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BEACON FEN ENERGY PARK

LAND 6.5 KM NORTHEAST OF SLEAFORD AND 2.5 KM NORTH OF HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE

PROPOSED BEACON FEN ENERGY PARK (APPLICATION REFERENCE: EN010151) NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE DCO APPLICATION

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify the Examining Authority (ExA) that Beacon Fen Energy Park Ltd (the Applicant) intends to submit a change request to the Beacon Fen Energy Park Development Consent Order (DCO) Application for an above-ground solar photovoltaic (PV), and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) infrastructure connected by a cable route of around 13 km length to the National Grid Bicker Fen 400 kV Substation (Bicker Fen Substation) (the Proposed Development). The Application is currently in Examination.

The Proposed Development included works to extend the Bicker Fen Substation. The **Draft DCO (REP2-004)** grants both the Applicant and National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) the power to carry out these works. It is assumed that NGET will carry out these works. The extension will be to the south-west of the existing Substation site, as determined by NGET and National Energy System Operator (NESO) to take into account the needs of other customers connecting into the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS).

The Proposed Change now sought to the DCO Application reflects an updated design provided by NGET to the Applicant for the proposed extension to Bicker Fen Substation, which has been provided following continued engagement between the parties. The design change is reflective of NGET's latest proposed design, which has evolved as NGET has progressed through its design phase, as is typical for works of this nature. It would not have been possible for the Applicant to account for these changes at the time the DCO Application was made, which is why the detail of this change request was not included at that stage.

The Proposed Change to the Bicker Fen Substation extension works includes a new overhead line (OHL) tower of up to 56.2 metres (m) in height, cabling and changes to the work areas which will be used for construction. Further details are provided below in the 'Description of the Proposed Change' section

of this notification. The Proposed Change would not alter the Order Limits as shown in the DCO Application.

Importantly, the Proposed Change does not include a request for additional powers of compulsory acquisition within the DCO Application. As such, the requirements of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (the CA Regulations) do not apply to this change request.

The Proposed Change is not considered to lead to the Proposed Development being different in nature or substance to that for which development consent was originally applied for in April 2025, or which would be so substantial as to constitute a materially different project. Further information is provided on this on page 3 of this notification.

Additionally, the Proposed Change is not expected to result in any new or different likely significant effects.

The Proposed Development would remain an above ground mounted solar PV electricity generating facility BESS, with associated export and connection infrastructure to the Bicker Fen Substation. For context, the immediate surroundings of the land include several existing OHL towers and lines, and several wind turbines forming the Bicker Fen windfarm whose turbines measure up to 100 m in height, which is taller than the proposed new OHL tower.

Procedure

The Planning Inspectorate has issued advice ‘Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination’ (last updated in March 2025), which provides information on how an applicant can request a change to a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) application after it has been accepted for examination. The process for requesting a change to an application involves four main steps as follows:

1. Submission of the change notification.
2. Advice is provided by the ExA.
3. The Applicant consults about the proposed change.
4. The change application/request is submitted.

This document represents step 1 of the process, the change notification, and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of that advice to assist the ExA in its consideration of the factors set out within it.

The advice sets out the information to include in a change notification. This includes:

- A clear description of the proposed change, including any new works, altered works and ancillary matters.
- A statement setting out the reasons and need for making the change to the application with reference to the government’s guidance on the Examination stage, any relevant National Policy Statements, and any other important and relevant matters. This statement should include a robust justification for making the change, including why the matters driving the proposed change were not identified and dealt with at the pre-application stage.

- A statement establishing whether the proposed change involves changes to the Order Limits. If the proposed change involves a request to include additional compulsory acquisition powers the Applicant should confirm if they have the relevant consent from all persons with an interest in the additional land. The Applicant must include evidence of the consent. If negotiations are ongoing the Applicant should confirm the status of these. If the Applicant considers they may not be able to obtain this consent they should include a detailed description of how the procedures in Regulations 5 to 19 of the CA Regulations can be accommodated within the Examination timetable.
- A statement establishing whether the proposed change to the application is expected to result in any new or different likely significant environmental effects. This should include a summary description of those effects and any mitigation proposed.
- Information to establish how the Applicant considers the change to the application can be accommodated within the remaining statutory timescales.
- The timescale for the Applicant's consultation about the proposed change, and the Applicant's view on the scope of that consultation, including justification. If the Applicant has already undertaken consultation on the proposed change they should provide:
 - Details of how the consultation was carried out and who was consulted, including an explanation of why they consider the level of consultation is appropriate.
 - A summary of the responses received and how the applicant has had regard to them.
 - All the consultation responses received.
- The expected submission date for the 'change application'.

