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1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (National Grid) owns and maintains the national high voltage electricity transmission network throughout England and Wales.

1.1.2 The transmission network connects the power from where it is generated to the regional distribution network operators who then supply businesses and homes.

1.1.3 National Grid holds the Transmission Licence for England and Wales, and its statutory duty is to develop and maintain an efficient, coordinated and economical system of electricity transmission and to facilitate competition in the generation and supply of electricity, as set out in the Electricity Act 1989 (HM Government, 1989).

1.1.4 National Grid has developed plans for the North Humber to High Marnham Project (the Project). The Project would support the UK government's net zero target through the connection of new low carbon energy generation and by reinforcing the transmission network.

1.1.5 The Project would establish a new 400 kilovolt (kV) transmission connection approximately 90 kilometres (km) in length between a new substation to be built in the vicinity of Birkhill Wood, located to the north of Hull near Creyke Beck in the East Riding of Yorkshire, and a new substation at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire.

1.1.6 The reinforcement is needed because the existing transmission network, even with current upgrading, will not have sufficient capacity for the new renewable energy (a substantial proportion of which would be generated by offshore wind) that is expected to connect to the network over the next 10 years and beyond. Completion of the Project, together with other new reinforcements across the country, will meet this future energy transmission demand across the UK.

1.1.7 The Project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), and National Grid is seeking development consent under the Planning Act 2008 (HM Government, 2008). NSIPs require a type of planning permission known as a Development Consent Order (DCO). Instead of applying to the local authority for planning permission, the developer must apply to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate for a DCO.

1.1.8 National Grid has submitted an application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate for the Project. The Examining Authority (consisting of one or more examining inspectors), after a period of public examination, will make its recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who in turn will decide on whether development consent should be granted.

1.1.9 The Project has been identified as being critical to delivering a network which supports the clean power pathways for 2030 delivery.

1.2 Purpose and Structure of this Document

1.2.1 This Potential Main Issues for Examination report (PMIE) is entered into the examination as an application document. The document lists the potential main issues and elements of the Project that are not fully agreed with statutory bodies or local authorities on submission. By listing these potential main issues, the document facilitates a greater level of preparation for examination. The PMIE is intended to be a short document, and where possible be agreed with the relevant local authorities and statutory bodies.

1.2.2 The PMIE represents a snapshot in time, with the Project still monitoring for any changes to policy and being subject to ongoing engagement up to and beyond the point of application submission. It does not address all issues but rather matters relating to potential issues at a whole Project level, strategic approaches or areas of key policy compliance. Matters of more granular detail are captured in Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) (document references starting with **Application Document 5.8**) and **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report**.

2. Potential Main Issues for Examination

2.1.1 In accordance with the appropriate guidance, the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-Application Prospectus (Planning Inspectorate, 2026), a PMIE report has been prepared.

2.1.2 The draft Potential Main Issues (PMI) table was circulated to the relevant local authorities and statutory bodies listed within the affected stakeholder column in Table 2.1 on 11-23 September 2026, and a period of at least 14 days was given for a response. Where a request was made for an extension of time to respond, that request was allowed. All responses received before the 7 October 2026 have been considered and included in Appendix A of the document. The draft PMI table was formulated through engagement with stakeholders and populated with issues raised through regular engagement meetings, with these issues captured in the SoCGs. Where the Applicant believes an issue is a potential main issue for examination, these have been included in the PMI table.

2.1.3 The PMI table was circulated to the host local authorities (where the Order Limits are located within local authority boundaries) and statutory bodies. A statutory body includes an organisation that the Applicant had engaged with during the pre-application stage, and potential issues had been identified through the engagement.

2.1.4 Stakeholders were asked to confirm whether they agreed with the issues the Applicant had identified as potential main issues for the examination, and the likelihood that each issue could be resolved. 7 responses were received and are included in Appendix A for reference.

2.1.5 Table 2.1 below sets out the issues that the Applicant considers to be the potential main issues for the examination. The table includes the issues initially identified by the Applicant, together with additions made in response to the PMIE consultation. PMI 7 and PMI 8 Potential Main Issues 7 and 8 were added to the table following the stakeholder responses. The issues are presented as individual matters for examination, recognising that some issues may have a relationship with, or are informed by wider considerations such as the routeing of the Project.

