

WRITTEN REPRESENTATION

Representation by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc in relation to the A57 Links Road Project ("the Project")

1. Introduction

- 1.1 National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc ("NGET") wishes to make a written representation to protect its position in relation to infrastructure and land which is within or in close proximity to the proposed Order limits.
- 1.2 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 must be maintained at all times and access to inspect and maintain such apparatus must not be restricted.
- 1.3 As set out in the Relevant Representation submitted, the Overhead Line ZZC Route 400kV - BREDBURY - STALYBRIDGE and Tower ZZC014 which form an essential part of the electricity transmission networks in England and Wales are within, or in close proximity to, the Order limits.
- 1.4 As a responsible statutory undertaker, National Grid's primary concern is to meet its statutory obligations and ensure that any development does not impact in any adverse way upon those statutory obligations.
- 1.5 NGET are in ongoing discussions with the Promoter in relation to the points below.

2. Protection of Tower and Overhead Line

- 2.1 It is essential that the overhead transmission line and tower are not impacted by the works and that full access rights are maintained by NGET during and after the works for the Project.
- 2.2 NGET has advised the Promoter of the proximity of the overhead transmission line to the proposed works and that full rights of access and electrical safety clearances must be maintained at all times. There are ongoing discussions with the Promoter in relation to this and an access and maintenance agreement will need to be put in place.
- 2.3 NGET have further advised the Promoter of the following:
 - 2.3.1 Drilling and excavation works are not to be undertaken if they have the potential to disturb the foundations or support structures of any towers;
 - 2.3.2 No structure can be built over any high voltage underground cables;
 - 2.3.3 Access routes, maintenance access and proposed environmental fencing detail to be finalised and agreed with NGET; and
 - 2.3.4 Landscaping should only use slow and low growing species beneath and adjacent to the overhead lines, to avoid compromising safety clearances in accordance with the guidance document which has been issued to the Promoter.

3. Protection Provisions and Side Agreement

- 3.1 NGET notes that protection provisions for its benefit have been included in the draft Development Consent Order and are currently in discussions with the Promoter in relation to the protective provisions as well as a required side agreement to allow the access and maintenance of the overhead tower both during and after the works for the Project.