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Dear Examining Authority,

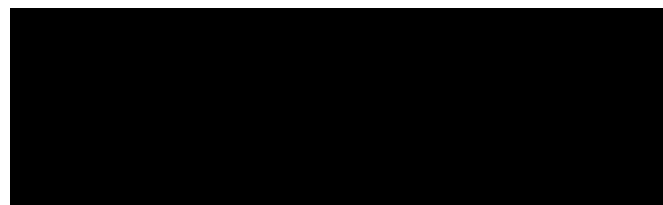
**DESNZ RESPONSE TO EXAMINING AUTHORITY'S FIRST WRITTEN QUESTIONS -
DCO 1.S19**

**APPLICATION BY NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION FOR THE
NORWICH TO TILBURY PROJECT**

The Department has reviewed the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information issued on 20 March 2026, and notes in particular question DCO 1.S19.

In "*Building our nuclear nation: government response to the Nuclear Regulatory Review 2025*", the government committed to the establishment in DESNZ of a new unit within its Infrastructure Planning Delivery team to consolidate and deliver post-consent discharge functions in consultation with Local Authority Planning Departments, which will initially be focussed on nuclear power and electricity networks projects.

We can confirm that work on this unit has been initiated. We intend to publish an operational framework and accompanying guidance and will set out further details of our schedule in due course.



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