This information is addressed below under suitable subheadings.

Description of the Proposed Change

The Proposed Change to the Bicker Fen Substation extension works comprises the following elements:

- A new OHL tower up to 56.2m in height with four legs supported on a square excavation of up to 7m by 7m wide, and up to 5m deep. The new OHL tower would be located anywhere within the revised area of Work No. 5C;
- A single span of new 400kV overhead cables between the new OHL tower and one of the existing towers. Alternatively, the design of the Proposed Change allows for underground electrical cables should these be installed as an alternative (Work No. 5C);
- Modification of either or both existing towers contained within Work No. 5C, including but not limited to new / modified cross-arms, insulators, downleads, cable sealing ends, cable gantries, foundations, arrangements / orientations of overhead lines, communications links, and other electrical infrastructure (Work No. 5C);
- Construction of one new access in the form of a new bell mouth adjoining Vicarage Drove to the south-east or south of the Substation for access the extension and pylon/tower. The new access would be located within the existing extent of Work No. 10;

- Extension of the temporary laydown (Work No. 5D) to an area that is largely existing hardstanding adjacent to the south; and
- Vegetation removal and infilling of the existing drainage pond adjacent the Substation to construct the Substation extension works (Work No. 5E);

A brief description of the changes to the descriptions of the relevant Work Numbers (as described in Schedule 1 to the **Draft DCO (REP2-004)**) and as shown on Sheet 18 of the current **Works Plans (AS-006)** is provided in the table below:

Work No.	Description of change
4A	<p>Work No. 4A would be extended to include land along the southeast boundary of the Bicker Fen Substation. The increase in the size of the area covered by Work No. 4A is approximately 0.9ha.</p> <p>The extension of Work No. 4A will provide additional flexibility for the final location of the Cable Route as NGET progresses the design of the Proposed Development's generation bay. It is conceivable that, as part of the Substation extension, Beacon Fen's bay could be moved to be within the existing Substation (for example should a bay be freed up by any reconfiguration undertaken as part of the extension).</p>
5C	<p>Work No. 5C would be extended to include land to the southeast of the Bicker Fen Substation which is shown by 'Work No. 4A & 5E' on Sheet 18 of the Works Plans (AS-006). The increase in the size of the area covered by Work No. 5C is approximately 2ha.</p> <p>The extension of Work No. 5C will provide additional flexibility for the final location of the cable sealing end and proposed new OHL tower as NGET progresses the design of the Proposed Development's generation bay. The description of Work Number 5C in the Draft DCO (REP2-004) will be updated as part of the Change Application.</p>
5D	<p>Work No. 5D would be extended to the south to include the adjacent land that is largely existing hardstanding located to the north of the of the Bicker Fen Substation. The increase in the size of the area covered by Work No. 5D is 0.6ha.</p>
5E	<p>The area for Work No. 5E would be unchanged.</p> <p>The infilling of the drainage pond adjacent to the Substation and vegetation removal would take place within the existing area for Work No. 5E shown on Sheet 18 of the Works Plans (AS-006).</p>
10	<p>The area for Work No. 10 would be unchanged.</p> <p>The new access would be located within the existing extent of Work No. 10</p>

A Plan showing the proposed changes to the Work Number areas as a result of the Proposed Change the 'Change Notification Comparison Works Plans' is contained in Appendix 1 of this letter.

Government guidance: 'Planning Act 2008: Examination stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects' (2024) explains at paragraph 018 the general considerations around making changes to an application post-acceptance and factors that the ExA will take into account in deciding whether to accept an application for a change such as whether:

- The changes would mean the project is effectively a different one from that contained in the application;
- The application (as changed) is still of a sufficient standard for Examination;
- Sufficient consultation on the changed application can be undertaken to allow for the Examination to be completed within the statutory timetable;
- The changes would breach the principles of fairness and reasonableness for parties participating in the Examination; and
- Any other procedural requirements can still be met.

