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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 Bassetlaw District 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 the National Grid and Bassetlaw District 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 Bassetlaw District 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 North Humber to High Marnham Project (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 Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) is one of the four local planning authorities within the Order limits. BDC forms part of a two-tier local authority with Nottinghamshire County Council and determines planning applications for the majority of development types within the district and has a statutory duty to prepare a local development plan. For the purposes of the Planning Act 2008, BDC are a prescribed consultee.

3.1.2 A period of non-statutory consultation was held for eight weeks, between 1 June 2023 and 27 July 2023. BDC did not submit a response to this consultation. BDC also did not submit a response to the Planning Inspectorate following the applicant's request for a scoping opinion in August 2023.

3.1.3 A localised non-statutory consultation was held for four weeks, between 9 July 2024 and 6 August 2024. That consultation introduced a potential alternative corridor for routeing and sought the views of the public and relevant stakeholders. BDC did submit a response to this consultation.

3.1.4 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. BDC 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 BDC.

Table 3.1 – Summary of Engagement between National Grid and BDC

Date	Format	Topic	Description
01/02/2022	Email	**Initial Engagement / Meeting Invite**	Email from National Grid to BDC to introduce the early proposals for the project and arrange a meeting to discuss the project and seek BDC's input regarding design considerations.
15/02/2022	Meeting	**Project Introduction**	Initial briefing (virtual) by National Grid on the scheme, including drivers, scope, study area and next steps, as well as the proposed consultation and communications strategy for the scheme.
22/02/2022	Email	**Project Summary Information**	Email from National Grid to share a project summary information sheet, providing BDC with a record of key dates / information and requesting feedback on the emerging scheme.

Date	Format	Topic	Description
21/07/2022	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting with BDC and Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC), including an update on routing and siting, as well as an overview of the draft Non-Statutory Consultation Strategy.
18/01/2023	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting with BDC and NCC, including update on the proposed corridor, as well as the requirement for a replacement substation at High Marnham as part of wider EDEU project.
24/04/2023	Meeting	**Project Update & EIA Methodology Review**	Meeting at National Grid Training Centre (Eakring) with BDC and NCC, including an introduction to proposed scoping methodology for the Ecology, Ornithology, Heritage, Traffic, Landscape and Visual aspects of the EIA.
31/05/2023	Email	**Non-statutory Public Consultation Launch**	Email from National Grid to BDC with information on the public consultation and how to provide feedback, as well as requesting any comments on the draft scoping methodologies.
31/05/2023	Letter	**Notification of the start of Statutory Consultation**	Letter notification for the start of Statutory Consultation as a prescribed consultee under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.
23/06/2023	Letter	**Public Consultation Reminder**	Email from National Grid highlighting the last consultation event in the Bassetlaw District and requesting any comments on the draft scoping methodologies ahead of submitting a request for a Scoping Opinion.
07/08/2023	Email	**Portfolio Holder Project Queries**	Email exchange between BDC and National Grid on local residents' queries identified by the Portfolio Holder for Business and Skills, including compensation for local businesses.
18/08/2023	Meeting	**Post Non-Statutory Consultation Update**	Meeting (virtual) between National Grid and BDC to provide an overview of the non-statutory consultation and feedback received, as well as to introduce the project's social value strategy.
31/08/2023	Email	**Draft Viewpoint Locations**	Email exchange between BDC and National Grid regarding draft Viewpoint Locations in the Bassetlaw District, following concerns raised by BDC in the project update on 18/08.
25/01/2024	Meeting	**Officer Engagement on**	Meeting at National Grid training centre (Eakring) with BDC and NCC officers to discuss

