

**BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM (the Project)**  
**DEADLINE 6 (20 OCTOBER 2025)**  
**NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC**  
**WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS**

*Introduction*

1. National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“NGET”) is a statutory undertaker for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008.
2. NGET has assets which have been identified as being within, or within close proximity to, the proposed Order limits as particularised in NGET’s Deadline 1 submissions dated 4 June 2025. As also particularised in NGET’s Deadline 1 submissions, NGET has identified a direct interaction between the Project and the proposed NGET Farmoor substation.

*Comments on Change Request 2*

3. NGET has reviewed the documentation submitted by the Applicant in relation to Change Request 2. NGET notes that in particular Change 3 and Change 11 within Change Request 2 relate specifically to the proposed NGET Farmoor substation.
4. NGET has reviewed the refinement of the Project layout and design to reposition the main Project substation and secondary substation as proposed by Change 3 and confirms that it has no comments on this change.
5. Change 11 relates to the refinement of the Project layout and design to secure the latest design parameters for the NGET Farmoor substation. NGET has been in regular discussions with the Applicant in relation to what these parameters should be to ensure that there is sufficient flexibility in the siting and design of the substation in the new location noting that the NGET Farmoor substation has still not reached design freeze.
6. NGET notes that as a result in the differing topography in new location of the NGET Farmoor substation, the access road will be different, as will tower locations and subsequent gantry and busbar layouts compared to the previous design however the parameters of the main substation buildings will remain unchanged. As a result, NGET confirms that it is happy with the parameters as set out within Change 11.

*Protective Provisions*

7. Further to NGET’s relevant representations which were received by the Examining Authority on 6 February 2025, NGET’s written representation in relation to Deadline 1 dated 4 June 2025, and NGET’s response to written questions at Deadline 2 dated 1 July 2025, NGET continues to liaise with the Applicant in relation to the protective provisions that it requires to be included within the DCO to ensure that its interests are adequately protected and to ensure compliance with relevant safety standards.
8. NGET has provided comments on the draft protective provisions that the Applicant has provided however there are a number of points that still need to be resolved.

9. NGET will continue to liaise with the Applicant with a view to concluding matters as soon as possible during the DCO Examination, keeping the Examining Authority updated in relation to these discussions.

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**17 October 2025**