TWEEN BRIDGE SOLAR FARM PROJECT
DEADLINE 6 (22 SEPTEMBER 2026)
WRITTEN REPRESENTATION
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:

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   (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, NGET's Written Representations for Deadline 1 which were received by the Examining Authority on 5 May 2026, and NGET's Written Representations for Deadline 2 which were received by the Examining Authority on 18 May 2026. NGET continues to liaise with the Applicant in relation to the Protective Provisions that it requires be included within the DCO to ensure that its current and future interests are adequately protected.

4. A copy of NGET's preferred draft Protective Provisions is attached as Appendix 1 to this Written Representation.

5. NGET notes that in its submission for Deadline 5, the Applicant submitted "*8.23 Justification for the Applicant's preferred protective provisions (REP5-039)*" ("**the Justification**"), where the Applicant sets out why the drafting in relation to the consent provision set out in paragraph 8 of NGET's preferred draft Protective Provisions is unnecessary ("**the Consent drafting**").

PRECEDENT

6. The Applicant's position in the Justification is entirely inconsistent with the approach taken in recent made DCOs, both in the solar sector and other DCOs which interact with NGET's assets. NGET has identified the following made DCOs containing provisions materially similar to the Consent drafting:

Order	**Provision**
Orders in the Solar Sector	
The East Yorkshire Solar Farm Order 2025	Schedule 14, Part 7, Paragraph 88
The Fenwick Solar Farm Order 2026	Schedule 14, Part 7, Paragraph 89
The Heckington Fen Solar Park Order 2025	Schedule 13, Part 6, Paragraph 61

The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024	Schedule 15, Part 4, Paragraph 38
The Springwell Solar Farm Order 2026	Schedule 15, Part 7, Paragraph 78
The Stonestreet Green Solar Order 2025	Schedule 13, Part 5, Paragraph 50
The Oaklands Farm Solar Park Order 2025	Schedule 10, Part 2, Paragraph 100
The One Earth Solar Farm Order 2026	Schedule 14, Part 9, Paragraph 104
The Peartree Hill Solar Farm Order 2026	Schedule 11, Part 6, Paragraph 61
The Beacon Fen Energy Park Order 2026	Schedule 11, Part 13, Paragraph 168
The Gate Burton Energy Park Order 2024	Schedule 14. Part 9. Paragraph 102
The Helios Renewable Energy Project Order 2025	Schedule 9, Part 6, Paragraph 60
The Byers Gill Solar Order 2025	Schedule 11, Part 4, Paragraph 34
The Cottam Solar Project Order 2024	Schedule 15, Part 3, Paragraph 23
The Sunnica Energy Farm Order 2024	Schedule 12, Part 6, Paragraph 63
The Tillbridge Solar Order 2025	Schedule 15, Part 17, Paragraph 267
The West Burton Solar Project Order 2025	Schedule 15, Part 3, Paragraph 23
Orders not in the Solar Sector	
The A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Development Consent Order 2024	Schedule 11, Part 4, Paragraph 39
The A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Development Consent Order 2024	Schedule 9, Part 3, Paragraph 24
The Dogger Bank South East and West Offshore Wind Farms Order 2026	Schedule 15, Part 7, Paragraph 88
The Drax Power Station Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage Extension Order 2024	Schedule 12, Part 3, Paragraph 24
The Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Order 2025	Schedule 9, Part 14, Paragraph 172
The Mona Offshore Wind Farm Order 2025	Schedule 10, Part 7, Paragraph 89
The North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Order 2026	Schedule 14, Part 11, Paragraph 145
The Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Farm Order 2026	Schedule 18, Part 7, Paragraph 6
The Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm Order 2025	Schedule 10, Part 3, Paragraph 5

The Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extension Offshore Wind Farm Order 2024	Schedule 14, Part 7, Paragraph 6
The Viking CCS Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Order 2025	Schedule 9, Part 3, Paragraph 20
The HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Order 2024	Schedule 10, Part 3, Paragraph 20
A122 (Lower Thames Crossing) Development Consent Order 2025	Schedule 14, Part 7, Paragraph 85

7. The Applicant has not identified any valid reason to distinguish between its project and each of these recently made DCOs, and in particular to distinguish between its project and the other recently made solar DCOs.

8. NGET also notes that, in both the Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm Order 2025 and the Dogger Bank South East and West Offshore Wind Farms Order 2026, the respective applicants sought removal of drafting equivalent to the Consent drafting. In each case, the Secretary of State retained the protection sought by NGET. In relation to Rampion 2, the Examining Authority concluded, and the Secretary of State accepted, that:

   (a) that the Order should make provision to ensure that NGET can protect its assets and carry out its role and functions; and

   (b) provisions including the Consent Drafting had been included in the Sheringham and Dudgeon Order and thus had previously been accepted as necessary.

   (see paragraph 6.13 of the Rampion 2 decision letter and paragraph 7.6.20 to 7.6.25 of the Rampion 2 Examining Authority's Recommendation Report)

9. The Applicant's position in the Justification is also inconsistent with other DCOs in the solar sector which impact NGET's assets and which have been through the examination process and which are pending determination:

Order	**Provision**
The Fosse Green Energy Order	Schedule 14, Part 8, Paragraph 90
The Frodsham Solar Farm Order	Schedule 21, Paragraph 6
The Green Hill Solar Farm Order	Schedule 15, Part 3, Paragraph 28
The Steeple Renewables Project Order	Schedule 10, Part 13, Paragraph 166

10. The Applicant has not identified any valid reason to distinguish between its project and each of these other solar projects.

11. The weight of precedent demonstrates a consistent approach throughout all decision making in relation to the inclusion of the Consent drafting in favour of NGET.

