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NB: Where changes made within Order are only grammatical / amendments to correct typos or drafting style then these are not included in the below Schedule of Changes. For example, changing "paragraph" to "sub-paragraph", corrections to cross references or fixing spelling errors.

Reference	Change	Reason for Change	Deadline
Article 2 (Interpretation)	**Amendment to definition:** "permitted preliminary works" means all of any of— […] (g) the temporary display of site notices or advertisements; ~~or~~ (h) site clearance (including vegetation removal~~, demolition of existing buildings and structures~~); or (i) advanced planting to allow for an early establishment of protective screening.	The reference to "demolition of existing buildings and structures" has been removed as there are no demolition works proposed as part of the Scheme. Inclusion of advanced planting within the definition of "permitted preliminary works" to enable landscape screening and mitigation planting to be undertaken at an earlier stage, allowing vegetation to establish in advance of the commencement of the main construction works. Note: The insertion of (i) was made in [AS-011]. As no Schedule of Changes accompanied that submission, the reason for the change is included here for completeness.	**1**
Article 2 (interpretation)	**Amendment to definition:** "traffic regulations ~~measures~~ plans" means the document of that name identified in the table at Schedule 11 (documents and plans to be certified) and which is certified by the Secretary of State as the traffic regulations ~~measures~~ plans for the purposes of this Order;	Updated document title within definition to reflect the correct name of the certified document.	**1**
Article 13 (Temporary closure, restriction or prohibition of use of streets and public rights of way)	**Amendment to definition:** (10) The undertaker, during and for the purposes of carrying out the authorised development, may close, prohibit the use of, restrict the use of, alter or divert any public right of way within the Order limits which is added to the definitive map and statement (within the meaning of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) on or after 20 March 2026~~[date of submission]~~.	Amended to include final submission date now confirmed.	**1**

Article 36 (Benefit of the Order)	**Amendment to Article:** (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to Work No. 15 in respect of which the provisions of this Order are for the benefit of the undertaker and National Grid Electricity Transmission.	Amended to specify National Grid Electricity Transmission as the relevant National Grid entity for the purposes of Work No. 15, consistent with the definitions in article 2.	**1**
Schedule 2 (1) (Interpretation)	**Amendment to definition:** **1.** In this Schedule— "relevant planning authority" means— (a) Lincolnshire County Council (or any successor authority) in its capacity as the local planning authority for the purposes of— (i) Requirement 6 (battery safety management); (ii) Requirement 10 (surface and foul water drainage); (iii) Requirement 11 (archaeology); (iv) Requirement 14 (waste management plan); (v) Requirement 15 (construction traffic management plan); (vi) Requirement 17 (public rights of way); (vii) Requirement 19 (soil management plan); and (b) South Holland District Council (or any successor authority) in its capacity as local planning authority for the purposes of— (i) Requirement 3 (approved details and amendments to them); (ii) Requirement 4 (community liaison group); (iii) Requirement 5 (detailed design approval); (iv) Requirement 7 (landscape and ecology management plan); (v) Requirement 8 (biodiversity net gain); (vi) Requirement 9 (fencing and other means of enclosure); (vii) Requirement 12 (construction environmental management plan);	Added reference to any successor authority in light of the planned local government reorganisation in Lincolnshire, published on 16 July 2026, to ensure that the requirements continue to operate effectively for their discharge transfers to a successor authority during the lifetime of the Order.	1

