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Dear Sir/Madam

## Springwell Solar Farm – Applicant Update

On behalf of Springwell Energyfarm Limited (the 'Applicant') we write to provide a further update to the Applicant's written submission [\[C1-004\]](#) on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

### Land Matters – Blankney Estate Ltd

The Applicant and Blankney Estates Ltd have signed the deed of variation to the existing option agreement.

### Land Matters – [REDACTED]

No changes are reported between the Applicant [\[C1-004\]](#) and [\[REDACTED\]](#) and [\[C1-002\]](#) and their agent, since the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 update by both Parties.

### Land Matters – [REDACTED]

Following updates provided by the Applicant [\[C1-004\]](#) and the [\[REDACTED\]](#) agent [\[C1-006\]](#), the option agreement is in legally agreed form and completion is subject to the Landowners freehold title re-organisation.

The Applicant is confident that a voluntary agreement will be concluded, likely post-grant of the DCO (if made).

### National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC - Protective Provisions

The Applicant and National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC ('NGET') have agreed Protective Provisions. The Applicant requests the Secretary of State replace Part 7 of Schedule 15 in the **Final dDCO [EN010149/APP/3.1.5]** [\[REP5-004\]](#) with the agreed Protective Provisions as set out in **Schedule 1** of this letter.

The agreed NGET Protective Provisions refer to and rely upon a "Navenby Substation Area Plan" which identifies the area and distances within the Order Limits where NGET requires access for the National Grid Navenby Substation works. To this end, the Applicant requests that the **Navenby Substation Area Plan [EN010149/APP/2.8]** as set out in **Schedule 2** of this letter becomes a certified document.

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We request the following updates are made to the **Final dDCO [EN010149/APP/3.1.5] [REP5-004]**:

- A new definition is inserted at Article 2 (interpretation): ““Navenby Substation area plan” means the document of that name identified in the table at Schedule 13 (documents and plans to be certified) and which is certified by the Secretary of State as the book of reference for the purposes of this Order”;
- A new row is inserted into the table at Schedule 13 (documents and plans to be certified) below “works plans” to reflect the new plan. The information to be included in the table is below:

(1) <i>Document Name</i>	(2) <i>Document Reference</i>	(3) <i>Revision Number</i>	(4) <i>Date</i>
Navenby Substation area plan	[EN010149/APP/2.8]	1	March 2026

### OpenReach Ltd Protective Provisions

No changes are reported between the Applicant [\[C1-004\]](#) and OpenReach Ltd, since the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 update by both Parties.

The Applicant’s position remains that, in the absence of a response, OpenReach Ltd would benefit from the protection of the protective provisions provided at Part 11 of Schedule 15 of the **Final dDCO [EN010149/APP/3.1.5] [REP5-004]** and its assets would be appropriately protected by those provisions.

### Section 106 Agreement

All parties to the Section 106 Agreement, being: the Applicant, North Kesteven District Council (‘NKDC’), Lincolnshire County Council (‘LCC’), Blankney Estate Ltd and HSBC as mortgagee for Blankney Estate Ltd have signed the Section 106 Agreement and the parties are arranging a completion call. Once the Section 106 Agreement is complete (i.e. dated), the Applicant will provide the Secretary of State with a copy of the final agreement.

We trust this information is useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further details.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal Development Manager  
On behalf of Springwell Energyfarm Limited

# SCHEDULE 15

## PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS

### PART 7

#### FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC AS ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKER

##### **Application**

**67.**—(1) For the protection of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (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 37 (consent to transfer the benefit of the 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 paragraph 83(3)(b)).

##### **Interpretation**

**68.** 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 a sum to be notified by NGET and agreed in writing between the parties. Evidence of that insurance must be provided to NGET on request. Such insurance shall be maintained (a) during the construction period of the specified works; and (b) after the construction period of the specified works in respect of any use and maintenance of the specified works by or on behalf of the undertaker 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 NGET;
- (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 a sum to be notified by NGET and agreed in writing between the parties;

“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 in an amount to be notified to the undertaker by NGET and agreed in writing between the parties (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 to be notified to the undertaker by NGET and agreed in writing between the parties (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 any electric lines or electrical plant as defined in the 1989 Act, belonging to or maintained by NGET together with any replacement apparatus and 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;

