

Dear Planning Inspector

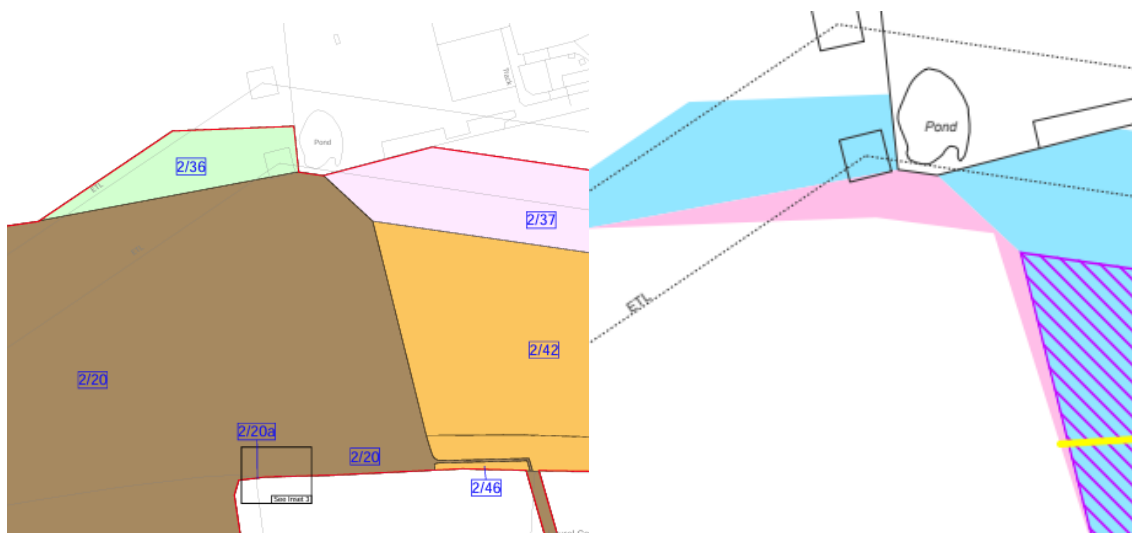
IAN RIX – SEA LINK PROJECT : OBJECTIONS OR QUESTIONS

I write following the ‘Compulsory Acquisition Hearing’ on 27th January 2026 and, as requested by you, set out below my fathers’ objections to and questions arising from the application for a Development Consent Order submitted by National Grid in connection with the Sea Link Project.

In August 2025, Scottish Power Renewables’ acquired 38.25 hectares of land in connection with the development of the EA1 (North) and EA2 Wind Farm Projects. A further 17 hectares of land remain under Option if required by the Project.

With no likelihood of being able to replace the land acquired locally within the foreseeable future, a greater reliance has therefore been placed upon the diversified farming business that my father has through substantial capital investment developed.

Notwithstanding numerous meetings with both National Grid and their agents, Dalcour Maclaren, we have yet to receive satisfactory answers to the following questions;