THE APPLICANT'S EXAMPLES

12. In support of its position, the Applicant relies on three previous DCOs in support of its contention that the Consent drafting would confer a "veto". None concerns the removal of equivalent protection for NGET. The Justification refers to those examples at a high level without reference to the underlying issues. The three examples relied upon by the Applicant are:

    (a) The HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Order 2024;

    (b) A122 (Lower Thames Crossing) Development Consent Order 2025; and

    (c) The Dogger Bank South East and West Offshore Wind Farms Order 2026.

13. NGET notes that in each of the examples cited by the Applicant, whilst the supposed "veto" powers were excluded for the parties indicated in the Justification, the Consent drafting was actually included in relation to NGET (as indicated in the table above). The Applicant has therefore not provided any precedent where the Consent drafting has not been included in respect of NGET interests.

THE GUIDANCE

14. In the Justification, the Applicant refers to "Guidance on the content of a Development Consent Order required for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project" (the "**2024 Guidance**"). The 2024 Guidance, which was published on 30 April 2024 was withdrawn on 24 July 2026 on the basis that it was out of date. The majority of the precedent referred to above was determined whilst the 2024 Guidance was in effect and still saw protective provisions for NGET secured in the same form as NGET requires in this scheme including the Consent drafting.

15. The 2024 Guidance has now been superseded by the "Planning Act 2008: Guidance on preparing an application: Part 3 – Content of a Development Consent Order" (the "**2026 Guidance**"). The 2026 Guidance was published on 3 July 2026. The 2026 Guidance provides, at paragraphs 4.25 to 4.26 (emphasis added):

> *4.25 Applicants should therefore aim to agree the form of protective provisions with the* ***relevant parties for inclusion in the draft DCO prior to submitting the application for development consent. Most statutory undertakers have now developed their own preferred form of protective provisions which is very helpful to the preparation of the draft DCO.*** *However, these must be adapted as necessary, so they accurately reflect the proposed development. Furthermore, they should not simply negate the principal provisions of the DCO and thereby become an impediment to implementation of the project, for example by conferring unfettered plan approval procedures at detailed design stage that could be operated by the statutory undertaker to frustrate delivery of the project.*
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> *4.26 However, provisions exempting land belonging to a statutory undertaker from broad compulsory acquisition provisions within the draft DCO, for example to avoid engaging the additional requirements in section 127 of the Planning Act, may be acceptable if the applicant can demonstrate that the necessary land interests and rights have been, or will be, obtained by agreement with the statutory undertaker concerned.*

16. The 2026 Guidance expressly notes that protective provisions exempting land belonging to a statutory undertaker from broad compulsory acquisition powers may be acceptable.

17. The Applicant has not demonstrated why the Consent drafting must be adapted in this case, and the Consent drafting does not negate the principal provisions of the DCO. It provides a consent mechanism for the acquisition of NGET's land and interests in order to protect NGET's electricity transmission infrastructure which is critically important to the electricity grid and the security of supply of electricity.

18. Importantly, the Applicant is not compliant with the approach encouraged by the 2026 Guidance. It did not agree protective provisions with NGET before submitting the application and did not provide its proposed drafting until Deadline 5. By contrast, NGET submitted its preferred form of Protective Provisions alongside its Written Representation at Deadline 1. The Applicant had not commented on that drafting in the examination until Deadlines 4 and 5.

THE FINGLETON REVIEW

19. The Applicant refers to the Fingleton Review, but does not explain how that review supports the removal of the Consent drafting.

20. The Fingleton Review recommends at Recommendation 28 that the Model Provisions "*should include….Acceptable protective provisions for statutory undertakers*". As demonstrated by the substantive precedent above, NGET has a preferred form of Protective Provisions which are routinely secured in DCOs and which routinely contain the Consent drafting.

21. The NGET Protective Provisions are well precedented, and well understood. Paragraph 392(c) of the Fingleton Review expands upon this recommendation by stating the following: "*Developers must negotiate project specific "protective provisions" with statutory undertakers (organisations responsible for critical national infrastructure like railways and sewers). These usually cover the same issues as previous DCOs but are treated as completely fresh and bespoke, leading to protracted negotiations*".

22. In this case, the Applicant is treating the process as fresh and bespoke, rather than accepting the significant precedent and the requirements of NGET as a statutory undertaker.

THE POWERS

23. As well as the significant weight of precedent in favour of the Consent drafting, the lack of suitable examples cited by the Applicant and the misconceived reference to the Fingleton Review, the Applicant's suggestion that the powers sought by NGET through the Consent drafting are already covered by other provisions within the Protective Provisions is misplaced.

24. The Applicant's submission in the Justification confuses and ignores the distinction between an approval process for physical works (which provides protection for NGET's physical assets and imposes control over the works which can interact with NGET's assets, as summarised in section 3.5 of the Justification) and a consent process for compulsory acquisition (which ensures that NGET retains the necessary land rights in respect of the electricity transmission network). If NGET's assets remain in situ (as is intended as part of the Proposed Development) then NGET must retain the land rights to access NGET's assets so that it can safely maintain and operate the electricity transmission network.

25. The Applicant does not specifically engage with the Protective Provisions in the Justification (other than at Table 4 and by reference to its broad position) and does not identify how the Protective Provisions are said to negate any other provisions of the DCO. To be clear, the Protective Provisions do not negate any provisions of the DCO and instead set out a process around and to manage compulsory acquisition. This is the same approach as the remainder of the Protective Provisions which set out a process for carrying out the authorised development. The Applicant has accepted the remainder of the Protective Provisions.