The Planning Inspectorate advice 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure projects: Changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination' (last updated in March 2025) goes on to say that the ExA will consider whether, following the Proposed Change, the project will be substantially the same as the project which was initially applied for and also if the combined impact of a series of incremental changes may collectively result in a materially different project. These factors will be taken into account by the ExA based on planning judgment in determining whether the change would be so substantial as to constitute a materially different project from that which has been submitted.

The Proposed Change is not considered, individually or cumulatively, to be so substantial or different as to lead to the Proposed Development being different in nature or substance to that for which development consent was originally applied for in April 2025, or which would be so substantial as to constitute a materially different project. Furthermore, the Proposed Change would be accommodated within the Order Limits and so requires no additional land to be included within the scope of the DCO Application. Given the nature and location of the change in the context of the position of the Proposed Development, the change will be unlikely to be of wider interest to the public. It is also considered that the Proposed Change would not change the position when it was accepted in May 2025 that the Application is of sufficient standard for Examination.

In the rest of this letter, the Applicant has set out its proposals for how consultation on the Proposed Change will be undertaken and how the timetable for the Proposed Change can be accommodated within the remainder of the Examination timetable. Given that this notification is being made with four months remaining in the Examination, it is considered that there will be sufficient time for the Change to be accounted for in the Examination timetable to (a) not put the statutory timetable at risk; and (b) to allow for Interested Parties to have time to scrutinise the proposals comprehensively.

Finally, in considering this point, and mindful of the Planning Inspectorate advice referred to above, it is noted that at this stage, based upon the Applicant's initial assessment of the Proposed Change, they are unlikely to result in new or materially different environmental effects.

Appraisal of the effects of the Proposed Change on the Environmental Statement conclusions

At this stage, the Applicant considers that the findings of the Environmental Statement (ES) prepared as part of the DCO Application are unlikely to change as a result of the Proposed Change and no materially new or materially different environmental effects are expected to arise. This is based upon an appraisal of each ES Chapter, which is set out in the table, below. Any changes to the environmental assessments resulting from the Proposed Change will be reported in more detail within the change application, if this request is accepted by the ExA. It should be noted that, in accordance with the methodology used in the ES, only effects relating to the construction and operational phase are considered. As set out in paragraph 2.15.13 of **Chapter 2 Proposed Development (APP-053)** of the ES, it is 'anticipated that the works undertaken as part of the extension at the Bicker Fen Substation will remain *in situ* and under National Grid's control'.

ES Chapter	Rationale
Landscape and Visual	<p>No change to the assessment of landscape effects during the construction phase is anticipated as the additional vegetation loss associated with introducing the new OHL tower and associated works and vehicular access would be small in relation to the scale of change taking place in the Cable Route Corridor generally and specifically at the Bicker Fen Substation.</p> <p>Retained vegetation within the highway verge to the south of the Bicker Fen Substation and the majority of vegetation will be retained to the east of Bicker Fen Substation, with the exception of up to 20m for the proposed new access and approximately 30m for the Cable Route. This will maintain an element of screening / filtering of views as perceived from the visual receptors to the south and east. The retention of the broadleaved plantation and other areas of scrub to the northern extent of the Substation area will maintain screening of views from the north and northeast.</p> <p>Construction of the new OHL tower would generally be perceived in relation to the wider works although works at height (including the use of cranes) may be more widely perceived in adjoining character areas. This would result in some minor changes to the narrative description in relation to landscape effects described in the assessment but is unlikely to result in a change to the assessed level of effect or introduce new significant landscape effects.</p> <p>Once operational, the visual influence of the new OHL tower would have a more widespread effect than without the Proposed Change, but this will be perceived in relation to the existing Bicker Fen Substation and the adjacent Bicker Fen Wind Farm (whose turbines measure up to 100 m in height and are considerably taller than the proposed new OHL tower). Therefore, no change to the assessed level of landscape effects is expected.</p> <p>Construction activity, particularly work at higher elevations of the tower (such as cranes) is likely to temporarily increase visual prominence for users of Public Right of Way (PROW) Bick/1/1, Bick/2/1 and Doni/20/2, and users of the minor road network in proximity to Bicker Fen Substation. Residents within a distance of up to approximately 1 km, including Receptors 11 and 12 and receptor groups R13 and R14, may also experience increased visual prominence of construction activity, although this will be viewed in the context of works within the wider Cable Route Corridor as well as the existing</p>