2.1.6 As a linear project, the routeing of the Project is an underlying consideration in several of the potential main issues identified in Table 2.1. The Applicant considers that these matters are most appropriately presented according to the individual issues identified in the table.

2.1.7 The potential main issues identified therefore include matters which may have a relationship with the routeing of the Project. These are presented according to the specific impact, constraint or interface relevant to each issue.

2.1.8 Other matters raised by the stakeholders, not considered to be potential main issues for examination have not been included in the table. While the Applicant recognises concerns raised on other matters, in the interest of keeping the document succinct and focused on the main issues, matters raised not considered to be potential main issues for the examination have been excluded.

2.1.9 A RAG status has been assigned to each potential main issue and has been determined as follows:

- **Red** – Based on the current best information available and the material considerations to balance, the Applicant is either unlikely or not prepared to change its position on the potential main issue and therefore the issue is unlikely to be resolved.
- **Amber** – The Applicant believes there is an opportunity to resolve the potential main issue, although a way forward has not yet been agreed with the stakeholder.
- **Green** – The Applicant is working with the stakeholder and/or has found a way to resolve the potential main issue, and this is likely to be resolved during the examination.

2.1.10 Some amendments were made to Potential Main Issues 1, 3 and 6 following feedback from the stakeholders.

Table 2.1 – Potential main issues for examination

Ref	Description of issue	Affected stakeholder(s)	Signposting (to application evidence)	RAG	Likelihood of the issue being resolved during examination
PMI 1	**Design, Landscape and Visual Impacts:** Mitigation measures – Ongoing discussions around mitigation and enhancement and the appropriateness of the mitigation currently provided to address landscape and mitigation impacts, including matters relating to the landscape character assessment methodology.	• East Riding of Yorkshire Council • North Lincolnshire Council • Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) • Bassetlaw District Council (BDC)	**Application Document 6.3 Environmental Statement Chapter 3 Main Alternatives Considered** **Application Document 6.4 Environmental Statement Chapter 4 Description of the Project** **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual**	Amber	Discussions regarding the Projects proposed landscape and visual mitigation measures, have taken place with local planning authorities during the pre-application stage. NCC have raised a specific concern regarding the use of the Regional Landscape Character Assessment in the assessment methodology, rather than the Bassetlaw Local Character Assessment. These discussions will continue during the examination period once the final application documents have been reviewed by local planning authorities. The Applicant believes there is an opportunity to resolve the issue.
	Design, Landscape and Visual Impacts: The visual effect of the Project on the users of the Yorkshire Wolds Way, including a request for undergrounding from North York Moors National Park.	• North York Moors National Park		Amber	Discussions regarding the Project design, impact on landscape, visual amenity and mitigation and proposed enhancement measures, have taken place with local planning authorities and relevant stakeholders during the pre-application stage. These discussions will continue during the examination period once the final application documents have been

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					reviewed by local planning authorities. The Applicant believes there is an opportunity to resolve the issue.
PMI 2	**Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO):** Project interactions with Wide Area Multilateration (WAM) Network at towers 4AF214-215 and 4AF219-220.	• MoD: Defence Infrastructure Organisation		Amber	The Applicant has taken into account the potential effect of its proposals on other developers when developing the Project. The Applicant believes there is an opportunity to resolve the issue.
PMI 3	**Interactions with Third-Party Developments**: Instances where the Project interfaces with third-party developments. **Steeple Renewables Energy – RES Group:** Potential construction programme interfaces.	• RES Group	**Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** **Application Document 5.9 Design Development Report** **Application Document 5.10 Design Approach Document** **Application Document 5.11 Interrelationship Document**	Green	The Applicant has taken into account the potential effect of its proposals on other developers when developing the Project and communicated with the project promotor. The Applicant believes there is an opportunity to resolve the issue.

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	Interactions with Third-Party Developments: Instances where the Project interfaces with third-party developments. **One Earth Solar Farm – One Earth Solar Farm Limited:** Potential construction programme interfaces.	• One Earth Solar Farm Limited	**Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** **Application Document 5.9 Design Development Report** **Application Document 5.10 Design Approach Document** **Application Document 5.11 Interrelationship Document** **Application Document 5.8.25 Statement of Common Ground - One Earth Solar Farm - Ørsted and PS Renewables**	Green	The Applicant has taken into account the potential effect of its proposals on other developers when developing the Project and communicated with the project promotor. The Applicant believes there is an opportunity to resolve the issue.

