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Change Request 1 (Bulphan) (CA1)

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Your Reference: EN020027

Dear Ms Hunt,

**Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (the Applicant) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Norwich to Tilbury Project (Planning Inspectorate Reference EN020027)**

**Submission of Proposed Change Application 1 for a Proposed Change (Change Request 1) to the Development Consent Order Application**

**Bulphan: Change to Third Party Access and Works (Change Request 1)**

- 1.1.1 The Applicant refers to its letter to the Examining Authority dated 12 December 2025 **[AS-049]** which notified the Examining Authority of the Applicant's intention to apply to make a change to the application for the Project (the Proposed Change Application 1).
- 1.1.2 Accordingly, this letter and its enclosures constitutes the Proposed Change Application 1.
- 1.1.3 As set out in **[AS-049]**, the purpose of the Proposed Change Application 1 is to increase the Order Limits to facilitate works required for the protection of the existing Thames to Buncefield Multifuel Pipeline, west of Langdon Hills Golf Club. The change responds to feedback concerning accelerated corrosion on existing buried metallic services received from the British Pipeline Agency Ltd (BPA) who act as the agent for the owner, United Kingdom Oil Pipelines Limited (UKOP).
- 1.1.4 In parallel to this application, the Applicant has also submitted a separate application (Proposed Change Application 2) for a separate design change at Little Bromley (Change Request 2 (Little Bromley)). The background to Change Request 2 (Little Bromley) was provided in the Applicant's separate notification letter (see **9.2 Notification of proposed change to DCO application – Change Request 2 (Little Bromley) [AS-050]**). The Applicant's Proposed Change Application 2 for the design change at Little Bromley was submitted by the Applicant to the Examining Authority on 27 March 2026.
- 1.1.5 The Applicant has considered the Planning Inspectorate's (2024) advice: Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Changes to an application after it has been

accepted for examination (PINS Guidance 2024) and the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (CA Regulations) in preparing Proposed Change Application 1.

1.1.6 Enclosed with this application (Proposed Change Application 1) are the following documents, required under Regulation 5 of the CA Regulations:

- Proposed Change Application 1: Supplementary Book of Reference – Change Request 1 (Bulphan) [Revision CA1] [**document reference 4.3.1**]
- Proposed Change Application 1: Book of Plans – Change Request 1 (Bulphan) [**document reference 9.13**]
- Proposed Change Application 1: Addendum to the Statement of Reasons – Change Request 1 (Bulphan) [Revision CA1] [**document reference 4.1.1**]
- Proposed Change Application 1: Addendum to the Funding Statement – Change Request 1 (Bulphan) [Revision CA1] [**document reference 4.2.1**]

1.1.7 Also enclosed, in accordance with PINS Guidance 2024, are the following documents:

- Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) [Revision CA1] [**document reference 3.1**]
- Explanatory Memorandum [Revision CA1] [**document reference 3.2**]
- Proposed Change Application 1: Overview Report – Change Request 1 (Bulphan) [**document reference 9.5**], which includes a description and rationale for the proposed change.
- Proposed Change Application 1: Schedule of Changes to DCO Application Documents - Change Request 1 (Bulphan) [**document reference 9.7**], which lists consequential revisions to each document and plan or a “no change” annotation.
- Proposed Change Application 1: Consultation Report - Change Request 1 (Bulphan) [**document reference 9.9**], which provides details of the targeted consultation undertaken by the Applicant between 19 January 2026 and 23 February 2026, including confirmation of who was consulted, how the Applicant has considered consultation responses in finalising its proposals and copies of all consultation responses received.
- Proposed Change Application 1: Addendum to Environmental Statement - Change Request 1 (Bulphan) [**document reference 9.11**], which confirms that the proposed change would not result in any new or different likely significant effects.
- Proposed Change Application 1: Book of Plans – Change Request 1 (Bulphan) [**document reference 9.13**].
- Proposed Change Application 1: Supplementary Land Rights Tracker – Change Request 1 (Bulphan) [Revision CA1] [**document reference 4.4.1**].
- Proposed Change Application 1: Supplementary Land Rights Tracker – Editable Excel Version – Change Request 1 (Bulphan) [Revision CA1] [**document reference 4.5.1**].

- 1.1.8 The Applicant is aware that, in the event that the Proposed Change Application 1 (and, as the case may be, the Proposed Change Application 2) is or are accepted by the Examining Authority, consequential amendments or updates will be required to be made to a number of other plans and documents (for example, to reflect changes to the Order Limits). These documents are set out in Proposed Change Application 1: Schedule of Changes to DCO Application Documents - Change Request 1 (Bulphan) **[document reference 9.7]** and Proposed Change Application 2: Schedule of Changes to DCO Application Documents – Change Request 2 (Little Bromley) **[document reference 9.8]**.
- 1.1.9 The Applicant intends to submit those updated plans and documents at Deadline 4 (12 May 2026).
- 1.1.10 The Applicant considers that subject to the Examining Authority’s agreement, Change Request 1 (Bulphan) can be accommodated in the statutory timescale of the examination given. It should be noted that:
- Change Request 1 (Bulphan) is not substantial (both in and of itself and also when considered cumulatively alongside Change Request 2 (Little Bromley)) and that the inclusion of the change would not result in a materially different project;
  - No new or different likely significant environmental effects to those reported in the Environmental Statement have been identified as a result of Change Request 1 (Bulphan) (either in isolation or in combination with Change Request 2 (Little Bromley));
  - All parties likely to be affected by, or who have interest in, Change Request 1 (Bulphan), were consulted in advance of submission of Proposed Change Application 1; and
  - The submission of Change Request 1 (Bulphan), at this stage, provides sufficient time to review and examine any relevant concerns that may emerge relating to the proposed change.
- 1.1.11 We trust that the documents submitted in support of Change Request 1 (Bulphan) provide a clear explanation and justification for the proposed change to the submitted DCO application.
- 1.1.12 If the Examining Authority has any queries with regards to any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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