Date	Format	Topic	Description
		routeing in Trent Valley	consultation feedback and requests for potential alternative route in the Trent Valley.
24/04/2024	Meeting	**Ecology Meeting**	Overview of proposed ecology scope and survey requirements.
10/05/2024	Meeting	**Project Update & Localised Consultation**	Meeting (virtual) with BDC and NCC to introduce the localised consultation strategy and activities. Draft minutes and Localised Non-Statutory Consultation Strategy shared 23/05/2024.
11/06/2024	Meeting	**Planning Performance Agreement (PPA)**	Meeting (virtual) with BDC and NCC to discuss PPA arrangements, including the draft Engagement Schedule and Engagement Activities for BDC's future consultation activities on the project.
13/06/2024	Email	**Request for Member Briefing**	Email exchange between BDC and National Grid to arrange a combined Member Briefing on the Localised Non-Statutory Consultation Strategy with both NCC and BDC members.
08/07/2024	Email	**Localised Consultation Strategy**	Email from National Grid to BDC and NCC to share the final Localised Non-Statutory Consultation Strategy ahead of the Member Briefing and consultation opening on 09/07/2024.
09/07/2024	Letter	**Localised Non-Statutory Consultation**	Notification about the commencement of the localised non-statutory consultation and inviting BDC to submit feedback.
09/07/2024	Meeting	**Localised Consultation Briefing**	Member briefing (virtual) with BDC and NCC to provide an overview of project progress, including the routeing process to date, as well as the Non-Statutory Consultation Strategy.
22/07/2024	Meeting	**Project Update & Environmental Appraisal**	Workshop at National Grid training centre (Eakring) with BDC and NCC to provide a project update, including an overview of the current approach to environmental appraisal of the eastern corridor which was the subject of localised non-statutory public consultation.
09/08/2024	Email	**Draft PPA**	Email from National Grid to BDC to share revised drafts of the PPA template, Engagement Schedule and Engagement Activities for BDC's consultation activities.
07/10/2024	Meeting	**Project Update and SoCC**	Meeting (virtual) with BDC and NCC for National Grid to provide an introduction to draft SoCC and

Date	Format	Topic	Description
			proposed approach to statutory consultation. Draft meeting minutes shared 23/10/2024.
14/10/2024	Email	**Engagement with Seldom Heard Groups**	Email from National Grid to BDC to request details of contact within the Neighbourhood Planning Team to discuss possible methods of engagement with any seldom heard groups.
04/11/2024	Email	**Community Update Newsletter**	Email from National Grid to BDC and NCC to provide an advance copy of the community update newsletter, including information on the substations at each end of the proposed route.
13/11/2024	Email	**Draft SoCC Consultation**	Email from National Grid to BDC to request comments on the content of an attached draft SoCC, which details how and when National Grid intend to consult the local community.
19/11/2024	Email	**Draft PPA Status**	Email exchange between BDC and National Grid on the status of the draft PPA, with National Grid re-sharing the PPA for comment and / or agreement by BDC.
09/12/2024	Email	**Updated PPA Template**	Email from National Grid to BDC to share an updated, simplified draft of the PPA for comment and / or agreement by BDC, as well as the draft Engagement Activities tracker.
03/02/2025	Meeting	**Project Update and Preferred Alignment**	Meeting (virtual) with BDC and NCC to share details of the preferred alignment for statutory consultation and documents to be presented. Meeting minutes shared on 06/02/2025.
18/02/2025	Letter	**Statutory Consultation**	Notification about the commencement of the statutory consultation and inviting BDC to submit feedback.
19/03/2025	Email	**BDC Conservation Pre-App Response**	Email from BDC Conservation Officer setting out their pre-application advice to National Grid, categorising heritage assets identified and the scheme's potential impact on these.
19/03/2025	Meeting	**Project Update and Statutory Consultation**	Meeting (virtual) with BDC and NCC to provide an update on statutory consultation events, topic-specific engagement and feedback received to date. Meeting minutes shared 25/03/2025.
28/03/2025	Meeting	**Landscape and Ecology Thematic Meeting**	Meeting (virtual) with BDC and NCC to provide an overview of the PEIR approach for Landscape and Visual and Ecology, including the survey programme and proposed viewpoint locations.

Date	Format	Topic	Description
30/03/2025	Email	**BDC PEIR Feedback – Employment & Skills**	Email from the BDC Employment and Skills Manager to share their comments on the potential employment and skills opportunities presented by the NHHM project.
15/04/2025	Email	**BDC Statutory Consultation Response**	Email to share BDC's to summarise the response to statutory consultation, including on the details of the submitted PEIR report, in their role as a consultee in the NSIP process.
03/09/2025	Meeting	**Landscape and Visual Thematic Meeting**	Microsoft Teams meeting between National Grid, BDC, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, and North Lincolnshire Council to introduce the Viewpoint Selection Document and clarification on statutory consultation feedback.
11/09/2025	Meeting	**Ecology Meeting**	Microsoft Teams Meeting between National Grid, BDC, East Riding Yorkshire Council, and North Lincolnshire Council, providing an update on status of ecological surveys.
03/11/2025	Meeting	**Socio-economics, recreation and tourism and Health and wellbeing**	Microsoft Teams Meeting held by National Grid with BDC. BDC updated on assessment approaches, study areas, and the scoping opinion and statutory consultation responses.
Every six weeks since 7/10/2024	Meeting	**6-weekly Project Update with Officers**	Regular update call with planning officers that occurs every 6-weeks to discuss any general updates, programme, and upcoming topic specific/technical engagement required

