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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 Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the proposed North Humber to High Marnham Development Consent Order (DCO) application ('the Application').

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

1.1.3 This SoCG is structured as follows:

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

1.1.4 The aim of the SoCG is to clarify the shared understanding of any issues and facilitate an efficient resolution process. Any reference to 'the Parties' means National Grid and Nottinghamshire County 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 Nottinghamshire County 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 Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) is one of the four local planning authorities within the Order limits. NCC forms part of a two-tier local authority with Bassetlaw District Council and determines planning applications for county matters within the district. For the purposes of the Planning Act 2008, NCC 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. NCC did not submit a response to this consultation. NCC submitted a response to the Planning Inspectorate following the applicant's request for a scoping opinion in October 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. NCC submitted 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. NCC 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 NCC.

Table 3.1 – Summary of Engagement between National Grid and Nottinghamshire County Council

Date	Format	Topic	Description
26/01/2022	Email	**Initial Engagement**	Email from National Grid to NCC to introduce the early proposals for the project and identify matters they can advise on.
26/01/2022	Meeting	**Project Briefing**	Meeting held by National Grid with NCC to provide an overview of project to planning team.
31/01/2022	Email	**Initial Engagement**	Email sharing of National Grid's project summary information sheet for NCC to consider and sharing of the study area.
21/07/2022	Meeting	**Project Update**	Project update meeting held by National Grid to discuss progress, resourcing, consultation strategy and community benefits.

Date	Format	Topic	Description
24/04/2023	Meeting	**EIA Methodology**	Meeting held by National Grid to discuss the EIA methodology by topic with NCC.
01/05/2023	Letter	**Non-statutory consultation**	Notification about the commencement of non-statutory consultation and inviting NCC to submit feedback.
03/08/2023	Meeting	**Post Non-Statutory Consultation**	Meeting held by National Grid to give an overview of the consultation feedback, social value strategy and future meetings.
18/10/2023	Letter	**Scoping Response**	Letter from NCC to Planning Inspectorate setting out Scoping Response.
24/04/2024	**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.
10/05/2024	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting held by National Grid to give updates on the projects design and consultation.
11/06/2024	Meeting	**Localised Non-Statutory Consultation**	Workshop held by National Grid to discuss PPA progress and give advice on NCC consultancy support.
09/07/2024	Letter	**Localised Non-Statutory Consultation**	Notification about the commencement of the localised non-statutory consultation and inviting NCC to submit feedback.
18/07/2025	Meeting	**Traffic and Transport**	Meeting held by National Grid to discuss indicative timeframes, strategic accesses and plans.
22/07/2024	Meeting	**Environmental Appraisal Reviews**	Workshop held by National Grid to discuss the Eastern Corridor and the environmental appraisal within the Supplementary Corridor Routeing Report 2024.
21/08/2024	Letter	**Localised Non-statutory Consultation**	Letter setting out NCC response to localised non-statutory consultation.
04/10/2024	Email	**Planning Performance Agreement**	Email to progress the agreement between National Grid and NCC for the phases of the project.
07/10/2024	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting held by National Grid to discuss the project updates from all parties involved.

Date	Format	Topic	Description
04/11/2024	Email	**Community Update Newsletter**	National Grid provided an email with an advanced version of the newsletter for NCC's awareness and comment.
15/11/2024	Email	**Statement of Community Consultation**	The draft SoCC was shared via email with NCC for comment and engagement.
18/11/2024	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting held by National Grid to discuss project progress and confirm consultation strategy and programme.
03/02/2025	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting held by National Grid to discuss the identified preferred alignment, statutory consultation materials and hear from NCC specialists.
18/02/2025	Meeting	**Members Briefing**	Meeting held by National Grid with Councillors to discuss project need, route and consultation.
22/01/2025	Email	**Confirmation of Planning Performance Agreement (PPA)**	National Grid and NCC confirmed via email that the PPA is in use.
18/02/2025	Letter	**Statutory Consultation**	Notification about the commencement of the statutory consultation and inviting NCC to submit feedback.
13/03/2025	Meeting	**Traffic and Transport**	Meeting held by National Grid to discuss access plans and design progression.
19/03/2025	Meeting	**Project Update**	Meeting held by National Grid to give an update on Statutory Consultation and topic specific engagement.
28/03/2025	Meeting	**Landscape and Visual and Ecology Thematic Meeting**	Thematic meeting held by National Grid to discuss with NCC LVIA and ecology specialists.
10/04/2025	Meeting	**Traffic and Transport**	Meeting held by National Grid to progress discussions on access plans and traffic data.
15/04/2025	Letter	**Statutory Consultation**	Letter from NCC providing a response to statutory consultation.
22/05/2025	Meeting	**Traffic and Transport**	Meeting held by National Grid to progress discussions on access plans and traffic data.
09/06/2025	Meeting	**BDC & NCC Project Update**	Confidential meeting between National Grid, Bassetlaw District Council and NCC