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	<p>Bicker Fen Wind Farm. This change would be noted in the narrative description of the assessment, but no change to the assessed level of visual effects is anticipated.</p> <p>Details of any new planting will be provided in the Change Application.</p>
Ecology	<p>The Proposed Change is not expected to result in any significant alterations to the ecological impacts assessed in the ES during the construction phase.</p> <p>Within the Work Number 5C area, habitats such as plantation woodland, grassland, and an attenuation pond are proposed to be lost. The Work Number 5C area has been increased slightly, however, the habitats to be lost were already considered in Section 7.6 of Chapter 7 Ecology (REP2-015). The increase in size will not change the anticipated ecological effects.</p> <p>No evidence of badgers was found in the extended areas of Work Numbers 4A, 5C, or 5D. Nonetheless, these areas contain suitable habitat for badgers and have been included in the scope of pre-construction surveys, as set out in Appendix 2.4 of the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (APP-077). All other findings and assessments presented in Chapter 7 Ecology (APP-058) remain valid and unchanged.</p> <p>During the operational phase, the Proposed Change is not expected to result in any material changes to the impacts on ecological receptors.</p>
Cultural Heritage	<p>The Proposed Change would include some new areas of ground disturbance within the Order Limits, that may have the potential to impact archaeological remains previously identified within APP-153 6.3.74 Appendix 8.11 Archaeological Mitigation Strategy that are considered to be of low (non-designated assets) significance. It is therefore considered that remains of archaeological potential located in this area within the Order Limits are anticipated to be not significant. Archaeological remains identified would be subject to mitigation detailed within APP-153, 6.3.74 Appendix 8.11 Archaeological Mitigation Strategy. Any potential effects will be confirmed in the environmental appraisal that will accompany the Change Application.</p> <p>The potential for new or different effects to be experienced by above ground heritage receptors will be subject to further assessment and included within the Change Application, although, it is anticipated that there will not be any significant impacts on surrounding built heritage through setting change. The proposed new OHL tower would blend into the existing altered landscape, which includes the existing Bicker Fen Windfarm and other OHL Towers.</p>
Access and Traffic	<p>The Proposed Change would result in an increase in construction traffic to the Substation, but not of a sufficient volume to change the conclusions of ES Chapter 9 Access and Traffic (APP-060). The resultant increased Proposed Change construction traffic, compared with that already assessed is 3.7 HGVs Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) and 1.7 light vehicles AADT. This is a 36% increase in construction traffic compared with that already assessed in relation to Substation upgrades. The overall development-generated traffic,</p>

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	therefore, remains well below the materiality thresholds set out in the ES in relation to effects on severance, driver delay, pedestrian delay, pedestrian amenity, fear and intimidation, and accidents and safety.
Noise and Vibration	Consideration of construction and operational noise in relation to the Substation was previously scoped out of noise the assessment as no noise sensitive receptors are located within the Area of Influence (AoI) for noise. As a result of this, no modification is required to the assessment of effects on noise and vibration reported within Chapter 10 Noise and Vibration (APP-061) of the Environmental Statement (ES).
Water Resources and Flood Risk	<p>It is considered that there will be no change in the existing baseline flood risk to the Proposed Development from all sources as a result of the Proposed Change. There will also be no additional loss of floodplain storage or impacts on fluvial and surface water flood flow routes. The findings within Appendix 11.1 Flood Risk Assessment (APP-162) remain valid in this regard and the conclusions of Chapter 11 Water Resources and Flood Risk (APP-062) remain unchanged.</p> <p>There will be an increase in impermeable area during the construction phase and, therefore, the existing drainage network within the Substation will be modified to accommodate the additional attenuation volume required. However, there will be a surface water drainage strategy which applies to works undertaken at the Substation site, meaning that there will be no increased risk of flooding to downstream areas and no impact on water quality. Requirement 10 in the Draft DCO (REP2-004) secures that no part of the Proposed Development (including the Substation extension works) may commence until written details of the surface water drainage scheme and (if any) foul water drainage system (both of which must be substantially in accordance with the principles in the Outline Drainage Strategy) have been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority for that part, with such approval to be in consultation with Anglian Water Services Limited. The scheme(s) must then be implemented as approved.</p>
Climate Change	The Proposed Change would not alter the previously assessed climate change impacts and, therefore, does not change the assessment of effects detailed in Chapter 12 Climate Change (APP-063) of the ES.
Glint and Glare	The Proposed Change would not alter the previously assessed glint and glare impacts and, therefore, does not change the assessment of effects detailed in Chapter 13 Glint and Glare (APP-064) of the ES.
Soils and Agricultural Land	The Proposed Change will result in the additional loss of land provisionally mapped as Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Grade 2 and, therefore, 'potentially' best and most versatile (BMV) agricultural land. This land is not currently in agricultural production as it is within NGET's ownership and presently forms part of their non-operational land and, therefore, the loss of this land would not result in a loss of food production for the area. As there is no detailed ALC data for this area, the assessment of land loss will be

