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1. Purpose of the Statement of Common Ground

1.1.1 This draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by National Grid Electricity Transmission (National Grid / 'the Applicant') and North Lincolnshire Council regarding the proposed North Humber to High Marnham Development Consent Order (DCO) application ('the Application').

1.1.2 Section 4 sets out the matters 'agreed' between the Parties, for which no further issues have been raised. It also identifies matters that remain 'under discussion', where agreement has not yet been reached and further negotiations are required to establish an agreed approach.

1.1.3 This SoCG is structured as follows:

- Section 1: An introduction to this SoCG and a description of its purpose
- Section 2: Gives a description of the project.
- Section 3: Summarises engagement between Parties to date.
- Section 4: Summarises the key matters and captures the status of each issue / matter.
- Section 5: Sets out matters not agreed between the Parties.
- Section 6: Sets out the approvals and the signing off sheet between the Parties.

1.1.4 The aim of the SoCG is to clarify the shared understanding of any issues and facilitate an efficient resolution process. Any reference to 'the Parties' means National Grid and North Lincolnshire Council.

1.1.5 This draft SoCG has been prepared at an early phase of the DCO process, ahead of submission. It is intended to be a live and working document which will be updated as the project progresses and shared with North Lincolnshire Council at key points for discussion. A final SoCG will be prepared ahead of the close of the DCO Examination. Unlike a final SoCG, this draft SoCG has not been officially signed by either party.

2. Project Description

2.1.1 The Project is a new 400 kilovolt (kV) electricity transmission connection of approximately 90 kilometres (km) in overall length between two proposed new substations: the 400 kV Birkhill Wood Substation and 400 kV High Marnham Substation.

2.1.2 The proposed new substations are subject to separate planning applications. For more information, see **Application Document 5.4 Consents and Licences Required Under Other Legislation**.

2.1.3 The Project comprises:

- Approximately 90 km of new overhead line (Route Code 4AF) between the proposed new 400 kV Birkhill Wood Substation and 400 kV High Marnham Substation;
- Replacement and re-alignment of a section of the existing 400 kV overhead line (Route Code 4ZQ) between Brantingham and east of Broomfleet;
- Replacement and re-alignment of a section of the existing 400 kV overhead line (Route Code ZDA) between Ealand and west of Keadby;
- Line entry connections to a proposed new 400 kV Birkhill Wood Substation;
- Line entry connections to a proposed new 400 kV High Marnham Substation; and
- The Project would include other required works, for example, temporary diversions for works on existing overhead line routes, temporary access roads, highway works, temporary works compounds, work sites and ancillary works. The Project would also include utility diversions and drainage works. There would also be land required for environmental mitigation, offsetting, compensation and Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).

2.1.4 A full description of the Project is provided in **Application Document 6.4 Environmental Statement Chapter 4 Description of the Project**.

3. Record of Engagement

3.1 Role of the Consultee in the process

3.1.1 North Lincolnshire Council is one of the four local planning authorities within the Order limits. As a unitary authority, North Lincolnshire Council determines planning applications for the majority of development types in the district and has a statutory duty to prepare a local development plan. For the purposes of the Planning Act 2008 they are a statutory consultee.

3.1.2 A period of non-statutory consultation was held for eight weeks, between 1 June 2023 and 27 July 2023. NLC submitted a response to this Consultation. NLC also submitted a response to the Planning Inspectorate following the applicant's request for a scoping opinion in August 2023.

3.1.3 Statutory consultation was held for a period of eight weeks from 18 February 2025 to 15 April 2025. That consultation provided an opportunity to see how the proposals had developed, how previous feedback had been considered and sought the views of the public and stakeholders on the updated proposals. NLC submitted a response to this consultation.

3.2 Summary of pre-application discussions

3.2.1 Table 3.1 provides an overview of the engagement that has taken place between National Grid and NLC.

Table 3.1 – Summary of Engagement between National Grid and NLC

Date	Format	Topic	Description
14/01/2022	Email	**Initial Engagement**	Email from National Grid to NLC to introduce the early proposals for the project.
14/03/2022	Email	**Setting up Project Briefing**	Email from National Grid to NLC to arrange a meeting to discuss the project and the initial design considerations.
03/2022	Meeting	**Project Briefing**	Initial briefing by National Grid on the scheme including drivers, scope, study area, future consultation and communication strategies for the project.
13/07/2022	Meeting	**Project Briefing**	Briefing by National Grid on the scheme's further details since the previous meeting on the project.
05/01/2023	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting held by National Grid on the emerging proposed corridor and discussing the upcoming graduated swathe.

Date	Format	Topic	Description
15/05/2023	Meeting	**EIA Methodology**	Meeting by National Grid providing and project update and discussions on the proposed EIA Methodology for each topic.
31/05/2023	Letter	**Statutory Consultation**	Letter notification for the start of Statutory Consultation as a prescribed consultee under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.
03/07/2023	Meeting	**Councillor Briefing**	Briefing by National Grid with five Councillors providing an overview of the proposals, consultation timelines and route sections.
16/08/2023	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting held by National Grid following non-statutory consultation period to provide an overview on next steps for the project.
18/09/2023	Letter	**Scoping Response**	Letter from NLC to the Planning Inspectorate setting out their response to Scoping.
29/01/2024	Meeting	**Councillor Briefing**	Briefing by National Grid with five Councillors providing an overview of the proposals, consultation timelines and route sections.
04/07/2024	Meeting	**Traffic and Transport**	Briefing held by National Grid to give an overview of the projects proposals and objectives including access plans and locations review.
04/07/2024	Meeting	**Project Update and PPA**	Meeting held by National Grid to provide project updates and progress the Planning Performance Agreement (PPA).
21/08/2024	Meeting	**Project Update**	Briefing held by National Grid to update on review of the non-statutory consultation material and the PPA updated with revised programme.
19/09/2024	Letter	**Non-statutory consultation**	Letter from NLC setting out their response to non-statutory consultation.
02/10/2024	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting held by National Grid to progress the PPA and discuss the BNG opportunity maps.
04/11/2024	Email	**Sharing community update**	Providing NLC with an advanced copy of the community newsletter to be shared during consultation.