4. Matters Agreed or Under Discussion

4.1 Overview

4.1.1 This section details the matters relevant to BDC which have been 'agreed' or are still 'under discussion' between the Parties. Matters are arranged by topic (using broad headings, or Environmental Impact Assessment [EIA] 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 BDC, as seen in Table 4.1.

4.1.3 Matters relating to highways, transport, flood risk and hydrology fall outside the remit of Bassetlaw District Council and are therefore not addressed within this SoCG. These matters sit within the statutory responsibilities of Nottinghamshire County Council in its role as Local Highway Authority and Lead Local Flood Authority. As such, these topics have not formed part of any discussions with Bassetlaw District Council.

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 Draft Development Consent Order

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

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC'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.	BDC await further information in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	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)	**BDC'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 as established in NPS EN-1.	Matter agreed. BDC has no further comments in response to this matter.	24/07/2026	Agreed

4.4 Principles of the Project, Policy and Design

Table 4.4 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to the Principles of the Project, Policy and Design

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.4.1	NPSs	The Consultee agrees that NPS EN-1 (Overarching Policy Statement for Energy, 2023) and EN-5 (Electricity Networks Infrastructure, 2024), will form the primary policy context against which the project is assessed in **Application Document 5.5 the Planning Statement.**	Matter agreed. BDC has no further comments in response to this matter.	24/07/2026	Agreed
4.4.2	Local Development Plan	While the assessment of the application for development consent should be made against the NPS, it is agreed that the Development Plans for each Local Authority are important and relevant considerations. Emerging Plans are also detailed where they are likely to be adopted before the submission of the DCO. Consideration of the Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan has been included in the policy appraisal set out in **Application Document 5.5 Planning Statement** and **Application Document 5.6 Policy Compliance Document**.	Throughout the PEIR reference is made to various neighbourhood plans but not the Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan. Given that the corridor crosses the middle of the neighbourhood area this seems to be an omission. BDC await further information in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.4.3	Statement of Community Consultation	The Consultee agrees with the proposed approach to Statutory Consultation as set out in the SoCC and agrees that the	Matter agreed. BDC has no further comments in response to this matter.	24/07/2026	Agreed

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		statutory consultation was carried out in accordance with the SoCC.			
4.4.4	June to July 2023 non-statutory consultation	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. BDC has no further comments in response to this matter.	24/07/2026	Agreed
4.4.5	9 July to 6 August Localised non-statutory consultation	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 are included in the Feedback Report. The non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published Consultation Strategy.	Matter agreed. BDC has no further comments in response to this matter.	24/07/2026	Agreed
4.4.6	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. BDC has no further comments in response to this matter.	24/07/2026	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)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.5.1	Policy and legislation	As set out in **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** the relevant policy, legislation and guidance in relation to landscape and visual has been considered and appropriately informs the assessment.	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.2	Study area	As set out within **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** the study areas for assessment are considered suitable and acceptable.	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual.**	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment set out in **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document**	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental**	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual is considered appropriate.	**Statement Chapter 7 Visual** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.5.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors are presented in **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** and considered appropriate.	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.6	Mitigation Measures	**Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** set out a number of mitigation measures, which in line with the mitigation hierarchy ensure following their implementation no significant effects remain as a result of the project. The measures are considered suitable.	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.7	Mitigation Planting	**Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** set out a number of mitigation measures, which in line with the mitigation hierarchy ensure following their implementation no significant effects remain as a result of the project. The measures and locations are considered suitable.	From a review of the mitigation planting proposed at PEIR, there appears to be little logical implementation of these features in terms of Landscape and Visual effects where views, and in some instances the perceptual qualities of the landscape, are likely to be harmed by the proposed new OHPL. It is therefore assumed proposed mitigation planting is provided as compensation for habitat	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	BDC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
			loss rather than Landscape and Visual mitigation. Clarification of the purpose for each mitigation planting location is requested to assist in further evaluation of effects.		
4.5.8	Assessment Conclusions	The findings of the landscape 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 implementation of mitigation measures, where required, no significant residual effects are anticipated on the landscape and visual amenity.	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.9	Vegetation Clearance	Vegetation clearance set out in **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan** (including an Outline Landscape Maintenance and Management Plan) and **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** and is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan** and **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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.10	Viewpoints	The viewpoints contained within the LVIA and set out in **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** are considered appropriate.	BDC recommend the inclusion of additional viewpoints and alternative locations of existing viewpoints.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	BDC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
		Additional viewpoints suggested by BDC have been considered and included where appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.5.11	Photomontages	The photomontages provided within the application are considered appropriate.	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

