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By post

To whom it may concern,

Consultation on a Non-Material Change Application The National Grid (North London Reinforcement Project) Order 2014 The Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011

1 Non-Material Change Application

- 1.1 We are writing to notify you that National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (**NGET**) has applied to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero to make non-material changes to the National Grid (North London Reinforcement Project) Order (S.I. 2014 No. 1052) (**the 2014 Order**).
- 1.2 The application is being made under Section 153 of, and Schedule 6 to, the Planning Act 2008. Pursuant to regulation 7 of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (**the 2011 Regulations**), NGET is seeking to consult with you regarding the application.
- 1.3 The 2014 Order, which was made by the (then) Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change on 16 April 2014 and came into force on 7 May 2014, authorises NGET to uprate the overhead electricity line (**OHL**) running from Waltham Cross substation to Tottenham substation from 275 kilovolts to 400 kilovolts including works to Waltham Cross substation, Brimsdown substation, and Tottenham substation, and to carry out all associated works.

2 Overview of the Non-Material Change Application

- 2.1 After an initial pause in the delivery of the works authorised by the 2014 Order, in 2021 NGET re-commenced works to ensure that the North London Reinforcement Project, which is a crucial component of the Great Grid Upgrade, aimed at enhancing the electricity transmission network in London and the surrounding areas, is delivered effectively and efficiently.
- 2.2 The 2014 Order included approval for works to enable the 400kV uprated OHL to bypass Tottenham substation. The bypass design removed the need for Tottenham substation itself to be upgraded. The works originally proposed involved the installation of a new section of underground cable (see Work No. 10 in Schedule 1 to the 2014 Order).
- 2.3 During the detailed design of the proposed cable bypass, constraints have been identified that have led NGET to conclude that it is preferable for the Tottenham

substation bypass to be delivered by means of a new section of OHL spanning the existing substation building.

- 2.4 To facilitate this design change, changes are now proposed to the 2014 Order to enable the proposed new OHL bypass. In relation to the new design solution, changes are proposed to the design of a transmission pylon consented under the 2014 Order (known as VC1R) and a new transmission pylon (known as ZBC44) is also proposed. Two new sections of 400kV OHL are proposed between these pylons. The 2014 Order Limits are proposed to be extended over a portion of the substation building (owned by NGET) to ensure that the new section of OHL benefits from development consent. Finally, changes are also required to remove the underground cable bypass from the description of the development authorised by the 2014 Order.
- 2.5 NGET is not seeking to secure any new or additional powers to acquire land or interests in land compulsorily and an assessment of change has been undertaken. This has concluded that no materially new or materially different environmental effects are considered to arise from the proposed changes.
- 2.6 None of the changes proposed to the 2014 Order are therefore considered to be material.

3 Consultation

- 3.1 You are being consulted about this non-material change application in accordance with Regulation 7 of the 2011 Regulations and, as required by that provision, a copy of the Regulation 6 application notice that has been published is enclosed with this letter.
- 3.2 The enclosed notice provides further detail as regards the proposed changes to the 2014 Order, including details of where copies of the application documents can be viewed and downloaded. The notice also explains how further information regarding the application can be requested.
- 3.3 As specified within the notice, you may make representations on this application to the Secretary of State by email to: NorthLondonElectricLine@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or by post to National Infrastructure Planning, The Planning Inspectorate, c/o QUADIENT, 69 Buckingham Avenue, Slough, SL1 4PN quoting reference EN020009.
- 3.4 Should you have any difficulty in submitting a representation, please contact the Planning Inspectorate at either NorthLondonElectricLine@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or by telephone on 0303 444 5000.

The deadline for receipt of representations is 11:59pm on Friday 19 June 2026.

- 3.5 Please note that any representations submitted to the Planning Inspectorate may be published on its National Infrastructure Planning website and will be subject to their privacy policy which can be viewed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notices/customer-privacy-notice>

Yours sincerely,

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