Date	Format	Topic	Description
			discussing consultation summary, ongoing and upcoming activities and PPA update.
21/07/2025	Meeting	**BDC & NCC Project Update**	Confidential meeting between National Grid, Bassetlaw District Council and NCC discussing design change control, surveys, and ongoing and upcoming engagement.
03/09/2025	Meeting	**Landscape and Visual Thematic Meeting**	Microsoft Teams meeting between National Grid, NCC, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Basetlaw District Council, and North Lincolnshire Council to introduce the Viewpoint Selection Document and clarification on statutory consultation feedback.
03/11/2026	Meeting	**Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism and Health and Wellbeing**	Microsoft Teams Meeting held by National Grid with NCC. NCC updated on assessment approaches, study areas, and the scoping opinion and statutory consultation responses.
15/01/2026	Meeting	**Nottinghamshire TTRO Workshop 1**	Workshop for National Grid presentation of TTRO's covering Bellmouths and villages.
06/02/2026	Meeting	**Nottinghamshire TTRO Workshop 2**	Workshop for National Grid presentation of TTRO's covering suspensions, road widening and DNO works.
02/04/2026	Meeting	**LHA Project Update 3 Weekly Meeting**	Meeting held by National Grid and NCC Local Highway Authority to give a project update and discuss issues such as PRoW and Highways diversions.
23/04/2026	Meeting	**LHA Project Update 3 Weekly Meeting**	Meeting held by National Grid and NCC Local Highway Authority to give a project update and discuss issues such recent solar submissions.
14/05/2026	Meeting	**LHA Project Update 3 Weekly Meeting**	Meeting held by National Grid and NCC Local Highway Authority to give a project update and discuss issues such as stringing closure diversions.
22/05/2026	Meeting	**Surface Water Strategy**	Joint meeting with National Grid, NCC and North Lincolnshire Council with the Lead Local Flood Authority representative to discuss the surface water drainage strategy.
04/06/2026	Meeting	**LHA Project Update 3 Weekly Meeting**	Meeting held by National Grid and NCC Local Highway Authority to give a project update and discuss outstanding highways issues.

Date	Format	Topic	Description
26/06/2026	Meeting	**LHA Project Update 3 Weekly Meeting**	Meeting held by National Grid and NCC Local Highway Authority (LHA) to give a project update and discuss issues such as SoCGs and draft documents.
26/06/2026	Email	**Inquiry from NHHM Project Team to NCC LHA**	Email from the Project Team asking for comments on the potential removal of crossing protection (Scaffold) from Ashley Lane and use an extended temporary road closure.
26/06/2026	Email	**Email from NCC to NHHM Project Team**	Confirmation from NCC stating the removal of crossing protection and the use of an extended temporary road closure is acceptable to the LHA.
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 Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) 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 NCC, as seen in Table 4.1.

4.1.3 For the topics of agriculture and soils, air quality, socio-economics, and noise and vibration, NCC defers to Bassetlaw District Council. These topics are therefore not addressed in this SoCG, as they have not formed part of the discussions with NCC.

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 the draft Development Consent Order

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC'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	NCC await further information in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	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)**	**NCC'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. Nottinghamshire County Council has no further comments in response to this matter.	10/08/2026	Agreed

4.4 Principles of the Project and Design

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

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.4.1	Proposed routeing	As set out in **Application Document 5.9 Design Development Report** the Project alignment developed in response to feedback collected at the non-statutory consultation, statutory consultation, further environmental and technical assessments, and a review of work undertaken to date is considered appropriate.	Matter agreed. Nottinghamshire County Council has no further comments in response to this matter.	10/08/2026	Agreed
4.4.2	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. Nottinghamshire County Council has no further comments in response to this matter.	10/08/2026	Agreed
4.4.3	July to 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-	Matter agreed. Nottinghamshire County Council has no further comments in response to this matter.	10/08/2026	Agreed

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NCC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
		statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published Consultation Strategy.			
4.4.4	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 [APP-066]. The statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published SoCC.	Matter agreed. Nottinghamshire County Council has no further comments in response to this matter.	10/08/2026	Agreed

