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Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for an Order Granting Development Consent for the South East Anglia Link Project

Rule 8(3), Rule 9 and Rule 17 – Applicant’s request for proposed changes to the DCO application and notice of variation to the examination timetable

Proposed Change – Change Request 4: Change to the order limits of Benhall Railway Bridge, Suffolk

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to your email dated 5 December concerning the Applicant’s proposed changes to the DCO, I write as the representative of 20 homes within Whitearch Residential Park, Benhall, Suffolk, to express our views regarding Change Request 4.

I have previously outlined our concerns about the revised traffic movements of AILs onto the B1121 and the A12, and therefore I will not repeat those points here.

Option 1

The installation of a “mini bridge” over the existing railway bridge would increase the height of the hill and significantly restrict visibility for vehicles approaching the junction where the B1121 meets the A12. This presents a serious safety concern for our community when entering and exiting Whitearch Residential Park, as any increase in height would further limit our ability to safely judge approaching traffic.

In addition, there has been no indication of how long this temporary bridge would remain in place, whether it is intended as a permanent fixture, or for how many days or weeks it would be required. If the structure is to be assembled over several days, we would like clarification on whether the road will be closed, and for how long.

Our entrance must remain accessible at all times to allow essential deliveries and emergency vehicles to reach Whitearch Residential Park without obstruction.

Option 2

Reinforcing the existing Benhall Railway Bridge appears to us to be the safer and more practical option, and would strengthen the highway for the foreseeable future. We understand that this may require temporary road closures, likely overnight when train services are not running or possibly during weekends. However, this would be far less disruptive for Benhall residents and for regular users of the B1121, compared with constructing a temporary bridge of increased height.

We respectfully ask that, when considering either option, you take into account the

concerns of our residents and ensure that uninterrupted access to and from Whitearch Residential Park is maintained at all times.

Yours faithfully,

Theresa Thorne