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	<p>undertaken on a worst-case scenario basis assuming that this land is BMV. This assumption will not alter the conclusion of the assessment reported in ES Chapter 14 Soils and Agricultural Land (APP-065). The revised land take calculations will be presented in the Change Application.</p>
<p>Socio Economics</p>	<p>During the construction phase, visual impacts are expected to increase as a result of the Proposed Change, particularly due to activities at higher elevations of the tower and the use of cranes. These changes may heighten the visual prominence for users of nearby Public Rights of Way (PRoW), including Bick/1/1, Bick/2/1, and Doni/20/2. However, these visual changes are not anticipated to materially affect recreational users. While construction activities will generally be perceived as part of the broader development, elevated works may be more noticeable in adjacent landscape character areas. This should be acknowledged in the assessment, though it is unlikely to alter the overall landscape impact or introduce new significant effects. From a socio-economic perspective, no material effects on tourism, recreation, road users, or community health and wellbeing are expected, as preliminary assessments indicate negligible changes in traffic, air quality, and noise levels.</p> <p>In the operational phase, the Proposed Development’s visual influence is expected to expand, potentially increasing visual effects for users of PRoWs Bick/1/1, Bick/2/1, and nearby minor roads. Although no new visual effects are anticipated, further assessment will be required to confirm the extent of these changes and their socio-economic implications for PRoW users. Operational traffic impacts are expected to remain minimal, with no material effect on road users. Similarly, changes to air quality and noise levels are not expected to be significant, and therefore no material impact on the health and wellbeing of local communities is anticipated from a socio-economic standpoint.</p> <p>The Proposed Change therefore would not alter the previously assessed socio-economic impacts and, therefore, do not change the assessment of effects detailed in Chapter 15 Socio-economics (APP-066) of the ES.</p>
<p>Air Quality</p>	<p>The Proposed Change would not alter the previously assessed air quality impacts and, therefore, does not change the assessment of effects detailed in Chapter 16 Air Quality (APP-067) of the ES.</p>
<p>Other Environmental Topics</p>	<p>Chapter 17 Other Environmental Topics (APP-068) of the ES considered potential impacts as a result of the Proposed Development (including the Bicker Fen Substation upgrade works) in relation to Arboriculture; Ground Conditions; Waste; Major Accidents and Disasters; Utilities, Telecommunications & Television Reception; Human Health; Electromagnetic Fields (EMF); and Health and Safety Executive (HSE). In respect of the Proposed Change, no new or additional impacts are anticipated in relation to these topics.</p> <p>Whilst a new transmission tower (including overhead transmission lines) is being introduced, as referenced within paragraph 17.8.21 of Chapter 17</p>

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	<p>Other Environmental Topics (REP1-007 to REP1-008) of the Environmental Statement (ES), the 1998 International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) guidelines sets out reference levels, as measurable values against which EMF exposure can be considered. The ICNIRP reference levels for magnetic fields are 500 μT for workers and 100 μT for members of the public. The reference levels for electric fields are 10 kV m^{-1} for workers and 5 kV m^{-1} for the public. The typical levels from a 400kV overhead line that are specified on the EMF Helpline's website are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnetic field: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Directly under the line 6.4 μT. ○ 50 m from the centre line 0.4 μT. ○ 100 m from centre line 0.1 μT. • Electric field: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Directly under the line 4.2 kV/m. ○ 50 m from the centre line 0.1 kV/m. ○ 100 m from centre line 0.0 kV/m. <p>The closest receptor is the LL/Bick/2/ PRoW, which is located circa 330m to the east of the Order Limit eastern boundary, and the closest residential receptor is Ing Farm, which is located circa 900 m to the south-east of Order Limit eastern boundary. As such, it is considered that the Proposed Change will not result in significant effects in relation to EMF.</p>
Cumulative Effects	<p>The results of the cumulative assessment are anticipated to remain unchanged and no worse than reported in the ES due to no individual environmental topic anticipating new likely significant effects as a result of the Proposed Change.</p>

Proposed Consultation

The Applicant intends to carry out a consultation on the Proposed Change to ensure that key stakeholders, including Interested Parties and the local community are aware of the changes and have the opportunity to make comments and representations on them in advance of the submission of the change application/request. This will include those who are potentially impacted by the changes.