“authorised works” has the same meaning as is given to the term “authorised development” in article 2 (interpretation) of this 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 will 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;

“grid connection works” means that part of the authorised development identified in work numbers 5, 7, 8 and 9 (to the extent work numbers 7, 8 and 9 are necessary in connection with work number 5) and carried out in the Navenby Substation area;

“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, must 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 NGET 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;

“maintain” and “maintenance” will include the ability and right to do any of the following in relation to any apparatus or alternative apparatus of NGET: construct, use, repair, alter, inspect, renew or remove the apparatus;

“National Grid Navenby Substation” means the proposed substation at Heath Lane, Navenby, LN5 0AY, owned and operated by NGET which NGET will seek planning permission for under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;

“Navenby Substation area” means the land shown in the land plans as plots 11/1, 11/3 and 11/4 and shaded grey on the Navenby Substation area plan within which NGET intends to construct the National Grid Navenby Substation;

“Navenby Substation area plan” means the document of that name identified in the table at Schedule 13 (documents and plans to be certified) and which is certified by the Secretary of State as the Navenby Substation area plan for the purposes of this Order;

“NGET” means National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (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 1989 Act;

“NGESO” means as defined in the STC;

“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;

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

“specified works” means any of the authorised works or activities undertaken in association with the authorised development 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 79(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 79(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 NGESO as modified from time to time;

“STC claims” means any claim made under the STC against NGET 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 NGET’s transmission system which arises as a result of the authorised works; and

“transmission owner” means as defined in the STC;

### **Interaction with the National Grid Navenby Substation**

**69.**—(1) Without limiting any other provision of this Part of this Schedule, the undertaker and NGET must use reasonable endeavours to avoid any conflict arising between the construction, maintenance and operation of the grid connection works and the National Grid Navenby Substation. For the purposes of this paragraph, “reasonable endeavours” means—

- (a) providing a point of contact for each of the undertaker and NGET for continuing liaison and co-ordination throughout the construction and operation of the grid connection works and the National Grid Navenby Substation;
- (b) the undertaker will share its relevant design documents and programme for the grid connection works with NGET and NGET will share its relevant design documents with the undertaker;
- (c) NGET will notify the undertaker of its programme of works for the National Grid Navenby Substation, including programme for the user-bay into which the authorised development’s grid connection works will connect, not less than 21 days ahead of carrying out the works;
- (d) a commitment by the undertaker to keep NGET informed through the point of contact identified under sub-paragraph (a) of any material changes to the programme and detailed design for the grid connection works in the event such changes arise; and

- (e) the parties seeking to facilitate as far as reasonably practicable a co-ordinated approach to the programme, land assembly, and the carrying out of the grid connection works and the National Grid Navenby Substation.

### **Grid connection works**

70. The undertaker must not except with the agreement of NGET pursuant to this Part of this Schedule, carry out the grid connection works, or any part of it (excepting any works which are works regulated by the connection agreement between the undertaker and National Grid Energy Systems Operator (or a successor thereto)).

71.—(1) Before beginning to construct any grid connection works, or any part of it, the undertaker must submit to NGET plans of the relevant grid connection works (or part of it) and such further particulars available to it as NGET may request within 21 days of receipt of the plans reasonably requested.

(2) Any grid connection works must not be constructed except in accordance with such plans as may be approved in writing by NGET.

72.—(1) Any approval of NGET required under this Schedule—

- (a) must not be unreasonably withheld or delayed;
- (b) in the case of a refusal must be accompanied by a statement of grounds or refusal; and
- (c) may be given subject to such reasonable requirements as NGET may have in connection with the safe, economic and efficient construction, commissioning, operation, maintenance and future decommissioning of the National Grid Navenby Substation or otherwise for the protection of National Grid Navenby Substation apparatus,

provided always that in relation to a refusal under sub-paragraph (b) or any requirements requested pursuant to sub-paragraph (c) the undertaker shall be permitted to refer such matters to dispute resolution pursuant to paragraph 88 (arbitration).

(2) NGET must respond to the submission of any plans within a period of 56 days from the date of submission of the plans. If NGET require further particulars, such particulars must be requested by NGET no later than 21 days from the submission of plans and thereafter NGET must employ reasonable endeavours to respond to the submission within 56 days from receipt of the further particulars.

