensure resource availability.	The Applicant has provided updated application material, programme dates and requirements to NGET. This matter is expected to be closed out following NGET’s review of the application documents with any outstanding issues to be separately agreed between the parties. This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	Draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 (11)]	Matter Agreed
Book of Reference (BoR) Acquisition of Land Rights	2.1.2 RRE	Accurate reflection of NGET rights sought required - Where diversions are required to facilitate the scheme, it is essential that adequate temporary and permanent land take, land rights, restrictive covenants and consents are included within the Order to enable works to proceed in time and to provide appropriate rights for NGET to access, maintain and protect apparatus in future.	The DCO contains the appropriate powers necessary for the diversion of NGET’s apparatus, including the powers necessary to acquire the land/rights required for that diversion, for any temporary works, and to extinguish rights for existing apparatus. Details of the land rights NGET require to be provided are still being discussed between the parties. This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	Schedule 14 – Protective Provisions, Schedule 1 – Authorised Development, Schedule 8 – Land of Which Only New Rights Etc. May Be Acquired, and Schedule 11 – Land of Which Temporary Possession May be Taken, of draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 (11)]	Matter Agreed

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				Book of Reference [Document Reference 4.2 (8)] Land Plans [Document Reference 2.2 (8)] Statement of Reasons [Document Reference 4.1 (8)] Works Plans [Document Reference 2.6 Volume A (5), Volume B Composite (6), Volume B Utilities (5), Volume C (7)] Temporary Works Plans [Document Reference 2.17 Volume A (5), Volume B (5), Volume C (7)]	
Public Rights of Way	2.1.3	Not all PRow required to be stopped up have been included in the DCO	The DCO contains all appropriate powers necessary for PRow management, including necessary stoppings up.	Outline Traffic Management Plan for Construction	Matter Agreed

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(PRoW) management			This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	[Document Reference 7.14 (9)] ES Chapter 13: Population and Human Health [APP-151] Draft DCO Schedule 5 [Document Reference 3.1 (11)]	
NGET ad-hoc out of core hours working	2.1.4	Documents need to describe hours required by NGET works	Working Hours, including the provision for working outside of standard working hours are communicated within Tables 6.1 and 6.4 of the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) 'with the envisaged impacts considered in ES Chapter 12: Noise and Vibration. This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	ES Appendix 2.2: CoCP [Document Reference 6.3 ES Appendix 2.2 (9)] ES Chapter 12: Noise and Vibration [APP-150]	Matter Agreed
Utility land/rights	2.1.5 RRE	Clarification required on transfer of land/rights. Where diversions are required to facilitate the scheme, it is essential that adequate temporary and permanent land take, land rights, restrictive covenants and consents are included within the Order to	The DCO as drafted contains the appropriate powers necessary for the diversion of NGET's apparatus, including the powers necessary to acquire the land/rights required for that diversion, for any temporary works, and to extinguish rights for existing apparatus.	Land Plans [Document Reference 2.2 (8)] Schedule 1 – Authorised Development, Schedule 8 – Land of Which Only New	Matter Agreed

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		enable works to proceed in time and to provide appropriate rights for NGET to access, maintain and protect apparatus in future.	This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	Rights Etc. May Be Acquired, Schedule 11 – Land of Which Temporary Possession May be Taken, of draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 (11)] Statement of Reasons [Document Reference 4.1 (8)] Book of Reference [Document Reference 4.2 (8)] Works Plans [Document Reference 2.6 Volume A (5), Volume B Composite (6), Volume B Utilities (5), Volume C (7)] Temporary Works Plans [Document Reference 2.17 Volume A (5),	

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				Volume B (5), Volume C (7)]	
Property at Heath Road	2.1.6	National Highways are to ensure NGET have the rights to access private land.	<p>The properties on Heath Road are 'bordered' by the Order Limits and are owned by the Applicant. A temporary licence is required to access the garden of the property (222 Heath Road) to dismantle an existing span of the YYJ route (YYJ117 to YYJ118).</p> <p>The Applicant is determined to manage via this manner rather than extending the Order Limits for this purpose. The Applicant has undertaken internal discussions regarding the requirements of NGET.</p> <p>The Applicant will facilitate access by way of a voluntary agreement which will be separately agreed between the parties in advance of the works commencing.</p> <p>This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.</p>	<p>Land Plans [Document Reference 2.2 (8)]</p> <p>Draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 (11)]</p>	Matter Agreed
Rights of Way	2.1.7	Proposed Non-Motorised Right of way is too close to pylons 4YN46B & ZB26R	<p>This can be realigned within existing limits of deviation.</p> <p>Realignment to be considered as part of the detailed design coordination.</p> <p>This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.</p>	<p>Land Plans [Document Reference 2.2 (8)]</p> <p>Draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 (11)]</p>	Matter Agreed

