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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:** "hedgerow regulations and tree preservation orders plan" means the plan 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 hedgerow plan for the purposes of this Order;	Updated document title within definition to reflect correct name of the certified document.	3
Article 2 (Interpretation)	**Amendment to definition:** **(a)** pink dashed lines in relation to non-linear works within Section B: Grid Connection ~~Corridor~~;	Amendment to align the description of Section B with the title used on the Work Plans ("Grid Connection").	3
Article 2 (Interpretation)	**Amendment to definition:** National Grid Electricity Distribution" or "NGED" means National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc (company number ~~00223394~~ 02366923) whose registered office is at Avonbank, Feeder Road, Bristol, Avon, BS2 0TB or any successor as a licence holder within the meaning of Part 1 of the 1989 Act; "National Grid Electricity Transmission" or "NGET" means National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (company number **02366977**) 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;	Amendment to update the definitions of National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc and National Grid Electricity Transmission plc to ensure the correct legal names and company details, in response to ExQ1 Q7.0.9.	3
Article 2 (Interpretation)	**Amendment to definition:** "special category land plans" means the plan 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 special category land plans for the purposes of this Order;	Definition added in response to ExQ1 Q7.6.1.	3
Article 2 (Interpretation)	**Amendment to definition:** "permitted preliminary works" means all of any of—	The reference to "demolition of existing buildings and structures" has been removed as there are no demolition works proposed as part of the Scheme.	**1**

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	[…] (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.	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.	
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 6 (Limits of Deviation)	**Amendment to article:** 6.- (1) Subject to paragraph (2), in respect of the overhead electric line, underground cable and non-linear works forming part of the authorised development for which it is granted development consent by paragraph (1) of article 3 (development consent etc. granted by the Order), the undertaker may deviate horizontally from the lines or situations of the authorised development shown on the works plans within the limits of deviation shown on those plans for the relevant Work and may carry out the authorised development anywhere within the Order limits.	Amended the limits of deviation provision to apply to Work No. 4 (underground cable) and Work Nos. 10 and 12 (non-linear works/CSECs), reflecting the intended application of the limits of deviation to those works.	3
Article 8(1) (a) (Defence to proceedings in respect of statutory nuisance)	**Amendment to article:** (a) relates to premises used by the undertaker for the purposes of or in connection with the construction or maintenance of the authorised development and that the nuisance is attributable to the construction or maintenance of the authorised development in accordance with a notice	Clarificatory amendment to extend the statutory nuisance defence to activities undertaken in accordance with documents approved pursuant to Schedule 2 (Requirements), in response to ExQ1 Q7.1.3.	3

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	served under section 60 (control of noise on construction site) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974(**1**), or a consent given under section 61 (prior consent for work on construction site) of that Act or any document approved under the provisions of schedule 2 (requirements) of this Order; or		
Article 13 (Temporary closure, restriction or prohibition of use of streets and public rights of way)	**Amendment to article:** (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 21(2) (Compulsory acquisition of land)	**Amendment to article:** (2) This article is subject to article 22 (time limit for exercise of authority to acquire land compulsorily), paragraph (2) of article 24 (compulsory acquisition of rights), article 29 (acquisition of subsoil or airspace only), and article 31 (temporary use of land for constructing the authorised development) and article 49 (Crown rights).	Amendment to add cross-references to Articles 22 and 29, in response to ExQ1 Q7.1.13.	3
Article 24(2) (Compulsory acquisition of land)	**Amendment to article:** (2) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, article 25 (private rights) and article 33 (statutory undertakers), in the case of the Order land identified in ~~the Book of Reference~~ column 1 of the table at Schedule 9 as "Class 2", "Class 3", or "Class 4" land in which only new rights or the benefit of restrictive covenants may be acquired, the undertaker's powers of compulsory acquisition are limited to the acquisition of existing rights and benefit of restrictive covenants over that land and the creation and acquisition of such new rights and the imposition of	Consequential amendment to cross-refer to Schedule 9 (compulsory acquisition of land and rights and temporary possession of land), introduced in response to ExQ1 Q7.0.2 and Q7.0.6.	3

(1) 1974 c. 40. Sections 61(9) and 65(8) were amended by section 162 of, and paragraph 15 of Schedule 3 to, the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c. 25). There are other amendments to the 1974 Act which are not relevant to the Order.

