

			National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)* response: <p>*Please note, the responses below are made by on behalf of NGET Birkhill Wood project team, not National Grid Group.</p>
BGC.1.3	The Applicants and National Grid	<p>Clean Power 2030 Action Plan</p> <p>What implications does the publication of the Clean Power 2030 Action Plan (Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), 2024) have for the Proposed Development?</p> <p>For example, page 66 suggests that there will be a change to the grid connection process and that updated grid connection offers will be provided by the end of 2025 – what implications could this have for the grid connection for the Proposed Development, and do you consider that this is sufficiently secured?</p>	<p>For clarity, where a customer seeks a connection to the transmission network, a Connection Agreement is entered into with the National Energy System Operator ('NESO' or its predecessor the Electricity System Operator 'ESO'), not with NGET.</p> <p>However, where a Connection Agreement has been entered into, NGET as the electricity transmission statutory undertaker, are legally obliged to facilitate the connection in accordance with the terms of the Connection Agreement.</p> <p>The Applicant has a Connection Agreement with the System Operator to connect to the transmission network and a connection point has been offered at the proposed NGET Birkhill Wood 400kV substation.</p> <p>In terms of the implications of the Clean Power 2030 Action Plan and its commitment to carry out reform to the grid connection process, as the NESO are responsible for the grid connection process, we would defer to the NESO for updates on connections reform and the implications for the Proposed Development. Further information can however be found on the NESO website: Connections Reform National Energy System Operator</p>

BGC.1.7	The Applicants and National Grid	<p>Birkhill Wood National Grid Substation</p> <p>1. Is there any update on the status of the proposals for the proposed Birkhill Wood National Grid Substation? When is this likely to come forwards as a planning application and when is its projected construction and operation?</p> <p>2. Does the takeover by the new publicly owned National Energy System Operator in October 2024 from National Grid have any implications for the Proposed Development?</p> <p>3. Would the grid connection offer [AS-152] from National Grid provide sufficient capacity to receive the maximum potential generating capacity from the Proposed Development?</p>	<p>1. The Birkhill Wood substation is required to connect Dogger Bank South and other new customers to the transmission network and also to provide a connection point for the North Humber to High Marnham reinforcement project, which is a separate NGET Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and which is currently the subject of statutory public pre-application consultation.</p> <p>NGET intend on submitting a planning application for the proposed Birkhill Wood substation to East Riding of Yorkshire Council in Spring 2025. Current programme is for works to commence in Q3 2026 and completion in Q3 2029.</p> <p>For completeness, the Birkhill Wood substation has also been included within the scope of the North Humber to High Marnham PEIR.</p> <p>An overview of the Birkhill Wood Substation is included within the North Humber to High Marnham Design Development Report at Section 7.8: download</p> <p>2. NGET do not believe the transfer of the function of the Electricity System Operator (ESO – a former National Grid Group business) to the National Energy System Operator (NESO – a public body) would have any implication on the Proposed Development as Connection Agreements previously entered into with the ESO have been transferred to the NESO and contractual obligations remain the same.</p>
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CA.1.12	The Applicants and National Grid	Connection from convertor station to proposed new substation The current proposal seeks to acquire land for a cable connection from the proposed convertor station to the proposed new National Grid substation – why is this part of this application and not part of the application for the proposed new substation?	The cable connection from the proposed convertor station to the proposed new National Grid substation is a customer asset not a transmission asset and therefore it is the Applicant's responsibility to consent, install and maintain their cable.