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Division of Responsibility	2.1.8	Confirmation required of responsibilities for delivering mitigation, discharging Requirements.	<p>The DCO, as drafted, makes the Applicant solely responsible for the discharge of Requirements and other obligations as regards the conduct of the works. Where responsibility for the provision of certain works is subsequently transferred to a third party (e.g. a utility in respect of significant works to their infrastructure), the division of responsibility for the discharge of such obligations as between the Applicant and that third party would be determined on a contractual basis between them.</p> <p>This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.</p>	<p>Works Plans [Document Reference 2.6 Volume A (5), Volume B Composite (6), Volume B Utilities (5), Volume C (7)]</p> <p>Schedule 1 – Authorised Development of the draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 (11)]</p> <p>General Arrangement Plans [Document Reference 2.5 Volume A (5), Volume B (5), Volume C (6)]</p> <p>ES Figure 2.4: Environmental Masterplan [Document Reference 6.2 ES Figure 2.4 Sections 1 and 1a (4), Section 2 (5), Section 3 (4),</p>	Matter Agreed

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				<p>Section 4 (2), Section 9 (6), Section 10 (4), Section 11 (3), Section 12 (3), Section 13 (3), Section 14 (3)]</p> <p>Drainage Plans [Document Reference 2.16 (5)]</p>	
Specific Ecological / Archaeological / Trees & Hedges – Mitigation	2.1.9	Confirmation of responsibilities for delivering mitigation.	<p>The Applicant will be responsible for undertaking all ecological, archaeological and landscape (trees and hedgerow) mitigation works within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in order to allow NGET to undertake its diversions.</p> <p>This information is included within the application documents.</p> <p>Once the NGET route has been finalised, there is a pre-commencement requirement in Schedule 2, Part 1(7) Protected Species, of the draft DCO, which requires a final pre-construction survey. All of the relevant updated ecological reports will be issued in advance of construction phase.</p> <p>Designs are to progress making reasonable assumptions.</p>	<p>Works Plans [Document Reference 2.6 Volume A (5), Volume B Composite (6), Volume B Utilities (5), Volume C (7)]</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan [Document Reference 6.7 (7)]</p> <p>Environmental Statement [APP-138 to APP-486]</p>	Matter Agreed

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			This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	Draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 (11)]	
Interface Agreement	2.1.11	NGET to manage interface relationship on behalf of LTC between NGET and Other Parties within infrastructure under the operation and ownership of NGET such as substations inside and outside of the Order Limits, where works are required associated with the works for the delivery of the Project.	<p>The Applicant will work with NGET and the associated Other Parties to ensure these instances are reflected within the Project construction programme and facilitate the necessary conversations between those parties.</p> <p>This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.</p>	N/A	Matter Agreed
Network Interface Management.	2.1.12	UKPN to communicate directly with NGET regarding any outages, protection works, or working in general.	<p>NGET (as the Transmission Systems Operator) to manage the operational network interface regarding outages, protection works or working in general (with the relevant Distribution Network Operators) on behalf of the Applicant.</p> <p>This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.</p>	N/A	Matter Agreed
Compounds (CA8/CA9)	2.1.13	CA8 and CA9 to comply with NGET industry safety standards. NGET awaiting latest versions of documents to review.	Works No. CA8 (Long Lane compounds A and B) and Works No. CA9 (Stifford Clays Road compound West) to be constructed and operated in accordance with relevant safety	General Arrangement Plans [Document Reference 2.5 Volume A (5),	Matter Agreed

