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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

Project Name: The National Grid (North London Reinforcement Project) Order 2014

Waterway: River Lee Navigation

The Trust is the charity which looks after and brings to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Trust is a prescribed consultee in the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) process pursuant to Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Forms & Procedure Regulations 2009).

The Canal & River Trust (the Trust) owns and manages the River Lee Navigation and its associated towpath, locks, weirs, and some limited additional adjacent land and buildings. After reviewing the submitted information, we have the following comments:

In 2014 the Trust agreed a Statement of Common Ground with National Grid (copy attached) and the Trust entered into a deed of easement with National Grid to cover technical issues to do with the works, and which controls any works that interfere with navigation or any activities taking place on the Trust's land.

The changes to the proposals do not appear to result in any additional impacts on the Trust's undertaking and we therefore have no comments to make on the proposed amendments. Please note this is on the basis that the proposed amendments would not, in fact, alter the requirements of National Grid or the arrangements between the Trust and National Grid. If the proposed amendments would alter National Grid's requirements or arrangements between the parties, National Grid is advised to contact [REDACTED], Utilities Surveyor to discuss this further [REDACTED] and the Examining Authority will need to consider the position in determining the application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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