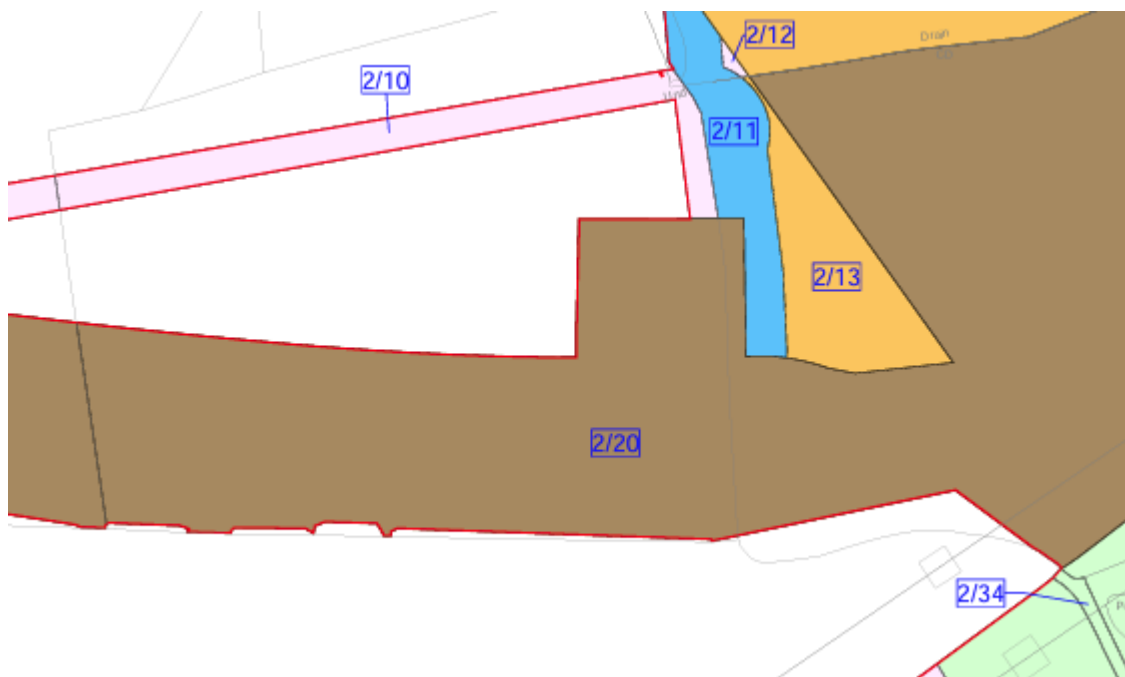


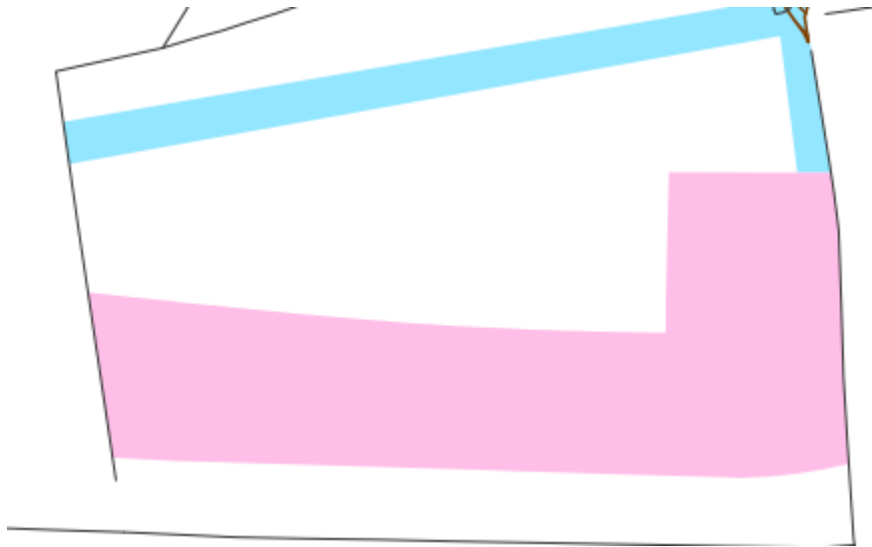
Land Parcel 2/20 (a)

National Grid have not provided any rational for the purchase of the land shown coloured pink on the plan extract below, forming part of Land Parcel 2.20.

This area of land has specifically been excluded from the sale to Scottish Power Renewables to facilitate access between the retained land to the west and south of the residential property known as Fareacres.

National Grid have failed to provide any justification for their need to acquire this land and we do not believe that its' inclusion is necessary for the delivery of the Project.