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			<p>standard i.e. GS6, following consultation with NGET.</p> <p>This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.</p>	<p>Volume B (5), Volume C (6)]</p> <p>Schedule 14, Part 7, Protective Provisions, of draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 (11)]</p>	
Trees and hedges to be removed	2.1.14	National Highways are to ensure correct impacts from NGET works are assessed and obtain necessary consents for works	<p>Vegetation clearance considered in line with the proposals, and responsibility of obtaining necessary consents is with the Applicant.</p> <p>NGET is requested to communicate its specific requirements at the detailed design stage.</p> <p>The Applicant's appointed Contractors are to deliver the scope on behalf of NGET.</p> <p>This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.</p>	General Arrangement Plans [Document Reference 2.5 Volume A (5), Volume B (5), Volume C (6)]	Matter Agreed
Design	2.1.15	NGET approval to temporary possession of that part of plots in which they occupy substations.	The plots for consideration have been extended to include plot 20-04 and plot 20-07 which are part of Work No. MUT4 and plot 06-121 which is part of Work Nos. OH1, OHT1 and MU14.	Works Plans [Document Reference 2.6 Volume A (5), Volume B Composite (6),	Matter Agreed

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		Exclusion of Other Parties from access to the relevant Plots contained within the Order	<p>The Applicant and NGET agree to the exclusion of other parties from access to the relevant plots.</p> <p>This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.</p>	Volume B Utilities (5), Volume C (7)]	
Landscape Planting	2.1.16	To comply with NGET industry safety standards. NGET awaiting latest versions of documents to review.	<p>NGET's landscape planting policies have been considered by the Applicant and are to be reflected in the outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan.</p> <p>This matter is to be revisited at the detailed design stage to ensure NGET approval is obtained prior to the undertaking of the relevant planting within 30m of their assets.</p> <p>This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.</p>	Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan [Document Reference 6.7 (7)]	Matter Agreed
Utility Works Qualifying as NSIPs	2.1.35 DL1 Rule 6	NGET agrees with the findings of the Project's assessment (as documented in Annex 2 (Assessment of proposed electricity line works for purposes of section 16 of the Planning Act 2008) to the Explanatory Memorandum (APP-057)) resulting in one NGET Works No. (OH7) qualifying as an NSIP in its own right.	<p>Those works required for the electricity transmission network have been assessed by the Applicant in relation to Section 16 of the Planning Act 2008. This assessment is detailed within Annex 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum.</p> <p>The findings of the assessment are that Work No OH7 qualifies as an NSIP within its own right and Work Nos OH1, OH4, OH6 do not.</p> <p>Work No OH7 is an NSIP by virtue of meeting the qualifying criteria of S.16 while not meeting any of the exempting criteria within S.16(3).</p>	Explanatory Memorandum [Document Reference 3.2 (7)]	Matter Agreed

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			The other works do not qualify as NSIPs in their own right due to exemption criteria contained with S.16(3) being met by one or more test.		
Design – Road, Tunnels, Utilities					
YYJ119R – LTC Turning Head Conflict	2.1.17	Proposal conflicts with NGET works on plans.	<p>Latest plans show conflict removed.</p> <p>This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.</p>	<p>General Arrangement Plans [Document Reference 2.5 Volume A (5), Volume B (5), Volume C (6)]</p> <p>Works Plans [Document Reference 2.6 Volume A (5), Volume B Composite (6), Volume B Utilities (5), Volume C (7)]</p>	Matter Agreed
4YN049AT Phasing of works in proximity to the Project's retaining wall	2.1.18	<p>4YN049AT Phasing issue in relation to the Project retaining wall.</p> <p>Retaining wall would be built after the NGET temporary diversion has been removed.</p> <p>Query regarding whether NGET works will be completed prior to the Project works commencing.</p>	<p>This is to be managed and agreed with the Applicant's Contractors.</p> <p>Optioneering report <i>20_18137_167_A 4YN049AT Option Assessment Report</i> details three possible options for the delivery of the pylon.</p> <p>The Applicant's Contractors are to ensure during the development of the detailed design and main works planning that one of the three options is exercised and the conclusions of the report are adhered to.</p>	<p>General Arrangement Plans [Document Reference 2.5 Volume A (5), Volume B (5), Volume C (6)]</p> <p>Works Plans [Document Reference 2.6 Volume A (5), Volume B</p>	Matter Agreed