4.5 Ecology and Ornithology

Table 4.5 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Ecology and Biodiversity

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NCC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.5.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Ecology and Ornithology assessments is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2**	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context, Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology,**	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Legislation and Policy Context, **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology, Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology, Application Document 6.8.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 8.1 Regional and Local Planning Policy** and **Application Document 6.9.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 9.1 Regional and Local Planning Policy**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	**Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** and **Application Document 6.8.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 8.1 Regional and Local Planning Policy** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.5.2	Study area	The Ecology and Ornithology study areas were agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate. The Ecology and Ornithology study areas are set out in **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** and are considered suitable for the assessments.	NCC 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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.5.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data have been collected to inform the assessments as presented in **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology.**	Following recent surveys NCC believe the Whooper swan data at Route Section 8 has been underestimated and requires re-assessment. At Gringley and Misterton Carr NCC recommend that targeted surveys for Corn Buntings (a Red List Species) take place to strengthen assessment and mitigation. NCC 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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.4	Assessment methodology	The assessment methodology was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate. The assessment methodology is set out within **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement**	NCC 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	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Chapter 9 Ornithology and is considered sufficient and appropriate.			
4.5.5	Survey methodology	As set out in **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** surveys are being conducted for the relevant protected species and these are considered appropriate.	Following recent surveys NCC believe the Whooper swan data at Route Section 8 has been underestimated and requires re-assessment. At Gringley and Misterton Carr NCC recommend that targeted surveys for Corn Buntings (Red Species) take place to strengthen assessment and mitigation. NCC 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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Ecology and Ornithology are presented in **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology.** The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	NCC 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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.7	Mitigation Measures	Mitigation measures relevant to effects on ecological and ornithological	NCC is concerned with Ornithology mitigation at Route Section 8 where the	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		features are outlined in section 8.8 of **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and in section 9.8 **of Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 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.	alignment crosses Gringley and Misterton Carr. In this location, the Council therefore consider it essential that flappers/diverters are installed where the lines cross Gringley and Misterton Carr, not least as it will presumably be much simpler and cost effective to do so during construction, rather than at a later date once swan casualties start occurring. NCC 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.		
4.5.8	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.	NCC 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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.9	Arboricultural Method Statement	**Application Document 7.14 Arboricultural Impact Assessment** provides an assessment of impacts on trees. The assessment is considered	NCC await **Application Document 7.14 Arboricultural Impact Assessment** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		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).			
4.5.10	Outline CoCP	The **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology.** and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.	NCC consider the preferred approach in relation to the Outline CoCP should be to schedule vegetation clearance outside the bird nesting season (which generally runs from March to August inclusive) wherever possible. NCC awaits **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice**, **Application document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.11	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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.5.12	Outline LEMP	**Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology**	NCC awaits **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology**	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Management Plan including an Outline Landscape Maintenance and Management Plan includes all relevant operational related mitigation measures specified in **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 Ecology** and **Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 Ornithology** and is appropriate.	**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.		

4.6 Geology and Hydrogeology

Table 4.6 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Geology and Hydrogeology

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC'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 Geology and Hydrogeology assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrology**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NCC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
		appropriately considered to inform the assessment.			
4.6.2	Study area	The study area for Geology and Hydrogeology set out in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** is considered appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrology**.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessing Contaminated Land, Geology and Hydrogeology is set out in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** is considered appropriate	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.5	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Contaminated Land, Geology and Hydrogeology assessment are summarised in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrology**. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NCC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.6.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Contaminated Land, Geology and Hydrogeology are presented in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.7	Mitigation measures	Mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Contaminated Land, Geology and Hydrogeology effects, are set out in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology**. The mitigation measures are considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.8	Assessment conclusions	The assessment conclusions are presented in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology**. The assessment of effects presented is considered appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.9	Outline CoCP	The **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** includes all relevant construction mitigation measures	NCC awaits **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** and **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement**	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

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		specified in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.	**Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.6.10	Beckingham wellsite	An assessment of potential impacts on Beckingham wellsite number 37 has been included in **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology**.	National Grid should liaise with the operator, Star Energy Ltd (Formerly IGas Energy), and the County Council to discuss the interactions of the Project and the permitted Beckingham Wellsite number 37 which is located within the draft Order Limits. The Beckingham Wellsite has permission to continue to operate until the 31st of May 2031. The County Council would question whether conditions in the permission for the wellsite could be met if the DCO was granted. The operator also has separate requirements under HSE and Environment Agency regulations for ongoing operational requirements. NCC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.6.11	Preliminary Qualitative Mineral	The Applicant acknowledges and has considered that the southern section	The Applicant details that only the southern part of section 8, near Misterton, falls within the MSA for sand	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