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	Interactions with Third-Party Developments: Instances where the Project interfaces with third-party developments. **Clean Air Solar Farm – Clean Air Renewables Limited:** Potential construction programme interfaces.	• Clean Air Renewables Limited	**Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** **Application Document 5.9 Design Development Report** **Application Document 5.10 Design Approach Document** **Application Document 5.11 Interrelationship Document**	Green	The Applicant has taken into account the potential effect of its proposals on other developers when developing the Project and communicated with the project promotor. The Applicant believes there is an opportunity to resolve the issue through continued engagement with the project promotor.
	Interactions with Third-Party Developments: Instances where the Project interfaces with third-party developments. **Creyke Beck Solar – PS Renewables:** Potential construction programme interfaces.	• PS Renewables	**Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** **Application Document 5.9 Design Development Report** **Application Document 5.10 Design Approach Document**	Green	The Applicant has taken into account the potential effect of its proposals on other developers when developing the Project and communicated with the project promotor. The Applicant believes there is an opportunity to resolve the issue.

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			Application Document 5.11 Interrelationship Document **Application Document 5.8.23 Statement of Common Ground – Creyke Beck Solar - PS Renewables**		
	Interactions with Third-Party Developments: Instances where the Project interfaces with third-party developments. **High Marham Solar – JG Pears Property Ltd:** Overlap of project boundaries. If both projects were implemented as currently consented/proposed, it would give rise to a significant physical conflict.	• JG Pears Property Ltd	**Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative Effects** **Application Document 5.9 Design Development Report** **Application Document 5.10 Design Approach Document** **Application Document 5.11 Interrelationship Document**	Green	The Applicant and the project promoter are actively engaged in discussions regarding the acquisition of the affected land, which, if completed, would remove the principal interface between the projects. At the time of writing, terms have been agreed for this acquisition and it is expected to complete prior to the Project's DCO submission removing and preventing the conflict.
PMI 4	**Ousefleet Alternative Routeing in Context of Designated Sites:** Consideration of alternative overhead line routes to avoid designated sites.	• East Riding of Yorkshire Council	**Application Document 6.3 Environmental Statement Chapter 3 Main Alternatives Considered**	Amber	Assessments and mitigation have been discussed further in the appropriate thematic group meetings and are presented in the Environmental Statement. The

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			Application Document 6.4 Environmental Statement Chapter 4 Description of the Project **Application Document 5.9 Design Development Report**		Applicant believes there is an opportunity to resolve the issue.
PMI 5	**Impacts on Statutory Undertakers**: Ongoing discussions with Anglian Water regarding potential impacts of the Project on Anglian Water's apparatus and the potential need for diversion or relaying.	• Anglian Water	**Application Document 5.9 Design Development Report** **Application Document 5.8.20 Statement of Common Ground - Anglian Water**	Amber	Anglian Water has identified several assts which it considers require diversion or relaying prior to commencement of the Project. The Applicant does not currently consider diversion or relaying to be necessary and considers that the identified matters can be appropriately managed through detailed design and appropriate construction and operational controls. The Applicant will continue to engage with Anglian Water to seek to resolve the outstanding matters and believes there is an opportunity to reach an agreed position.

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PMI 6	**Ornithology:** Potential effects/interactions of high volumes of bird flight and overhead lines within the Humber Estuary SPA and surrounding Functionally Linked Land (FLL); and potential loss/disturbance to FLL and proposed measures to mitigate.	• Natural England • Royal Society for the Protection of Birds • Local Wildlife Trusts: Yorkshire and Lincolnshire • East Riding of Yorkshire Council • North Lincolnshire Council	**Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** **Application Document 6.9.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 9.2 Ornithology Baseline Report** **Application Document 6.9.A3 Environmental Statement Appendix 9.3 Flight Activity Assessment**	Amber	Discussions are ongoing with the affected stakeholders to include assessment work to understand interactions of bird flights and overhead lines including within the Humber Estuary SPA and surrounding FLL and potential loss/disturbance and proposed mitigation measures to FLL. Discussions will continue during the pre-examination and examination stages. The Applicant believes there is an opportunity to resolve the issue.
PMI 7	**Highways:** Potential loss of long-term public benefit and impacts on the local highway network during operation and maintenance as a result of temporary passing places being removed following construction and the highway being reinstated to its pre-construction condition.	• East Riding of Yorkshire	**Application Document 5.8.6 Statement of Common Ground - East Riding of Yorkshire Council** **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport**		Added at the request of ERoY. The Applicant considers that the matter can be addressed through ongoing engagement with the relevant highway authority and confirmation of the proposed reinstatement arrangements. The temporary passing places are intended to facilitate construction activities and are proposed to be removed following construction.