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			This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	Composite (6), Volume B Utilities (5), Volume C (7)] Temporary Works Plans [Document Reference 2.17 Volume A (5), Volume B (5), Volume C (7)]	
4YN046B & ZB026R – NMU Route Proposals	2.1.19	Proposal conflicts with NGET works on plans.	Non-motorised users' rights of way are within the limits of deviation and will be designed by the Applicant's Contractors in agreement with NGET, prior to the commencement of the relevant works. This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	General Arrangement Plans [Document Reference 2.5 Volume A (5), Volume B (5), Volume C (6)] Works Plans [Document Reference 2.6 Volume A (5), Volume B Composite (6), Volume B Utilities (5), Volume C (7)]	Matter Agreed
Flood Compensation Areas Proposals	2.1.20	Proposal conflicts with NGET works on plans	The Applicant is to liaise with and agree the proposed flood compensation areas and seek agreement with NGET that their requirements for construction, operation and maintenance	General Arrangement Plans [Document Reference 2.5 Volume A (5),	Matter Agreed

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			<p>have been accommodated prior to the commencement of the relevant works.</p> <p>This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.</p>	<p>Volume B (5), Volume C (6)]</p> <p>Works Plans [Document Reference 2.6 Volume A (5), Volume B Composite (6), Volume B Utilities (5), Volume C (7)]</p> <p>ES Figure 2.4: Environmental Masterplan [Document Reference 6.2 ES Figure 2.4 Sections 1 and 1a (4), Section 2 (5), Section 3 (4), Section 4 (2), Section 9 (6), Section 10 (4), Section 11 (3), Section 12 (3), Section 13 (3), Section 14 (3)]</p>	
ZB019R – retaining wall	2.1.21	Proposal conflicts with NGET works on plans	The location of the ditch and retaining wall have been moved to reflect the new location of tower base ZB019R including an area around	General Arrangement Plans [Document Reference 2.5	Matter Agreed

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and ditch proposals			<p>the base of the tower required by NGET for maintenance operations.</p> <p>At the detailed design stage, the Applicant’s Contractors are to liaise with NGET and obtain agreement that the proposals are acceptable with regards to the requirements of NGET and their pylon, ZB019R.</p> <p>This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.</p>	<p>Volume A (5), Volume B (5), Volume C (6)]</p> <p>Works Plans [Document Reference 2.6 Volume A (5), Volume B Composite (6), Volume B Utilities (5), Volume C (7)]</p> <p>Drainage Plans [Document Reference 2.16 (5)]</p> <p>ES Figure 2.4: Environmental Masterplan [Document Reference 6.2 ES Figure 2.4 Sections 1 and 1a (4), Section 2 (5), Section 3 (4), Section 4 (2), Section 9 (6), Section 10 (4), Section 11 (3), Section 12 (3),</p>	

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				Section 13 (3), Section 14 (3)]	
Multi Utility Proposals (ZJ11A, ZJ11B and ZJ14R; ZB019R, ZB019T and ZB021R; YYJ119R, YYJ119T and YYJ117R are not acceptable in conjunction with the Multi Utility Corridor)	2.1.22	Proposals conflict with NGET works on plans	The Applicant’s Contractors will agree with NGET the detailed alignment within the Multi-Utility Corridor for each of the following new pylons comprising part of the National Grid Works: ZJ11A, ZJ11B, ZJ14R, ZB019R, ZB019T, ZB021R, YYJ119R, YYJ119T and YYJ117R; and ensure that the design and siting of all other utilities and infrastructure within the multi-utility corridor takes account of the detailed alignment agreed with NGET. This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	Schedule 1 of draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 (11)] Works Plans [Document Reference 2.6 Volume A (5), Volume B Composite (6), Volume B Utilities (5), Volume C (7)] General Arrangement Plans [Document Reference 2.5 Volume A (5), Volume B (5), Volume C (6)] Temporary Works Plans [Document Reference 2.17 Volume A (5), Volume B (5), Volume C (7)]	Matter Agreed
Haul Road Proposals (ZB017, ZB019/019R,	2.1.23	Proposals conflict with NGET works on plans	The haul roads will be considered and developed by the Applicant’s Contractors at the detailed design stage in conjunction with the DCO and the requirements of NGET.	Temporary Works Plans [Document Reference 2.17 Volume A (5),	Matter Agreed