26. NGET's Protective Provisions are not a "veto"; they are a process to regulate the interaction of land rights, which would otherwise not be controlled. Paragraph 8 does not negate any powers of compulsory acquisition; instead, it limits the acquisition of NGET's interest until such time as there is agreement from NGET and it is always subject to the other terms of the Protective

Provisions. Other elements of the Protective Provisions address practical matters such as the removal of apparatus (paragraph (9)), and the protection of retained apparatus (paragraph (11)). These matters are not a veto or negation of any powers in the draft DCO, and are instead important controls to address ongoing land rights matters.

27. It would be wholly inappropriate for the DCO to authorise powers which could lead to the extinguishment of NGET's land rights, which are required so that it can safely own and operate the electricity transmission network. The Applicant itself acknowledges the importance of protecting the infrastructure comprised within the electricity transmission network, and ensuring that land rights are retained is a key element of this protection.

28. If NGET does not retain control and ownership of land rights to access NGET's assets, this would cause serious detriment to NGET's undertaking. The Applicant has at no stage explained why it considers that the test in section 127 of the Planning Act 2008 can be met. NGET's position is that this serious detriment can only be addressed through including suitable protective provisions in the DCO. The inclusion of a consent process for compulsory acquisition will enable NGET to ensure that serious detriment does not occur.

CONCLUSIONS ON COMPULSORY ACQUISITION

29. NGET's preferred form of Protective Provisions are not an impediment to delivery, and the Applicant has identified no project-specific circumstance in which the Consent drafting would prevent or materially delay the authorised development. The Applicant's submission does not address the Protective Provisions or the interaction with the Proposed Development. Instead, it adopts a high-level position which it sweepingly applies to a number of different undertakers without differentiation, nuance or any consideration of the specific requirements of each statutory undertaker.

30. NGET does not object in principle to the Proposed Development and does not seek to prevent its delivery. It seeks only the protections necessary to preserve the land rights and operational controls required for the safe and reliable operation of the transmission network, and to avoid serious detriment to its undertaking.

31. NGET has submitted its preferred form of Protective Provisions into this examination. The Applicant has not responded at earlier deadlines, has not set out its position and has not identified how this would, in fact, be an impediment to this scheme. The Applicant relies on the 2026 Guidance, but has not complied with the same 2026 Guidance in the promotion of its draft DCO.

32. The Applicant has not demonstrated why this scheme should be treated as an exception to the significant precedent identified above.

OTHER PROVISIONS IN THE PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS

33. NGET is in discussion with the Applicant in relation to the inclusion of drafting in relation to the North Humber to High Marnham Project DCO in the Protective Provisions. The Applicant has proposed that management of any interaction between the Proposed Development and the North Humber to High Marnham Project DCO could be dealt with through the inclusion of a commitment (most likely within the Construction Environmental Management Plan) to enter into an interface agreement should one be required to manage the interaction. NGET is considering the Applicants proposals and will provide an update to the Examining Authority as soon as possible.

NEXT STEPS

34. 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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APPENDIX 1 – NGET PREFERRED PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS

NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC

SCHEDULE 1
PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS

PART 1
FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL GRID ELECRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC AS ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKER

Application

1.(1) For the protection of NGET as referred to in this Part of this Schedule the following provisions have effect, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the undertaker and NGET.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) or to the extent otherwise agreed in writing between the undertaker and NGET, where the benefit of this Order is transferred or granted to another person under article 8 (*consent to transfer benefit of Order*) –

(a) any agreement of the type mentioned in subparagraph (1) has effect as if it had been made between NGET and the transferee or grantee (as the case may be); and

(b) written notice of the transfer or grant must be given to NGET on or before the date of that transfer or grant.

(3) Sub-paragraph (2) does not apply where the benefit of the Order is transferred or granted to NGET (but without prejudice to 11(3)b) (undertaker not to be liable for works carried out by NGET as transferee).

Interpretation

2. In this Part of this Schedule—

"acceptable credit provider" means a bank or financial institution with a credit rating that is not lower than: (i) "A-" if the rating is assigned by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group or Fitch Ratings; and "A3" if the rating is assigned by Moody's Investors Services Inc.;

"acceptable insurance**"** means general third party liability insurance effected and maintained by the undertaker with a combined property damage and bodily injury limit of indemnity of not less than £50,000,000.00 (fifty million pounds) per occurrence or series of occurrences arising out of one event. Such insurance shall be maintained (a) during the construction period of the authorised works; and (b) after the construction period of the authorised works in respect of any use and maintenance of the authorised development by or on behalf of the undertaker which constitute specified works and arranged with an insurer whose security/credit rating meets the same requirements as an "acceptable credit provider", such insurance shall include (without limitation):

(a) a waiver of subrogation and an indemnity to principal clause in favour of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc; and

(b) pollution liability for third party property damage and third party bodily damage arising from any pollution/contamination event with a (sub)limit of indemnity of not less than £10,000,000.00 (ten million pounds) per occurrence or series of occurrences arising out of one event or £20,000,000.00 (twenty million pounds) in aggregate;

"acceptable security**"** means either:

(a) a parent company guarantee from a parent company in favour of NGET to cover the undertaker's liability to NGET to a total liability cap of £50,000,000.00 (fifty million pounds) (in a form reasonably satisfactory to NGET and where required by NGET, accompanied with a legal opinion confirming the due capacity and authorisation of the parent company to enter into and be bound by the terms of such guarantee); or

(b) a bank bond or letter of credit from an acceptable credit provider in favour of NGET to cover the undertaker's liability to NGET for an amount of not less than £10,000,000.00 (ten million pounds) per asset per event up to a total liability cap of £50,000,000.00 (fifty million pounds) (in a form reasonably satisfactory to NGET);

"alternative apparatus" means appropriate alternative apparatus to the satisfaction of NGET to enable NGET to fulfil its statutory functions in a manner no less efficient than previously;