	(viii) Requirement 13 (operational environmental management plan); (ix) Requirement 18 (operational noise); (x) Requirement 20 (skills, supply chain and employment); (xi) Requirement 21 (decommissioning and restoration); and "relevant planning authorities" means Lincolnshire County Council and South Holland District Council.		
Schedule 2 (10) (Surface and foul water drainage)	**Amendment to requirement:** (1) No part of the authorised development may commence until details of the surface water drainage strategy and (if any) foul water drainage system (including means of pollution control) for that part have been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority for that part, such approval to be in consultation with Anglian Water and the Environment Agency.	Added a consultation requirement with the Environment Agency in response to the Environment Agency's relevant representation.	**1**
Schedule 2 (12) (Construction environmental management plan)	**Amendment to requirement:** 12.—(1) No part of the authorised development may commence, and no part of the permitted preliminary works for that part may commence, until a construction environmental management plan for that part has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority, in consultation with the relevant highway authority, the Environment Agency and Lincolnshire County Council. (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), "commence" includes any permitted preliminary works excluding: (a) environmental surveys and other non-intrusive surveys and investigations for the purpose of assessing ground conditions; (b) removal of plant and machinery; (c) the provision of temporary means of enclosure and site security for construction; (d) the temporary display of site notices or advertisements; and	Amended Requirement 12 to apply to specified permitted preliminary works, in response to the Environment Agency's relevant representation.	

	(e) advanced planting to allow for an early establishment of protective screening. (32) The construction environmental management plan must be substantially in accordance with the outline construction environmental management plan and must be implemented as approved. (43) The plan submitted and approved pursuant to sub-paragraph (1) must include a site waste management plan that must be substantially in accordance with the outline site waste management plan and must be implemented as approved.		
Schedule 2 (17) (Public rights of way)	**Amendment to requirement:** (1) No part of the authorised development may commence until a public rights of way management plan for any sections of public rights of way shown to be temporarily closed or managed within Schedule 6 (streets and public rights of way) for that part has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority, in consultation with the relevant highway authority. (2) The public rights of way management plan must be substantially in accordance with the outline public rights of way management plan and must be implemented as approved and maintained throughout the construction, operation and decommissioning of the relevant part of the authorised development to which the plan relates.	Amended to reflect that public rights of way may be subject to temporary management, in addition to temporary closure, consistent with Schedule 6 and the Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans. Amended to clarify that the public rights of way management plan applies throughout construction, operation and decommissioning of the authorised development.	**1**
Schedule 2 (19) (Soil management plan)	**Amendment to requirement:** (1) No part of the authorised development may commence until a soil management plan for that part has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority, in consultation with Natural England.	Added a consultation requirement with Natural England in response to the Natural England's relevant representation.	**1**
Schedule 2 (20) (Skills, supply chain and employment)	**Amendment to requirement:**	Updated to reflect the correct name of the certified document.	**1**

	(2) The skills, supply chain and employment plan must be substantially in accordance with the ~~framework~~ outline skills, supply chain and employment plan and must be implemented as approved and maintained throughout the construction, operation and decommissioning of the relevant part of the authorised development to which the plan relates.	Amended to clarify that the skills, supply chain and employment plan applies throughout construction, operation and decommissioning of the authorised development.	
Schedule 2 (21) (Decommissioning and restoration)	**Amendment to requirement:** (1) Unless otherwise agreed with the relevant planning authority, no later than 12 months prior to the date that the undertaker intends to decommission any part of the authorised development, the undertaker must submit to the relevant planning authority for approval a decommissioning environmental management plan for that part. Such approval to be in consultation with the Environment Agency and Lincolnshire County Council.	Added a consultation requirement with Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) in response to LCC's relevant representation.	**1**
Schedule 11 Part 1 (Documents and Plans)	Various updates to listed documents to align with latest versions as at Deadline 1.	To ensure up to date Schedule as at Deadline 2.	**1**
Schedule 13 (Protective Provisions)	Inclusion of agreed and/or latest preferred version of protective provisions with: • Anglian Water Services Ltd (Part 4) • National Grid Electricity Distribution (Part 5) • Environment Agency (Part 6) • National Grid Electricity Transmission (Part 7)	Part 4 "For the Protection of Anglian Water Services Limited" and Part 5 "For the Protection of National Grid Electricity Distribution plc as electricity undertaker" are agreed between the parties. Part 6 "For the Protection of the Environment Agency" and Part 7 are subject to ongoing negotiation with the relevant undertakers and instead reflect the Applicants preferred terms for these protective provisions, at this stage of the negotiations between parties. They do not reflect agreed positions between the parties.	**1**