

To:
Elements Green Trent Limited
National Gas Transmission
Newark and Sherwood District Council
Network Rail

Our Ref: EN010162

30 September 2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Elements Green Trent Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed the Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park (“the Proposed Development”)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Following the completion of the Examination on 28 April 2026, the Examining Authority submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 28 July 2026. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application.
2. On 27 August 2026 the Secretary of State requested information from various parties (“the first information request”) [C1-001].
3. There are matters on which the Secretary of State requests that the parties identified below provides updates or information as appropriate.

Fees for Discharge of Requirements

4. In the first information request, the Secretary of State asked the Applicant, Nottinghamshire County Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council for updates on whether timescales and fees for the discharge of DCO requirements, and written approvals related to them, had been agreed [C1-001]. Without prejudice, the **Applicant** is requested to update the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.2E] to include the following wording in underline, and delete the text in strikethrough, in paragraph 35.

*35. The exact number and arrangement of submissions, which may combine a number of the above measures, will be set out as part of the final CTMP.
The final CTMP will detail the exact process and number of submissions for*

~~these technical approvals. Given the exact number of submissions is not yet finalised the Applicant has set out a fee for technical approval of £2,535 per submission. A minimum of 10 submissions is anticipated to cover the work committed by the highway authority. The Applicant will reimburse the highway authorities for the technical approval process at the time the applications are made, in line with costs for similar Section 278 or Section 184 applications made under the Highways Act.~~

Please let us know if this change necessitates any consequential amendments elsewhere in this document or in other documents.

Public Rights of Way

5. In the first information request, the Secretary of State asked the Applicant and Nottinghamshire County Council to provide further information regarding the reinstatement of Public Rights of Way to their original routes during decommissioning [C1-001]. In its response [C1-005a], the Applicant confirmed that Section A5.6.2.4 of the ES Volume 4 includes a commitment for the Applicant to carry out a review of the Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) within the Order Limits, in consultation with Nottinghamshire County Council. Without prejudice, the **Applicant** is requested to update its Environment Statement Volume 4, Appendix A5.6: Outline Decommissioning and Restoration Plan [REP4-021] to include the new wording in underline below:

“Prior to issue of the final DRP, the Applicant will carry out a review of the Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) within the Order Limits, in consultation with Nottinghamshire County Council and any local footpath groups. Should it be deemed that any PRoWs would better be re-located, whether back to their pre-Development locations or otherwise, the Applicant will apply for these changes to be made through the required process at that time.”

Glint and Glare

6. In its response to the first information request, the Applicant raised concerns around National Highways being an approving body alongside the local authority [C1-005a]. Nottinghamshire County Council confirmed in its response to the first information request that Newark and Sherwood District Council would be the approving body for the glint and glare mitigation strategy [C1-004]. The Secretary of State invites **Newark and Sherwood District Council** to comment on the proposal for National Highways to become a co-approving body of the glint and glare mitigation strategy.

Land Powers

7. Following the Applicant’s response to the first information request regarding the agreement of protective provisions [C1-005a], the **Applicant** and **National Gas Transmission** are again requested to provide updates regarding whether agreement has now been reached between the parties. The **Applicant** and **Network Rail** are also invited to provide updates regarding whether protective provisions have been agreed.

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE

8. The deadline for response is **23:59 on 7 October 2026**.
9. Responses should be submitted **by email only** to **GreatNorthRoadSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk**.
10. Responses will be published on the Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after 7 October 2026:
<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010162>
11. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Proposed Development or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,



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