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YYJ116R, ZB023, ZB030, ZB033, ZB027, ZB017, ZB014, ZJ014, ZJ012 and ZJ011A)			This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	Volume B (5), Volume C (7)]	
Design	2.1.24 RRE	Access road (Thong Lane to attenuation pond) clash between tower 4YN046A	The Applicant and NGET agree that no part of the access road will be constructed within 15m from the foundations of any part of NGET's apparatus without NGET's prior written approval. This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	General Arrangement Plans [Document Reference 2.5 Volume A (5), Volume B (5), Volume C (6)]	Matter Agreed
Design / Ground Investigation (GI)	2.1.25	Acceptability of NGET diversions also subject to GI but less likely to result in significant changes to alignment. Risk of design changes.	The Applicant and NGET agree that the alignments as contained within the work plans are promoted against current GI knowledge. The Applicant and NGET agree that outstanding GI relevant to the design and construction of the diverted assets will need to be obtained prior to construction. This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	N/A	Matter Agreed
Design	2.1.26	Temporary and permanent access required to enable NGET to access new towers	The Order Limits were revised and shown in Community Impacts Consultation Land Use Plans, inclusive of the existing access track.	Land Plans [Document Reference 2.2 (8)]	Matter Agreed

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		YYJ117R and ZB021R on sheet 26	This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.		
Design	2.1.27	Overbridge works do not currently accommodate access for 250 tonne cranes.	The Applicant and NGET agree that this issue is resolved, however in the eventuality the FP136 overbridge is not designed to accommodate the access requirements of NGET it will leave parts of the network inaccessible. For protection against this scenario, this matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	N/A	Matter Agreed
Design	2.1.28	Existing tower ZB50 requires a satisfactory access, which will accommodate 250 tonne cranes.	The Applicant is incorporating access from the M25. Direct access from the M25, from south of the roundabout has been incorporated. Alignments were revised and shown in the Community Impacts Consultation General Arrangements. To ensure the requirements of NGET are considered in the detailed design, and that no part of their network is rendered inaccessible, this matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	General Arrangement Plans [Document Reference 2.5 Volume A (5), Volume B (5), Volume C (6)]	Matter Agreed
Conflict of design	2.1.29	A226 Attenuation ponds and Southern Gas Network Works	This issue has been resolved and is promoted within the application.	General Arrangement Plans [Document]	Matter Agreed

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	RRE	No G1b on Work Plans conflict unacceptably with NGET diversions and cannot be built out as currently being consented in the dDCO.	This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	<p>Reference 2.5 Volume A (5), Volume B (5), Volume C (6)]</p> <p>Works Plans [Document Reference 2.6 Volume A (5), Volume B Composite (6), Volume B Utilities (5), Volume C (7)]</p> <p>Rights of Way and Access Plans [Document Reference 2.7 Volume A (5), Volume B (5), Volume C (7)]</p>	
Lighting Columns	2.1.30	National Highways to install Reduced Height Lighting Columns at all points where a lighting column is proposed in line with NGET's clearances and maintenance requirements.	<p>The Applicant and NGET believe this topic to be part of the Protective Provisions, however NGET requires further information to be provided for their assurance at the detailed design stage. Currently the lighting columns are represented within the General Arrangement drawings as 'pink dots' and no further information for assessment has been obtained.</p> <p>The Applicant's Contractors are to liaise with and seek agreement from NGET that the</p>	N/A	Matter Agreed

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			columns to be installed, in proximity to their assets, do not present any safety concerns. This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.		
Grouting Shaft Works under Over Head Line (OHL)	2.1.31	National Highways are to comply with NGET standard safety requirements.	The Applicant to be responsible for the protection of NGET's existing assets from works and/or the results of Project works including but not limited to the Grouting Shaft Works under the OHL. This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	N/A	Matter Agreed
Protective Provisions					
Signage for Recreational activities	2.1.32	To comply with NGET industry safety standards.	The Applicant to manage the inclusion of appropriate signage for recreational activities near NGET assets in publicly accessible areas. Any commercial aspect of this arrangement has been separately agreed between the parties, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.	N/A	Matter Agreed
Future re-stringing – CSS & traffic management	2.1.33	National Highways to permit conductor support system and rolling roadblocks where necessary to allow NGET to re-string their apparatus at specified locations.	The Applicant will permit the use of a conductor support system and put in place traffic management measures when it is necessary for NGET to re-string their apparatus at the A2, the A122, the A13 and the M25. Such provision to be made immediately in emergency situations or in respect of planned maintenance within one month's	N/A	Matter Agreed

