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Dear ██████████

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
The proposed Norwich to Tilbury Development Consent Order
Applicant's Deadline 8 submission

Introduction

This letter sets out the Applicant's submissions into the examination at Deadline 8.

The revised examination timetable contained in the ExA's letter of 22 May 2026 **[PD-022]** requires the submission of the following from the Applicant at this deadline:

- comments on any further information received by deadline 7
- Applicant's closing statement with a summary of areas of disagreement.
- Final application guide to include hyperlinks to all relevant and the most up-to-date examination library references'
- any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

A full list of all documents and a note on whether the document supersedes a previous version of the document is attached at Appendix 1.

Comments on any further information received by deadline 7

The Applicant comments on the further information received by Deadline 7 in the following documents:

- 8.4.18 Applicant's Comments on any Further Information or Submissions Received by Deadline 7.
- 8.4.19 Applicant's Comments on Responses to 14 July Rule 17 Letter.

Document 8.4.18 Applicant's Comments on any Further Information or Submissions Received by Deadline 7 includes a response to the intended Deadline 7 submission by Tendring District Council. This was shared directly with the Applicant at Deadline 7, however it is understood that the submission was not correctly submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The Applicant has included its response to the submission in this document in recognition that it is the last Deadline and that it may be of assistance to the ExA and the Council to have the Applicant's response.

Applicant's closing statement with a summary of areas of disagreement.

The Applicant's closing statement is submitted at this deadline and can be found here:

- 8.34 Applicant's closing statement with a summary of areas of disagreement.

Please note that a redacted version of this document is supplied for publication as there is an appendix that contains information on persons with protected characteristics.

Final application guide to include hyperlinks to all relevant and the most up-to-date examination library references

The Applicant's final application guide can be found here:

- 1.3 Guide to the Application.

Any further information requested under Rule 17

Rule 17 letter issued on 27 July 2026

Notwithstanding the Applicant's position that there is no need or requirement for landscape compensation pursuant to the legal and NPS framework the letter of 27 July 2026 **[PD-031]** sought views of the Applicant and the relevant local authorities on 3 matters relating to the landscape compensation, offsetting and enhancement area plans **[REP7-535]** and the accompanying detail in the draft DCO.

The Applicant's response is provided in the following document:

- 8.36 Response to Rule 17 Letter received 27 July 2026.

Updated Documents for Deadline 8

The Applicant's Cover Letter for deadline 7 **[REP7-001]** explained which documents the Applicant intended to submit at deadline 8.

The table in Appendix 2 lists these documents with the reason why they are being submitted at this deadline. In the majority of cases the documents are either those flagged at deadline 7 or identical in wording to a deadline 7 submission. The changes to previously submitted documents are minor, sometimes addressing a single point made by a third party. We are not updating any of the trackers other than 4.4 Land Rights Tracker and 8.7 Statutory Undertaker Tracker.

Further to para 1.4.4. of the Scottish Power Renewables UK Ltd (SPRUKL) submission REP6-162, the Applicant confirmed that it would advise the ExA if there was an update from SPRUKL as to its s127 status. SPRUKL has since confirmed it is not a s127 SU as it does not itself have any generating assets within the Bramford area. The Applicant is therefore withdrawing the s127/138 submission in respect of SPRUKL.

The signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 7 had a formatting issue where they were signed in Docusign. The main table in the document was incorrectly orientated and was not searchable. This issue occurs during the Docusign process. We have spoken with the Docusign Support Team and understand that this is a known platform issue which is not typical and is currently under review by Docusign's engineering team. We have developed our own solution. Given this is the final deadline we are supplying the signed SoCG in multiple formats to ensure that these documents are readable to all parties. We have included the term searchable in the titles of those SoCG that we think are best for searching.

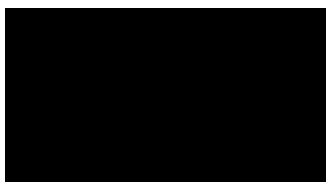
Closing

Finally, we would like to thank the Examining Authority for their professionalism and assistance during the examination and the Case Officer team, especially [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for promptly and expertly dealing with queries relating to process during the examination.

We trust all is in order. If you have any queries about the content of this letter, please contact [REDACTED].