73.—(1) The undertaker must give to NGET not less than 14 days' notice in writing of its intention to commence construction of any National Grid connection works and notice in writing of its completion not later than 7 days after the date on which it is completed and NGET will be entitled by its officer to watch and inspect the construction of such works.

(2) If any part of the grid connection works is constructed otherwise than in accordance with paragraph 71(2) above NGET may by notice in writing identify the extent to which the grid connection works do not comply with the approved details and request the undertaker at the undertaker's own expense carry out remedial works so as to comply with the requirements of paragraph 71(2) of this Schedule or such alternative works as may be agreed with NGET or as otherwise may be agreed between the parties.

(3) Subject to sub-paragraph 71, if within a reasonable period, being not less than 28 days beginning with the date when a notice under sub-paragraph (2) is served upon the undertaker, the undertaker has failed to begin taking steps to comply with the requirements of the notice and has not subsequently made reasonably expeditious progress towards their implementation, NGET may execute the works specified in the notice and any reasonable expenditure incurred by NGET in so doing will be recoverable from the undertaker.

(4) In the event of any dispute as to whether sub-paragraph (2) is properly applicable to any work in respect of which notice has been served under that sub-paragraph, or as to the reasonableness of any requirement of such a notice, NGET will not, except in the case of an emergency, exercise the powers conferred by sub-paragraph (3) until the dispute has been finally determined in accordance with paragraph 86.

74. [Not used]

### **On Street Apparatus**

75. Except for paragraphs 76 (apparatus of NGET in stopped up streets), 81 (retained apparatus: protection of NGET), 82 (expenses) and 83 (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**

76. Notwithstanding the temporary prohibition or restriction on use or diversion of any highway under the powers of article 13 (temporary prohibition or restriction on use of streets and public rights of way), NGET is at liberty at all times to take all necessary access across any such street or public right of way and to execute and do all such works and things in, upon or under any such street or public right of way as may be reasonably necessary or desirable to enable it to maintain any apparatus which at the time of the prohibition or restriction on use or diversion was in that street or public right of way.

### **Protective works to buildings**

77. The undertaker, in the case of the powers conferred by article 19 (protective works to buildings), must exercise those powers so as not to obstruct or render less convenient the access to any apparatus or to the National Grid Navenby Substation without the written consent of NGET.

### **Acquisition of land**

78.—(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 NGET otherwise than by agreement.

(2) 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 NGET 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 NGET or affect the provisions of any enactment or agreement regulating the relations between NGET and the undertaker in respect of any apparatus laid or erected in land belonging to or secured by the undertaker, the undertaker must as NGET reasonably requires enter into such deeds of consent upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed between NGET and the undertaker acting reasonably and which must be no less favourable on the whole to NGET unless otherwise agreed by NGET, 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.

(3) Save where otherwise agreed in writing between NGET and the undertaker, the undertaker and NGET 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 NGET and/or other enactments relied upon by NGET as of right or other use in relation to the apparatus, then the provisions in this Part of this Schedule will prevail.

(4) Any agreement or consent granted by NGET under paragraph 81 or any other paragraph of this Part of this Schedule, must not be taken to constitute agreement under sub-paragraph (1).

## **Removal of apparatus**

79.—(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 80(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 consents, 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 consents, facilities and rights in the land in which the alternative apparatus is to be constructed save that this obligation will not extend to the requirement for NGET to use its compulsory purchase powers to this end unless it elects to do so.

(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 a written diversion agreement having been entered into between the parties and the grant to NGET of any such facilities and rights as are referred to in sub-paragraphs (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**

80.—(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 88 (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 of NGET**

**81.**—(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; and
- (g) an assessment of risks of rise of earth issues.
- (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-paragraphs (6) or (8); and,
- (b) (may be given subject to such reasonable requirements as NGET may have in connection with the safe and efficient construction, commissioning, operation and maintenance of the National Grid Navenby Substation; and
- (c) must not be unreasonably withheld.

(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.