Date	Format	Topic	Description
13/11/2024	Meeting	**Project Update**	Briefing held by National Grid to give a project update and further discuss BNG opportunity maps in the area.
05/02/2025	Meeting	**Statutory Consultation Update**	Meeting held by National Grid to give an overview of the preferred alignment, substation consent, design considerations and mitigation measures.
14/03/2025	Meeting	**Traffic and Transport**	Meeting held by National Grid to discuss programme and updated access plans.
17/03/2025	Meeting	**Members briefing**	Meeting held by National Grid to give an overview of consultation, next steps and community benefit updates.
19/03/2025	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting held by National Grid to provide on Isle of Axholme and statutory consultation outcomes.
03/04/2025	Meeting	**Traffic and Transport**	Meeting held by National Grid to discuss temporary and permanent accesses.
14/04/2025	Letter	**Statutory Consultation**	Letter from NLC setting out their response to statutory consultation.
16/04/2025	Meeting	**Public Rights of Way**	Meeting held by National Grid to discuss statutory consultation feedback, potential PRoW diversions and next steps.
06/05/2025	Meeting	**Access Routes**	Meeting held by National Grid to discuss the condition and suitability of proposed access routes on the project.
10/06/2025	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting held by National Grid to share progress of statutory consultation design changes and L&V support for council.
23/07/2025	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting held between National Grid and NLC. Issue of PPA raised, need to arrange thematic meetings discussed, landscape feedback given.
03/09/2025	Meeting	**Landscape and Visual Thematic Meeting**	Microsoft Teams meeting between National Grid, NLC, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, and Bassetlaw District Council to introduce the Viewpoint Selection Document and clarification on statutory consultation feedback.
04/09/2025	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting held between National Grid and North Lincolnshire Council. Noted thematic meetings taking place and shapefiles are ok.

Date	Format	Topic	Description
11/09/2025	Meeting	**Ecology**	Microsoft Teams Meeting between National Grid, Bassetlaw District Council, East Riding Yorkshire Council, and North Lincolnshire Council, providing an update on status of ecological surveys.
14/10/2025	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting between National Grid and NLC. Discussion included design updates and pre-commencement works strategy.
13/11/2025	Meeting	**Socio-economic and Health Project Update**	Meeting between National Grid and NLC providing a socio-economic and health update on assessment approaches, study areas, and the scoping opinion and statutory consultation responses.
27/11/2025	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting between National Grid and NLC discussing upcoming actions and timelines for deliverables.
15/01/2026	Meeting	**North Lincolnshire TTRO Workshop 1**	Presentation by National Grid of the TTROs covering Bellmouths and villages.
22/01/2026	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting between National Grid and NLC. Updates provided and discussion of pre commencement works.
09/02/2026	Meeting	**North Lincolnshire TTRO Workshop 2**	Meeting between National Grid and NLC. Presentation of TTRO's covering parking suspension, road widening and DNO works presented to North Lincolnshire Council.
26/03/2026	Meeting	**North Lincolnshire 3 Weekly LHA Meeting**	Meeting between National Grid and the Local Highway Authority (LHA) to discuss a project update.
16/04/2026	Meeting	**North Lincolnshire 3 Weekly LHA Meeting**	Meeting between National Grid and the LHA to discuss matters including a project update, diversion pack and flow diagrams.
17/04/2026	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting between National Grid and NLC providing a project update on SoCGs and PPA.
07/05/2026	Meeting	**North Lincolnshire 3 Weekly LHA Meeting**	Meeting between National Grid and the LHA to discuss matters including a project update and possible highways diversions.
22/05/2026	Meeting	**Surface Water Strategy**	Joint meeting with National Grid, NLC and Nottinghamshire County Council with the Lead Local Flood Authority representative to discuss the surface water drainage strategy.

Date	Format	Topic	Description
28/05/2025	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting between National Grid and North Lincolnshire Council providing a general update including on SoCGs and draft documents.
18/06/2026	Meeting	**North Lincolnshire 3-weekly LHA Meeting**	Meeting between National Grid and the LHA to discuss matters including a project update and SoCGs.
25/06/2026	Email	**Air Quality Assessment**	Email between National Grid and NLC to confirm the proposed air quality assessment methodology

4. Matters Agreed or Under Discussion

4.1 Overview

4.1.1 This section details the matters relevant to NLC which have been agreed or are still under discussion between the Parties. Matters are arranged by topic (using broad headings, or Environmental Impact Assessment chapter headings where appropriate) and each matter is given a unique reference number to aid identification.

4.1.2 The red, amber, green status shows, at a glance, the level of agreement with NLC, as seen in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1 – Agreement Status

Status	Description
Not Agreed	Indicates a final position, where it has not been possible to resolve the issue to the agreement of both parties and there remains a difference of opinion.
Under Discussion	Indicates where issues are the subject of active on-going discussion.
Agreed	Indicates where an issue has been agreed or resolved satisfactorily to the agreement of both parties.