Please acknowledge safe receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Project Director

Appendix 1. Schedule of Documents Submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 8

Document No.	Rev No.	Previous Rev PINS Ref	Electronic File Name
1.3	L	REP7-002	1.3 Guide to the Application - Clean Version
1.3	L	REP7-003	1.3 Guide to the Application - Tracked Changes Version
2.2A	G	REP7-006	2.2 Land Plans - Section A
2.2B	G	REP7-007	2.2 Land Plans - Section B
2.2C	G	REP7-008	2.2 Land Plans - Section C
2.2D	G	REP7-009	2.2 Land Plans - Section D
2.2E	G	REP7-010	2.2 Land Plans - Section E
2.2F	G	REP7-011	2.2 Land Plans - Section F
2.2G	G	REP7-012	2.2 Land Plans - Section G
2.2H	G	REP7-013	2.2 Land Plans - Section H
2.14	G	REP7-040	2.14 Special Category and Crown Land Plans - Section A
2.14	G	REP7-041	2.14 Special Category and Crown Land Plans - Section B
2.14	G	REP7-042	2.14 Special Category and Crown Land Plans - Section C
2.14	G	REP7-043	2.14 Special Category and Crown Land Plans - Section D
2.14	G	REP7-044	2.14 Special Category and Crown Land Plans - Section E
2.14	G	REP7-045	2.14 Special Category and Crown Land Plans - Section F
2.14	G	REP7-046	2.14 Special Category and Crown Land Plans - Section G

Document No.	Rev No.	Previous Rev PINS Ref	Electronic File Name
2.14	G	REP7-047	2.14 Special Category and Crown Land Plans - Section H
3.1	H	REP7-064	3.1 Draft DCO - Clean Version
3.1	H	REP7-065	3.1 Draft DCO - Tracked Changes Version
3.2	H	REP7-066	3.2 Explanatory Memorandum - Clean Version
3.2	H	REP7-067	3.2 Explanatory Memorandum - Tracked Changes Version
3.3	C	REP7-068	3.3 Draft DCO - Validation Report for DCO
3.4	H	N/A	3.4 Draft DCO - Editable Word Version
3.5	G	REP7-069	3.5 Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO - Clean Version
3.5	G	REP7-070	3.5 Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO - Tracked Changes Version
4.1	E	REP7-071	4.1 Statement of Reasons – Clean Version
4.1	E	REP7-072	4.1 Statement of Reasons – Tracked Changes Version
4.1A	H	REP7-073	4.1 Statement of Reasons – Appendix A – Compulsory Acquisition Schedule - Clean Version
4.1A	H	REP7-074	4.1 Statement of Reasons – Appendix A – Compulsory Acquisition Schedule - Tracked Changes Version
4.1B	H	REP7-075	4.1 Statement of Reasons – Appendix B – Schedule of Negotiations - Clean Version
4.1B	H	REP7-076	4.1 Statement of Reasons – Appendix B – Schedule of Negotiations - Tracked Changes Version

Document No.	Rev No.	Previous Rev PINS Ref	Electronic File Name
4.3	G	REP7-079	4.3 Book of Reference - Clean Version
4.3	G	REP7-080	4.3 Book of Reference - Tracked Changes Version
4.4	H	REP7-081	4.4 Land Rights Tracker - Clean Version
4.4	H	REP7-082	4.4 Land Rights Tracker - Tracked Changes Version
4.5	H	N/A	4.5 Land Rights Tracker editable version
5.9	H	REP7-092	5.9 Statement of Common Ground – Overview - Clean Version
5.9	H	REP7-093	5.9 Statement of Common Ground – Overview - Tracked Changes Version
5.9.4	F	REP7-100	5.9.4 Signed Statement of Common Ground - Thurrock Council TC incl LLFA and Highways - Clean Version
5.9.4	F	REP7-101	5.9.4 Signed Statement of Common Ground - Thurrock Council TC incl LLFA and Highways - Tracked Changes Version
5.9.16	E	REP7-122	5.9.16 Signed Statement of Common Ground - Combined IDBs – Water Management Alliance - Clean Version
5.9.16	E	REP7-123	5.9.16 Signed Statement of Common Ground - Combined IDBs – Water Management Alliance - Tracked Changes Version
5.9.25	C	REP7-136	5.9.25 Signed Statement of Common Ground - Innova Renewables (Hall Farm Energy Storage Project) - Clean Version
5.9.25	C	REP7-137	5.9.25 Signed Statement of Common Ground - Innova Renewables (Hall Farm Energy Storage Project) - Tracked Changes Version