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	restrictive covenants for the purpose specified in relation to that land in ~~the Book of Reference~~ column 3 of the table at Schedule 9.		
Article 31(1)(a)(i) (Temporary use of land for constructing the authorised development)	**Amendment to article:** (i) so much of the land identified in ~~the Book of Reference~~ the table at Schedule 9 of this Order as "Class 5" land over which temporary possession may be taken, for the purpose specified in relation to the land in column 1 of the table at Schedule 9 of this Order~~the Book of Reference~~; and	Consequential amendment to cross-refer to Schedule 9 (compulsory acquisition of land and rights and temporary possession of land), introduced in response to ExQ1 Q7.0.2 and Q7.0.6.	3
Article 31(3) (Temporary use of land for constructing the authorised development)	**Amendment to article:** (3) Not less than ~~2 weeks'~~ 28 days before entering on and taking temporary possession of land under this article the undertaker must serve notice of the intended entry on the owners and occupiers of the land.	Amendment to increase the minimum notice period for temporary possession from 14 days to 28 days, in response to ExQ1 Q7.0.8.	3
Article 31(11)(a) (Temporary use of land for constructing the authorised development)	**Amendment to article:** (a) creating and acquiring new rights or imposing restrictions over any part of the Order land identified in the table in Schedule 9 of this Order ~~the Book of Reference~~ as land in which only new rights or the benefit of restrictive covenants may be acquired; or	Consequential amendment to cross-refer to Schedule 9 (compulsory acquisition of land and rights and temporary possession of land), introduced in response to ExQ1 Q7.0.2 and Q7.0.6.	3
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**
Article 44(1) (Arbitration)	**Amendment to article:** (1) Subject to paragraph (2), any difference under any provision of this Order must, unless otherwise expressly provided for or agreed in writing between the undertaker and the party in question, be referred to and settled by arbitration in accordance with the rules set out in Schedule 12 (arbitration rules) of this Order by a single arbitrator to be agreed between the parties within 14 days of receipt of the notice of arbitration or, if the parties fail to agree within that period, to be appointed on the	Amendment to include a 14-day period for the parties to agree the appointment of an arbitrator and, failing agreement, referral to the Secretary of State for appointment, in response to ExQ1 Q7.0.8.	3

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	application of either party (after giving written notice to the other) by the Secretary of State.		
Article 47(4) (Procedures in relation to certain approvals etc.)	**Amendment to article:** (4) Save for applications made pursuant to Schedule 14 (procedure for discharge of requirements) and where stated to the contrary if, within ~~six~~ eight weeks (or such longer period as may be agreed between the undertaker and the relevant consenting authority in writing) after the application or request has been submitted to a consenting authority it has not notified the undertaker of its disapproval and the grounds of disapproval, it is deemed to have approved the application or request.	Amendment to increase the deemed approval period from six weeks to eight weeks, in response to ExQ1 Q7.0.8.	3
Schedule 1, work no. 11	**Amendment to article:** Works as shown on Sheet 2 of Section B of the works plans to construct and install new underground transmission electrical cables (up to 0.4 kilometres in length) in the section of works between the Cable Sealing End Compound South and the Cable Sealing End Compound North including— the installation of up to 0.4 kilometres of underground 400kV electrical cables, including cable ducts, joint bays, link pillars, fibre optic conductors and earthing and protection control systems~~, to facilitate a connection between the Cable Sealing End Compound South and the Cable Sealing End Compound North~~.	Amendment to remove unnecessary explanatory text from the description of Work No. 11, in response to ExQ1 Q7.2.7.	3
Schedule 1, work no. 16	**Amendment to work number:** Work No. 16 — Grid Connection Route ~~Corridor~~ Temporary Site Compounds	Amendment to the title of Work No. 16 to add "Temporary" (in response to ExQ1 Q7.2.8) and to ensure consistency with the application documents by referring to the Grid Connection Route.	3
Schedule 1, work no. 16	**Amendment to work number:** (o) site establishments and preparation works including site clearance (including vegetation removal~~, demolition of existing buildings and structures~~); earthworks (including soil stripping and storage and site levelling) and excavations; the alteration of the position of services and utilities; and works for the protection of buildings and land;	Consequential amendment to remove references to demolition works from associated development provisions, ensuring consistency with the definition of "commence" in Article 2 and reflecting that no demolition works are proposed as part of the Scheme, following LCC's Deadline 2 comments.	3