4.2 Development Consent Order

Table 4.2 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to the draft Development Consent Order

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.2.1	Heads of Terms	National Grid Lands Team are authoring Heads of Terms Agreements with LPAs and they will be shared with LPAs in due course	NLC await further information in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.3 Need and Alternatives

Table 4.3 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Need and Alternatives

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)**	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.3.1	Needs Case	Both parties agree that there is an established need for the project in accordance with NPS EN-1 (Department for Energy Security and Net Zero).	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter	28/07/2026	Agreed

4.4 Principles of the Project and Design

Table 4.4 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to the Principles of the Project

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.4.1	Proposed routeing	As set out in **Application Document 5.9 Design Development** the Project alignment developed in response to feedback collected at the non-statutory consultation, statutory consultation, further environmental and technical assessments, and a review of work undertaken to date is considered appropriate.	No objection to the principle of the proposed scheme. While concerns were initially raised regarding the route impacting the Isle of Axholme Area of Special Historic Landscape Interest this has been adequately assessed in the application documents and is acceptable.	28/07/2026	Agreed
4.4.2	Underground vs Overground for new lines.	Both parties agree that overground is preferred and acceptable.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	28/07/2026	Agreed
4.4.3	June to July 2023 non-statutory consultation process	Non-statutory consultation took place between 1 June and 27 July 2023. Details of this consultation are outlined in the Consultation Strategy, and responses to feedback received during consultation are included in the Feedback Report. The non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published Consultation Strategy.	Matter agreed NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	28/07/2026	Agreed
4.4.4	9 July - 6 August Localised non-statutory consultation process	Localised non-statutory consultation took place between 9 July and 6 August 2024. Details of this consultation are outlined in the Consultation Strategy, and responses to feedback received during consultation	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	28/07/2026	Agreed

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NLC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
		are included in the Feedback Report. The non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published Consultation Strategy.			
4.4.5	February to April 2025 statutory consultation	Statutory Consultation took place from 18 February to 15 April 2025. Details of this consultation are outlined in the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). Responses to feedback received during statutory consultation are contained within the Consultation Feedback Report. The statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published SoCC.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	28/07/2026	Agreed

4.5 Landscape and Visual

Table 4.5 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Landscape and Visual

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NLC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.5.1	Policy and Legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Landscape and Visual assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context, Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6**	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Landscape and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.			
4.5.2	Study Area	The study area for assessing Landscape and Visual is adequate and was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and the **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate	28/07/2026	Agreed
4.5.3	Data Sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual**.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.4	Assessment methodology (including LVIA methodology and viewpoints)	The outline methodology for assessing Landscape and Visual was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.5.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Landscape and Visual are presented in **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** and are considered appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.6	Mitigation Measures	The Mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Landscape and Visual effects, are set out in **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Visual**. The mitigation measures are considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. Further information on the additional mitigation planting areas are set out in **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan.**	NLC are concerned with enhancement and mitigation, suggesting that while National Grid's BNG approach will focus on biodiversity, it is unlikely to provide much by way of landscape enhancements and screening. Requested that National Grid consider this as part of BNG approach – need to be considered both separately and together. the NHHM project will need to ensure proportionate mitigation to address its landscape and visual impacts. NLC awaits **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.7	Assessment findings	The findings of the landscape and visual assessment included in **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual,** and following the	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NLC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
		implementation of mitigation measures, where required, demonstrate no significant residual effects are anticipated on the landscape and visual amenity.			

4.6 Ecology and Ornithology

Table 4.6 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Ecology and Ornithology

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NLC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.6.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Ecology and Ornithology assessments is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context**, **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology, Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology, Application Document 6.8.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 8.1 Regional and Local Planning Policy** and **Application Document 6.9.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 9.1 Regional and Local Planning Policy**.All relevant	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context, Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology, Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** and **Application Document 6.8.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 8.1 Regional and Local Planning Policy** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessments.			
4.6.2	Study area	The study area for Ecology and Ornithology was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate. The Ecology and Ornithology study areas set out in **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** are considered suitable for the assessment.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented in **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology.**	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document Environmental Statement 6.9 Chapter 9 Ornithology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.4	Assessment methodology	The assessment methodology for Ecology was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate. The	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		assessment methodology is presented in **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** and is considered sufficient and appropriate.			
4.6.5	Survey methodology	As set out in **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** surveys have been conducted for the relevant protected species and these are considered appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Ecology and Ornithology are presented in **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** and are considered appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.7	Mitigation Measures	Mitigation measures relevant to effects on ecological and ornithological features, are outlined in section 8.8 of **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology and in** section 9.8 of **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9**	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NLC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
		Ornithology. Mitigation Measures are considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of nature and scale, to address potential significant effects on relevant important ecological and ornithological features.			
4.6.8	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the Ecology and Ornithology assessments are presented in **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology.** The assessments presented are considered appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.9	Veteran Trees	National Grid propose a 30:1 tree replacement ratio where loss of veteran trees is necessary to facilitate construction of the Project.	We will review and provide a response on this matter once we have reviewed the application document	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.10	Outline CoCP	**Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified in **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.	NLC awaits **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice**, **Application document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.11	Register of Environmental	The actions and commitments set out in **Application Document 7.3 Register of**	BDC awaits **Application Document 7.3 Register of Environmental Actions and**	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
	Actions and Commitments	**Environmental Actions and Commitments** is considered appropriate,	**Commitments** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.6.12	Outline LEMP	**Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan including an Outline Landscape Maintenance and Management Plan** includes all relevant operational related mitigation measures specified in **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology and Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** and is appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan**, **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.13	Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Approach and Assessment)	National Grid will deliver at least 10 % BNG with wider environmental and societal benefits on its construction projects. **Application Document 7.1 Biodiversity Net Gain Report** sets out the approach to BNG. Offsite BNG will be secured by a legal agreement and delivered through collaboration with partners and purchased from commercially registered providers.	Biodiversity Net Gain provisions to fulfil the minimum 10% uplift are welcomed, although consideration must be given to route sections 6 (partially), 7 and 8 to ensure any proposed habitat creation is appropriate for the Isle of Axholme location.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.14	Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) (Delivery Mechanism)	BNG provisions to fulfil the minimum 10% uplift and relevant details are set out within **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan including an Outline Landscape Maintenance and Management Plan** and are acceptable.	NLC awaits **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.7 Cultural Heritage