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PMI 8	**Loss of woodland and impacts on Local Wildlife Sites:** The potential loss of woodland and impacts on Local Wildlife Sites, including the extent and location of any impacts and the adequacy of proposed mitigation, including replacement planting and natural habitat.	• East Riding of Yorkshire	**Application Document 5.8.6 Statement of Common Ground - East Riding of Yorkshire Council** **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology**		Added at the request of ERoY. The Applicant considers there is an opportunity for this issue to be resolved during examination through further engagement on the extent and location of replacement planting and habitat creation and other mitigation measures.

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A.1 Response from Natural England

From: [redacted]
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Hi [redacted]

We think it should still remain on the PMIE, as we're still yet to review the detail of the assessment. This doesn't mean that we disagree with the assessment; we just aren't yet in a position to reach a view, as we haven't had the chance to review all of the relevant information. As this is one of the key focal points of the assessment, we think it makes sense to reserve our position until we've seen all the relevant info once submitted.

Cheers,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@nationalgrid.com>
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Cc: [redacted]@nationalgrid.com>; [redacted]@naturalengland.org.uk>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: NHHM Draft Potential Main Issues for Examination

Hi [redacted]

Further to the meeting on the 24/09 where mitigation for FLL was discussed, could you please advise if NE still seek the loss/disturbance to Functionally Linked Land included in the PMIE?

Kind regards

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 September 2026 11:55
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[redacted]nationalgrid.com>
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Thank you [redacted]

I note that a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (24/09) with FLL on the agenda.

It would be useful to receive any further updates on NE's response to the PMIE following that meeting, and on the matters discussed regarding the FLL.

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted] naturalengland.org.uk>
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Hi [redacted],

Thanks for sharing this.

Based on our engagement to date, Ornithology is certainly the main issue, so we're pleased that's included. It focusses on interactions with overhead lines though, and I think we would like it to also include loss/disturbance to Functionally Linked Land, as we're yet to see any mitigation proposals for impacts to FLL.

Once we've had sight of the HRA we may be able to provide further comment, but other issues are unlikely to be considered 'main issues for examination'.

Many thanks,

Robbie

From: [redacted] @nationalgrid.com>
Sent: 11 September 2026 16:26
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Subject: NHHM Draft Potential Main Issues for Examination

Dear [redacted]

As part of our ongoing pre application engagement for the North Humber High Marnham project, we have prepared a draft Potential Main Issues for Examination (PMIE).

We would be grateful if you could review the draft and provide your views, particularly on whether it accurately reflects the matters you consider may remain as principal areas of disagreement or potential issues for examination. Please note that this is not intended to seek agreement to the Applicant's position on the issues. Rather, we would welcome confirmation of whether the issues relevant to you have been accurately and appropriately captured and whether there are any matters that you consider should be added amended or removed.

Where you consider that an issue remains unresolved it would be helpful if you could also identify the outcome or change you consider would be necessary to resolve the matter.

Please provide any comments by Monday 28th of September in order to provide sufficient time for us to consider and incorporate feedback into the next iteration of the PMIE and associated pre-application documentation. We would also welcome an updated copy of your PADSS where applicable to ensure that the Applicants' issue tracker and the PMIE accurately reflect your current position.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss any of the matters raised in the draft.

Kind regards

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A.2 Response from East Riding of Yorkshire Council

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Good morning[redacted],

Thank you for your email.