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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); (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);	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

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	and "relevant planning authorities" means Lincolnshire County Council and South Holland District Council.		
Schedule 2 (7) (Landscape and ecology management plan)	**Amendment to requirement:** (1) No part of the authorised development may commence until a written landscape and ecology management plan for that part has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority, in consultation with Lincolnshire County Council.	Amendment to add Lincolnshire County Council as a statutory consultee on the Landscape and Ecology Management Plan, in response to LCC's Deadline 2 comments and ExQ1 Q7.3.6.	3
Schedule 2 (7) (Landscape and ecology management plan)	**Amendment to requirement:** (4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), "commence" includes part (h) (site clearance (including vegetation removal~~, demolition of existing buildings and structures~~)) and part (i) (advanced planting to allow for an early establishment of protective screening) of permitted preliminary works.	Consequential amendment to remove references to demolition works from associated development provisions, ensuring consistency with the definition of "commence" in Article 2 and reflecting that no demolition works are proposed as part of the Scheme, following LCC's Deadline 2 comments.	3
Schedule 2 (8) (Biodiversity net gain)	**Amendment to requirement:** (1) No part of the authorised development may commence until a biodiversity net gain strategy has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority for that part, in consultation with Lincolnshire County Council and the relevant statutory nature conservation body.	Amendment to add Lincolnshire County Council as a statutory consultee on the biodiversity net gain strategy, in response to LCC's Deadline 2 comments and ExQ1 Q7.3.6.	3
Schedule 2 (8) (Biodiversity net gain)	**Amendment to requirement:** (2) The biodiversity net gain strategy must include details of how the strategy will secure: (a) a minimum of 10% biodiversity net gain for habitat units,; (b) a minimum of 400% biodiversity net gain for hedgerow units; and (c) a minimum of 10% biodiversity net gain for watercourse units. (3) The biodiversity net gain strategy must be ~~(2) as~~ substantially in accordance with the methodology outlined in the outline landscape and ecology management plan ~~and must be implemented as approved~~.	Amendments to improve the drafting, clarity and enforceability of the Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy requirement, including the restructuring of provisions into separate sub-paragraphs, in response to ExQ1 Q7.3.8.	3

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	(4) The biodiversity net gain strategy must be implemented as approved ~~(3)~~(5) The biodiversity net gain strategy must be maintained throughout the operation of the relevant part of the authorised development to which the ~~plan~~ strategy relates.		
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 (10) (Surface and foul water drainage)	**Amendment to requirement:** 10.—(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 Services Limited and the Environment Agency.	Amendment to refer to Anglian Water Services Limited by its full legal name, in response to ExQ1 Q7.0.0 and to ensure consistency in the identification of statutory consultees and relevant legal entities within the Draft DCO.	3
Schedule 2 (12) (4) (Construction of environmental management plan)	**Amendment to requirement:** ~~(4) 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.~~	Amendment to remove the site waste management plan requirement from Requirement 12, to avoid overlap with Requirement 14 (Waste Management Plan), in response to ExQ1 Q7.3.10 and LCC's Deadline 2 comments.	3
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.	Amended Requirement 12 to apply to specified permitted preliminary works, in response to the Environment Agency's relevant representation.	1

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	(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 (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.3		
Schedule 2 (12)	~~(4) The plan submitted and approved pursuant to sub-paragraph~~ **~~Error! Reference source not found.~~**~~(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.~~	Amendment to remove the site waste management plan requirement from Requirement 12, to avoid overlap with Requirement 14 (Waste Management Plan), in response to ExQ1 Q7.3.10 and LCC's Deadline 2 comments.	3
Schedule 2 (13) (operational environmental management plan)	**Amendment to requirement:** (1) Prior to the date of final commissioning for any part, an operational environmental management plan for that part must be submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority in consultation with the relevant highway authority, ~~the relevant waste authority,~~ the Environment Agency and Lincolnshire County Council.	Amendment to remove the relevant waste authority as a consultee on the Operational Environmental Management Plan, reflecting that waste management is addressed separately under Requirement 14 (Waste Management Plan).	3