Table 4.7 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Cultural Heritage

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.7.1	Policy and Legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Historic Environment assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	NLC await **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.2	Study area	The study area for Historic Environment was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage**	NLC await **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** and **Application Document 6.10.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.2 Cultural Heritage Baseline Report** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.7.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessing Historic Environment was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate. The methodology is set out within **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** and is considered acceptable.	Matter agreed. The methodology was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Cultural Heritage are presented in **Application Document 6.10.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.2 Cultural Heritage Baseline Report** and **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	NLC await **Application Document 6.10.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.2 Cultural Heritage Baseline Report** and **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.6	Assessment Findings	The findings of the cultural heritage assessment included in **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** are considered appropriately assessed.	NLC await **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.7	Mitigation	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential effects during construction are summarised in **Application Document**	NLC awaits the Applicant's **Application Document 7.9 Outline Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation** and	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter Cultural Heritage, and **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** and are secured in **Application Document 7.9 Outline Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation** and **Application Document 7.10 Outline Cultural Heritage Management Plan**. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	**Application Document 7.10 Outline Cultural Heritage Management Plan** to review the measures prior to confirming their agreement.		
4.7.8	Cumulative effects	Cumulative effects on heritage assets have been assessed in **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** and **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** which set out an assessment of inter- and intra-project cumulative effects, which is considered sufficient and appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** and **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.9	Archaeological Mitigation Strategy	An archaeological mitigation strategy to mitigate any negative impacts to cultural and archaeological heritage sites, is set out in **Application Document 7.9 Outline Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation** and **Application Document 7.10 Outline Cultural**	Much of the route to be surveyed through North Lincolnshire is yet to be undertaken. Wherever possible, the applicant intends to avoid impacts on cultural heritage and archaeological sites by careful design. Measures to avoid damage or disturbance during construction are to be put in place.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Heritage Management Plan. Measures relevant to the control and management of impacts during construction have been included in **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice**, **Application Document 7.3 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments** and **Application Document 7.10 Outline Cultural Heritage Management Plan**. **Application Document 7.10 Outline Cultural Heritage Management Plan** also contains measures for managing potential impacts during specific maintenance activities carried out during the operational stage of the Project. Where avoidance has not been possible, mitigation measures comprising a programme of archaeological fieldwork and post-excavation assessment, publication, archive and submission to the relevant Historic Environment Record, has been agreed with the Archaeological Advisors to the relevant local planning authorities and is secured in **Application Document 7.9 Outline Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation**.	These measures should be set out in sufficient in a Heritage / Archaeological Mitigation Strategy submitted with the DCO application. Where avoidance is not possible, archaeological mitigation in the form of excavation and recording will be undertaken and a specification for such works should be submitted alongside the Heritage / Archaeological Mitigation Strategy with the DCO application.		
4.7.10	Routeing	Significant effects on the Area of Special Historic Landscape of the Isle of Axholme have been assessed in **Application**	NLC await Application Document 6.10 Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage and **Application Document 6.10.A3**	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage. Supporting assessment information is provided in visualisations presented in **Application Document 6.10.A3 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.3 Cultural Heritage Visualisations**	**Environmental Statement Appendix 10.3 Cultural Heritage Visualisations** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.7.11	Viewpoints	Viewpoints for the Cultural Heritage Assessment.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	26/02/2026	Agreed
4.7.12	Intrusive evaluation	Extent and scope of Phase 1 archaeological trial trench evaluation.	Matter Agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	09/10/2025	Agreed
4.7.13	Non-intrusive evaluation	Extent and scope of archaeological geophysical survey.	Matter Agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	11/11/2024	Agreed

4.8 Hydrology and Land Drainage

Table 4.8 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Hydrology and Land Drainage

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.8.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Geology and Hydrogeology assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental**	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11**	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NLC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
		Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context and **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	**Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.8.2	Study area	The study area for Hydrology and Land Drainage was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate. The study area is set out within **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** and is considered suitable and appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.8.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment.**	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.8.4	Assessment methodology	The assessment for hydrology and land drainage presented in **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water**	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Environment and is considered to be suitable and appropriate.			
4.8.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for hydrology and land drainage are presented in **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** and these are considered suitable and appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.8.6	Mitigation Measures	The mitigation measures required in relation to the management of impacts on the water environment are set out within **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11Water Environment** and are considered sufficient and appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.8.7	Flood Risk Assessment	**Application Document 7.13 Flood Risk Assessment** provides a flood risk assessment for the Proposed Development and is considered to be sufficient and appropriate. This will be supplemented by an Outline Surface Water Drainage Strategy that will be submitted alongside the Flood Risk Assessment. A meeting was held on 22 May to discuss and agree key surface water drainage principles.	NLC awaits **Application Document 7.13 Flood Risk Assessment** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.8.8	Water Framework	**Application Document 7.12 Water Framework Directive Assessment**	NLC awaits **Application Document 7.12 Water Framework Directive**	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
	Directive Assessment	provides the water framework directive assessment and is considered to be suitable and appropriate	**Assessment** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.8.9	Construction effects	Details of the drainage proposals are included within **Application Document Outline Surface Water Drainage Strategy.** The assessment of effects during construction is presented in **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment**. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.	NLC consider the overarching principles for the management of surface water runoff during construction as reasonable. NLC awaits **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.8.10	Operational (and maintenance effects)	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment**. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.9 Geology and Hydrogeology

Table 4.9 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Geology and Hydrogeology

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.9.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Geology and Hydrogeology assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.9.2	Study area	The study area for Geology and Hydrogeology was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	18/09/2023	Agreed
4.9.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology**.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.9.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessing Contaminated Land, Geology and Hydrogeology is set out in **Application**	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12**	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology and was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	**Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.9.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Contaminated Land, Geology and Hydrogeology are presented in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.9.6	Mitigation Measures	Mitigation measures in relation to geology and hydrogeology are set out in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** and are considered to be suitable and appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.9.7	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in **Application Document 6.12 Chapter 12 Environmental Statement Geology and Hydrogeology**. The assessment of	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.			
4.9.8	Operational (and maintenance effects)	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology**. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.10 Agriculture and Soils

Table 4.10 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Agriculture and Soils

