

**TWEEN BRIDGE SOLAR FARM PROJECT  
 DEADLINE 2 (19 MAY 2026)  
 RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY’S FIRST WRITTEN QUESTIONS  
 NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC**

1. National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“NGET”) is a statutory undertaker for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008.
2. NGET assets which have been identified as being within or within close proximity to the proposed Order limits are:
  - (a) Overhead lines:
    - ZDA
    - (i) 400kV Drax – Keadby – Thorpe Marsh;
    - (ii) 400kV Drax – Keadby – Thorpe Marsh;
3. Further to NGET’s Relevant Representations which were received by the Examining Authority on 18 December 2025, and NGET’s Written Representations for Deadline 1 which were received by the Examining Authority on 5 May 2026, NGET continues to liaise with the Applicant in relation to the Protective Provisions that is requires be included within the DCO to ensure that its current and future interests are adequately protected.
4. NGET has reviewed the Examining Authority’s first written questions and requests for information issued on 24 April 2026. NGET notes that questions Q4.0.12 and Q10.0.1 are directed at NGET. NGET’s response to these questions is as follows:

Question Reference	Question	Response
Q4.0.12	<p><b>Protective Provisions</b></p> <p>Please set out your position with regards to the tests under s127 and s138 of PA2008 as applicable to your respective interests.</p>	<p>As set out in NGET’s Relevant Representation, NGET has existing and proposed infrastructure and land interests located within and in close proximity to the Project’s Order Limits.</p> <p>NGET’s infrastructure is critical to ensuring the operation of the electricity transmission network and maintaining security of supply. NGET infrastructure has to be adequately protected to ensure that such assets can be operated and maintained at all times and all relevant safety standards secured.</p> <p>NGET’s required Protective Provisions were submitted alongside NGET’s Written Representations for Deadline 1.</p>

		<p>These Protective Provisions require the Applicant to secure NGET’s prior written consent to the exercise of any power of compulsory acquisition over NGET’s land or land in which NGET has rights or apparatus. These Protective Provisions also contain provisions to ensure the replacement of apparatus without causing any detriment to the operation of the transmission network should such apparatus need to be moved as a result of the Project.</p> <p>Without the appropriate safeguards in place through NGET’s required Protective Provisions, the acquisition of NGET’s land or land in which NGET has rights or apparatus, or the extinguishment of NGET’s rights, would cause a serious detriment to NGET’s undertaking, threatening the operation of the electricity transmission network. Furthermore, NGET would not be able make good any consequences of such compulsory acquisition without further undermining security of supply and its statutory obligations. Therefore, the tests under s127 and s138 of the Planning Act 2008 are not be met.</p>
<p>Q10.0.1</p>	<p>NGETs relevant representation [RR-021] states that the connection cable could potentially be designed and built by the Applicant and it highlights that the applicant is required to seek consent for, build and maintain all assets up to the bus bar within ‘the substation’. It also states that “NGET is not currently proposing to construct a new substation in the area.”</p> <p>...</p> <p>To NGET</p> <p>1: Are there any plans for a new substation?</p> <p>2: Is NGET obliged to provide a POC for the applicant and if so, where and when is NGET obliged to provide this?</p>	<p>Discussions between NGET and the Applicant in relation to the location and form of the point of connection are ongoing. NGET is exploring all options as part of these discussions but is currently unable to provide any further details.</p> <p>Although the process for identifying a point of connection is ongoing, the Project benefits from a contractually binding Grid Connection Agreement with the National Energy System Operator and is guaranteed to receive a Gate 2 offer in due course. This creates a legally binding obligation upon NGET to provide a point of connection to the electricity transmission network.</p>

	<p>The applicant and NGET should agree a statement of common ground to resolve these issues or explain any areas of disagreement.</p>	<p>NGET considers that the Examining Authority can proceed on the basis that a point of connection to the electricity transmission system will be delivered in due course in accordance with NGET's legal obligations. NGET also notes that such circumstances are not unusual, have arisen elsewhere (such as for Springwell Solar Farm), and have been resolved in the same way that the Applicant is proposing here.</p>
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5. 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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**18 MAY 2026**