Topic	Item No.	National Grid Electricity Transmission Comment	The Applicant’s Response	Application Document Reference	Status
			<p>notice in writing from NGET of the need to re-stringing their apparatus in these locations.</p> <p>‘Conductor support system’ means a temporary protection method for restringing of overhead line conductor that is suspended from the support structures.</p> <p>‘Traffic management measures’ means all measures reasonably required to manage traffic on roads during the use by NGET of the conductor support system to facilitate works on NGET apparatus when required.</p> <p>This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.</p>		
Protective Provisions	2.1.34 RRE	<p>NGET require protective provisions to be included within the DCO to ensure that NGET’s interests are adequately protected and to ensure compliance with relevant safety standards. NGET’s rights to retain its apparatus in situ and rights of access to inspect, maintain, renew and repair such apparatus located within or in close proximity to the Order Limits should be maintained at all times and access to inspect and maintain such apparatus must not be restricted.</p>	<p>A form of Protective Provisions for NGET’s benefit have been agreed between the parties.</p> <p>This matter is agreed, subject to completion of a Side Agreement which makes further provision for this matter.</p>	<p>Schedule 14, Part 7, Protective Provisions, of draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 (11)]</p>	Matter Agreed

Appendix A Engagement activity

- A.1.1 The Applicant and NGET have had extensive engagement since the inception of the Project. There has been engagement and dialogue through the statutory and non-statutory consultation, the various design iterations and releases. The engagement has been in the form of face-to-face meetings, MS Team meetings, telephone calls and email correspondence.
- A.1.2 The parties are content for their engagement to be captured and presented in the SoCG in this manner.

Appendix B Glossary

Term	Abbreviation	Explanation
Code of Construction Practice	CoCP	Control measures and standards to be implemented by the Project, including those to avoid or reduce environmental effects.
Outline Traffic Management Plan for Construction	CTMP	A plan setting out the strategy and measures to be adopted with respect to highway and transportation issues for the Project. The plan supports the DCO application and would be embedded within the eventual construction contractor documentation and will form an overarching and comprehensive management procedure for the Contractors to adhere to.
Development Consent Order	DCO	Means of obtaining permission for developments categorised as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008.
Environmental Impact Assessment	EIA	A process by which information about environmental effects of a proposed development is collected, assessed and used to inform decision making. For certain projects, EIA is a statutory requirement, reported in an Environmental Statement.
Environmental Statement	ES	A document produced to support an application for development consent that is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), which sets out the likely impacts on the environment arising from the proposed development.
Ground Investigation	GI	Several levels of investigation from desk-based research to onsite sampling to evaluate challenges related to soil/ground.
High Speed 1	HS1	The company which operates, manages and maintains the 109km rail line between St Pancras International in London and the Channel Tunnel.
National Grid Electricity Transmission.	NGET	NGET is a legally separate business within the National Grid Group that owns and maintains the high-voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales.
National Grid Gas	NGG	National Grid Gas plc is a legally separate business within the National Grid Group and owns, manages, and operates the national gas transmission network in Great Britain.
Non-motorised User	NMU	Users of non-motorised vehicles (e.g. cyclists, horse riders) and pedestrians.
Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan	oLEMP	A document which outlines the proposed management of the landscape and ecological elements of the A122 Lower Thames Crossing.

Term	Abbreviation	Explanation
Overhead Line	OHL	An electrical conductor, suspended on towers or poles, used for transmission and distribution of electrical energy. It consists of one or more conductors (commonly multiples of three).
Public Right of Way	PRoW	A right possessed by the public to pass along routes over land at all times. Although the land may be owned by a private individual, the public may still gain access across that land along a specific route. The mode of transport allowed differs according to the type of Public Right of Way, which can consist of footpaths, bridleways and open and restricted byways.
Statement of Common Ground	SoCG	This document detailing the issues agreed, under discussion, or not agreed at the time of examination.

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