"apparatus" means:

(a) any electric lines or electrical plant as defined in the Electricity Act 1989, belonging to or maintained by NGET together with any replacement apparatus;

(b) such other apparatus constructed pursuant to the Order that becomes operational apparatus of NGET for the purposes of transmission, distribution and/or supply and includes any structure in which apparatus is or will be lodged or which gives or will give access to apparatus; and

(c) any electrical lines or electrical plan as defined in the Electricity Act 1989, any mains, pipes, plant or other apparatus belonging to, operated or maintained by NGET for the purposes of the construction, operation and maintenance of the NHHM Project, whether temporary of permanent, and includes, where the context so requires, apparatus constructed as part of the authorised development and intended for the beneficial use by NGET ("NHHM apparatus");

(d) any electrical lines or electrical plan as defined in the Electricity Act 1989, any mains, pipes, plant or other apparatus belonging to, operated or maintained by NGET for the purposes of the construction, operation and maintenance of the OHL Project, whether temporary of permanent, and includes, where the context so requires, apparatus constructed as part of the authorised development and intended for the beneficial use by NGET ("OHL apparatus");

"authorised works" has the same meaning as is given to the term "authorised development" in article [2(1)] of this Order and includes any associated development authorised by the Order and for the purposes of this Part of this Schedule includes the use and maintenance of the authorised works and construction of any works authorised by this Schedule;

"commence" and "commencement" in this Part of this Schedule have effect for the purposes of [article 2] (interpretation) of this Order as if they include any below ground surveys, monitoring, ground work operations or the receipt and erection of construction plant and equipment;

"deed of consent" means a deed of consent, crossing agreement, deed of variation or new deed of grant agreed between the parties acting reasonably in order to vary or replace existing easements, agreements, enactments and other such interests so as to secure land rights and interests as are necessary to carry out, maintain, operate and use the apparatus in a manner consistent with the terms of this Part of this Schedule;

"functions" includes powers and duties;

"ground mitigation scheme" means a scheme approved by NGET (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) setting out the necessary measures (if any) for a ground subsidence event;

"ground monitoring scheme" means a scheme for monitoring ground subsidence which sets out the apparatus which is to be subject to such monitoring, the extent of land to be monitored, the manner in which ground levels are to be monitored, the timescales of any monitoring activities and the extent of ground subsidence which, if exceeded, shall require the undertaker to submit for NGET's approval a ground mitigation scheme;

"ground subsidence event" means any ground subsidence identified by the monitoring activities set out in the ground monitoring scheme that has exceeded the level described in the ground monitoring scheme as requiring a ground mitigation scheme;

"in" in a context referring to apparatus or alternative apparatus in land includes a reference to apparatus or alternative apparatus under, over, across, along or upon such land;

"Incentive Deduction" means any incentive deduction Electricity Transmission plc receives under its electricity transmission licence which is caused by an event on its transmission system that causes electricity not to be supplied to a demand customer and which arises as a result of the authorised works;

"NGET" means NGET (Company Number 2366977) whose registered office is at 1-3 Strand, London, WC2N 5EH or any successor as a licence holder within the meaning of Part 1 of the Electricity Act 1989;

"NESO" means National Energy System Operator as defined in the STC;

"NHHM Project" means the North Humber to High Marnham Project and any enabling works to be undertaken by NGET;

"NHHM Site" includes –

(a) land on which any NHHM Project apparatus is situated;

(b) land on which NHHM Project apparatus is anticipated to be situated (in so far as the same has been notified by NGET in writing to the undertaker); and

(c) land on which NHHM Project rights are anticipated (in so far as the same has been notified by NGET in writing to the undertaker);

"OHL Project" means the Keadby to Thorpe Marsh OHL Reconfiguration Scheme and any enabling works to be undertaken by NGET;

"OHL Project Site" includes –

(a) land on which any OHL Project apparatus is situated;

(b) land on which OHL Project apparatus is anticipated to be situated (in so far as the same has been notified by NGET in writing to the undertaker); and

(c) land on which OHL Project rights are anticipated (in so far as the same has been notified by NGET in writing to the undertaker);

"parent company" means a parent company of the undertaker acceptable to and which shall have been approved by NGET acting reasonably;

"plan" or "plans" include all designs, drawings, specifications, method statements, soil reports, programmes, calculations, risk assessments and other documents that are reasonably necessary properly and sufficiently to describe and assess the works to be executed;

"specified works" means any of the authorised works or activities undertaken in association with the authorised works which:

(a) will or may be situated over, or within 15 metres measured in any direction of any apparatus the removal of which has not been required by the undertaker under paragraph 8(2) or otherwise; and/or

(b) may in any way adversely affect any apparatus the removal of which has not been required by the undertaker under paragraph 8(2) or otherwise; and/or

(c) includes any of the activities that are referred to in development near overhead lines EN43-8 and HSE's guidance note 6 "Avoidance of Danger from Overhead Lines".

