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By Email

Dear Fergus

Application by National Highways for an Order granting development consent for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Road Improvement Scheme (the "Order") Response to Consultation letter for and on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc and National Grid Gas Plc

We write further to the letter issued by the Secretary of State for Transport on 22 June. Paragraphs 1 and 4 of this letter, invite comments from Interested Parties on matters associated with the consideration of the application for the above Order.

In response and on behalf of our clients, National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (NGET) and National Grid Gas Plc (NGG), we confirm as follows:

Paragraph 1: Request for comments from Interested Parties on the Applicant's response to the Secretary of State and further updates from the Applicant

NGET and NGG have no further comment to make on this issue.

Paragraph 4: Request for further updates on outstanding Protective Provisions

Negotiations between NGET/NGG and National Highways (as promotor of the Order) have now been concluded, and agreement has been reached on the terms of the protective provisions and other commercial terms.

A letter confirming the withdrawal of NGET's and NGG's objection to the application for the above Order was submitted to the Examining Authority on 28 June 2022.

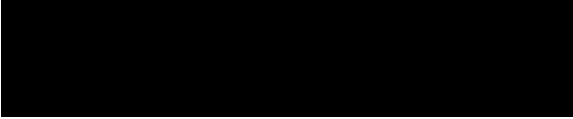
On 30 June 2022, we received correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate advising that, as the Examination for the Order closed on 18 February and the Examining Authority has now submitted its Recommendation Report to the Secretary of State for Transport, our submission would not be accepted into the Examination or seen by the Examining Authority. However, we understand that a copy of this letter confirming NGET's and NGG's objection has been passed by the Planning Inspectorate to the Secretary of State and will be published at the time that the decision on whether to grant the Order is issued.

If you have not yet received a copy of the aforementioned letter, or should you have any questions or require any further information, please feel free to contact us at the email address given above.

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Many thanks

Yours sincerely



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