- (a) 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 (6) or (8) 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.
- (b) 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, must be carried out to NGET's satisfaction prior to the commencement of any authorised development (or any relevant part thereof) for which protective works are required and NGET must give notice its requirement for such works within 42 days of the date of submission of a plan pursuant to this paragraph (except in an emergency).
- (c) 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 67, 68, 75 and 78 to 80 apply as if the removal of the apparatus had been required by the undertaker under paragraph 79(2).
- (d) 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 specified works, 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.
- (e) 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 comply with sub-paragraphs (6), (7) and (8) insofar as is reasonably practicable in the circumstances and comply with sub-paragraph (11) at all times.
- (f) (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

**82.**—(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 (excluding the construction, maintenance and decommissioning of the National Grid Navenby Substation) 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;
  - (v) using its own compulsory purchase powers to acquire any necessary rights under paragraph 79(3); or
  - (vi) 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;
  - (v) the cutting off of any apparatus from any other apparatus or the making safe of redundant apparatus;
  - (vi) the approval of plans;

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

- (i) 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
- (ii) 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 88 (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**

**83.**—(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) 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 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) imposes 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 2008 Act or article 37 (consent to transfer the benefit of the 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-section 3(b) will be subject to the full terms of this Part of this Schedule including this paragraph 83; 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) Not to commence construction (and not to permit the commencement of such 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 unless otherwise agreed with NGET, acting reasonably, provided evidence that it shall maintain such acceptable security for the construction period of such 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 unless

otherwise agreed with NGET, acting reasonably, provided evidence to NGET that it shall maintain such acceptable insurance for the construction period of such 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 (7), 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.

**84.** [Not used]

### **Enactments and agreements**

**85.** 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**

**86.—**(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 79(2) or NGET makes requirements for the protection or alteration of apparatus under paragraph 81, the undertaker shall 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 will use its best endeavours to co-operate with the undertaker for that purpose.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt 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**

**87.** If in consequence of the agreement reached in accordance with paragraph 73(1) or the powers granted under this Order the access to any apparatus or the National Grid Navenby Substation is materially obstructed, the undertaker must provide such alternative means of access to such apparatus or the National Grid Navenby Substation as will enable NGET to maintain or use the apparatus no less effectively than was possible before such obstruction.

### **Arbitration**

**88.** Save for differences or disputes arising under paragraph 79(2), 79(4), 80(1) and 81 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 43 (arbitration).

### **Notices**

**89.** Notwithstanding article 45 (service of notices), any plans submitted to NGET by the undertaker pursuant to paragraph 81 must be submitted using the LSBUD system (<https://lsbud.co.uk/>) or to such other address as NGET may from time to time appoint instead for that purpose and notify to the undertaker in writing.

