

**FOSSE GREEN ENERGY PROJECT
DEADLINE 2 (6 FEBRUARY 2026)
RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY’S FIRST WRITTEN QUESTIONS
NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC**

1. National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“NGET”) is a statutory undertaker for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008.
2. NGET assets which have been identified as being within or within close proximity to the proposed Order limits are:
 - (a) Substations:
 - (i) Proposed Navenby 400kV Substation;
 - (ii) Associated Cables;
 - (iii) Associated fibre cables;
 - (b) Overhead lines:

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 - (i) 400kV Bicker Fen – Spalding North – West Burton;
 - (ii) 400kV Bicker Fen – Walpole – West Burton;
3. Further to NGET’s Relevant Representations which were received by the Examining Authority on 24 October 2025 and NGET’s Written Representations for Deadline 1 which were received by the Examining Authority on 19 January 2026, NGET continues to liaise with the Applicant in relation to the Protective Provisions that it requires to be included with the DCO to ensure that its current and future interests are adequately protected.
4. NGET has reviewed the Examining Authority’s first written questions and requests for information issued on 14 January 2026. NGET notes that questions GC.1.13 and GC.1.14 are directed at both the Applicant and NGET. NGET’s responses to these questions are as follows:

Question Reference	Question	Response
GC.1.13	<p>Section 3.7 of ES Chapter 3: The Proposed Development [APP-028] identifies that the proposed development would connect to the national electricity transmission network at National Grid’s proposed substation near Navenby, which is subject to a separate planning application.</p> <p>Provide an update on the anticipated date for submitting a planning application for the proposed Navenby substation and how</p>	<p>NGET is currently due to submit the planning application for the proposed Navenby substation in mid-March 2026.</p> <p>NGET understands that the timings in paragraph 3.4.2 of the Grid Connection Statement were based upon the planning application for the proposed Navenby substation being submitted in late 2025.</p> <p>The change in the planning application submission date from late 2025 to mid-</p>

	that compares with the timings described in paragraph 3.4.2 of the Grid Connection Statement [APP-200]	March 2026 will likely result in a corresponding change to the timings in paragraph 3.4.2 of the Grid Connection Statement.
GC.1.14	If the proposed development was to be consented but the proposed Navenby substation did not receive permission and/or the approved substation was not built, what implications would the unavailability of a new substation at Navenby have for the delivery of the proposed solar farm?	NGET considers that the deliverability of the proposed solar farm in the event that the proposed Navenby substation did not receive planning permission or was not built is a matter for the Applicant to clarify.

5. NGET will continue to liaise with the Applicant with a view to concluding matters as soon as possible during the DCO Examination, keeping the Examining Authority updated in relation to these discussions.

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