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)	BDC'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**	BDC 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**	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		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 legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessments.	**Local Planning Policy** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.6.2	Biodiversity Local Plan policies	BDC request that Bassetlaw Local Plan Policy ST38: Biodiversity and Geodiversity is included in the local plan policies set out in paragraphs 8.2.31 and 9.2.14 of the PEIR. Policy ST38 is included in **Application Document 6.8.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 8.1 Regional and Local Planning Policy** and has been considered in relation to the Ecology and Ornithology Assessments.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.8.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 8.1 Regional and Local Planning Policy** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.3	Study area	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 assessments.	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.6.4	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessments presented within **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology6** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology**.	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.5	Assessment methodology	The assessment methodology set out within **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** is considered sufficient and appropriate.	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.6	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 are being conducted for the relevant protected species and these are considered appropriate.	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.7	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**. The baseline conditions	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		and receptors presented are considered appropriate.			
4.6.8	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 section 9.8 of **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 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.	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.9	Assessment conclusions	The assessments of effects during operation (and maintenance) on relevant ecological and ornithological features 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.	BDC expect the application to make a full assessment of the proposals potential to impact upon protected sites, although it is clear the chosen route avoids direct land take, there may be indirect impacts and impacts upon functionally linked land. BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

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4.6.10	Outline CoCP	**Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** (oCoCP) includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified within **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology and Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** and is appropriate for managing the construction impacts from the project.	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.11	Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments	The actions and commitments set out in **Application Document 7.3 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments** is considered appropriate,	BDC awaits **Application Document 7.3 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.12	Outline LEMP	**Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology 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.	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.13	Protected Species	**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**	BDC hope mitigation for the operational phase such as line marking will be used wherever possible to reduce the risk of bird collisions.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** and is considered appropriate.			
4.6.14	Arboricultural Method Statement	**Application Document 7.14 Arboricultural Impact Assessment** provides an assessment of impacts on trees. The assessment is considered suitable and appropriate for the evaluation of impacts. The development of Arboricultural Method Statements will commence after detailed design and be agreed prior to construction phases (including pre-commencement).	All trees are a material consideration throughout the planning process, therefore, BDC would expect greater details to be supplied at the full application stage in the form of an Arboricultural Impact Assessment and subsequently an Arboricultural Method Statement for areas where impact to trees may be unavoidable.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.15	Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)	The applicants have indicated in the preliminary information they intend to achieve a Biodiversity Net Gain with the proposals and a minimum of 10% BNG. Details of the assessment and approach of BNG are set out in the **Application Document 7.1 Biodiversity Net Gain Report** (BNG Report).	Where habitats are to be lost, it is expected these will be compensated using the principles of Biodiversity Net Gain as is suggested in the existing literature surrounding the project. BDC would appreciate as much information as is available at the application pertaining to BNG to allow input into the proposals.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.16	BNG Onsite Assessment	The Applicant will deliver a minimum of 10% BNG. Details of the assessment and approach of BNG are set out in the **Application Document 7.1 Biodiversity Net Gain Report.**	BDC awaits **Application Document 7.1 Biodiversity Net Gain Report** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

