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**Consultation on a Non-Material Change Application for the National Grid
(North London Reinforcement Project) Order 2014.**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for consulting us on the above Non-Material change application on 12th May.

Environment Agency Position

Based on a review of the submitted information, the Environment Agency **have no objection** to the proposed changes but would highlight the following:

The proposed changes will require the installation of 2 new pylons, VCR1 and ZBC44. From the information reviewed, it is not clear where these will be located. The above notwithstanding, from information previously provided, the Environment Agency is aware that the wider Tottenham Substation (and former bus depot) are contaminated. While it is noted that there has been extensive remediation within parts of the site, without knowing the locations of the pylons is not clear if they will be in areas where significant contamination remains

It will need to be demonstrated that, with respect to contamination the locations of the pylons have been subject to sufficient assessment.

The use of piled foundations creates additional risk, particularly in locations where gross contamination which could be mobilised is present and where piling foundation penetrate the underlying London Clay.

Where piled foundations are proposed a suitable Foundation Works Risk Assessment will need to be completed. This should follow the process set out in Piling and Penetrative Ground Improvement Methods on Land Affected by Contamination (available here [CL:AIRE Technical Guidance - Page 2](#))

Final comments

Thank you for contacting us regarding the above application. Our comments are based on our available records and the information submitted to us. Please quote our reference number in any future correspondence.

Should you have any queries regarding this response, please contact me at the email address below.

Yours sincerely,

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