"STC" means the System Operator Transmission Owner Code prepared by the electricity Transmission Owners and NESO as modified from time to time;

"STC Claims" means any claim made under the STC against National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc arising out of or in connection with the de-energisation (whereby no electricity can flow to or from the relevant system through the generator or interconnector's equipment) of a generator or interconnector party solely as a result of the de-energisation of plant and apparatus forming part of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc's transmission system which arises as a result of the authorised works;

"Transmission Owner" means as defined in the STC;

"undertaker" means the undertaker as defined in [article 2(1)] of this Order;

Interaction with the NHHM Project

3. Without limiting any other provision of this Part of this Schedule, the undertaker must use reasonable endeavours to avoid any conflict arising between the construction, maintenance and operation of the authorised development and the NHHM Project. For the purposes of this paragraph, "reasonable endeavours" means –

(a) undertaking consultation with NGET on the design and programming of works for the authorised development and ensuring the plans as submitted for approval under the requirements do not unreasonably impede or interfere with the construction of the NHHM Project;

(b) having regard to the anticipated programme of works for the NHHM Project and facilitating a co-ordinated approach to construction programming, land assembly, and the carrying out of works in connection with the authorised development and the NHHM Project; and

(c) providing a point of contact for continuing liaison and co-ordination throughout the construction and operation of the authorised development; and

(d) keeping NGET informed on the programme of works for the authorised works

Interaction with the OHL Project

4. Without limiting any other provision of this Part of this Schedule, the undertaker must use reasonable endeavours to avoid any conflict arising between the construction, maintenance and operation of the authorised development and the OHL Project. For the purposes of this paragraph, "reasonable endeavours" means –

(a) undertaking consultation with NGET on the design and programming of works for the authorised development and ensuring the plans as submitted for approval under the requirements do not unreasonably impede or interfere with the OHL Project;

(b) having regard to the anticipated programme of works for the OHL Project and facilitating a co-ordinated approach to construction programming, land assembly, and the carrying out of works in connection with the authorised development and the OHL Project; and

(c) providing a point of contact for continuing liaison and co-ordination throughout the construction and operation of the authorised development; and

(d) keeping NGET informed on the programme of works for the authorised works

On Street Apparatus

5. Except for paragraphs 5 (*apparatus in stopped up streets*), 10 (*retained apparatus: protection*), 11 (*expenses*) and 12 (*indemnity*) of this Schedule which will apply in respect of the exercise of all or any powers under the Order affecting the rights and apparatus of NGET, the other provisions of this Schedule do not apply to apparatus in respect of which the relations between the undertaker and NGET are regulated by the provisions of Part 3 of the 1991 Act.

Apparatus of NGET in stopped up streets

6.—(1) Where any street is stopped up under article [ ] (*permanent stopping up, restriction of use and construction of streets, public rights of way and private means of access*), if NGET has any apparatus in the street or accessed via that street NGET has the same rights in respect of that apparatus as it enjoyed immediately before the stopping up and the undertaker must grant to NGET, or procure the granting to NGET of, legal easements reasonably satisfactory to NGET in respect of such apparatus and access to it prior to the stopping up of any such street or highway but nothing in this paragraph affects any right of the undertaker or NGET to require the removal of that apparatus under paragraph 8 or the power of the undertaker, subject to compliance with this sub-paragraph, to carry out works under paragraph 10.

(2) Notwithstanding the temporary stopping up or diversion of any highway under the powers of article 15 (*temporary closure or restriction of streets and public rights of way*), NGET is at liberty at all times to take all necessary access across any such stopped up highway and to execute and do all such works and things in, upon or under any such highway as may be reasonably necessary or desirable to enable it to maintain any apparatus which at the time of the stopping up or diversion was in that highway.

Protective works to buildings

7. The undertaker, in the case of the powers conferred by article [ ] (protective work to buildings), must exercise those powers so as not to obstruct or render materially less convenient the access to any apparatus without the prior written consent of NGET.

Acquisition of land

8. (1) Regardless of any provision in this Order or anything shown on the land plans or contained in the book of reference to the Order, the undertaker may not (a) appropriate or acquire or take temporary possession of any land or apparatus or ((b) appropriate, acquire, extinguish, interfere with or override any easement, other interest or right and/or apparatus of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc otherwise than by agreement.

(2) Regardless of any provision in this Order or anything show on the land plans, the undertaker must not unless otherwise agreed in writing acquire any land forming part of a NHHM Site or OHL Project Site.

(3) As a condition of an agreement between the parties in sub-paragraph (1), prior to the carrying out of any part of the authorised works (or in such other timeframe as may be agreed between National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc and the undertaker) that is subject to the requirements of this Part of this Schedule that will cause any conflict with or breach the terms of any easement or other legal or land interest of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc or affect the provisions of any enactment or agreement regulating the relations between National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc and the undertaker in respect of any apparatus laid or erected in land belonging to or secured by the undertaker, the undertaker must as National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc reasonably requires enter into such deeds of consent upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed between National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc and the undertaker acting reasonably and which must be no less favourable on the whole to National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc unless otherwise agreed by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc, and it will be the responsibility of the undertaker to procure and/or secure the consent and entering into of such deeds and variations by all other third parties with an interest in the land at that time who are affected by such authorised works.

(4) Save where otherwise agreed in writing between National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc and the undertaker the undertaker and National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc agree that where there is any inconsistency or duplication between the provisions set out in this Part of this Schedule relating to the relocation and/or removal of apparatus/including but not limited to the payment of costs and expenses relating to such relocation and/or removal of apparatus) and the provisions of any existing easement, rights, agreements and licences granted, used, enjoyed or exercised by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc and/or other enactments relied upon by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc as of right or other use in relation to the apparatus, then the provisions in this Schedule shall prevail.

(5) Any agreement or consent granted by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc under paragraph 10 or any other paragraph of this Part of this Schedule, shall not be taken to constitute agreement under sub-paragraph (1).

Removal of apparatus

9.—(1) If, in the exercise of the powers conferred by this Order, the undertaker acquires any interest in or possesses temporarily any land in which any apparatus is placed, that apparatus must not be removed under this Part of this Schedule and any right of NGET to maintain that apparatus in that land must not be extinguished until alternative apparatus has been constructed, and is in operation to the reasonable satisfaction of NGET in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) to (5).