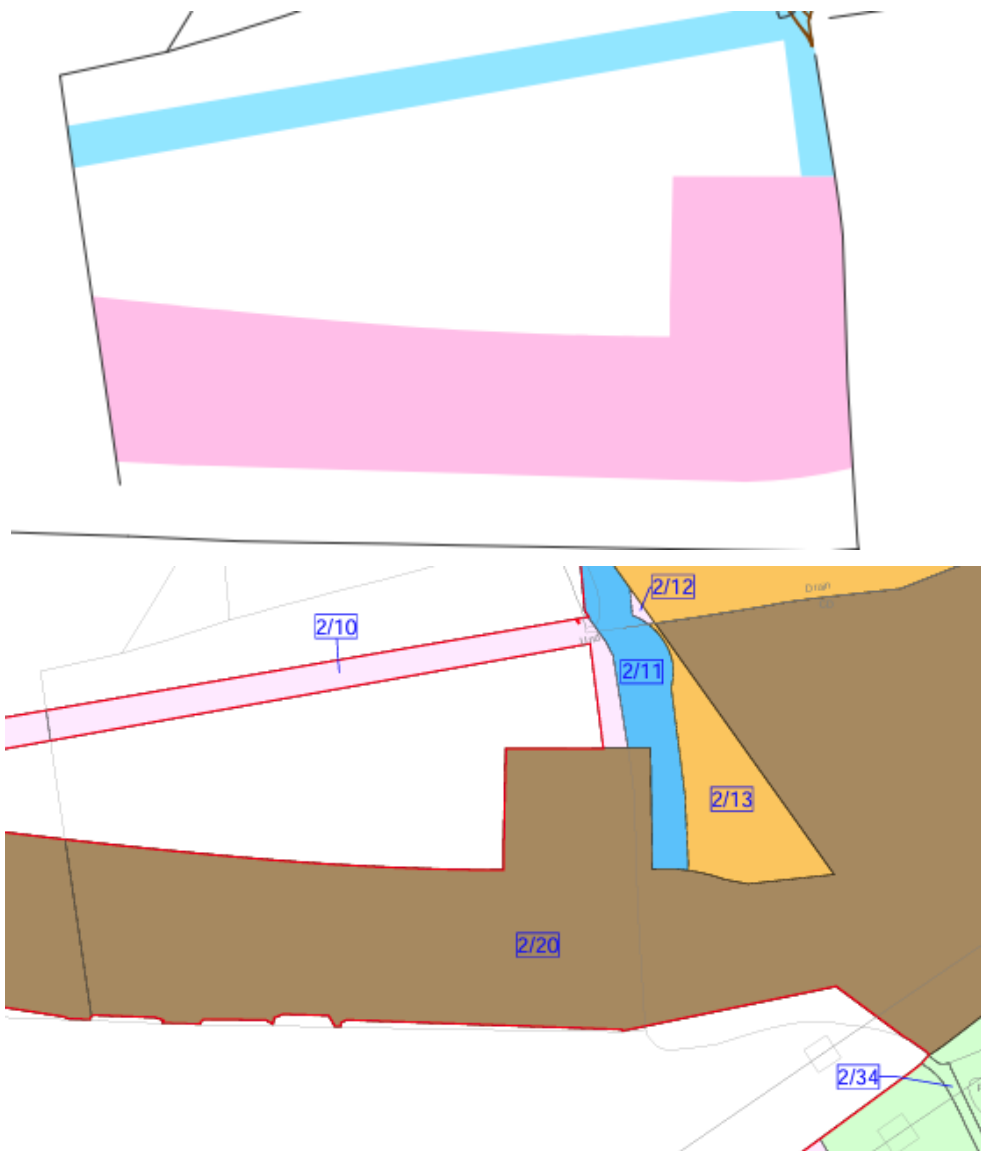


Land Parcel 2.20 (b)

National Grid have not provided any rational for the purchase of the land shown coloured pink on the plan extract below, forming part of Land Parcel 2/20.

Scottish Power Renewables have already acquired the land to the 'south' of that shown coloured pink to facilitate their development of a permanent access to serve the Transformer and Sub-Station sites.

