

Examining Authority's First Written Questions – NGET response

ExQ1	Question to:	Question	NGET response
1.1.1	National Grid	<p>Grid Connection</p> <p>The Proposed Development is reliant upon National Grid constructing a new substation at Navenby to enable a point of connection to be made to the National Electricity Transmission System [APP-0160]. However, the substation does not currently have planning permission.</p> <p>a) Provide an update on the progress of the planning application for Navenby Substation and its delivery timescales.</p> <p>b) If consent cannot be gained for either Navenby Substation or the required new overhead powerlines is there a fall back or would the Proposed Development be undeliverable?</p>	<p>a) Updated information on the Navenby Substation can be found on NGET's website: Navenby Substation National Grid. NGET are currently analysing feedback and refining the proposals ahead of the proposed submission of its planning application to the local planning authority for the substation in or around October 2025. A planning decision will then be expected in Spring 2026. Subject to approval of such application, construction work is expected to begin mid-late 2026 with a currently anticipated completion date of the construction in late 2029.</p> <p>NGET note that the delivery of the substation and associated infrastructure is completely dependent on whether the planning permission is granted by the Council. That is therefore outside of NGET's control.</p> <p>It is also worth noting that this planning application is not dependent on Springwell alone as other developers have also requested connections into the proposed Navenby Substation which NGET is seeking to facilitate here.</p> <p>b) NGET have received requests from several developers in the area including the Applicant for the Springwell Green Solar Farm DCO and as a regulated business NGET has a legal obligation to meet these requests. Due to the number of requests in the area a new substation is required to be delivered in order to connect to these developments.</p> <p>If the new power connections are not required or are no longer needed, the necessity for the substation would be assessed.</p> <p>As noted above NGET have a statutory duty to provide such connections when requested. If NGET does not secure consent the</p>

			<p>fall back position would be to appeal any such refusal of consent to the Secretary of State and await determination.</p> <p>Whether or not the proposed development would then be undeliverable is a question for the Applicant.</p>
1.6.5	<p>Applicant</p> <p>National Grid Electricity Transmission</p>	<p>National Grid and the Order Limits</p> <p>National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) has set out [RR-289] that the inclusion of the entirety of the field in which the proposed Navenby Substation would be located contradicts previous discussions NGET had with the Applicant in relation to the Project, where NGET's position is that only the cable route should be shown. NGET also note that it is important that no rights are granted over this area that would restrict the delivery of Navenby substation which is required by the Applicant for delivery of the Project. Provide an update on these discussions.</p>	<p>NGET's position remains, no rights are to be granted or to be secured through CA powers that would restrict the substation being built.</p> <p>The Applicant has accepted the consenting clause within NGET's protective provisions. Management of the cable route can be done through those provisions.</p> <p>NGET notes that progression on the protective provisions is going well, please see NGET response to 1.6.10 below.</p>
1.6.10	<p>Applicant</p> <p>Cadent Gas Limited</p> <p>National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands)</p> <p>National Grid Electricity Transmission</p> <p>Anglian Water</p>	<p>Protective Provisions</p> <p>Cadent Gas Limited [RR-048], National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) [RR-288], NGET [RR-289] and Anglian Water [RR-026] have all set out that they will require protective provisions within the dDCO. Provide an update on negotiations with each party set out above.</p>	<p>NGET is continuing to work with the Applicant to seek to agree protective provisions and hopes they will be in an agreed position before the close of the Examination.</p> <p>NGET will only have concern over the extent of land over which the Applicant seeks rights if its standard form protective provisions cannot be agreed by the Applicant. This is because these protective provisions are required by NGET. They will ensure that its interests are adequately protected and ensure compliance with relevant safety standards.</p> <p>NGET requests that the Applicant continues to engage with it to provide explanation and reassurances as to how the Applicant's works pursuant to the DCO (if made) will ensure protection for those NGET assets which will remain in situ, along with facilitating all future access and other rights as are necessary to allow NGET to properly discharge its statutory obligations.</p>

			NGET will continue to engage positively with the Applicant to seek to reach an agreed position regarding the protective provisions.
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