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.10.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the agriculture and soils assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.2	Study area	The study area for Agriculture and Soils was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate and is appropriate. The study area is set out within **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** and considered suitable.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application**	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13**	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils and is appropriate.	**Agriculture and Soils** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.10.4	Assessment methodology	The outline methodology for assessing agriculture and soils was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate. The methodology is set out within **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** and is considered suitable and appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Agriculture and Soils are presented in **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Agriculture and Soils**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.6	Mitigation Measures	Mitigation measures in relation to the management of soils and agriculture are set out within **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** and these are considered suitable and appropriate. The specified measures are managed through	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** and **Application Document 7.5 Outline Soil Management Plan** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Application Document 7.5 Outline Soil Management Plan.			
4.10.7	Assessment Conclusions	The results of the assessment on agriculture and soils is contained within **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** and the impacts are considered acceptable following the implementation of mitigation measures where required.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.8	Outline Soil Management Plan	**Application Document 7.5 Outline Soil Management Plan** details the measures for soil management.	NLC awaits **Application Document 7.5 Outline Soil Management Plan** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.11 Traffic and Transport

Table 4.11 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Traffic and Transport

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.11.1	Policy and legislation	In discussions with North Lincolnshire to date, National Grid have established the use of the following guidance: • Safety at Street Works and Road Works A Code of Practice 'Red Book' – Department for Transport, October 2013.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		• The Design Manual for Roads and Bridges – National Highways • Environmental Assessment of Traffic and Movement (EATM) Guidance - Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA), 2023 The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Traffic and Transport assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.			
4.11.2	Study area	The study area for Traffic and Transport was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Matter agreed. The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	18/09/2023	Agreed
4.11.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.14 Environmental**	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NLC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
		Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport and is considered appropriate.			
4.11.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology is set out within **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** and **Application Document 7.15 Transport Assessment,** and considered to be suitable.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** and **Application Document 7.15 Transport Assessment** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Traffic and Transport are presented in **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.6	Mitigation	The mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Traffic and Transport effects, are set out in **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport**. This includes the **Application Document 7.4 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan** which includes all relevant mitigation measures and traffic routing. The mitigation measures are considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		effects. National Grid will continue to engage with NLC on this matter.			
4.11.7	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport**. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. National Grid will continue to engage with NLC on this matter.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.8	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** and is considered appropriate. It sets out the main impact on the highway network will be during the construction phase although work will occur along the length of the project so work in a given area will be shorter than the overall construction programme. Construction works will be arriving at/ leaving the Site outside of peak construction hours.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.9	Outline Construction Traffic	The approach to the OCTMP has been discussed at meetings including those held on 15 January 2026 and 9 February 2026. During these discussions, the Applicant confirmed that an OCTMP will	NLC has confirmed it is content in with the proposed approach of including an OCTMP secured through the DCO. They have also confirmed they are content with	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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	Management Plan (OCTMP)	be submitted with the application and will set out the overarching framework for managing construction traffic impacts. North Lincolnshire Council indicated it is content with the proposed principles, including advance notice requirements for TTROs and ongoing communication with both the authority and the public regarding planned works. However, the Council has requested sight of the draft OCTMP prior to submission to enable confirmation of its acceptability. The Applicant has confirmed that this will be provided ahead of submission, and both parties will continue to engage on finalising the document. The parties are in agreement that an OCTMP will be submitted as part of the DCO application, with detailed measures to be secured by Requirement and further developed post-consent. The OCTMP will include provisions relating to construction routeing, HGV management, workforce movements, traffic management measures, and stakeholder engagement, including communications relating to planned works. It will also include commitments regarding advance notice of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs). **Application Document 7.4 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan** sets out the management for construction traffic as a result of the project.	the inclusion of a 3-month advance notification period via a protective provision and a minimum 28-day notice period prior to commencement of works affecting the highway network. The Council require sight of the draft OCTMP prior to submission to confirm its acceptability.		

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4.11.10	Construction Traffic Flows	Construction traffic flows and Primary Access Routes (PARs) have been discussed as part of ongoing engagement between the parties. The Applicant has assessed HGV movements, workforce trips and peak construction activity associated with the various phases of the Proposed Development. This is set out in **Application Document 7.15 Transport Assessment** and is considered appropriate. of subsequent examination deadlines. The Traffic Flow Diagrams and PAR mapping for the NHHM Project were sent to NLC on 15/06/26. The parties are working towards agreement that the Applicant's construction flow forecasts, including HGV and workforce movements across all construction phases, provide a robust and proportionate assessment of likely impacts on the local highway network.	North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) is awaiting **Application Document 7.15 Transport Assessment** and the Applicant's updated construction traffic information, including confirmation of Primary Access Routes (PARs), to review the robustness of the construction traffic assumptions and their distribution across the network. Scheduled to be provided w/c 4 May 2026.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.11	Route for securing Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs)	It has been agreed that the TTROs will be secured as part of the DCO. This approach has been discussed at regular meetings with the Local Highway Authority (LHA) and was confirmed and agreed at a meeting on 9/2/26.	The agreement is subject to appropriate notices being required by the DCO (noted at 2). The inclusion of a 3-month advance notification period via a protective provision and a minimum 21-day notice period prior to commencement of works affecting the highway network.	09/02/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.12	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders	This has been discussed at regular meetings with the LHA along with structured workshops held on 18/9/25 and more recently at a workshop on 15/1/26	NLC is content with the proposed approach to speed limit reductions subject to their comments on speed limit extent, buffer zones and signage being allowed	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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	(TTRO) speed limits	where an excel based log was shared with the LHA. The speed limit reductions proposed on the approach to the bellmouths are based on red book guidance and have been suggested where bellmouths are located on high speed roads and a reduction is required for the safety of road users. These have been the subject of ongoing discussion with the LHA. A dedicated workshop was held on 20 November 2025 to review the Applicant's proposed speed limit reduction TTROs. The workshop considered the extent and application of temporary speed limits associated with bellmouth access points. North Lincolnshire Council provided written feedback on 11 December 2025, setting out a number of overarching principles. These included a requirement for temporary speed limits to extend to a minimum of 600m in length (300m on either side of the access), and that where a reduction from 60mph to 30mph is proposed, an intermediate 40mph buffer should be introduced. The Council also advised that advance signage should be located a further 450m from the start of the restriction (i.e. 750m from the access), with buffer zones commencing at this distance where applicable.	for. The Project will include this within the proposals.		