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4.6.17	BNG Offsite	The Applicant will deliver a minimum of 10% BNG. Details of the assessment and approach of BNG are set out in the **Application Document 7.1 Biodiversity Net Gain Report**.	BDC awaits **Application Document 7.1 Biodiversity Net Gain Report** in order to confirm their agreement	24/07/2026	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)	BDC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.7.1	Policy and legislation	As set out in **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** the relevant policy, legislation and guidance in relation to the historic environment has been considered and appropriately informs the assessment.	BDC await **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** in order to review and confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.2	Study area	The study area for the assessment set out in **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** is considered appropriate.	BDC await **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** in order to confirm their agreement,	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented in **Application Document**	BDC await **Application Document 6.10.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.2 Cultural Heritage**	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		6.10.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.2 Cultural Heritage Baseline Report and **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage**.	**Baseline Report** and **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.7.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment set out in **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** is considered appropriate.	BDC await **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors 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** and are considered appropriate.	BDC 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.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.6	Mitigation measures	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential effects during construction are summarised in **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage**, and **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** and are secured in **Application Document 7.9 Outline Archaeological Written**	BDC awaits the Applicant's **Application Document 7.9 Outline Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation** and **Application Document 7.10 Outline Cultural Heritage Management Plan** to review the measures prior to confirming their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		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.			
4.7.7	Inter-project cumulative effects	**Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** sets out an assessment of inter-project cumulative effects and is considered sufficient and appropriate.	BDC await **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.8	Intra-project cumulative effects	**Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project Cumulative Effects** sets out an assessment of intra-project cumulative effects and is considered sufficient and appropriate.	BDC await **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project Cumulative Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.9	Non-intrusive evaluations	Extent and scope of archaeological geophysical survey is considered proportionate.	Matter Agreed. BDC has no further comments in response to this matter.	11/11/2025	Agreed

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4.7.10	Archaeology	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**. **Application Document 7.9 Outline Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation** sets out the approach to archaeology and is considered appropriate.	BDC require that the applicant provide sufficient desk-based research, nonintrusive survey and intrusive field evaluation to adequately assess the archaeological potential and the developmental impacts of the proposed scheme. This must then feed into an appropriate post consent Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (AMS) to reduce the impact of the development to a minimum on archaeological remains and other cultural heritage sites.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.11	Intrusive evaluations	The extent and scope of Phase 1 archaeological trial trench evaluation and the locations of all trial trenches has been agreed with BDC.	Matter Agreed. BDC has no further comments in response to this matter.	21/08/2025	Agreed
4.7.12	Trial Trenching	Trial Trenching has been undertaken and set out in **Application Document 6.10.A8 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.8 Archaeological Trial Trench Evaluation Report**. This is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.10.A8 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.8 Archaeological Trial Trench Evaluation Report** to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.13	Viewpoints	Viewpoints for Cultural Heritage Assessment are considered appropriate.	Comments from BDC on the locations of viewpoints for the Cultural Heritage Assessment is awaited.	03/02/2026	Under Discussion

4.8 Geology

Table 4.8 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Geology

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.8.1	Policy and Legislation	As set out in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** the relevant policy, legislation and guidance in relation to geology has been considered and appropriately informs the assessment.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.8.2	Study area	The study area for the assessment set out in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.8.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology**.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.8.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment set out in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** and is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.8.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors are presented in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** and considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.8.6	Mitigation Measures	In line with the mitigation hierarchy mitigation measures to mitigate the effects on geology are set out in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** and these are considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.8.7	Construction effects	An assessment of effects during construction is presented in **Application Document 6.12Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** and considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.8.8	Operational (and maintenance effects)	An assessment of effects during operation, including maintenance, is presented in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology**, and is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

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4.8.9	Contaminated Land	Contaminated land is assessed in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** with this assessment considered proportionate and appropriate.	The route may have a history of contaminative land use, raising concerns about existing land contamination. A thorough investigation into the extent of contamination, including soil and groundwater testing, may be necessary. Appropriate remediation plans must be developed to ensure the site is safe for its intended use.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.9 Agriculture and Soils

Table 4.9 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Agriculture and Soils