The consultation is scheduled to commence on 10th November, shortly after formal notification of the Proposed Change to PINS and in advance of receiving advice from the ExA. The Applicant has had regard to PINS's advice 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination' and considers this approach to be appropriate as it allows sufficient time for consultees to comment on the Proposed Change whilst also allowing sufficient time for the preparation of the Change Application. The Applicant has conducted a number of consultations in the local area in accordance with SoCC, Section 48 notice and is well positioned to run a consultation exercise that aligns with the principles of previous consultation exercises while making clear to recipients that the consultation relates to the Proposed Change alone and not the ongoing Examination of the project as a whole. As such, it is considered that no prejudice would be caused by consultation taking place before the ExA has given advice.

In advance of the consultation, the Applicant shared an engagement strategy detailing the proposed consultation activities and timescales with the authorities where the Proposed Change is located namely, Boston Borough Council and Lincolnshire County Council. The Applicant also shared the engagement strategy with North Kesteven District Council and South Holland District Council as part of their administrative boundaries is within a 2.5km consultation zone from Bicker Fen Substation.

Nevertheless, the Applicant welcomes any views of the ExA, in response to this notification, as to the need, scope and nature of the proposed consultation exercise. The Applicant's proposed consultation activities are outlined below.

At the beginning of the consultation period, the Applicant will notify Interested Parties and other stakeholders such as local authorities, statutory undertakers and affected and potentially affected landowners by the Proposed Change. Those consulted will be the same as those notified of the Application pursuant to Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 subject to any changes or updates to the Section 56 notification list since May 2025. A letter will be sent to these stakeholders including a link to the information on the Proposed Change, this change notification document and plans, and providing details of how to submit comments/feedback and a date by which to do so.

The Applicant will also consult the local community by issuing a newsletter to people within a 2.5km consultation zone. The letter will provide a summary of the Proposed Change and confirm how people can access further information about the Proposed Change, the channels through which comments/feedback can be submitted and the date by which they must do this. As part of the consultation briefings will be offered to select elected members.

The following information will be published on the Applicant's website during the consultation period:

- A newsletter leaflet which is also being issued to all residential and business properties within a 2.5km radius of the Bicker Fen Substation which outlines the Proposed Change making clear to recipients that the consultation relates to the Proposed Change alone and not the ongoing Examination of the project as a whole.
- This Change Notification document and accompanying plans.

Indicative Programme

In accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's advice, the Applicant's proposed programme for the submission and consideration of the Proposed Change as part of the Examination, is set out below:

Procedural Step	Proposed Date
Submission of Change Notification letter to PINS	Wednesday 5 th November 2025.
Advice is provided by the ExA	This is at the discretion of the ExA but the Applicant would welcome advice by Wednesday 26 th November 2025.
Consultation on the Proposed Change commences	Monday 10 th November 2025.

Procedural Step	Proposed Date
Consultation on the Proposed Change ends	Sunday 7 th December 2025 (This is 28 days from the start of the consultation period).
Change Application submitted to the ExA	Monday 23 rd December 2025.
ExA decision on whether to accept the Proposed Change	This is at the discretion of the ExA but the Applicant would welcome this by 6 th January 2026.

Conclusion

The Proposed Change reflects NGET's latest proposed design for the Bicker Fen Substation extension, which has evolved as NGET has progressed through its design phase, as is typical for works of this nature. It is the Applicant's view that the proposed timetable and procedure set out in this notification would ensure that the remainder of the Examination, including the Change Request, is undertaken in an efficient manner, and enabling all parties to have the opportunity to scrutinise the Proposed Change prior to the close of the Examination.

If you have any comments or questions with regards to the Applicant's Proposed Change Request, or procedure, please contact me using the details below.