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Schedule 2 (14) (waste management plan)	14.—(1) No part of the authorised development may commence ~~operation~~ until a site waste management plan for the construction phase of that part has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority. (2) Prior to the commencement of operation of any part of the authorised development, a site waste management plan for the operation phase of that part must be submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority. (3) Prior to the commencement of decommissioning of any part of the authorised development, a site waste management plan for the decommissioning phase of that part must be submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority. ~~(2)~~ (4) ~~The~~ Each site waste management plan must be substantially in accordance with the relevant parts of the outline site waste management plan and~~,~~ must be implemented as approved ~~and maintained throughout the operation of the relevant part of the authorised development to which the plan relates~~.	Amendment to provide for phase-specific site waste management plans for construction, operation and decommissioning, and to clarify the scope of the Waste Management Plan requirement, in response to LCC's Deadline 2 comments and ExQ1 Q7.3.10.	3
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**

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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:** (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.	Updated to reflect the correct name of the certified document. Amended to clarify that the skills, supply chain and employment plan applies throughout construction, operation and decommissioning of the authorised development.	**1**
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 9 (Compulsory Acquisition of Land and Rights and Temporary Possession of Land)	**Amendment to schedule:** Insertion of new Schedule 9.	New Schedule 9 inserted to provide a standalone schedule identifying the plots to which compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers apply, in response to ExQ1 Q7.0.2 and Q7.0.6.	3
Schedule 11 Part 1 (Documents and Plans)	**Amendment to Schedule:** Various updates to listed documents to align with latest versions as at Deadline 1.	To ensure up to date Schedule as at Deadline 1.	**1**

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Schedule 11 (Part 2) (Hedgerows which are affected/managed)	**Amendment to requirement:** Management of one section of hedgerow BH1012 within the Order Limits, measuring up to 27m in length, as shown approximately on the Hedgerow Regulations and Tree Preservation Order Removal Plan Section B Sheet 4 ~~5~~ of 5.	Amendment to correct the reference to the relevant sheet of the Hedgerow Regulations and Tree Preservation Order Removal Plan for hedgerow BH1012, in response to ExQ1 Q7.5.3.	3
Schedule 11 (Part 3) (Hedgerows which are potentially affected)	**Amendment to requirement:** Removal or management of up to two sections of hedgerow BH1012 within the Order Limits, measuring up to 30m and 36m in length, as shown approximately on the Hedgerow Regulations and Tree Preservation Order Removal Plan Section B Sheet 4 ~~5~~ of 5.	Amendment to correct the reference to the relevant sheet of the Hedgerow Regulations and Tree Preservation Order Removal Plan for hedgerow BH1012, in response to ExQ1 Q7.5.3.	3
Schedule 12 (Documents forming part of the environmental statement to be certified)	**Amendment to schedule:** PART 1 DOCUMENTS ~~AND PLANS~~ FORMING PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT TO BE CERTIFIED PART 2 EXAMINATION DOCUMENTS FORMING PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT TO BE CERTIFIED PART 3 OTHER DOCUMENTS TO BE CERTIFIED PART ~~3~~4 SUBSTITUTE AND SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS	Amendments to Schedule 12 to restructure the schedule into four parts and incorporate additional certified documents, including the Outline Archaeological Mitigation and Management Strategy, in response to ExQ1 Q7.6.1.	3

Reference	Change	Reason for Change	Deadline
Schedule 12 (Part 1) (Documents forming part of the environmental statement to be certified)	**Amendment to schedule:** Various updates to listed documents to align with latest versions as at Deadline 3.	To ensure up to date Schedule as at Deadline 3.	3
Schedule 13 (Protective Provisions)	**Amendment to schedule:** 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**
Schedule 14, Part 6 (For the protection of the Environment Agency)	**Amendment to schedule:** Removal of protective provisions.	Environment Agency protective provisions removed following confirmation from the Environment Agency that Flood Risk Activity Permits will not be required for the Scheme, and that this removes the need for protective provisions in the DCO.	**3**
Schedule 14, Part 7 (For the protection of Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service)	**Amendment to schedule:** Insertion of agreed protective provisions.	Protective provisions included as agreed with Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service.	3
Schedule 15, paragraph 2 (Applications made under requirement)	**Amendment to schedule:** (2) Where an application has been made to the relevant planning authority for any consent, agreement or approval required by a requirement, the relevant planning authority must give notice to the undertaker of its decision on the application within a period of ~~six~~ ten weeks beginning with the later of—	Amendment to increase the period for determination of applications made pursuant to Schedule 14 from six weeks to ten weeks, in response to Lincolnshire County Council's Deadline 2 comments.	3