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		Working towards agreement of the proposed speed limit reductions on the approach to proposed bellmouths which will be secured through TTROs through the DCO.			
4.11.13	TTRO Closures/diversions	Discussions on TTROs and diversion routes have taken place through a series of engagements, including a workshop held on 15 January 2026, with written feedback received on 30 January 2026 and subsequent correspondence on the 10 April 2026. Comments have been recorded and tracked through Excel-based trackers capturing agreed and outstanding matters. Further feedback has refined diversion routes, closure extents, and introduced requirements relating to construction coordination, signage, surveys, remedial works, enforcement, and stakeholder engagement. The Applicant is reviewing these matters and confirms that the TTROs for closures and diversions will be secured through the DCO and the OCTMP, with ongoing engagement to resolve any outstanding technical points. The parties are working towards agreement on a series of proposed closures/diversions that will be required to facilitate construction works associated	NLC has confirmed that the majority of proposed diversion routes are acceptable in principle, subject to refinement at specific locations and adjustment to the proposed diversions required for; • Hollingsworth Lane, and; • Newland Lane	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		with the Proposed Development. The Applicant's approach is to maximise use of planned closures to undertake multiple activities where practicable, coordinated through the OCTMP.			
4.11.14	TTRO Traffic Management (signals)	Discussions on TTROs relating to traffic management signals have taken place through a series of engagements, including a workshop held on 9 February, with written feedback received on 5 March 2026 and subsequent correspondence. Comments have been recorded and tracked through Excel-based trackers capturing agreed and outstanding matters. Further feedback has refined the proposals. The Applicant is reviewing these matters and confirms that TTRO strategy will be secured through the OCTMP, with ongoing engagement to resolve any outstanding technical points. Working towards agreement of the proposed Traffic Management (signals).	NLC has confirmed that they have no issues with the 4 instances of traffic signals proposed subject to private accesses being appropriately managed during working hours.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.15	TTRO parking suspensions	On 9 February 2026 NLC questioned who was responsible for the enforcement of parking restrictions. It is understood that the Project will provide resource for this via contractors. This is to be set out and agreed within the OCTMP.	NLC has confirmed general acceptability of parking suspensions, with specific requirements and sensitivities identified.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		Further developed proposals were presented on 9 February 2026 and updated on 12 February 2026, with feedback received on 5 March 2026 confirming broad agreement on the parking suspensions with some follow up questions on laybys and suggesting early engagement in Epworth. Wider requirements include surveys, specifications, enforcement, and communication. The Applicant is progressing these matters through the OCTMP and ongoing engagement. The parties are working towards agreement that the proposed parking restrictions are appropriate to support construction traffic and minimise impacts.			
4.11.16	Disapplication of existing Traffic Regulation Orders (Weight Limits – Isle of Axholme)	Discussions commenced on 17 July 2025, with TRO documentation shared in parts between then and 17 November 2025. The Applicant has confirmed it will seek disapplication through the DCO where necessary. It has been agreed by the Applicant that the Proposed Development will seek disapplication of the existing 7.5 tonne weight restriction within the Isle of Axholme via provisions within the DCO, where required to facilitate construction traffic movements.	NLC acknowledges the restriction and the Applicant's intention to rely on DCO disapplication powers, and requires clarity on extent, duration, and impacts.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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4.11.17	Bellmouth Locations	Bellmouth locations and numbers have been discussed over an extended period and tracked through workshops and Excel logs. A detailed workshop was held on 15 January 2026 with the excel data issued 19 January 2026. Comments were returned from the LHA on 30 January 2026. The locations of the bellmouths are considered to be suitable, subject to final design details and subject to appropriate phasing/construction programming. The parties are working towards agreement on the location of the bellmouth access points.	NLC is content in principle with the locations of the bellmouths, subject to final design details and the Project factoring their comments on coordination of works which will be covered by the OCTMP.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.18	Bellmouth Indicative Construction Design	An indicative construction drawing was shared on 18 September 2025 showing compacted hardcore with a asphalt topping to match the highway, Asphalt tie-in, and kerbing. The approach is considered suitable, with final details to be agreed. The parties are in agreement on the indicative design and construction methodology for the bellmouth access points.	NLC is content in principle, subject to final design details.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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4.11.19	Highway Widening	Proposals were presented on 9 February 2026 and updated on 12 February 2026, with feedback received on 5 March 2026. The LHA were asked to confirm the acceptability of the widening proposals and also to confirm their preference on reinstating or retaining the widened elements. This is intended to provide the Project with flexibility moving forward. They confirmed broad agreement subject to the inclusion of 'road narrow's' signage at the scheme extents on Meredyke. The parties are working towards agreement that proposed highway widening works are appropriate to support construction traffic and minimise impacts and to seek confirmation on whether the NLC would like to retain the widened highway following Project completion. Following initial discussions on the retention of the highway widening post-delivery, the Applicant has now taken the decision to reinstate the road widening, post-delivery of the Project. The retention of the road widening was considered unfeasible due to environmental impacts.	NLC has confirmed general acceptability of widening with specific requirements and sensitivities identified. They have also confirmed 'No issues. Retain widening' on all other than on Meredyke, where they have specified a requirement for the installation of 'road narrow's' signage at the scheme extents.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.20	DNO Works	Proposals were presented on 9 February 2026 and updated on 12 February 2026, with feedback received on 5 March 2026 confirming broad agreement. Specific	NLC has confirmed acceptability of the DNO works subject to their not being a total closure of the A161.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		comments/concerns related to the proposed A161 closures and a lengthy diversion route. Since then, the Project has taken on board this feedback and undertaken some additional design work, to remove the complete closure of the A161 by incorporating an underground cable in the field to the west of the highway. A single lane closure for works to the pole and the bellmouth, using two-way traffic lights will still be required. These are for short sections and should be for a brief period of approximately 2- 3 days. This was presented to the LHA on 26 March 2026. The parties are in agreement on the current DNO proposals relating to the need to works to the highways, closures and diversions.			
4.11.21	Temporary road closures and diversions required for over head line stringing	The Applicant has prepared diversion packs for stringing closures, which were shared 23/4/26. The Council returned their comments 07/05/26. The parties are working towards agreement on temporary closures required for stringing activities.	NLC is aware proposals are being developed and is awaiting details.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.22	Approach to Highway Safety Review	The Applicant issued a methodology document titled *"North Humber to High Marnham – Approach to Highway Safety*	NLC has confirmed that it has no issues with the proposed approach to the Highway Safety Review as set out in the	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		Review" to NLC on 4 February 2026. This outlined how highway safety would be considered as part of the Transport Assessment, including the identification of potential risks and appropriate mitigation measures. The Council's Network Manager responded on 19 February 2026 confirming that, they had no issues with the proposed approach. The Applicant subsequently confirmed that it would follow up with the Council regarding its preferences for any post-decision requirements, including how ongoing safety review processes may be secured within the DCO. The parties will continue to engage on this matter as the Transport Assessment and DCO drafting progresses.	Applicant's methodology document. The Council will continue to engage with the Applicant to agree any requirements for post-consent safety review processes to be secured through the DCO.		
PRoW					
4.11.23	Public Rights of Way – Closures and Diversions	Engagement has taken place since early 2025 and more recently included a meeting on 9 December 2025 and subsequent correspondence indicating a positive position. A revised PRoW package was issued on 27 March 2026 following Design Freeze 4. It included updates driven by environmental constraints and required bridge solutions. Comments were received on 10 April 2026 and responded	NLC considers the position positive and generally acceptable in principle, subject to final alignment confirmation.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		to on 13 April 2026. A request was received to confirm the duration of specific closures. These were confirmed as circa 4 years (the duration of the construction). The proposals were otherwise noted as being acceptable. The parties are working towards agreement on PRoW diversions required to facilitate construction, including temporary and permanent changes associated with OHL works.			
4.11.24	PRoW definitive mapping and accuracy check	The Applicant undertook a review of the digitised definitive map provided by the Council, the Project's own mapping, and photographic records of the PRoW network. The results of this assessment highlighted several potential discrepancies which were presented in a spreadsheet issued to the Council for review on 2 April 2026. NLC responded on 9 April 2026, providing comments and additional mapping information to assist in resolving the discrepancies. The Applicant has now agreed the use of the Definitive Map on all relevant plans & figures, including presenting temporary closures and diversions.	NLC have requested the use of the Definitive Map, not to use any alternative PRoW mapping.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.12 Air Quality