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.9.1	Policy and legislation	As set out in **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** the relevant policy, legislation and guidance in relation to agriculture and soils has been considered and appropriately informs the assessment.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.9.2	Study area	The study area for the assessment set out in **Application Document**	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement**	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soil is considered appropriate.	**Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.9.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented in **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils**.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.9.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment of agriculture and soils is set in **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.9.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for agriculture and soils are presented in **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.9.6	Mitigation measures	In line with the mitigation hierarchy mitigation measures to mitigate the effects on agriculture and soils are set out in **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils**	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		and these are considered appropriate.			
4.9.7	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.	It is noted that a full Agricultural land Survey within the PEIR was not carried out. It is also acknowledged that the whole scheme would see the permanent removal of 92.61 ha, of which 99.9 percent is considered likely to comprise BMV land and would have a significant adverse effect in relation to the permanent removal of BMV land from agricultural use. It is noted that the provisional Agricultural land Classification (ALC) mapping shows that the study area comprises extensive areas of Best and Mose Versatile land such as Grade 2 land, as well as some Grade 1 land within the draft Order Limits between Route Sections 1 and 8. South of the Chesterfield Canal (Route Sections 9, 10, and 11) the land is predominately mapped as Grade 3 land. However further soil surveys have not established if this is grade 3a (the best and most versatile agriculture land) or 3b. The Environmental Statement should provide a robust consideration of this matter and all land should be surveyed with a discussion on the cumulative impact of the loss of Best and Most	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

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			Versatile land agricultural land within Bassetlaw		
4.9.8	Outline Soil Management Plan	The management and monitoring of mitigation measures identified within **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** for the management of soils are set out within the Outline Soil Management Plan (**Application Document 7.5 Outline Soil Management Plan).**	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Agriculture and Soils** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.9.9	ALC Report	An ALC assessment is present within **Application Document 6.13 A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 13.2 Agricultural Land Classification Survey Report** which sets out the results of the ALC survey. It is considered to be suitable and appropriate for the project.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.13 A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 13.2 Agricultural Land Classification Survey Report** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.10 Air Quality

Table 4.10 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Air Quality

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.10.1	Policy and Legislation	As set out in **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** the relevant policy, legislation and guidance in relation to air quality has been considered and appropriately informs the assessment.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.2	Study area	The study area for the assessment set out in **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented in **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality.**	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment of air quality set out in **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	Baseline conditions and receptors are set out in **Application Document**	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement**	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality and considered appropriate.	**Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.10.6	Mitigation Measures	In line with the mitigation hierarchy measures to mitigate the effects of air quality are set out in **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** and these are considered appropriate. **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** sets out mitigation measures (including BPM) and these are considered appropriate.	A Construction Dust Methodology and Assessment has also been submitted to support the proposal; with the implementation of mitigation measures identified, the effect from dust generating activities during the construction phase is predicted to be not significant. These mitigation measures (including BPM) should be incorporated into the finalised Code of Construction Practice when submitted. Additionally, ensure effective steps are incorporated into the CoCP for the construction phase to prevent and manage the deposition of mud, dust and other materials on the adjoining public highway caused by associated vehicles. Any accidental deposition of dust, slurry, mud or any other material from the site, on the public highway shall be removed immediately by the developer. BDC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** and **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

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4.10.7	Assessment Conclusions	An assessment of effects is presented in **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** and is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Air Quality** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.11 Noise and Vibration

Table 4.11 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Noise and Vibration

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.11.1	Policy and legislation	As set out in **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** the relevant policy, legislation and guidance in relation to noise and vibration has been considered and appropriately informs the assessment.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.2	Study area	The study area for the assessment in in **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.11.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented in **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration**.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment is set out in **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** 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.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors are presented in **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** and considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.6	Mitigation Measures	In line with the mitigation hierarchy mitigation measures to mitigate the effects of noise and vibration are set out in **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** and these are considered appropriate.	The proposed embedded measures, and control and management measures (including BPM) should be incorporated into the finalised Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) and Environmental Statement when submitted, with any updates and any additional mitigation	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		Following the implementation of mitigation measures impacts on NSRs are not anticipated to result in significant effects.	measures if identified as the planning/design phase develops.		
4.11.7	Assessment Conclusions	An assessment of effects is presented in **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** and is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 Noise and Vibration** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.12 Socioeconomics, Recreation and Tourism

Table 4.12 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Socioeconomics, Recreation and Tourism