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Schedule 15, paragraph 3(2) (Further information and consultation)	**Amendment to schedule:** (2) In the event that the relevant planning authority considers such further information to be necessary and the provision governing or requiring the application does not specify that consultation with a requirement consultee is required, the relevant planning authority must, within ~~10~~ 15 working days of receipt of the application, notify the undertaker in writing specifying the further information required.	Amendment to increase the period within which the relevant planning authority may request further information, in response to Lincolnshire County Council's Deadline 2 comments.	3
Schedule 15, paragraph 3(3) (Further information and consultation)	**Amendment to schedule:** (3) If the provision governing or requiring the application specifies that consultation with a requirement consultee is required, the relevant planning authority must issue the consultation to the requirement consultee within five working days of receipt of the application, and must notify the undertaker in writing specifying any further information the relevant planning authority considers necessary or that is requested by the requirement consultee within ~~5~~ ten working days of receipt of such a request and in any event within ~~15~~ 20 working days of receipt of the application (or such other period as is agreed in writing between the undertaker and the relevant planning authority).	Amendments to extend the time periods for requesting further information where consultation with a requirement consultee is required, in response to comments from Lincolnshire County Council and the Environment Agency.	3
Schedule 15, paragraph 4(2)(a) (Appeals)	**Amendment to schedule:** (a) any appeal by the undertaker must be made within 42 days of the date of the notice of the decision or determination, or (where no determination has been made) the expiry of the time period set out in paragraph 2(2), giving rise to the appeal referred to in paragraph 2(3);	Amendment to clarify the timeframe within which an appeal must be made, by introducing a 42-day period from the relevant decision, determination or deemed refusal, in response to ExQ1 Q7.8.1.	3
Schedule 15, paragraph 5 (Fees)	**Amendment to schedule:** 5.—(1) Where an application is made to the relevant planning authority for a discharge, a fee is to apply and must be paid to the relevant planning authority for each application. (2) The fee payable for each application under sub-paragraph (1) is as follows—	Amendments made in response to LCC's Local Impact Report, adopting the fee uplift mechanism included in the One Earth Solar Farm Order 2026 to ensure fees payable under the Schedule reflect increases in national planning application fees.	3

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	a fee of ~~£2,535~~ £2,578 for the first application for the discharge of each of the requirements ~~5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 21~~in Schedule 2; (a) a fee of ~~£578~~ £588 for each subsequent application for the discharge of each of the requirements listed in paragraph (a) and any application under requirement 5 in respect of the requirements listed in paragraph (a); and (b) a fee of ~~£145~~ £298 for any application for the discharge of any approval required by a document referred to by any requirement or a document approved pursuant to any requirement. ~~(i) any other requirements not listed in paragraph (a);~~ ~~(ii) any application under requirement 3 in respect of requirements not listed in paragraph (a); and~~ ~~(iii) any approval required by a document referred to by any requirement or a document approved pursuant to any requirement.~~ (3) Where an application under sub-paragraph (1) is made and a fee payable on or after 1 April 2025, then section 18A of the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended by the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits (England) Amendment Regulations 2023) will apply as modified by this Order, so that "the relevant amount" means the fee payable under sub-paragraph (2)(a), (2)(b) or (2)(c) above. ~~(3)~~ (4) Any fee paid under this Schedule must be refunded to the undertaker within four weeks of— (a) the application being rejected as invalidly made; or (b) the relevant planning authority failing to determine the application within the relevant period in paragraph 2(2) unless—		

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	(i) within that period the undertaker agrees, in writing, that the fee is to be retained by the relevant planning authority and credited in respect of a future application; or (ii) a longer period of time for determining the application has been agreed pursuant to paragraph ~~2(2)(c)~~ 2(2) of this Schedule, as applicable.		