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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Document

- 1.1.1 This document provides the Applicant's response to all relevant documents submitted by statutory parties at Deadline 1. This includes Written Representations (WRs), comments on the Applicant's responses to Relevant Representations, and post hearing submissions.
- 1.1.2 The Applicant has submitted separate documents alongside this document responding to other relevant submissions at Deadline 1. These include:
- 08.17 The Applicant's Response to the Local Impact Report
 - 08.19 The Applicant's Response to Submissions Received at Deadline 1 - Parish Councils and Non-Statutory Organisations
 - 08.20 The Applicant's Response to Submissions Received at Deadline 1 - Members of the Public

1.2 Structure of the Report

- 1.2.1 This document is structured as follows:
- **Table** Table sets out the list of acronyms used for management documents that form part of the Applicant's submission and may have been referred to by the Applicant in responding to submissions. The wider range of acronyms used by the Applicant can be found in the **Contents, Glossary and Abbreviations [APP-038]**.
 - **Table** sets out the list of organisations responded to as part of this document.
 - **Section 2** of this document provides responses to the submissions to statutory bodies. The section is structured as follows:
 - **Table 2.1.1** includes responses made to Natural England
 - **Table** includes response made to the Environment Agency
 - **Table 2.3.1, Table 2.3.2 and Table 2.3.3** include responses made to National Highways. This is due to the structure of the tables submitted by National Highways.
 - **Table 2.4.1** includes responses made to National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc, National Gas Transmission PLC, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, The Forestry Commission, and the Ouse & Derwent Internal Drainage Board.
- 1.2.2 The submissions made by interested parties, as well as references to the Application documentation are provided in accordance with the referencing system set out in the Planning Inspectorate's Light Valley Solar [Examination Library](#).

Table 1.2.1: List of Acronyms for Submission Documents

Term of Abbreviation	Definition
DCO	Development Consent Order
CR	Consultation Report (shorthand for appendices)
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
BNG	Biodiversity Net Gain
FRADS	Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy
oCEMP	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan
oPSRP	Outline Pollution and Spillage Response Plan
oOEMP	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan
oDEMP	Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan
oSRMP	Outline Soil Resource Management Plan
oMWMP	Outline Materials and Waste Management Plan
oPROWMP	Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan
oLEMP	Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan
oBMAMP	Outline Bird Mitigation Area Management Plan
oSSCEP	Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan
oBSMP	Outline Battery Safety Management Plan
oCTMP	Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan

Table 1.2.2: Listed Organisations whose submissions are Responded to in Section 2

Examination Library Reference	Relevant Representation Received From
REP1-018	Environment Agency
REP1-019	
REP1-020	The Forestry Commission
REP1-021	National Gas Transmission PLC
REP1-022	National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc
REP1-023	National Highways Limited
REP1-024	

Examination Library Reference	Relevant Representation Received From
REP1-025	Natural England
REP1-026	North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service
REP1-027	Ouse & Derwent Internal Drainage Board

ID	Theme	Relevant Representation reference	Designated Sites / ecological impact	Outstanding impact pathway	Summary of outstanding issues at Relevant Representations	Advice on how this can be addressed	Applicant's response
					of Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) on migrating lamprey associated with designated sites.	As stated in The Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations, dated June 2026, it has been agreed that the requirement to include additional mitigation for lamprey will be secured in the outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) rather than in the Project Design Requirements. Natural England will review the updated CEMP document when this is submitted to the Examination. Considering this amendment, discharge of the CEMP requirement should be undertaken in consultation with Natural England, and we request this is secured within the DCO wording for Requirement 12, Schedule 2.	An update to Requirement 12 is not required, as NE does not need to be consulted on the plan as a whole.
WR-NE-003	Ecology and Biodiversity	NE9	Burr Closes, Selby SSSI	Impacts from construction dust (Construction phase)	Natural England advised that nationally designated site Burr Closes, Selby SSSI should be identified as an ecological receptor in the CEMP due to its proximity to the proposed cable route.	It is acknowledged that in in The Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations, dated June 2026, it is stated that specific ecological receptors will not be specified in the CEMP, but instead the stated measures will be applied to the full order limits. While we consider it is preferred practise to identify sensitive receptors in the CEMP and advise on specific measures that will be required to prevent impacts. However we considered the proposed measures to be sufficient to mitigate impacts to Burr Closes, Selby SSSI, and as they are to be applied to the full order limits we do not consider that additional changes will make a material difference to the	The Applicant acknowledges this comment.

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					We also requested clarification on the statement that ‘soils will be reinstated to their ecological baseline’, and whether this applied to the full ecological baseline.	within the draft DCO in Requirement 19, Schedule 2 and that it is stated that the final DEMP should be in accordance with the outline DEMP. We will review the additions made to the outline SMP when this is submitted to the Examination. We welcome that Requirement 17, Schedule 2 of the draft DCO secures production of the final SMP, and states this must be in line with the submitted outline SMP.	

ID	Theme	EA Reference	Comment	Applicant’s response
WR-EA-050	The Proposed Development and DCO Process	EA57 Environment Agency Protective Provisions	We can confirm that we have discussed this issue with the Applicant and have come to an agreement on the form of the Protective Provisions. We will be able to consider this issue resolved once the updated DCO [APP-017] is made available for review. This issue remains outstanding.	The Applicant has made two minor amendments to the Protective Provisions in the Draft DCO [updated alongside this submission] at the EA’s request at Deadline 2. The Applicant confirms that the Protective Provisions included at Part 4 of Schedule 15 of the Draft DCO [updated alongside this submission] are agreed between the parties.

