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To:

Our Ref: EN020009

National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc

12 October 2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc ("the Applicant") for a non-material change ("NMC") to The National Grid (North London Reinforcement Project (Order) 2014 (S.I. No. 2014/1052)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. The Secretary of State has considered the Applicant's documents and the responses received to the Applicant's consultation.

2. Further information is requested to enable the Secretary of State to fully consider the changes in respect of the matters below. The **Applicant** is requested to provide the following information.

Coexistence

3. The Environmental Statement ("ES") volume 2 at paragraph 3.2.22 sets out that the programme for the replacement of the conductor wires was scheduled to take place in two stages during 2015 to 2016, and the programme for the works is set out in Document reference 6.3 - Figure 3.9 (ES Technical Figures - volume 3 August 2012). Details of the proposed programme of work subject to the non-material change including updated drawings are requested to demonstrate any period of temporary coexistence of existing and replacement infrastructure during any switchover period. The following drawings will need to be updated: A3/PTD/6283/051 (rev c) (Tower ZBC42-ZBC43 2015 Work (sheet 23 of 24); A3/PTD/6283/052 (rev c) Tower VC01-VC02 2015 Work (sheet 24 of 24); A3/PTD/6283/076 (rev c) Tower ZBC42-ZBC43 2016 Work (sheet 23 of 24); and A3/PTD/6283/077 (rev c) Tower VC01-VC02 2016 Work (sheet 24 of 24). In addition, an update to the programme of work set out in the ES is requested.

4. If these details have already been submitted, please identify where they can be found in the application documents.

Trees

5. Drawing numbered A1/PTD/6283/122 Rev d shows trees to be removed and retained trees that may be affected by works to facilitate the authorised development. An updated drawing should be submitted to show the trees in relation to the proposed non-material changes. In addition, if trees are identified for removal or works, details should be provided.

Land Rights - Plot 390 – revised location of VC1R

6. Please provide evidence of the rights that have been acquired by means of a General Vesting Declaration ("GVD") made in exercise of the Applicant's powers under Article 25 of the above Order in relation to the above plot, and executed on 25 January 2019, as referred to in section 3.2, paragraphs 3.2.3 to 3.2.6 of the Supporting Statement dated May 2026.

Lease arrangements – Plot 383

7. Paragraph 3.2.7 of the Supporting Statement dated May 2026 confirms that the Applicant is currently discussing a variation to the lease arrangements with the Distribution Network Operator ("DNO"). Please provide an update on these discussions.

Handling amendments to discharged requirements

8. It is noted that further details in respect of requirements 11 and 13 are to be submitted, as set out in Appendix A to the Response to representations document ref SC83/123354/000043, dated 15 July 2026.

9. Please confirm whether you will be submitting amendments to any other previously approved discharge of requirement documents in the event that this application for the non-material change is consented, together with details of the specific requirement. These details could be provided alongside an up-to-date discharge of requirements register for ease of reference for the Secretary of State and consultees. If you do not intend to submit updated documents to the relevant discharging authority to supersede previously discharged requirements, justification for not doing so should be provided.

Specific changes to requirements identified by the Secretary of State

10. The proposed NMC application changes would necessitate amendments to the written scheme of stages (requirement 3), which has previously been discharged by the respective discharging authority, most recently under application reference HYG/2026/0364. Please confirm if you will be requesting amendments to the previously approved scheme of stages document as a result of the proposed changes and if not, provide justification for not doing so, particularly as a number of other requirement details are predicated on requirement 3 as set out below.

11. There are a number of requirements, including requirement 3 (the written scheme of stages), 5 (Landscaping), 7 (Highway accesses), 9 (Construction Traffic Management Plan), 10 (Surface Water Drainage), 11 (Contaminated Land and Groundwater), 12 (Ecological Management Strategy), 13 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) and 14 (Archaeology), where development

cannot commence until details of the particular matter subject of that stage have been submitted to and approved by the relevant discharging authority, and it is noted that in some instances, details may have already been discharged,

12. It is noted that the Wintering Bird Survey Report ref 2486718 in the HRA, Document ref: 101786-004 Rev A dated May 2026, states that all habitat clearance should be completed in September – October inclusive, or alternatively in late February to avoid disturbance to wintering birds in the Lea Valley SPA. However, the original ES Volume 2 and the more recent Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report, submitted in place of the Ecological Management Strategy (requirement 12) required under Requirement 12 and approved by Haringey Council in various approval stages e.g. under application reference **HGY/2026/1497,** stipulates that vegetation clearance works can take place outside the main breeding period i.e. clearance can be undertaken between September and February. Please confirm how the mismatch between the approved and proposed documents will be resolved and confirm that vegetation clearance will not take place in November, December, or January in line with the recommendation in the most recent HRA Document (Document ref: 101786-004) submitted as part of this Non Material Change Application.

Drainage Plan – Outdoor Sealing End ("ODSE") compound 1 - Tottenham

13. In the suite of design and section drawings, drawing 22/BC/0969/Sheet 14 (issue NMC-1A) title – Tottenham substation 400kV Overhead Line Bypass Elevation Plan, is an intentionally blank sheet. It is noted that the drawing that it supersedes was a drainage plan for ODSE Compound 1 Tottenham. The proposed tower ZBC44 would be located within the northern part of the drainage area shown. Please provide an updated plan to show any changes to the drainage plans for this area, together with written details of the changes. If there are no changes to this area, this should be clearly set out, particularly as the additional tower ZBC44 would fall within part of the ODSE compound shown.

Other plans/drawings

14. In addition to any certified plans referred to above that need amending as a result of the proposed changes, if there are plans in the ES that need updating such as the drawings numbered A3/PTD/6283/051 rev c - Tower ZBC42-ZBC43 2015 Work (sheet 23 of 24) and A3/PTD/6283/076 rev c - Tower ZBC42-Zbc43 2016 Work (sheet 23 of 24) these should be provided.

Plan/document reference inconsistencies

15. There are a number of plan reference discrepancies across the plans listed in the cover letter dated 13/5/2026, annex B of the Supporting Statement and the proposed amendment Order. It appears that all of the drawings submitted are numbered and titled correctly in the tracked amendments to the 2014 Order, but the drawing registers in the cover letter and Supporting Statement contain inconsistencies. For example, the drawing numbers listed in table 2 of Annex B of the Supporting Statement are all the same (they appear to be the originator drawing numbers, and not the drawing numbers), and do not match the drawing numbers

on the drawings submitted. Please provide an updated drawing register that corresponds to the tracked changes document to the 2014 Order.

16. In responding to this letter, please provide an updated tracked changes to the 2014 Order document, showing all amended drawing numbers and update any other submitted documents accordingly.

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE

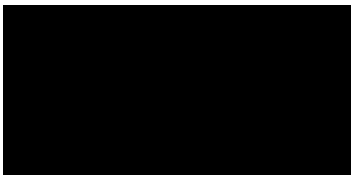
17. The deadline for response is **23:59 on 19 October 2026.**

18. Responses should be submitted **by email only** to NorthLondonElectricLine@planninginspectorate.gov.uk and copied to energyinfrastructureplanning@energysecurity.gov.uk

19. Responses will be published on the North London (Electricity Line) Reinforcement project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website **as soon as possible after 19 October 2026:** https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020009

20. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to authorise consent for the non-material change application. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,



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