(2) If, for the purpose of executing any works in, on, under or over any land purchased, held, appropriated or used under this Order, the undertaker requires the removal of any apparatus placed in that land, it must give to NGET advance written notice of that requirement, together with a plan of the work proposed, and of the proposed position of the alternative apparatus to be provided or constructed and in that case (or if in consequence of the exercise of any of the powers conferred by this Order NGET reasonably needs to remove any of its apparatus) the undertaker must, subject to sub-paragraph (3), secure any necessary consents for the alternative apparatus and afford to NGET to its satisfaction (taking into account paragraph 9(1) below) the necessary facilities and rights

(a) for the construction of alternative apparatus in other land of or land secured by the undertaker; and

(b) subsequently for the maintenance of that apparatus.

(3) If alternative apparatus or any part of such apparatus is to be constructed elsewhere than in other land of or land secured by the undertaker, or the undertaker is unable to afford such facilities and rights as are mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) in the land in which the alternative apparatus or part of such apparatus is to be constructed, NGET may in its sole discretion, on receipt of a written notice to that effect from the undertaker, take such steps as are reasonable in the circumstances to assist the undertaker to obtain the necessary facilities and rights in the land in which the alternative apparatus is to be constructed save that this obligation must not extend to the requirement for NGET to use its compulsory purchase powers to this end unless it elects to so do.

(4) Any alternative apparatus to be constructed in land of or land secured by the undertaker under this Part of this Schedule must be constructed in such manner and in such line or situation as may be agreed between NGET and the undertaker.

(5) NGET must, after the alternative apparatus to be provided or constructed has been agreed, and subject to any necessary legal agreements having been entered into between the parties and the grant to NGET of any such facilities and rights as are referred to in sub-paragraph (2) or (3), proceed without unnecessary delay to construct and bring into operation the alternative apparatus and subsequently to remove any apparatus required by the undertaker to be removed under the provisions of this Part of this Schedule.

Facilities and rights for alternative apparatus

10.—(1) Where, in accordance with the provisions of this Part of this Schedule, the undertaker affords to or secures for NGET facilities and rights in land for the construction, use, maintenance and protection of alternative apparatus in substitution for apparatus to be removed, those facilities and rights must be granted upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed between the undertaker and NGET and must be no less favourable on the whole to NGET than the facilities and rights enjoyed by it in respect of the apparatus to be removed unless otherwise agreed by NGET.

(2) If the facilities and rights to be afforded by the undertaker in respect of any alternative apparatus, and the terms and conditions subject to which those facilities and rights are to be granted, are less favourable on the whole to NGET than the facilities and rights enjoyed by it in respect of the apparatus to be removed and the terms and conditions to which those facilities and rights are subject the matter may be referred to arbitration in accordance with paragraph 16 (*Arbitration*) of this Part of this Schedule and the arbitrator must make such provision for the payment of compensation by the undertaker to NGET as appears to the arbitrator to be reasonable having regard to all the circumstances of the particular case.

Retained apparatus: protection

11.—(1) Not less than 56 days before the commencement of any specified works, the undertaker must submit to NGET a plan of the works to be executed and seek from NGET details of the underground extent of their electricity assets.

(2) In relation to specified works the plan to be submitted to NGET under sub-paragraph (1) must include a method statement and describe—

(a) the exact position of the works;

(b) the level at which these are proposed to be constructed or renewed;

(c) the manner of their construction or renewal including details of excavation, positioning of plant;

(d) the position of all apparatus;

(e) by way of detailed drawings, every alteration proposed to be made to or close to any such apparatus;

(f) any intended maintenance regimes;

(g) an assessment of risks of rise of earth issues; and

(h) a ground monitoring scheme, where required.

(3) In relation to any works which will or may be situated on, over, under or within 10 metres of any part of the foundations of an electricity tower or between any two or more electricity towers, the plan to be submitted under sub-paragraph (1) must, in addition to the matters set out in sub-paragraph (2), include a method statement describing; -

(a) details of any cable trench design including route, dimensions, clearance to pylon foundations;

(b) demonstration that pylon foundations will not be affected prior to, during and post construction;

(c) details of load bearing capacities of trenches;

(d) details of any cable installation methodology including access arrangements, jointing bays and backfill methodology;

(e) a written management plan for high voltage hazard during construction and ongoing maintenance of any cable route;

(f) written details of the operations and maintenance regime for any cable, including frequency and method of access;

(g) assessment of earth rise potential if reasonably required by NGET's engineers; and

(h) evidence that trench bearing capacity is to be designed to support overhead line construction traffic of up to and including 26 tonnes in weight.

(4) The undertaker must not commence any works to which sub-paragraphs (2) or (3) apply until NGET has given written approval of the plan so submitted.

(5) Any approval of NGET required under sub-paragraphs (4)—

(a) may be given subject to reasonable conditions for any purpose mentioned in sub-paragraph (6) or (8);

(b) may be given subject to such reasonable requirements as NGET may have in connection with the safe, economic and efficient construction, commissioning, operation and maintenance of the NHHM Project and/or OHL Project; and,

(c) must not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

(6) In relation to any work to which sub-paragraphs (2) or (3) apply, NGET may require such modifications to be made to the plans as may be reasonably necessary for the purpose of securing its apparatus against interference or risk of damage, for the provision of protective works or for the purpose of providing or securing proper and convenient means of access to any apparatus.

(7) Works executed under sub-paragraphs (2) or (3) must be executed in accordance with the plan, submitted under sub-paragraph (1) or as relevant sub-paragraph (6), as approved or as amended from time to time by agreement between the undertaker and NGET and in accordance with such reasonable requirements as may be made in accordance with sub-paragraphs (5), (7) or (9) by NGET for the alteration or otherwise for the protection of the apparatus, or for securing access to it, and NGET will be entitled to watch and inspect the execution of those works.

