

Relevant Representation of National Grid Gas Plc in respect of the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine DCO (the "Project")

This relevant representation is submitted on behalf of National Grid Gas Plc in respect of the Project, and in particular with regard to National Grid Gas's infrastructure and land which is within or in close proximity to the proposed Order Limits.

National Grid Gas will require appropriate protection for retained apparatus including compliance with relevant standards for works proposed within close proximity of its apparatus.

National Grid Gas's rights of access to inspect, maintain, renew and repair such apparatus must also be maintained at all times and access to inspect and maintain such apparatus must not be restricted.

Further, where the Applicant intends to acquire land or rights, or interfere with any of National Grid Gas's interests in land or National Grid Gas's apparatus, National Grid Gas will require appropriate protection and further discussion is required on the impact to its apparatus and rights.

Further detail is set out below.

National Grid Gas infrastructure within/in close proximity to the proposed Order Limits

National Grid Gas owns and operates two high pressure transmission pipelines which form an essential part of the gas transmission network in England, Wales and Scotland:

Transmission Pipelines:

- Feeder 15
- Feeder 11

Protection of National Grid Gas Assets

As a responsible statutory undertaker, National Grid Gas'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.

As such, National Grid Gas has a duty to protect its position in relation to infrastructure and land which is within or in close proximity to the draft Order Limits of the proposed Project.

As noted, National Grid Gas'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.

National Grid Gas will require protective provisions to be included within the draft Development Consent Order (the "**Order**") for the Project to ensure that its interests are adequately protected and to ensure compliance with relevant safety standards.

National Grid Gas is liaising with the Applicant in relation to such protective provisions, along with any supplementary agreements which may be required.

National Grid Gas will continue to liaise with the Applicant in this regard with a view to concluding matters as soon as possible during the DCO Examination and will keep the Examining Authority updated in relation to these discussions.

Diversions of National Grid Gas Assets

National Grid Gas has identified that two high pressure diversions are required to facilitate the Project and to ensure the safe ongoing operation of its network. National Grid Gas requests that the Applicant continues to engage with it to provide explanation and reassurances as to how the Applicant's works pursuant to the Order (if made) will ensure protection for those National Grid Gas assets which will remain in situ, along with facilitating all future access and other rights as are necessary to allow National Grid Gas to properly discharge its statutory obligations.

Where National Grid Gas agree to a diversion of its apparatus, these works will need to be included in the draft Order.

Compulsory Acquisition Powers in respect of the Project

As noted, where the Applicant intends to acquire land or rights or interfere with any of National Grid Gas's interests in land, National Grid Gas will require further discussion with the Applicant and where such land or rights are to be acquired for the benefit of National Grid Gas, National Grid Gas's approval obtained of any rights secured.

National Grid Gas reserves the right to make further representations as part of the Examination process in relation to specific interactions with its assets but in the meantime will continue to liaise with the Applicant with a view to reaching a satisfactory agreement.