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5.9.28	E	REP7-142	5.9.28 Signed Statement of Common Ground – Exolum Pipeline System Limited - Clean Version
5.9.28	E	REP7-143	5.9.28 Signed Statement of Common Ground – Exolum Pipeline System Limited - Tracked Changes Version
5.9.30	E	REP7-146	5.9.30 Signed Statement of Common Ground - ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited - Clean Version
5.9.30	E	REP7-147	5.9.30 Signed Statement of Common Ground - ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited - Tracked Changes Version
7.2	H	REP7-322	7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice - Clean Version
7.2	H	REP7-323	7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice - Tracked Changes Version
7.2E	E	REP7-330	7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice Appendix E – Community Engagement and Public Information - Clean Version
7.2E	E	REP7-331	7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice Appendix E – Community Engagement and Public Information - Tracked Changes Version
7.3	G	REP7-338	7.3 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan - Clean Version
7.3	G	REP7-339	7.3 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan - Tracked Changes Version
7.5	D	REP7-352	7.5 Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation - Clean Version
7.5	D	REP7-353	7.5 Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation - Tracked Changes Version

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8.3.10	D	REP7-395	8.3.10 Signed Statement of Common Ground - Equinor - Clean Version
8.3.10	D	REP7-396	8.3.10 Signed Statement of Common Ground - Equinor - Tracked Changes Version
8.3.43	D	REP7-443	8.3.43 Signed Statement of Common Ground - British Pipeline Agency - Clean Version
8.3.43	D	REP7-444	8.3.43 Signed Statement of Common Ground - British Pipeline Agency - Tracked Changes Version
8.3.45	C	REP7-445	8.3.45 Signed Statement of Common Ground - TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited - Clean Version
8.3.45	C	REP7-446	8.3.45 Signed Statement of Common Ground - TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited - Tracked Changes Version
8.3.94	B	REP7-473	8.3.94 Signed Statement of Common Ground – East Anglia 3 Three Limited
8.4.18	A	N/A	8.4.18 Applicant's Comments on any Further Information or Submissions Received by Deadline 7
8.4.19	A	N/A	8.4.19 Applicant's Comments on Responses to 14 July Rule 17 Letter
8.6.7.1	A	N/A	8.6.7.1 Updated SoCG Cover Letter
8.6.8	A	N/A	8.6.8 Deadline 8 Cover Letter
8.7	G	REP7-484	8.7 Statutory Undertaker Tracker - Clean Version
8.7	G	REP7-485	8.7 Statutory Undertaker Tracker - Tracked Changes Version
8.25	D	REP7-514	8.25 National Landscape - Agreement pursuant to section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Clean Version

Document No.	Rev No.	Previous Rev PINS Ref	Electronic File Name
8.25	D	REP7-515	8.25 - National Landscape - Agreement pursuant to section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Tracked Changes Version
8.28	B	REP6-128	8.28 Outline Offsite Planting Delivery Scheme - Clean Version
8.28	B	N/A	8.28 Outline Offsite Planting Delivery Scheme - Tracked Changes Version
8.29.2	A	N/A	8.29.2 Application under Section 138 Planning Act 2008 - Anglian Water Services Limited
8.29.3	B	REP7-517	8.29.3 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Conrad Energy Ltd - Clean Version
8.29.3	B	N/A	8.29.3 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Conrad Energy Ltd - Tracked Changes Version
8.29.4	B	REP7-518	8.29.4 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Eastern Power Networks plc (UKPN) - Clean Version
8.29.4	B	N/A	8.29.4 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Eastern Power Networks plc (UKPN) - Tracked Changes Version
8.29.7	B	REP7-521	8.29.7 Application under Section 138 Planning Act 2008 - National Gas Transmission plc - Clean Version
8.29.7	B	N/A	8.29.7 Application under Section 138 Planning Act 2008 - National Gas Transmission plc - Tracked Changes Version
8.29.8	B	REP7-522	8.29.8 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - National Highways Limited - Clean Version