Table 4.12 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Air Quality

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.12.1	Policy and Legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the air quality assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.2	Study area	The study area for assessing air quality was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and the **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate. The study area is set out within **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** and considered suitable.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.15 Chapter 15 Air Quality** and is considered appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.12.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology set out within **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** and is considered suitable and appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.5	Construction Dust Emissions	A construction dust assessment has been undertaken in accordance with IAQM guidance and is presented in **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality**. This has informed the identification of appropriate mitigation measures, which have been incorporated into the REAC.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.6	NRMM and Back-up Generator Emissions	As set out in **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality**. NRMM and back-up generator emissions are being assessed qualitatively. There are no identified human receptors within 200 m of the construction compounds. Appropriate control measures have been included within the REAC.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.7	Construction Vehicle Emissions	As set out in **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality**. The construction vehicle emissions assessment has been undertaken in line with IAQM and EPUK *Land-Use Planning and Development Control: Planning for Air Quality* guidance for human receptors. Where data are available, local	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		roads and haul roads within 200 m of affected roads have also been included. Detailed dispersion modelling will be undertaken using ADMS, with the peak construction year assessed as the worst-case scenario.			
4.12.8	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for air quality are presented in **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Chapter 15 Environmental Statement Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.9	Mitigation Measures	Mitigation measures in relation to the management of air quality are set out within **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** and these are considered suitable and appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.10	Assessment Conclusion	The results of the assessment on air quality is contained within **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15Air Quality** and the impacts are considered acceptable following the implementation of mitigation measures where required.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.13 Noise and Vibration

Table 4.13 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Noise and Vibration

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.13.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the noise and vibration assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.16 Chapter 16 Environmental Statement Noise and Vibration**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.13.2	Study area	The study area for assessing noise and vibration was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and the **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate. The study area is set out within **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** and considered suitable.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.13.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration**.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.13.4	Assessment methodology	The outline methodology for assessing noise and vibration was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate. The methodology is set out within **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** and is considered suitable and appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.13.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for noise and vibration are presented in **Application Document 6.16 Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.13.6	Mitigation Measures	Mitigation measures in relation to the management of noise and vibration are set out within **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** and these are considered suitable and appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.13.7	Assessment Conclusions	The results of the assessment on noise and vibration is contained within **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** and the impacts are considered acceptable following the	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		implementation of mitigation measures where required.			