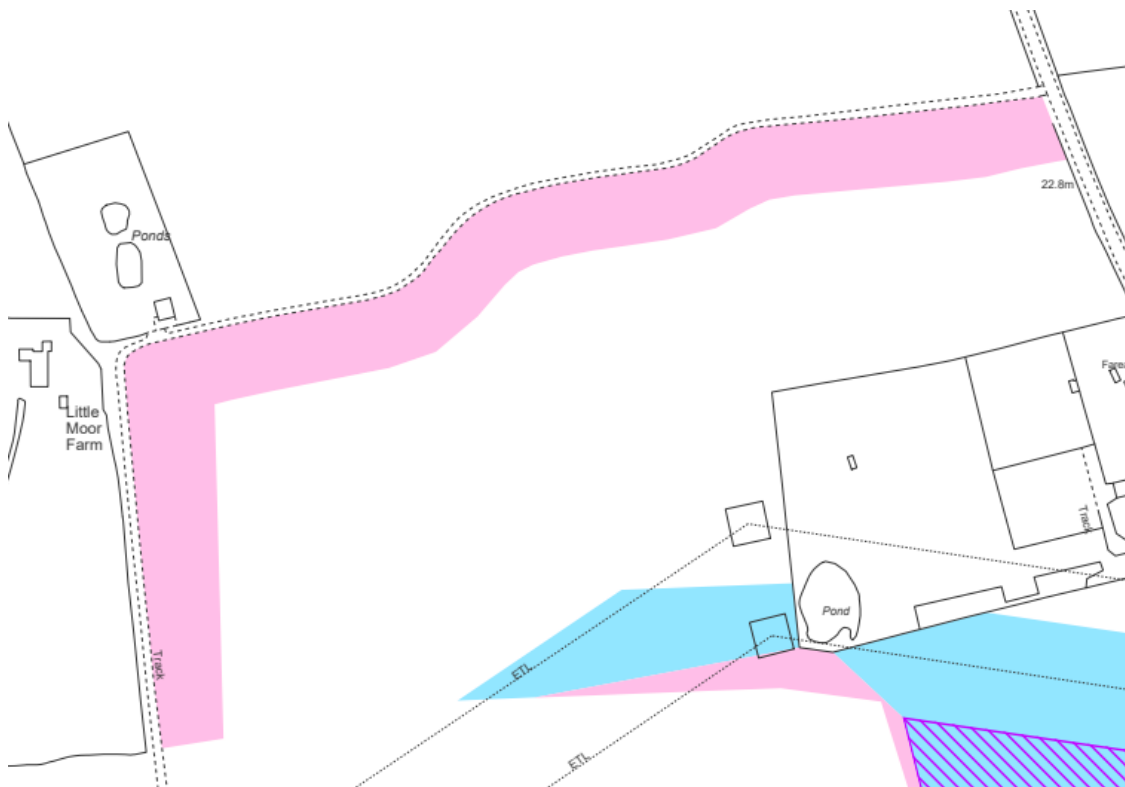
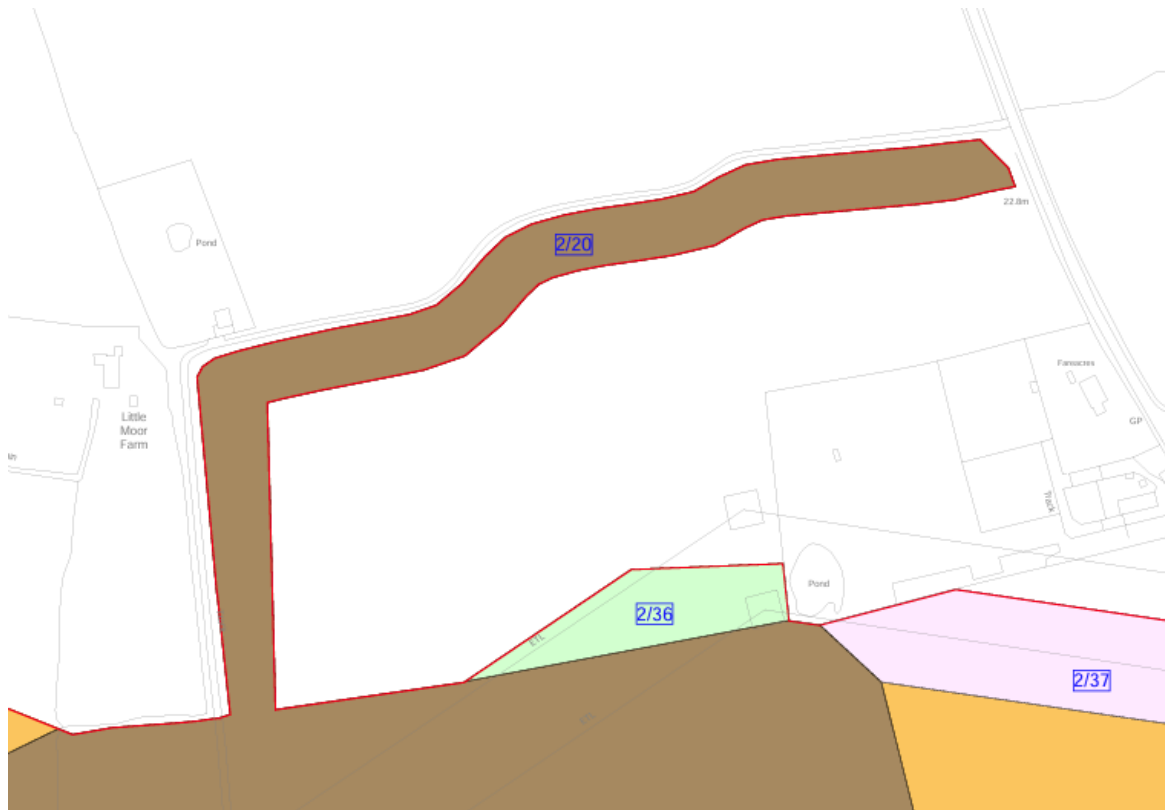
National Grid have failed to provide any justification for their need to acquire this land and we do not believe that its' inclusion is necessary for the delivery of the Project, as Scottish Power Renewables have already been granted planning permission for the development of an access to the site.



