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Application for Development Consent for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects under the Planning Act 2008

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* Do you have a reference n	umber?
Yes	○ No
* Reference number	EN020026
1. Applicant	?
* Organisation	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (company number 02366977)
Address	
* Building number or name	National Grid House, Warwick Technology Park
* Street	Gallows Hill
* City or town	Warwick
County or administrative area	
* Postcode	CV34 6DA
* Country	United Kingdom
* Name of contact	
* Telephone number	
Fax number	
* Email	
2. Agent	?
* Are you an agent acting or	behalf of the Applicant?
○ Yes	No
3. Fee	?

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* State the arrangement for the application fee payment:			
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4. Confirming why the Planning Inspectorate should receive the application



* Brief statement to explain why this application is, or is to be treated as, a development for which development consent is required under the Planning Act 2008

The Proposed Project is to reinforce the transmission system in the South East of England and East Anglia. This would be achieved by reinforcing the network with a High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Link between the proposed Friston substation in the Sizewell area of Suffolk and the existing Richborough to Canterbury 400kV overhead line close to Richborough in Kent.

On 4 March 2022, National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) (the Applicant) submitted a request for direction pursuant to Section 35 to the Secretary of State (SoS) for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for the Proposed Project to be treated as development for which development consent is required. A decision was issued on 31 March 2022 confirming the proposed Project can be treated as such in accordance with section 35(1) of the Planning Act.

5. Non-technical description of the Proposed Development



* Brief non-technical description of the Proposed Development

The Proposed Project would comprise the following elements:

The Suffolk Onshore Scheme

-A connection from the existing transmission network via Friston Substation, including the substation itself. Friston Substation already has development consent as part of other third-party projects. If Friston Substation has already been constructed under another consent, only a connection into the substation would be constructed as part of the Proposed Project.

-A high voltage alternating current (HVAC) underground cable of approximately 1.9 km in length between the proposed Friston Substation and a proposed converter station (below).

-A 2 GW high voltage direct current (HVDC) converter station (including permanent access from the B1121 and a new bridge over the River Fromus) up to 26 m high plus external equipment (such as lightning protection, safety rails for maintenance works, ventilation equipment, aerials, similar small scale operational plant, or other roof treatment) near Saxmundham.

-A HVDC underground cable connection of approximately 10 km in length between the proposed converter station near Saxmundham, and a transition joint bay (TJB) approximately 900 m inshore from a landfall point (below) where the cable transitions from onshore to offshore technology.

-A landfall on the Suffolk coast (between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness).

The Offshore Scheme

-Approximately 122 km of subsea HVDC cable, running between the Suffolk landfall location (between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness), and the Kent landfall location at Pegwell Bay.

The Kent Onshore Scheme

-A landfall point on the Kent coast at Pegwell Bay.

-A TJB approximately 800 m inshore to transition from offshore HVDC cable to onshore HVDC cable, before continuing underground for approximately 1.7 km to a new converter station (below).

-A 2 GW HVDC converter station (including a new permanent access off the A256), up to 28 m high plus external equipment such as lightning protection, safety rails for maintenance works, ventilation equipment, aerials, and similar small scale operational plant near Minster. A new substation would be located immediately adjacent.
-Removal of approximately 2.2 km of existing HVAC overhead line, and installation of two sections of new HVAC overhead line, together totalling approximately 3.5 km, each connecting from the substation near Minster and the

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existing Richborough to Canterbury overhead line

The Proposed Project also includes modifications to sections of existing overhead lines in Suffolk (only if Friston Substation is not built pursuant to another consent) and Kent, diversions of third-party assets, and land drainage from the construction and operational footprint. It also includes opportunities for environmental mitigation and compensation. The construction phase will involve various temporary construction activities including overhead line diversions, use of temporary towers or masts, working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, parking spaces, storage, accesses, bellmouths, and haul roads, as well as watercourse crossings and the diversion of public rights of way (PRoWs) and other ancillary operations.

6. Location or route of the Proposed Development



* Description of location of application site(s), or route of development (reference to appropriate plans)

The Proposed Development runs from the proposed Friston substation in the Sizewell area of Suffolk and the existing Richborough to Canterbury 400kV overhead line close to Richborough in Kent.

The route is described in detail in chapter 4 of the Environmental Statement (application document 6.2.1.4).

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- * Is the site a single site or a linear site?
- Single site
- Linear site

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* Easting

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* Northing

262336

Middle grid reference

* Easting

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* Northing

205173

End grid reference

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* Northing

162920

* Document reference

Location Plans (application document 2.2)

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7. Associated Development



- * Associated Development is included within this application:
- Yes

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* Document reference

Schedule 1 to the draft DCO (application document 3.1)

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○ Yes	No	
* Scoping Opinion sought:		
Yes	○ No	
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* the consultation bodies		
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○ Yes	No, not applicable	
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* Report required for this app	plication:	
Yes	○ No	
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* Document reference	Plans and Drawings: Statutory and Non- Statutory Sites of Nature Conservation Geological and Landscape Importance - Suffolk (application document 2.8.1)	
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* Document reference	Flood Risk Assessment (application document 6.8)	
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