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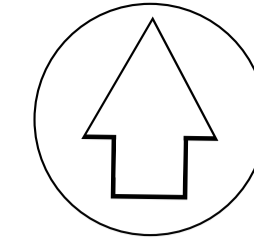
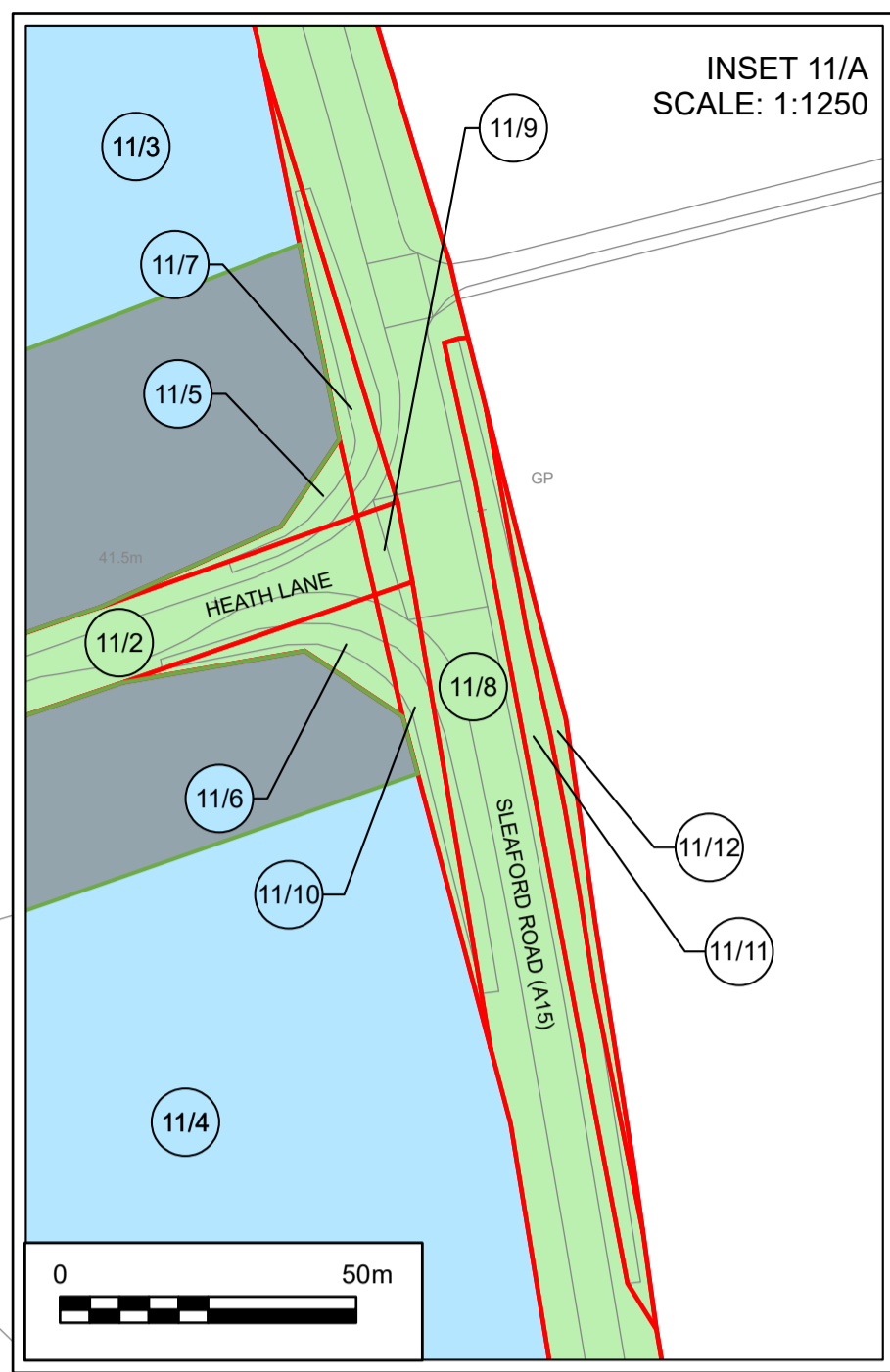
## Navenby Substation Area Plan

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Planning Act 2008  
Infrastructure Planning  
(Applications: Prescribed Forms  
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## 2.8 Land Plans