Land Parcel 2.20 (c)

National Grid have not provided any rational for the purchase of the land shown coloured pink on the plan extract below, forming part of Land Parcel 2.20 which 'replicates' the landscape mitigation already proposed to be implemented by Scottish Power Renewables, which is not proposed to be planted predominantly to the north side of the track, to account for the existing buried services serving the property known as 'Little Moor'.

National Grid have failed to provide any justification for their need to acquire this land and we do not believe that its' inclusion is necessary for the delivery of the Project.



Plots 2/38, 2/39 and 2/99

It is unclear 'why' there is a need for the compulsory acquisition of the rights shown on drawings below. We understand that there may be a proposal to plant hedging along the roadside boundary but this has not been discussed to date and such planting will simply sterilise the field boundary. There is an existing hedge on the roadside boundary, planting a further hedge on the field side, will create maintenance issues for both the hedge and ditch and achieve little by way of additional landscaping.

National Grid have failed to provide any justification for their need to acquire rights over this land and we do not believe that its' inclusion is necessary for the delivery of the Project.

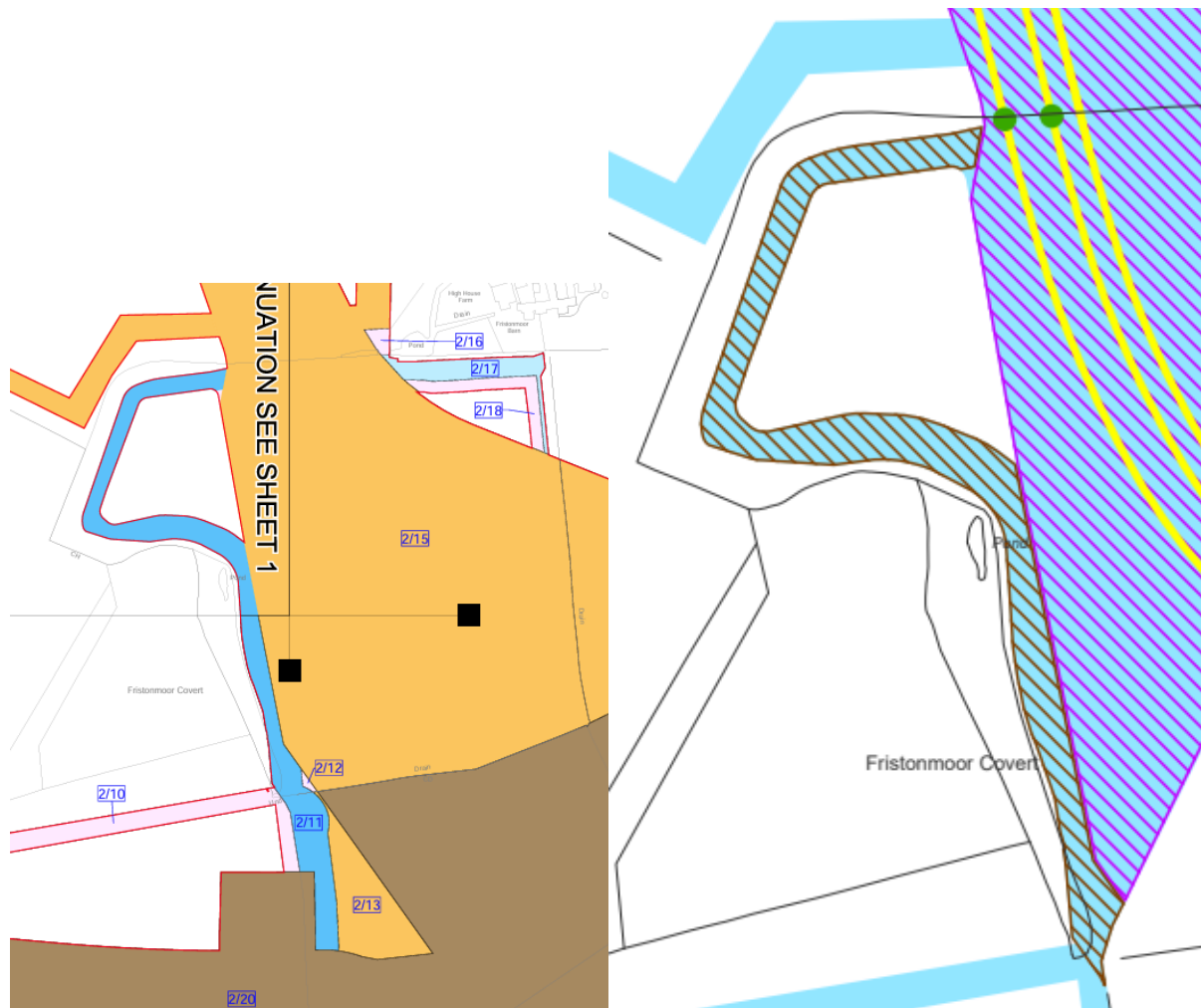


Plot 2/11

National Grid propose to acquire permanent rights of access over the land shown hatched brown below to facilitate access to their proposed junction boxes, marked in green. At previous meeting, in early 2025, with National Grid representatives it was suggested to them that an alternative access, over the existing drive leading Fristonmoor Barn and High House Farm, would have provided them with access to within a much shorter distance of the same location. We do not understand why this alternative option was not explored, rather than impact a productive arable field. In the event that this alternative was deemed 'unacceptable', then given the location of the permanent PROW (a footpath) being installed by National Grid which effectively already divides the field, could the required rights of access not run in parallel with the PROW to

minimise the long term sterilisation of the land? Surveys have already been completed over both alternative routes and adoption of such, would not delay delivery of the Project.

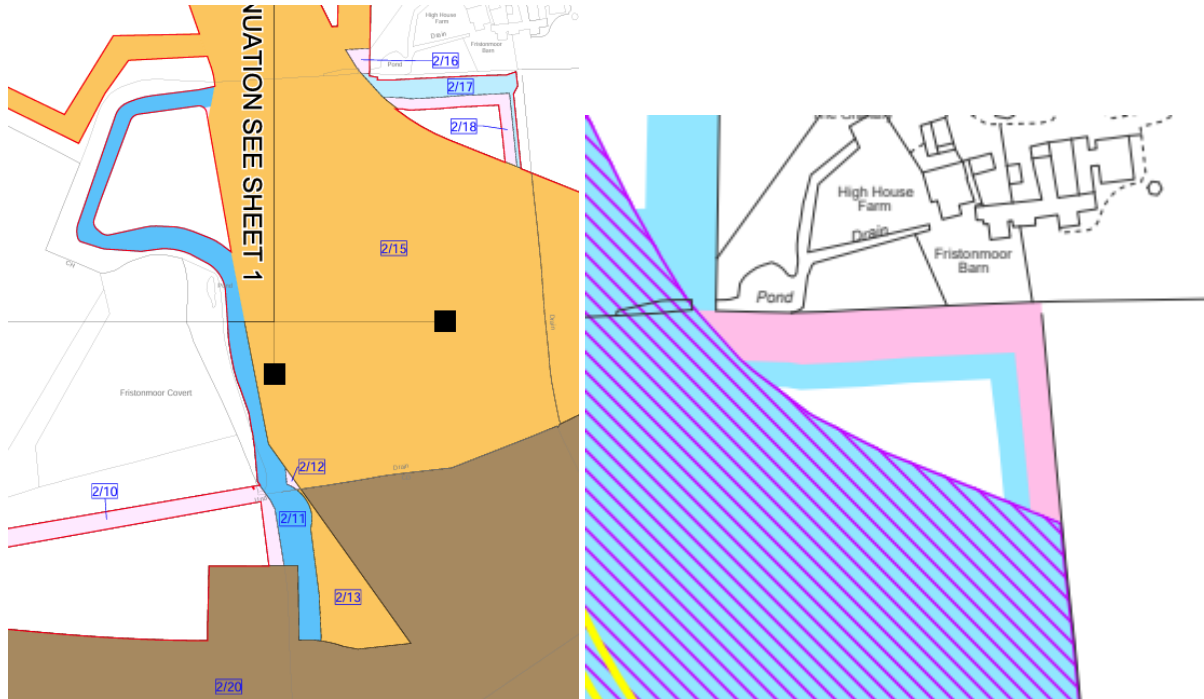
National Grid have failed to provide any justification for their need to acquire rights over this land and we do not believe that its' inclusion is necessary for the delivery of the Project, given the less disruptive alternative options available.