The draft PMIE has been reviewed by the Councils internal consultees/technical officers. This review has highlighted that issues such as loss of woodland and impacts on Local Wildlife Sites have been previously highlighted as an area of concern, acceptability of which will depend on the final impacts and proposed mitigation, including the extent and location of any replacement planting/habitat creation. Furthermore, the Transport Planning Officer has advised that there is currently an area of disagreement with the proposed removal of existing passing places and their reinstatement as highway verge/ditch. The Transport Officers understanding is that this change is being promoted, at least in part, to facilitate Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) objectives. However, Transport Planning's concern is that the proposal would result in the loss of established highway infrastructure that provides a measurable benefit to users of the local highway network. The passing places would play an important role in accommodating opposing vehicle movements on sections of highway constrained by carriageway width, reducing delays, improving driver convenience and contributing to the safe and efficient operation of the route. Their removal would extend the operational impacts of construction and maintenance traffic on the wider highway network and reduce opportunities for vehicles to pass safely, particularly during periods of increased traffic demand associated with the development. To resolve this matter, the Applicant would need to retain the passing places within the scheme design.

With the exception the above matters, the internal consultees have confirmed that there are no further matters to add to or revisions to be made to the draft PMIE. As you are aware, the Council are still awaiting review of technical details and supporting documents which are expected to be shared shortly after submission of the application. It may be at this time that further matters for discussion arise, but as currently stands, with the additions mentioned above, the draft PMIE is considered to accurately reflect the position with East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Please see attached a copy of the PADSS which broadly reflects the PMIE and SoCG.

Many Thanks

[redacted])
Principal Planning Officer

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Kind regards

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Good morning [redacted]

Thank you for your email. Unfortunately I have only just returned from leave and have only just picked your email up. I have sent it to the relevant internal consultees however it is going to be extremely tight to meet your deadline of 28th September. Would it be possible to extend this at all please until 1st October.

Going forward could you please ensure that my colleague, Ben Hutson is cc'd into all correspondence, this will then ensure that all matters are picked up during periods of leave.

Many Thanks

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Principal Planning Officer

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A.3 Response from Bassetlaw District Council

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To: [redacted]
[redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: NHHM Draft Potential Main Issues for Examination

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Hi [redacted]
Apologies for the delay in getting back to you. There's nothing in there that jumps out.

Kind regards

[redacted]
Planning Development Manager
Bassetlaw District Council
Planning and Building Control | Bassetlaw District Council

From: [redacted]@nationalgrid.com>
Sent: 11 September 2026 16:35
To: [redacted]@bassetlaw.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted]@nationalgrid.com>
Subject: NHHM Draft Potential Main Issues for Examination

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Please let me know if you would like to discuss any of the matters raised in the draft.

Kind regards

[redacted])
Lead Consents Officer, North Humber – High Marnham
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A.4 Response from Nottinghamshire County Council

From: [redacted]
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To: [redacted]
[redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: NHHM Draft Potential Main Issues for Examination

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Morning [redacted]

We have now reviewed the PMIE and our only comment is with respect to LVIA. We believe Notts CC and Bassetlaw DC should be listed as affected stakeholders under PMI1 (Mitigation Measures) given there are several locations in Nottinghamshire where visual impact is significant and the current mitigation proposals are limited. NCC believes there is more visual mitigation required and this remains a matter to be agreed within the draft SOCG. A further concern for NCC/BDC is the use of the Regional Landscape Character Assessment at the expense of the Bassetlaw Local Character Assessment within the assessment methodology, as referred to at 4.10.4 of the SOCG. This is not listed as a main issue but given this has been a consistent observation throughout the pre-application stage, we feel this should be listed as a main issue for examination.

We have no comments on the other issues within the PMIE.

Kind regards,
[redacted]

[redacted]
Planning and Infrastructure Manager | Planning Policy
Place Department | Nottinghamshire County Council
County Hall | Loughborough Road | West Bridgford | NG2 7QP
[redacted]

Nottinghamshire County Council Economy, Environment & Assets

From: [redacted]@nationalgrid.com>
Sent: 11 September 2026 16:34
To: [redacted]@nottscc.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted]@nationalgrid.com>
Subject: NHHM Draft Potential Main Issues for Examination

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Kind regards

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A.5 Response from North York Moors National Park Authority