Document No.	Rev No.	Previous Rev PINS Ref	Electronic File Name
8.29.8	B	N/A	8.29.8 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - National Highways Limited - Tracked Changes Version
8.29.9	B	REP6-130	8.29.9 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Network Rail Infrastructure Limited - Clean Version
8.29.9	B	N/A	8.29.9 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Network Rail Infrastructure Limited - Tracked Changes Version
8.29.10	B	REP6-131	8.29.10 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Northumbrian Water Limited (Essex and Suffolk Water) - Clean Version
8.29.10	B	N/A	8.29.10 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Northumbrian Water Limited (Essex and Suffolk Water) - Tracked Changes Version
8.29.12	B	REP7-524	8.29.12 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Scottish Power (UK) Renewables Limited (East Anglia THREE) (EA3) - Clean Version
8.29.12	B	N/A	8.29.12 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Scottish Power (UK) Renewables Limited (East Anglia THREE) (EA3) - Tracked Changes Version
8.29.13	B	REP7-525	8.29.13 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Sheringham and Dudgeon - Clean Version
8.29.13	B	N/A	8.29.13 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Sheringham and Dudgeon - Tracked Changes Version
8.29.14	B	REP7-526	8.29.14 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - TC EA One OFTO Limited - Clean Version
8.29.14	B	N/A	8.29.14 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - TC EA One OFTO Limited - Tracked Changes Version

Document No.	Rev No.	Previous Rev PINS Ref	Electronic File Name
8.29.15	B	REP7-527	8.29.15 Application under Section 138 Planning Act 2008 – Cadent - Clean Version
8.29.15	B	N/A	8.29.15 Application under Section 138 Planning Act 2008 – Cadent - Tracked Changes Version
8.29.17	B	REP7-529	8.29.17 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - EDF Energy Renewables Limited - Clean Version
8.29.17	B	N/A	8.29.17 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - EDF Energy Renewables Limited - Tracked Changes Version
8.29.19	B	REP7-530	8.29.19 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Scottish Power (UK) Renewables Limited (East Anglia ONE) (EA1) - Clean Version
8.29.19	B	N/A	8.29.19 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Scottish Power (UK) Renewables Limited (East Anglia ONE) (EA1) - Tracked Changes Version
8.29.21	B	REP7-532	8.29.21 Application under Section 138 Planning Act 2008 - Clean Version
8.29.21	B	N/A	8.29.21 Application under Section 138 Planning Act 2008 - Tracked Changes Version
8.34	A	N/A	8.34 Applicant's closing statement with a summary of areas of disagreement
8.34	A	N/A	8.34 Applicant's closing statement with a summary of areas of disagreement - Redacted
8.36	A	N/A	8.36 Response to Rule 17 Letter received 27 July 2026

Appendix 2.

Updated Documents Submitted at Deadline 8

Document	Reason for submission at Deadline 8
2.2 Land Plans – Sections A-H	There are a range of updates that have been applied to the majority of sections as a result of the Scenarios (1, 4, 6 & 17), a partnership update, Crown Land changes and class of right changes. There are no changes within Sections E & G, however the templates have been updated to reflect the other updated sections.
2.14 Special Category and Crown Land Plans - Section A - H	A change has been made in Section B to reflect the removal of a Crown Right, there are no changes within the other sections, however the templates have been updated.
3.1 Draft DCO	Updates include additional controls in Requirement 6 (design and layout plans) and requirement 11 (biodiversity net gain) of Schedule 3 (requirements); updates to the protective provisions at Schedule 16 (protective provisions); updates to Land Plan and Special Category Land Plan revision numbers and consequential amendments to Schedule 11; and statutory instrument stylistic drafting corrections and typographical corrections.
3.2 Explanatory Memorandum	Update required to reflect the amendments to the 3.1 Draft DCO [Revision H].
3.3 Draft DCO – Validation Report for DCO	At the request of the ExA in its Rule 8 letter upon submission of the final 3.1 Draft DCO.
3.4 Draft DCO - Editable Word Version	At the request of the ExA in its Rule 8 letter upon submission of the final 3.1 Draft DCO.

Document	Reason for submission at Deadline 8
3.5 Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO	Update required to reflect the amendments to the 3.1 Draft DCO [Revision H].
4.1 Statement of Reasons	Update required due to Scenario 6, an amendment to the LoD, and at Chapter 7 to reflect that the Project is seeking the acquisition of Class 1 land SPR's freehold/leasehold landholding.
4.1 Statement of Reasons - Appendix A - Compulsory Acquisition Schedule	Updates have been made to the Book of Reference, therefore updates are required to Appendix A of the Statement of Reasons to ensure they are aligned.
4.1 Statement of Reasons - Appendix B - Schedule of Negotiations	Updates have been made to the Book of Reference; therefore updates are required to Appendix B of the Statement of Reasons to ensure they are aligned.
4.3 Book of Reference	Updated to reflect the final land position at Deadline 8, including any changes to interests, ownership/occupier information, plot schedules, land classifications, or consequential amendments arising from updates to the land plans and associated land documents.
4.4 Land Rights Tracker	Rule 6 letter [PD-009] Annex F Section 4 requests this at each deadline.
4.5 Land Rights Tracker (editable version)	As requested by the ExA
5.9 Statement of Common Ground - Overview	Updated to reflect changed status of signed SoCG
5.9.4 Signed Statement of Common Ground - Thurrock Council (TC) (incl LLFA and Highways)	SoCG signed by both parties