Land Parcels 2/17 and 2/18

National Grid have not provided any rational for the purchase of the land shown coloured pink on the plan extract below, forming part of Land Parcel 2/17 which 'replicates' the landscape mitigation already proposed to be implemented by Scottish Power Renewables for this purpose.

National Grid have failed to provide any justification for their need to acquire rights over this land and we do not believe that its' inclusion is necessary for the delivery of the Project.

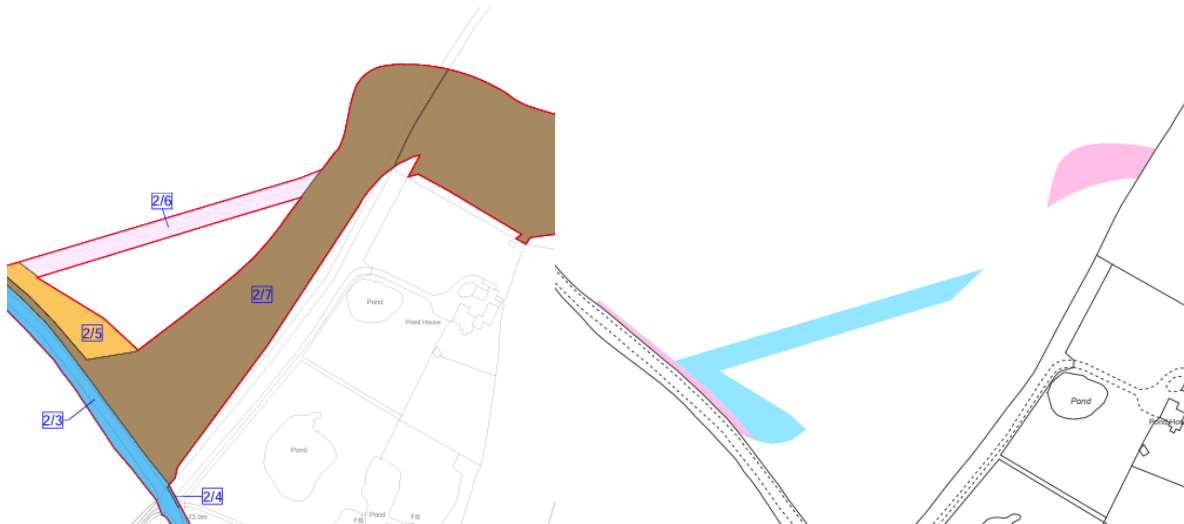


Land Parcels 2/5 and 2/7

National Grid have not provided any rational for the purchase of the land shown coloured pink on the plan extract below, forming part of Land Parcels 2/5 and 2/7.

Scottish Power Renewables have already acquired the land to the 'south' of that shown coloured pink to facilitate their development of a permanent access to serve the Transformer and Sub-Station sites.

National Grid have failed to provide any justification for their need to acquire this land and we do not believe that its' inclusion is necessary for the delivery of the Project, as Scottish Power Renewables have already been granted planning permission for the development of an access to the site.