(8) Where NGET requires any protective works to be carried out by itself or by the undertaker (whether of a temporary or permanent nature) such protective works, inclusive of any measures or schemes required and approved as part of the plan approved pursuant to this paragraph, such protective works must be carried out to NGET's satisfaction prior to the commencement of any specified works (or any relevant part thereof) for which protective works are required and NGET must give notice of its requirement for such works within 42 days of the date of submission of a plan pursuant to this paragraph (except in an emergency).

(9) If NGET in accordance with sub-paragraphs (6) or (8) and in consequence of the works proposed by the undertaker, reasonably requires the removal of any apparatus and gives written notice to the undertaker of that requirement, paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and to 8 apply as if the removal of the apparatus had been required by the undertaker under paragraph 8(2).

(10) Nothing in this paragraph precludes the undertaker from submitting at any time or from time to time, but in no case less than 56 days before commencing the execution of the authorised development, a new plan, instead of the plan previously submitted, and having done so the provisions of this paragraph shall apply to and in respect of the new plan.

(11) The undertaker will not be required to comply with sub-paragraph (1) where it needs to carry out emergency works as defined in the 1991 Act but in that case it must give to NGET notice as soon as is reasonably practicable and a plan of those works and must -

(a) comply with sub-paragraphs (6) (7) and (8) insofar as is reasonably practicable in the circumstances; and

(b) comply with sub-paragraph (12) at all times.

(12) At all times when carrying out any works authorised under the Order, the undertaker must comply with NGET's policies for development near overhead lines EN43-8 and HSE's guidance note 6 "Avoidance of Danger from Overhead Lines".

Expenses

12.(1) Save where otherwise agreed in writing between NGET and the undertaker and subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, the undertaker must pay to NGET within 30 days of receipt of an itemised invoice or claim from NGET all charges, costs and expenses reasonably anticipated within the following three months or reasonably and properly incurred by NGET in, or in connection with, the inspection, removal, relaying or replacing, alteration or protection of any apparatus or the construction of any new or alternative apparatus which may be required in consequence of the execution of any authorised works including without limitation—

(a) any costs reasonably incurred by or compensation properly paid by NGET in connection with the acquisition of rights or the exercise of statutory powers for such apparatus including without limitation all costs incurred by NGET as a consequence of NGET;

(i) using its own compulsory purchase powers to acquire any necessary rights under paragraph 8(3); or

(ii) exercising any compulsory purchase powers in the Order transferred to or benefitting NGET;

(b) in connection with the cost of the carrying out of any diversion work or the provision of any alternative apparatus, where no written diversion agreement is otherwise in place;

(c) the cutting off of any apparatus from any other apparatus or the making safe of redundant apparatus;

(d) the approval of plans;

(e) the carrying out of protective works, plus a capitalised sum to cover the cost of maintaining and renewing permanent protective works;

(f) the survey of any land, apparatus or works, the inspection and monitoring of works or the installation or removal of any temporary works reasonably necessary in consequence of the execution of any such works referred to in this Part of this Schedule.

(2) There will be deducted from any sum payable under sub-paragraph (1) the value of any apparatus removed under the provisions of this Part of this Schedule and which is not re-used as part of the alternative apparatus, that value being calculated after removal.

(3) If in accordance with the provisions of this Part of this Schedule—

(a) apparatus of better type, of greater capacity or of greater dimensions is placed in substitution for existing apparatus of worse type, of smaller capacity or of smaller dimensions; or

(b) apparatus (whether existing apparatus or apparatus substituted for existing apparatus) is placed at a depth greater than the depth at which the existing apparatus was situated,

and the placing of apparatus of that type or capacity or of those dimensions or the placing of apparatus at that depth, as the case may be, is not agreed by the undertaker or, in default of agreement, is not determined by arbitration in accordance with paragraph 16 (*arbitration*) to be necessary, then, if such placing involves cost in the construction of works under this Part of this Schedule exceeding that which would have been involved if the apparatus placed had been of the existing type, capacity or dimensions, or at the existing depth, as the case may be, the amount which apart from this sub-paragraph would be payable to NGET by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) will be reduced by the amount of that excess save to the extent that it is not possible in the circumstances to obtain the existing type of apparatus at the same capacity and dimensions or place at the existing depth in which case full costs will be borne by the undertaker.

(4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)—

(a) an extension of apparatus to a length greater than the length of existing apparatus will not be treated as a placing of apparatus of greater dimensions than those of the existing apparatus; and

(b) where the provision of a joint in a pipe or cable is agreed, or is determined to be necessary, the consequential provision of a jointing chamber or of a manhole will be treated as if it also had been agreed or had been so determined.

(5) Any amount which apart from this sub-paragraph would be payable to NGET in respect of works by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) will, if the works include the placing of apparatus provided in substitution for apparatus placed more than 7 years and 6 months earlier so as to confer on NGET any financial benefit by deferment of the time for renewal of the apparatus in the ordinary course, be reduced by the amount which represents that benefit.

Indemnity

13.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), if by reason or in consequence of the construction of any works authorised by this Part of this Schedule or in consequence of the construction, use, maintenance or failure of any of the authorised works by or on behalf of the undertaker or in consequence of any act or default of the undertaker (or any person employed or authorised by him) in the course of carrying out such works, including without limitation works carried out by the undertaker under this Part of this Schedule or any subsidence resulting from any of these works, any damage is caused to any apparatus or alternative apparatus (other than apparatus the repair of which is not reasonably necessary in view of its intended removal for the purposes of the authorised works) or property of NGET, or there is any interruption in any service provided, or in the supply of any goods, by NGET, or NGET becomes liable to pay any amount to any third party, the undertaker will—

(a) bear and pay on demand accompanied by an invoice or claim from NGET the cost reasonably and properly incurred by NGET in making good such damage or restoring the supply; and

(b) indemnify NGET for any other expenses, loss, demands, proceedings, damages, claims, penalty or costs incurred by or recovered from NGET, by reason or in consequence of any such damage or interruption or NGET becoming liable to any third party and including STC Claims or an Incentive Deduction other than arising from any default of NGET.