Document	Reason for submission at Deadline 8
5.9.16 Signed Statement of Common Ground - Combined IDBs - Water Management Alliance	SoCG signed by both parties
5.9.25 Signed Statement of Common Ground - Innova Renewables (Hall Farm Energy Storage Project)	SoCG signed by both parties
5.9.28 Signed Statement of Common Ground - Exolum International UK Ltd	SoCG signed by both parties
5.9.30 Signed Statement of Common Ground - ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited	SoCG signed by both parties – Deadline 8 revision number reflects that the SoCG has been signed, but there is no difference in the content of the document since Deadline 7
7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice	Updates following comments received from the Joint Police Forces and Suffolk County Council
7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice Appendix E - Community Engagement and Public Information	Updates in response to Thurrock Councils submission.
7.3 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan	Captures commitments from Essex and Suffolk County Councils in SOCGs that the team were unable to include in this document at deadline 7.
7.5 Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation	Due to Additional Submissions from Suffolk County Council
8.3.10 Signed Statement of Common Ground - Equinor	SoCG signed by both parties
8.3.43 Signed Statement of Common Ground - British Pipeline Agency	SoCG signed by both parties
8.3.94 Signed Statement of Common Ground – East Anglia 3 Three Limited	SoCG physically signed by both parties – Deadline 8 revision number reflects that the SoCG has been

Document	Reason for submission at Deadline 8
	signed, but there is no difference in the content of the document since Deadline 7
8.3.45 Signed Statement of Common Ground - TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited	SoCG signed by both parties
8.7 Statutory Undertaker Tracker	ExQ1 CA-1.7 [PD-014] requested this at every deadline
8.25 - National Landscape - Agreement pursuant to section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990	Now dated. No other change.
8.28 Outline Offsite Planting Delivery Scheme	Amendment regarding Dunton Hills.
8.29.2 Application under Section 138 Planning Act 2008 - Anglian Water Services Limited	Included to ensure consistency with lands data in updated Book of Reference and to refer to S138 Planning Act 2008 as protective provisions are agreed between the parties.
8.29.3 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Conrad Energy Ltd	Updated to ensure consistency with lands data in updated Book of Reference.
8.29.4 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Eastern Power Networks plc (UKPN)	Updated to ensure consistency with lands data in updated Book of Reference.
8.29.7 Application under Section 138 Planning Act 2008 - National Gas Transmission plc	Updated to ensure consistency with lands data in updated Book of Reference and to refer only to S138 Planning Act 2008 as protective provisions are agreed between the parties.
8.29.8 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - National Highways Limited	Updated to ensure consistency with lands data in updated Book of Reference and updated protective provisions.

Document	Reason for submission at Deadline 8
8.29.9 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Updated to ensure consistency with lands data in updated Book of Reference.
8.29.10 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Northumbrian Water Limited (Essex and Suffolk Water)	Updated to ensure consistency with lands data in updated Book of Reference and updated protective provisions.
8.29.12 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Scottish Power (UK) Renewables Limited (East Anglia THREE) (EA3)	Updated to ensure consistency with lands data in updated Book of Reference and updated protective provisions.
8.29.13 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Sheringham and Dudgeon	Updated to ensure consistency with lands data in updated Book of Reference and updated protective provisions.
8.29.14 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - TC EA One OFTO Limited	Updated to provide a further update at Deadline 8.
8.29.15 Application under Section 138 Planning Act 2008 - Cadent	Updated to ensure consistency with lands data in updated Book of Reference and to refer only to S138 Planning Act 2008 given that protective provisions are agreed between the parties.
8.29.17 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - EDF Energy Renewables Limited	Updated to ensure consistency with lands data in updated Book of Reference
8.29.19 Application under Section 127 Planning Act 2008 - Scottish Power (UK) Renewables Limited (East Anglia ONE) (EA1)	Updated to correct a cross-referencing error.
8.29.21 Application under Section 138 Planning Act 2008	Updated to ensure consistency with lands data in updated Book of Reference and inclusion of additional s138 party.

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