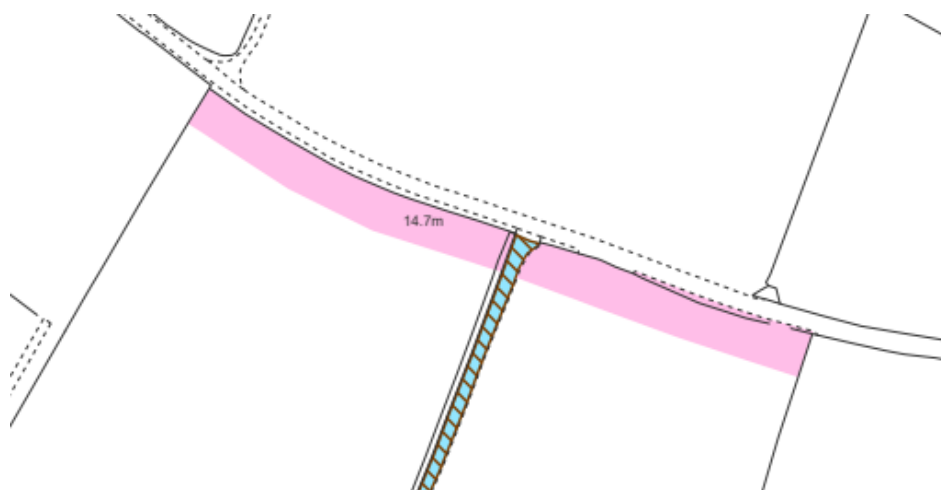
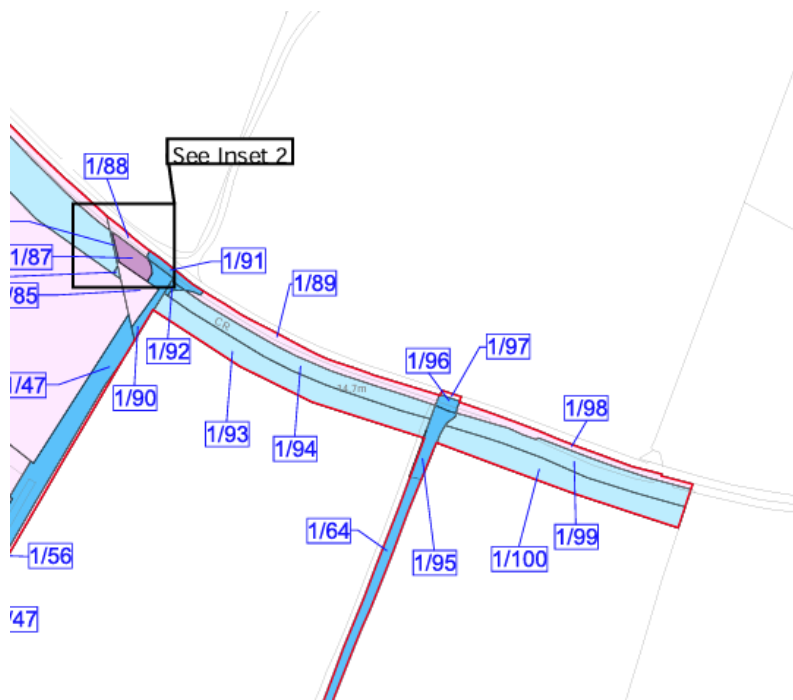


Land Parcels 1/93, 1/94, 1/99 and 1/100

We have repeatedly been advised that the acquisition of this land is required for 'mitigation' purposes.

At meetings on site with representatives from National Grid, they also couldn't see the need for the hedge and no further substantive justification for its inclusion has been provided. The plot sit is in a low with hedges in the distance that will remain in the current plans. See photo.

National Grid have failed to provide any justification for their need to acquire rights over this land other than mitigation purposes or to show with diagrams etc or other means of what this mitigation is. We do not believe that its' inclusion is necessary for the delivery of the Project.

