

Application by the Drovers Solar Farm Limited for an order granting development consent for the Drovers Solar Farm
ExQ2–Responses due by Deadline 3 (Friday 24 July 2026)

Questions to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc:

ExQ reference	Question to:	Question:	NGET Response
9. Grid Connection			
Q9.0.1	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc	Scenario A (both existing and new pylons) and Scenario B (double turn in option) ES Chapter 8 [APP-057], paragraphs 8.8.26 to 8.8.30, describes both Scenarios A (both existing and new pylons) and B (double turn in option) for the connection to the proposed National Grid substation. Paragraph 8.8.29 sets out that the applicant's preferred solution is Scenario B, which would allow for the decommissioning and removal of the existing section of overhead line, thereby reducing long term visual and heritage impacts on the local area. ES Appendix 5.1 Illustrative Technical Information (Tracked) Section 2: Illustrative Grid Connection Infrastructure Routing [REP1-047] provides a plan view showing the proposed double turn in diversion which shows the extent of the overhead line to be removed to the north of Bartholomew's Hill plantation. Could NGET provide its view regarding the principle of implementing the type of connections represented in Scenarios A and B.	As set out in its Written Representation (submitted at Deadline 1), National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) will not be in a position to express a view on the size, design or location of the substation proposed in the Order application during the course of the Examination or prior to the decision of the Secretary of State. This is due to the status of the Project's Gate 1 offer which is subject to the Connection Reform process as well as the need for further steps to take place, such as commercial negotiations with the Applicant, detailed technical siting assessments and relevant planning processes and approvals which cannot take place within the timescales of the Examination or the decision process. This position extends to the connection to the National Grid substation which would also be subject to the Connections Reform process and the further steps outlined above. As such, NGET is not able to provide a view with regards to implementing the types of connections represented in Scenarios A and B.