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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 Wienerberger Ltd 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 Wienerberger Ltd.

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 Wienerberger Ltd 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 Wienerberger Ltd is a key stakeholder located along the North Humber to High Marnham alignment. The company operates a quarry and manufacturing facility primarily producing bricks, tiles and other clay-based construction materials, with an on-site kiln enabling end-to-end production at this location. The site is situated in the vicinity of Broomfleet. Wienerberger Ltd has an interest in the Scheme due to the proposal for a number of pylons to be located on land within their ownership. This location represents a significant constraint along the route, as the alignment cannot be reasonably diverted to the north or south of this section. For the purposes of the Planning Act 2008, Wienerberger Ltd is a non-statutory consultee.

3.1.2 A period of non-statutory consultation was held for eight weeks, between 1 June 2023 and 27 July 2023. Wienerberger Ltd submitted a response to this Consultation in August. Wienerberger Ltd did not submit 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. Wienerberger Ltd did not submit a response to this consultation but provided informal feedback through meetings.

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 Wienerberger Ltd.

Table 3.1 – Summary of Engagement between National Grid and Wienerberger Ltd

Date	Form	Topic	Description
August 2023 – March 2026	Email/ Phone	**Survey Access Correspondence**	Communications with the stakeholder were undertaken to agree intrusive and non-intrusive survey licences on the stakeholder's land. These included a series of email exchanges, phone calls, and the issuance of licence packs to the stakeholder.
30/05/2023	Letter	**Introduction Correspondence**	An initial communication letter was issued to the stakeholder's office, informing them of the Project, outlining the next steps, and providing contact details for the Project.

Date	Form	Topic	Description
01/06/2023	Email/Letter	**Non-statutory consultation**	Notification about the commencement of public non-statutory consultation. Correspondences included an invitation for the stakeholder to attend the public consultation event.
16/06/2023	Email	**Introduction Correspondence**	Response received from the stakeholder confirming that they have no further comments at this time and request to be notified when detailed plans are available.
01/08/2023 and 08/08/2023	Email	**Non-statutory Consultation Feedback**	Consultation feedback received from the stakeholder. The Project team then responded requesting additional information.
15/09/2023	Email	**Initial Consultation Feedback**	Communication issued by the project team to the stakeholder to arrange an in-person meeting on the stakeholder's site to discuss project routing.
06/10/2023	In-person meeting	**Initial Consultation Feedback**	An in-person meeting on the stakeholder's site was held to discuss project routing.
03/01/2024	Email	**Request for Additional Information**	The applicant requested additional project data from the stakeholder.
13/05/2024	In-Person meeting	**Extraction works**	A meeting between the applicant and the stakeholder to discuss the stakeholder's project works.
15/05/2024	Email	**Design Plans**	The stakeholder requested a copy of project plans for their land.
04/06/2024	Email	**Design Plans**	The applicant issued the meeting minutes from the in-person meeting held on 13 May to the stakeholder. The applicant also requested additional details to support the preparation and issuing requested project details.
06/06/2024	Email	**Design Plans**	The stakeholder responded to the point outlined in the applicant's email on the 4th of June.
10/06/2024	Email	**Design Plans**	The applicant informed the stakeholder of potential required changes to project details previously provided.

Date	Form	Topic	Description
16/08/2024	Email	**Legal Instruction**	The applicant responded to the email requesting the contact details of the instructed solicitor.
23/08/2024	Email	**Legal Instruction**	The Applicant confirmed legal instruction.
18/11/2024	Email	**Landowner Ownership Communication**	The project team contacted the stakeholder to request completion of the landowner information questionnaire.
20/01/2025	Email	**Statutory Consultation**	Notification about the commencement of statutory consultation and offered a consultation meeting.
25/03/2025	Online Meeting	**Statutory Consultation**	A statutory consultation meeting to discuss the proposed project details and gained design feedback from the stakeholder.
03/06/2025	Email	**Statutory Consultation**	The Applicant issued new project details and requested feedback on the proposed consultation documents.
03/06/2025	Email	**HoTs**	The Applicant issued draft HoTs to the stakeholder.
01/12/2025	Online Meeting	**HoTs**	Continued discussions on the draft commercial agreements.
07/01/2026	Online Meeting	**HoTs**	Meeting to review revised HoTs and other queries.
26/02/2026	Email	**HoTs**	Correspondence from the Applicant to the stakeholder to arrange a meeting to discuss outstanding HoTs queries.
27/02/2026	Email	**HoTs**	Correspondence from the stakeholder with queries relating to the interaction of the two projects.
30/03/2026	Email	**Draft Agreement**	Email to the stakeholder’s agent regarding the red line boundary for land included within the DCO submission.
15/04/2026	Email	**Draft Agreement**	Correspondence from the stakeholder’s agent commenting on the agenda for the next in-person meeting and requesting the stakeholder's available dates.

Date	Form	Topic	Description
12/05/2026	Email	**Draft Agreement**	Email from the stakeholder's agent requesting the Applicant's position on queried project details.
05/06/2026	In-person Meeting	**Draft Agreement**	Discussions on the Project as a whole, exclusion zone, mineral extraction works ongoing and Intrusive surveys.