4.14 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism

Table 4.14 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Socioeconomics, Recreation and Tourism

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NLC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.14.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Socio economics, Recreation and Tourism assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economic**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	13/11/2025	Agreed

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.14.2	Study area	The study area for Socioeconomics, Recreation and Tourism was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate and is considered appropriate	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	13/11/2025	Agreed
4.14.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economic** and is considered appropriate.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	13/11/2025	Agreed
4.14.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment of socio-economics is set out within **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economic** and is considered suitable and appropriate.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	13/11/2025	Agreed
4.14.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Socio economics, Recreation and Tourism are presented in **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economic**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	13/11/2025	Agreed
4.14.6	Mitigation Measures	Mitigation measures relevant to Socio economics, are set out in **Application Document 6.17 Environmental**	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	13/11/2025	Agreed

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		Statement Socio-economic and are considered suitable and appropriate.			
4.14.7	Assessment Conclusions	The results of the assessment of socioeconomics are presented in **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economic,** and the impacts are considered acceptable following the implementation of mitigation measures where required.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	13/11/2025	Agreed

4.15 Health and Wellbeing

Table 4.15 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Health and Wellbeing

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NLC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.15.1	Policy and legislation	As set out in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** and **Application Document 6.18.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 18.1 Regional and Local Planning Policy** the relevant and updated policy, legislation and guidance in relation to health and wellbeing has been considered and appropriately informs the assessment.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter	13/11/2025	Agreed

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.15.2	Study area	The study area for Health and Wellbeing was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate and is presented in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing**.	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	13/11/2025	Agreed
4.15.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing**.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	13/11/2025	Agreed
4.15.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment is set out in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** and was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	13/11/2025	Agreed
4.15.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Health and Wellbeing are presented in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** and are considered appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NLC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.15.6	Mitigation Measures	In line with the mitigation hierarchy embedded mitigation measures to mitigate the effects on health and wellbeing through design are set out in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** and these are considered appropriate. Where the assessment of effects draws upon other technical chapters, the residual effects reported within those chapters have been taken into account. Therefore, the health and wellbeing assessment includes the relevant embedded mitigation measures identified within the relevant technical chapters.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.15.7	Assessment Conclusions	An assessment of effects is presented in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** and is considered appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.16 Climate Change

Table 4.16 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Climate Change

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.16.1	Policy and Legislation	As set out in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** the relevant policy, legislation and guidance in relation to climate change has been considered and appropriately informs the assessment.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter	22/05/2026	Agreed
4.16.2	Study area	The study area was agreed with the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate	22/05/2026	Agreed
4.16.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Climate Change**.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	22/05/2026	Agreed
4.16.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment is set out in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** and was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping**	The assessment methodology was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	22/05/2026	Agreed

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NLC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
		Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.			
4.16.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors are presented in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** and considered appropriate.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	22/05/2026	Agreed
4.16.6	Mitigation Measures	In line with the mitigation hierarchy measures to mitigate the effects on climate change are set out in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** and these are considered appropriate.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	22/05/2026	Agreed
4.16.7	Assessment Conclusions	An assessment of effects is presented in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** and is considered appropriate.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	22/05/2026	Agreed

4.17 Intra-Project Cumulative Effects

Table 4.17 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Intra-Project Cumulative Effects

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NLC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.17.1	Policy and legislation	As set out in **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** the relevant policy and legislation in relation to intra-project cumulative effects has been considered and appropriately informs the assessment. The was agreed with the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate and remains in agreement.	NLC ERYC awaits **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.17.2	Receptors	The assessment considered residual effects only as presented in section 9 of each of the technical ES Chapters (**Application Documents 6.6 - 6.18)**. Where multiple types of effects are already considered within one chapter, the findings are not repeated in the intra-project cumulative effects assessment. As such these receptors are not considered within the intra-project cumulative effects assessment. The was agreed with the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate and remains in agreement.	NLC awaits **Application Documents 6.6-6.18** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	

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4.17.3	Assessment Methodology	The assessment of intra-project cumulative effects has been undertaken using a three-stage approach comprising: Stage 1 - pre-screening, Stage 2 - screening and Stage 3 - assessment, as presented in **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra- project cumulative effects.** The three stage approach was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate and remains in agreement.	Matter agreed. NLC has no further comments in response to this matter.	28/07/2026	Agreed
4.17.4	Key parameters and assumptions	The intra project cumulative assessment has been constrained by the limitations, assumptions and uncertainties presented within the individual assessments reported within **Application Documents 6.6** to **6.18.** This is considered appropriate.	ERYC awaits **Application Documents 6.6-6.18** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.17.5	Mitigation Measures	Mitigation measures are set out within **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** and are considered to be suitable and appropriate.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.17.6	Assessment Conclusions	The results of the assessment of impacts on inter and intra cumulative developments are set out within **Application Document 6.20**	awaits **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects with impacts considered to be acceptable following the implementation of mitigation measures where required.			

4.18 Inter-Project Cumulative Effects

Table 4.18 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Inter-Project Cumulative Effects

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NLC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.18.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Cumulative Effects assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.18.2	Study area	The study area for Cumulative Effects was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative**	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		Planning Inspectorate and is considered appropriate.	**effects** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.18.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** and is considered appropriate	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.18.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessing Cumulative Effects was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate. The methodology for assessment is set out within **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** and is considered appropriate and sufficient.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.18.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Cumulative Effects are presented within **Application Document 6.6 – 6.19 Chapter** of the Environmental Statement. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	awaits **Application Document 6.6 – 6.19 Chapter** of the Environmental Statement in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.18.6	Mitigation Measures	Mitigation measures are set out within **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21**	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative**	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NLC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
		Inter-project cumulative effects and are considered to be suitable and appropriate.	**effects** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.18.7	Assessment Conclusions	The results of the assessment of impacts on inter and intra cumulative developments are set out within **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** with impacts considered to be acceptable following the implementation of mitigation measures where required.	NLC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	28/07/2026	Under Discussion

5. Matters Not Agreed

5.1 Overview

5.1.1 This section details the matters relevant to NLC which have not been agreed between the parties.

[TABLE TO BE INSERTED AT EXAMINATION TO INCLUDE MATTERS NOT AGREED. THERE ARE NO MATTERS NOT AGREED AT THIS STAGE]

6. Confirmation of Agreement

The above SoCG is agreed between National Grid and NLC on the date specified below.

Signed for and on behalf of National Grid:

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Date:

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Signed for and on behalf of North Lincolnshire Council:

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Date:

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