

Dated 14 January 2026

**APPLICATION BY GREEN HILL SOLAR FARM LIMITED FOR AN ORDER GRANTING
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE GREEN HILL SOLAR FARM SCHEME**

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: EN010170

REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: F981B99F0

WRITTEN REPRESENTATION
submitted on behalf of National Grid Electricity
Transmission plc at Deadline 4

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This submission is made at Deadline 4 on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (**NGET**) in response to the application by Green Hill Solar Farm Limited (**Applicant**) for the Green Hill Solar Farm Order (**Order**) to enable the construction of the Green Hill Solar Farm (**Green Hill Project**).
- 1.2 It provides an update on the matters referred to in NGET's submissions to the Examination, being:
- (a) The written representation dated 7 November 2025 (**NGET's Written Representation**) [**REP1-177**]; and
 - (b) Responses to the First Examiner's Questions [**REP1-176**],
- (together the **NGET Submissions**).
- 1.3 As the Examining Authority is aware, NGET has requested that the set of protective provisions that it has put forward for the benefit of its undertaking (**NGET PPs**, a copy of which are included at **Appendix 2** of NGET's Written Representation) should be included in the Order. This is to ensure that NGET's existing apparatus and interests in the vicinity of the Green Hill Project are adequately protected but also to ensure that NGET is able to safeguard land and interests which will be utilised for the construction, maintenance and operation of the following:
- (a) reconductoring works to 4ZA route of existing overhead lines (**OHL**) at Grendon substation (**Reconductoring Works**) as part of the wider Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire Project (**WMEL Project**), being the construction of two new substations near Corby Glen and Wartnaby in Leicestershire and new overhead line between the new substations and the Weston Marsh substation; and
 - (b) reinforcement and upgrade of the conductor on the existing 400kV double circuit overhead line (A486 and A487) between towers ZA301 and ZA418A from Sundon to Grendon (known as the Sundon to Grendon Reconductoring Project) (**SGRE Project**),
- together, the **NGET Upgrade Projects**.
- 1.4 Whilst it is acknowledged that the protective provisions have been included for the benefit of NGET's existing land and interests within the draft Order [**REP3-024**] (**D3 PPs**), they do not contain the necessary future-proofing wording for the protection of the NGET Upgrade Projects. The NGET PPs are therefore necessary to avoid serious detriment to NGET both in terms of existing interests and apparatus but in relation to the NGET Upgrade Projects.

2 Summary of status of negotiations

- 2.1 Following the issue of NGET's Written Representation, NGET's solicitors have now been contacted by the Applicant's solicitors to commence negotiations in relation to the protective provisions. NGET's solicitors have not yet received any comments on the NGET PPs or the principle of the inclusion of the future-proofing wording.
- 2.2 The parties are seeking to arrange an all-parties call to discuss the interactions between the Green Hill Project and the NGET Upgrade Projects, in particular the SGRE Project to allow negotiations on the protective provisions to progress.

- 2.3 Until satisfactory agreement has been reached with the Applicant, NGET must continue to reserve the right to make further submissions to the examination and attend hearings at a later date.

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