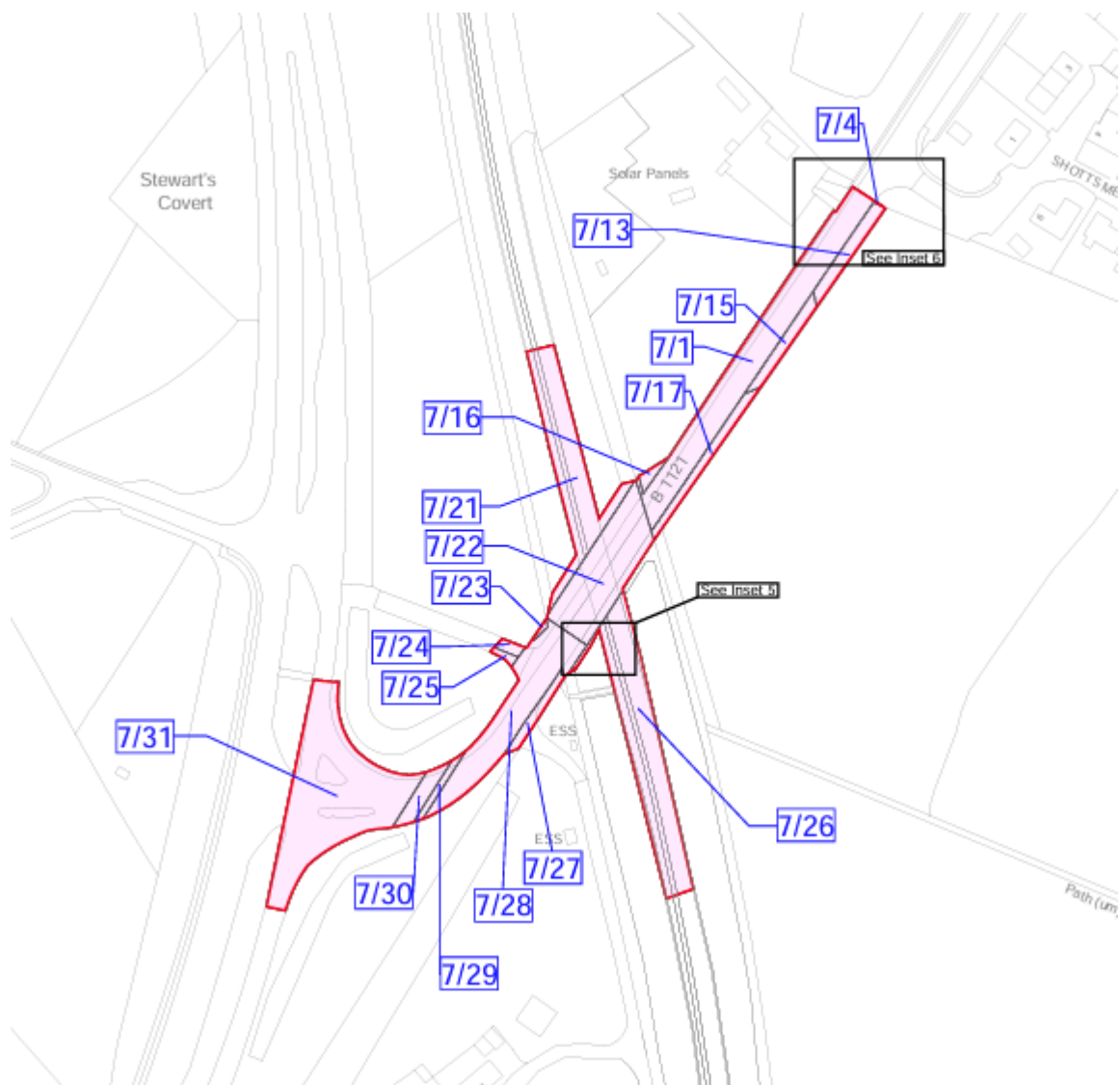


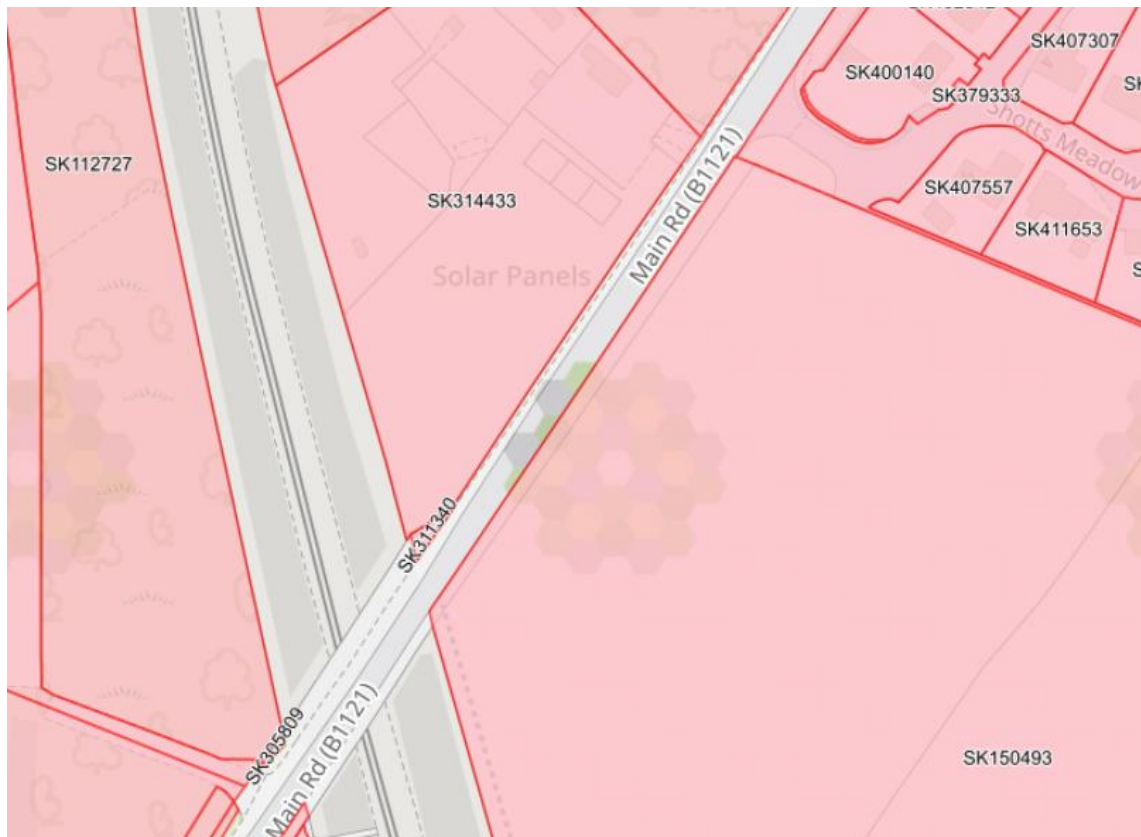


Land Parcels 7/4, 7/5, 7/13 and 7/17

Planning permission for the residential development of the adjacent land to the south east of the Land Parcels was granted on 28th October 2025 and we are concerned that, due to the extent of the land parcels identified, this may impact on the sale of the property. We do not understand the rationale for the DCO limits shown, given that any works will be contained tightly around the rail bridge.

National Grid have failed to provide justification for their need to acquire the temporary rights over this land and we do not believe that its' inclusion is necessary for the delivery of the Project.





As a small family farming business, we wish to be able to continue with the practices that we undertook previously before the 3 energy infrastructure projects began with minimal damage or loss of land. We believe the land areas highlighted in the plots above to not be necessary for the delivery of this project and cause unnecessary damage to us as a family and our business run by my father, brother, sister and myself.

Yours sincerely

David Rix