4. Matters Agreed or Under Discussion

4.1 Overview

4.1.1 This section details the matters relevant to Wienerberger Ltd which have been agreed or are under discussion between the parties.

4.1.2 The red, amber, green status shows, at a glance, the level of agreement with Wienerberger Ltd, 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.

Table 4.2 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to the Project

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**Wienerberger Ltd's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
WB-01	Principle of Cooperative Working	The parties agree to ongoing engagement and information sharing to minimise land sterilisation, manage construction impacts, and ensure the long-term coexistence of both developments.	Wienerberger Ltd agree to this approach.	05/06/2026	Agreed
WB-02	Agreement relating to land at Broomfleet Works	Wienerberger Ltd has an interest in the project as the proposed overhead line route crosses land within its ownership. At this location, routing is materially constrained and it is not considered reasonably practicable to divert the alignment without introducing additional constraints. To manage short-term programme and delivery risk, the Applicant is seeking to agree a separate, interim agreement with Wienerberger Ltd which would restrict certain activities within the affected land, including mineral extraction and other potentially conflicting operations, for a defined period linked to the construction and commissioning of the Scheme. This agreement is intended to ensure that the delivery of the project is not prejudiced in advance of securing permanent land rights.	Wienerberger Ltd has set out several matters which it considers require further action and clarification by the Applicant. In summary, Wienerberger Ltd and the Applicant seek to agree the following: • Wienerberger has confirmed its support in principle for the NHHM Project and remains engaged in ongoing discussions with the Applicant to facilitate the scheme's progression. • The Applicant has provided an update on the proposed route and confirmed that the alignment is now substantially settled, enabling Wienerberger to rely on the Red Line Boundary for the purposes of its Restoration Plan. • Wienerberger acknowledges the programme and key milestones presented by the Applicant, including the anticipated planning and construction timelines.	09/09/2026	Agreed

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	Wienerberger Ltd's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
			• Both parties recognise the need to minimise impacts on Wienerberger's quarrying operations, with the Applicant confirming that construction activities will be phased and managed to mitigate disruption to business operations wherever possible. • Wienerberger's primary concern remains ensuring that any practical and financial effects on its quarrying activities are appropriately mitigated and fairly compensated, particularly in relation to operational constraints associated with the overhead line and exclusion zone requirements. • Discussions remain ongoing regarding mineral sterilisation, exclusion zone assumptions and valuation methodologies, with the Applicant, Fisher German (acting on behalf of the Applicant), and Wienerberger working towards an agreed compensation position that reflects the impact on Wienerberger's clay reserves and future operations.		
WB-03	HoTs and permanent Easement	The Applicant is progressing HoTs with Wienerberger Ltd for the grant of permanent rights, including an easement to enable the installation, operation and maintenance of the electrical apparatus.	See above (in row WB-01).	05/06/2026	Under discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**Wienerberger Ltd's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		These HoTs are also expected to provide for appropriate access rights required for construction, inspection, maintenance and repair activities. It is appropriate for both the interim agreement and the HoTs for permanent rights to be progressed in advance of construction, in order to provide certainty to both parties and to support the timely delivery of the project.			
WB-04	Mineral Resource Assessment	National Grid and Wienerberger Ltd are continuing discussions regarding the assessment of volumetric calculations which have identified the volume and tonnage of mineral (clay) that could potentially be sterilised by the construction and ongoing access requirements for maintenance of the four proposed towers 4AF63 to 4AF66, based upon the relevant plan.	It is understood that Wienerberger Ltd have carried out their own quarry design modelling to assess the volume of sterilised mineral. This has been based upon the same drawing as adopted by National Grid.	09/09/2026	Under discussion
WB-05	Mineral Resource Assessment	National Grid has indicated the areas where mineral extraction would not be permitted in red cross hatching on the relevant plan.	The parties have agreed that two additional "island" areas within the red hatching will not be feasible to extract and have been included in the sterilisation calculations.	05/06/2026	Agreed
WB-06	Mineral Resource Assessment	In order to calculate the sterilisation, the following assumptions have been adopted: • Extraction depth at western end of site.	At this stage the parameters adopted by Wienerberger Ltd in calculating the volume of sterilised mineral are known. The total volume and tonnage is also not yet known to National Grid. Both parties have worked	09/09/2026	Agreed

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**Wienerberger Ltd's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		• Extraction depth at eastern end of site. • stand-off from Tongue Lane and Market Weighton Canal. • Slope batter. • Density factor. • Two "islands" within the affected zone also included in calculation as their extraction would not be feasible. • No deduction has been included at this stage for any extraction losses or processing wastage and further investigations are required to ascertain the level, if any, of these. • Minerals below the existing line are currently under discussion as to whether the land is sterilised by the existing line and subsequently no additional payment is required or if this land is to be resterilised by the proposed line.	on the basis that all of the cross hatched area shown on Scenario 5, plus the two "island" areas, would comprise the affected zone.		

5. Matters Not Agreed

5.1 Overview

This section details the matters relevant to Wienerberger Ltd 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 Wienerberger Ltd 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 Wienerberger Ltd:

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Date:

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