Yours sincerely,

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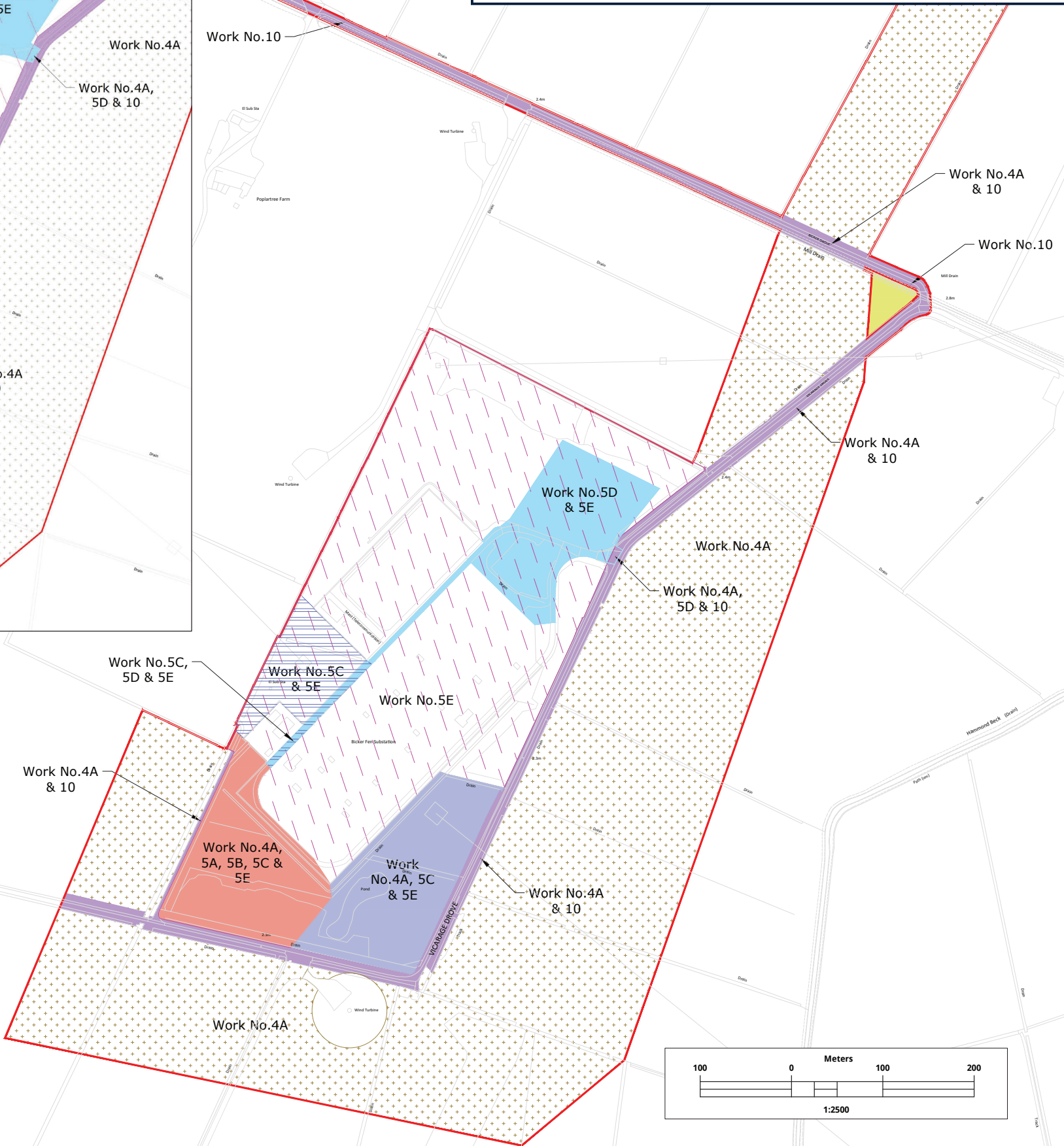
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APPENDIX 1 CHANGE NOTIFICATION COMPARISON WORKS PLANS

EXISTING WORKS PLANS



PROPOSED CHANGES
TO WORKS PLANS



LEGEND

- Work No.1
- Work No.1, 2 & 3
- Work No.4A
- Work No.4B
- Work No.4A, 5A, 5B, 5C & 5E
- Work No.4A, 5C & 5E
- Work No.5C
- Work No.5D
- Work No.5E
- Work No.6
- Work No.7
- Work No.8
- Work No.9
- Work No.10
- Land not included in the Order limits