From: [redacted]
Sent on: Friday, October 2, 2026 5:19:38 PM
To: [redacted]
[redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: NHHM Draft Potential Main Issues for Examination

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Dear [redacted]

Many thanks for getting in touch and providing this document. For full clarity I am responding in reference to the following issue on your table:

Design, Landscape and Visual Impacts: The visual effect of the Project on the users of the Yorkshire Wolds Way, including a request for undergrounding from North York Moors National Park.	• North York Moors National Park	Environmental Statement **Chapter 6 Landscape** **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual**	Amber	Discussions regarding the Project design, impact on landscape, visual amenity and mitigation and proposed enhancement measures, have taken place with local planning authorities and relevant stakeholders during the pre-application stage. These discussions will continue during the examination period once the final application documents have been reviewed by local planning authorities. The Applicant believes there is an opportunity to resolve the issue.

I can confirm that this adequately represents the issue as previously discussed. With regards to working to potentially resolve the matter I believe we are awaiting “mock up” fixed point photographs to be provided by yourselves that will indicate what the new apparatus would look like if installed. From my understanding the positions of these photos have already been determined and agreed. With this additional information it will help us to be able to best anticipate the visual effect of users of the Yorkshire Wolds Way. Many thanks for your time in this matter and please don’t hesitate to contact me if there are any questions or I have missed anything.

Sincerely,
[redacted]

[redacted]
National Trails Officer
North York Moors National Park Authority
[redacted]
www.northyorkmoors.org.uk

From: [redacted]@nationalgrid.com>
Sent: 23 September 2026 10:11
To: [redacted].org.uk>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: NHHM Draft Potential Main Issues for Examination

[redacted]
Dear [redacted]

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Please let me know if you would like to discuss any of the matters raised in the draft.

Kind regards

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A.6 Response from Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

From: [redacted]
Sent on: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 10:28:48 AM
To: [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: NHHM Draft Potential Main Issues for Examination

Hi [redacted]

Yes, that is correct. PMI6 in the PMIE refers to Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust – amongst other stakeholders.

Any further queries please do get in touch with either martin or myself.

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted].co.uk>
Sent: 14 September 2026 09:07
To: [redacted]@nationalgrid.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: NHHM Draft Potential Main Issues for Examination

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Good Morning [redacted]

Just confirming this is reflective of Lincolnshire Wildlife Trusts comments.

Regards

[redacted]
Conservation Officer
Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

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From: [redacted] h@nationalgrid.com>
Sent: 11 September 2026 16:29
To: [redacted]>; planning@ywt.org.uk
Cc: [redacted] @nationalgrid.com>
Subject: NHHM Draft Potential Main Issues for Examination

[redacted]

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Kind regards

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A.7 Response from Clean Air Solar Limited

From: [redacted] gistered Office: 21 Soho Square, London, W1D 3QP
Sent on: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 3:48:57 PM
To: [redacted] privacy policy go to http://www.quod.com/privacy-policy/
CC: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Clean Air Solar Farm DCO / High Marnham OHL PMIE

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Hi [redacted],

By way of introduction, I am part of the planning team for the Clean Air Solar Farm DCO scheme. We have recently been provided with a copy of the draft NHHM Potential Main Issues for Examination and note that Clean Air Solar Farm is identified in relation to potential construction programme interfaces. It does not appear that the draft was issued directly to the Clean Air team, so apologies that our response follows the 28 September deadline.

In principle, we agree that the principal potential interface relates to construction/programme coordination and have no objection to this currently being identified as Green, subject to continued engagement between the projects.

We would, however, suggest the following updates:

- The reference to “Orsted Onshore” should be updated to Clean Air Renewables Ltd.
- Following an introductory meeting with the NHHM/Dalcour Maclaren team earlier this summer, Emily Budd provided Clean Air’s draft Order Limits. Gulya Isyanova has recently re-engaged with the Dalcour Maclaren team, who are working on providing the shapefiles. We have not yet received substantive comments on the Clean Air Order Limits. We therefore suggest the PMIE wording reflects that engagement has commenced and is ongoing rather than substantively resolved.

Once the latest NHHM Order Limit shapefiles are received, we will review and confirm whether there are any further matters that need to be captured.

We would also be happy to commence a SoCG with the NHHM team.

Kind regards,

[redacted]
Director
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