(2) If as a result of the authorised development NGET's access to the NHHM Project or OHL Project or to any NHHM Site or OHL Project Site is materially obstructed, the undertaker must provide such alternative means of access that will allow NGET to maintain apparatus no les efficiently than was possible before the obstruction.The fact that any act or thing may have been done by NGET on behalf of the undertaker or in accordance with a plan approved by NGET or in accordance with any requirement of NGET or under its supervision will not (unless sub-paragraph (3) applies), excuse the undertaker from liability under the provisions of this sub-paragraph (1) unless NGET fails to carry out and execute the works properly with due care and attention and in a skilful and workman like manner or in a manner that does not accord with the approved plan.

(3) Nothing in sub-paragraph (1) will impose any liability on the undertaker in respect of-

(a) any damage or interruption to the extent that it is attributable to the neglect or default of NGET, its officers, servants, contractors or agents;

(b) any authorised works and/or any other works authorised by this Part of this Schedule carried out by NGET as an assignee, transferee or lessee of the undertaker with the benefit of the Order pursuant to section 156 of the Planning Act 2008 or article 8 (*consent to transfer benefit of Order*) subject to the proviso that once such works become apparatus ("new apparatus"), any authorised works yet to be executed and not falling within this sub-paragraph 3(b) will be subject to the full terms of this Part of this Schedule including this paragraph 12 in respect of such apparatus; and/or

(c) any indirect or consequential loss of any third party (including but not limited to loss of use, revenue, profit, contract, production, increased cost of working or business interruption) arising from any such damage or interruption, which is not reasonably foreseeable;

(4) NGET must give the undertaker reasonable notice of any such third party claim or demand and no settlement, admission of liability or compromise must, unless payment is required in connection with a statutory compensation scheme, be made without first consulting the undertaker and considering their representations.

(5) NGET must, in respect of any matter covered by the indemnity given by the undertaker in this paragraph, at all times act reasonably and in the same manner as it would as if settling third party claims on its own behalf from its own funds.

(6) NGET must use its reasonable endeavours to mitigate and to minimise any costs, expenses, loss, demands, and penalties to which the indemnity under this paragraph applies where it is within NGET's reasonable ability and control to do so and which expressly excludes any obligation to mitigate liability arising from third parties which is outside of NGET's control and if reasonably requested to do so by the undertaker NGET must provide an explanation of how the claim has been minimised, where relevant.

(7) The undertaker must not commence construction (or permit the commencement of construction) of the authorised works on any land owned by NGET or in respect of which NGET has an easement or wayleave for its apparatus or any other interest or to carry out any works within 15 metres of NGET's apparatus until the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) unless and until NGET is satisfied acting reasonably (but subject to all necessary regulatory constraints) that the undertaker has first provided the acceptable security (and provided evidence that it shall maintain such acceptable security for the construction period of the authorised works from the proposed date of commencement of construction of the authorised works) and NGET has confirmed the same to the undertaker in writing; and

(b) unless and until NGET is satisfied acting reasonably (but subject to all necessary regulatory constraints) that the undertaker has procured acceptable insurance (and provided evidence to NGET that it shall maintain such acceptable insurance for the construction period of the authorised works from the proposed date of commencement of construction of the authorised works) and NGET has confirmed the same in writing to the undertaker.

(8) In the event that the undertaker fails to comply with sub-paragraph(8) of this Part of this Schedule, nothing in this Part of this Schedule shall prevent NGET from seeking injunctive relief (or any other equitable remedy) in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Enactments and agreements

14. Save to the extent provided for to the contrary elsewhere in this Part of this Schedule or by agreement in writing between NGET and the undertaker, nothing in this Part of this Schedule affects the provisions of any enactment or agreement regulating the relations between the undertaker and NGET in respect of any apparatus laid or erected in land belonging to the undertaker on the date on which this Order is made.

Co-operation

15.(1) Where in consequence of the proposed construction of any part of the authorised works, the undertaker or NGET requires the removal of apparatus under paragraph 7(2) or NGET makes requirements for the protection or alteration of apparatus under paragraph 9, the undertaker must use its best endeavours to co-ordinate the execution of the works in the interests of safety and the efficient and economic execution of the authorised works and taking into account the need to ensure the safe and efficient operation of NGET's undertaking and NGET shall use its best endeavours to co-operate with the undertaker for that purpose.

(2) Whenever NGET's consent, agreement or approval is required in relation to plans, documents or other information submitted by the undertaker or the taking of action by the undertaker, it must not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

Access

16. If in consequence of the agreement reached in accordance with paragraph 6 or the powers granted under this Order the access to any apparatus is materially obstructed, the undertaker must provide such alternative means of access to such apparatus as will enable NGET to maintain or use the apparatus no less effectively than was possible before such obstruction.

Arbitration

17. Save for differences or disputes arising under paragraph 8(2), 8(4), 9(1) and 10 any difference or dispute arising between the undertaker and NGET under this Part of this Schedule must, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the undertaker and NGET, be determined by arbitration in accordance with article 44 (*arbitration*) of this Order.

Notices

18. Notwithstanding article 46 (service of notices), any plans submitted to NGET by the undertaker pursuant to this Part must be submitted using the LSBUD system (https://lsbud.co.uk/), and box.development-liaison@nationalgrid.com, or to such other address as NGET may from time to time appoint instead for that purpose and notify to the undertaker in writing.