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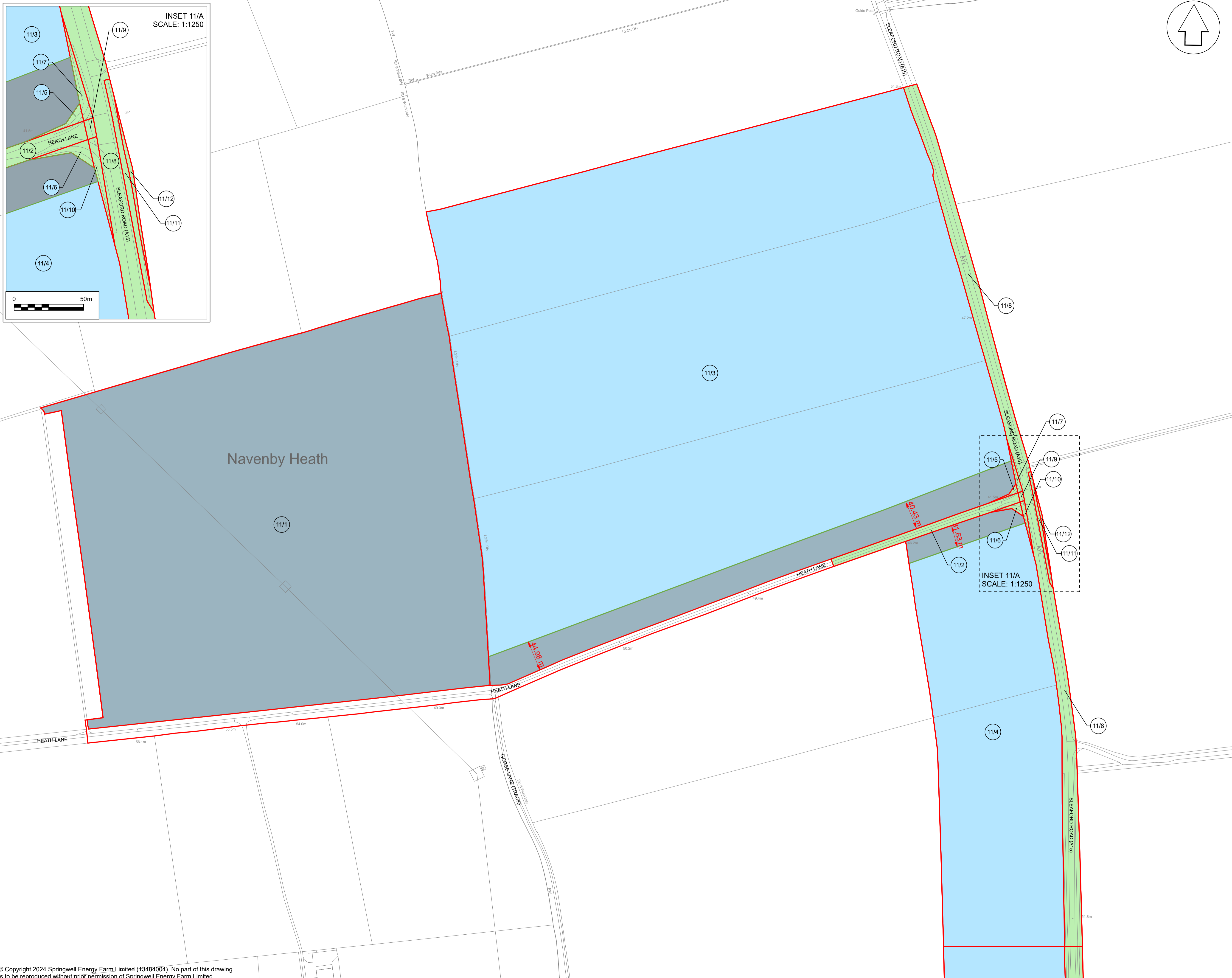
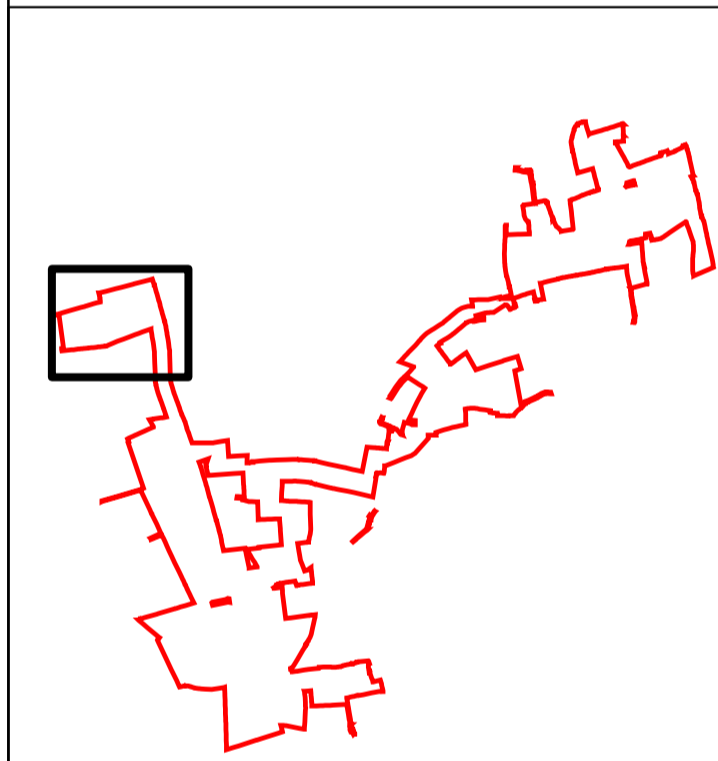
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- Order limits - the area within which the authorised development may be carried out.
- For clarity, land shaded in yellow does not fall within the Order limits or Order land.
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- Order land - freehold, excluding all Crown interests (Secretary of State for Defence), to be compulsorily acquired and in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights.
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**NGET Protective Provisions**

- Protective Provisions - 83.10 ac

**KEY PLAN:**



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