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	BDC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.12.1	Policy and legislation	As set out in **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism** the relevant policy, legislation and guidance in relation to socio-economics has been considered and appropriately informs the assessment.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism** to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.12.2	Study area	The study area set out in **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism** is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism economic** to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented in **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism**.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism** to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment set out in **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism** is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism** to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors are presented in **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism** and considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism** to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.12.6	Mitigation Measures	In line with the mitigation hierarchy mitigation measures to mitigate the effects on socio-economics are set out in **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism** and these are considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism** to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.7	Local recruitment commitments	Employment measures are set out in **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism** and these are considered appropriate.	The construction phase of the project is expected to create a substantial number of jobs. While many of these posts may be more standard trades roles, BDC would expect that many may be highly technical in nature and require specialist training which is unlikely to be available locally (both in resource and technical teaching ability). Without clear commitments to local recruitment, there is a risk that a significant proportion of these jobs will be filled by external workers. The operational phase will provide long-term employment opportunities in maintenance, network control, and ongoing infrastructure management. To maximise the impact, BDC recommend that:	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

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			• A local employment and apprenticeship scheme be integrated into the project; • Collaboration with training providers ensures that local workers receive the necessary upskilling. • Local businesses and SMEs be given priority access to supply chain contracts.		
14.2.8	CITB Client-Based Approach	Employment benefits and measures are set out in **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism** and these are considered appropriate.	To mitigate skills shortages and maximise employment benefits, BDC recommend that the project adopt the CITB Client-Based Approach, which ensures that: • Contractors commit to structured training and apprenticeships. • Skills development is aligned with national and regional workforce needs. • Measurable training outcomes are integrated into project procurement processes. BDC would reiterate that working with local colleges, employment agencies, and industry bodies will be essential to delivering a sustainable workforce pipeline.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

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14.2.9	Assessment Conclusions	An assessment of effects is presented in **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism** and is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism** to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.13 Health and Wellbeing

Table 4.13 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Health and Wellbeing

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	BDC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.13.1	Policy and legislation	The relevant and updated policy, legislation and guidance in relation to health and wellbeing has been considered and appropriately informs the assessment.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.13.2	Study area	The study area for the assessment set out in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.13.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented in **Application**	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement**	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Document Environmental Statement 6.18 Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing.	**Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.13.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment set out in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.13.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors are presented in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** and considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
14.3.6	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	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	BDC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
		measures identified within the relevant technical chapters.			
14.3.7	Assessment Conclusions	An assessment of effects is presented in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** and is considered appropriate, including the impact of landscape and visual effects on health and wellbeing.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.14 Climate Change

Table 4.14 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Climate Change

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	BDC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.14.1	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.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC'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 the assessment set out in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.14.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change**.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.14.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment set out in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.14.5	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.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.14.6	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**	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	BDC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
		19 Climate Change and these are considered appropriate.			
4.14.7	Assessment Conclusions	An assessment of effects is presented in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** and is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.15 Intra-Project Cumulative Effects

Table 4.15 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Intra-Project Cumulative Effects

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	BDC'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 6.20 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.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project Cumulative Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.15.2	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**).	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project Cumulative**	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		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.	**Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.15.3	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 is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project Cumulative Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.15.4	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.	BDC awaits **Application Documents 6.6 to 6.18** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.15.5	Mitigation Measures	In line with the mitigation hierarchy any necessary measures to mitigate the effects are set out in **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project Cumulative Effects** and these are considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project Cumulative Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.15.6	Assessment Conclusions	An assessment of effects is presented in **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project Cumulative Effects** and **Application Document 6.20.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 20.1 Intra-project Cumulative Effects Screening Tables.** The conclusions to the assessment are considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project Cumulative Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

4.16 Inter Project Cumulative Effects

Table 4.16 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Inter Project Cumulative Effects

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC'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 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** the relevant policy, legislation and guidance in relation to cumulative effects has been considered and appropriately informs the assessment.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.16.2	Study area	The study area for the assessment set out in **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.16.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented in **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects.**	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.16.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment set out in Application **Document 6.21 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**BDC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.16.5	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions are summarised in **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** and considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.16.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors are presented in **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** and considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.16.7	Mitigation Measures	In line with the mitigation hierarchy measures to mitigate the effects are set out in **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** and these are considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.16.8	Assessment Conclusions	An assessment of effects is presented in **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** and is considered appropriate.	BDC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	24/07/2026	Under Discussion

5. Matters Not Agreed

5.1 Overview

5.1.1 This section details the matters relevant to BDC 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 BDC 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 BDC:

[redacted] MRTPI (Planning Development Manager)

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Date:

24 July 2026

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