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Dear Sirs,

Please see attached response by NGET to ExA's written questions of the 16th December in relation to the Energy White Paper.

Kind regards

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National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC (NGET) response to ExA's further written questions issued 16th December 2020

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Further written questions 16th December 2020

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2(a)	In the second paragraph of page 80 of the White paper, HM Government recognises the impact of single per project point- to- point connections on coastal communities and identifies that it will act quickly to address this. In the sixth paragraph of page 80 HM Government states that “[i]n order to start delivering these benefits [arising from a more co-ordinated approach to grid connection], we will encourage projects already in development, where early opportunities for co-ordination exists to consider becoming path finder projects. (a) Have any discussion been held with BEIS about the Government’s expectations of	<i>EA2 is currently contracted to connect in 2024 and EA1 (North) is contracted to connect in 2027. Whether either could alternatively connect taking a more co-ordinated approach such as connecting offshore to a multi-purpose interconnector and whether a multi-purpose interconnector is deliverable within the timescales that the Applicant is looking to develop these particular offshore wind farms, is a question for the Applicant.</i> <i>NGET has not had discussions with BEIS about either of these Round 3 offshore wind farms becoming pathfinder projects. Government explain on page 80 of the Energy White Paper that they will redesign the current regime to incentivise more extensive coordination and minimise environmental, social and economic costs for the 2030s and beyond. Government and the Regulator explain in their joint response to the Open Letter engagement of 18 December 2020, that the workstream for pathway to 2030 will look at projects with connections planned in the late 2020s and early 2030s, including those coming through the current Crown</i>

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	pace and/or the development of a “pathfinder” approach to the transmission system connection proposals for these Applications.	<i>Estate’s Leasing round 4. It is our understanding from the stakeholder webinar update that Government expect early coordination will apply to Round 5 offshore wind farms.</i>
2(b)	If so, please provide an outline description of the implications of the pathfinder approach for each Application identifying any contingencies or matters not yet resolved	<i>N/A</i>
2(c)	If not, is any approach to BEIS likely to be made during the timescales of these examinations, or might a pathfinder approach be taken post decision.	<i>As above, no approach to BEIS is likely in respect of these Round 3 offshore windfarms during or post the examinations.</i>