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	Resource Assessment	10 and eastern part of section 11 also fall within an MSA for sand and gravel.	and gravel. However, the NCC would highlight that the southern part of section 10 and eastern part of section 11, near High Marnham, also fall within the MSA for sand and gravel. NCC awaits **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Geology and Hydrogeology** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.6.12	Mineral Extraction	The Applicant confirms that mineral extraction is possible between the pylons.	The Minerals Resource assessment goes onto conclude that because sterilisation is limited to the pylon bases and operational clearance, which is a small footprint and so would sterilise small volumes of minerals, and the financial cost and environmental impacts that prior extraction and infill would create, prior extraction is not viable nor feasible. The assessment goes on to say that with there then being a clear demonstrable need for the project, the application therefore satisfies clause 3 of Policy SP7 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan. The County Council would agree with this conclusion, though would like to ensure that mineral extraction is possible between the pylons, under the	10/08/2026	Agreed

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			conductors, as suggested by the promoter.		
4.6.13	Sturton le Steeple Quarry	The access road would not be impacted by the project during construction.	NCC is concerned about any potential impact on the access road to the permitted Sturton le Steeple Quarry. Near the access road to the quarry, there is a proposed environmental mitigation area and indicative new lattice pylon. Whilst this should not create a long-term issue for the quarry operation, the County Council would seek reassurance that the access road would not be impacted by the project, particularly during the construction period.	10/08/2026	Agreed
4.6.14	Waste	The Applicant acknowledges NCC's recommendation regarding the preparation of a Waste Management Plan and will consider the production of such a plan to support the management of construction waste in accordance with the waste hierarchy.	NCC believe the promoter should undertake a waste audit or waste management plan to ensure that waste generated by the project is, and can be, appropriately handled and managed as high up the waste hierarchy as possible.	10/08/2026	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)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.7.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Cultural Heritage assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	NCC await **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.2	Study area	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Matter agreed. The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	18/10/2023	Agreed
4.7.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage**.	NCC await **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessing Cultural Heritage was agreed through the EIA	Matter agreed. The methodology was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report	18/10/2023	Agreed

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.		
4.7.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Cultural Heritage are presented in **Application Document 6.10.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.2 Cultural Heritage Baseline Report** and **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	NCC await **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** and **Application Document 6.10.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.2 Cultural Heritage Baseline Report** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	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 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.	NCC 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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.7.7	Non-intrusive evaluations	Extent and scope of archaeological geophysical survey is considered proportionate.	Matter agreed in the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate. NCC has no further comments in response to this matter.	11/11/2025	Agreed
4.7.8	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.	NCC 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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.9	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. NCC has no further comments in response to this matter.	21/08/2025	Agreed
4.7.10	Trial Trenching	Trial Trenching has been undertaken and set out in **Application Document 6.10.A8 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.8 Archaeological Trial Trench Report**. This is considered appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.10.A8 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.8 Archaeological Trial Trench Report** to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.7.11	Assessment Findings	The assessment findings are presented in **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** and are considered appropriate.	NCC await **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.12	Cumulative effects	Cumulative effects on heritage assets have been assessed in **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** and **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** which set out an assessment of inter- and intra-project cumulative effects, which is considered sufficient and appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** and **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.7.13	Viewpoints	Viewpoints for the Cultural Heritage Assessment are considered appropriate.	Viewpoint VP11.1 would be better moved to the south to the Church of St George and there should be an additional viewpoint from the west end of the viaduct ; Field Farmhouse, East Drayton (ref: 241464); Whinleys Farm House, Clarborough (ref: 241481); St Helen's Church South Wheatley (re:411344); Highfields Farmhouse, Walkeringham (ref:241190); Manor Farmhouse, Walkeringham (ref:241185); Pear Tree Hill Farm pigeoncote and fodder store, Beckingham (ref:241089); Viewpoint 9.5 'View from Fountains Hill' would be	03/02/2026	Under Discussion

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			acceptable for the purposes of appreciating impacts on both Fountain Hill and Gringley Road Farmhouses (both grade II listed) were it closer to Gringley Road; Gringley Grange Farmhouse (ref:241122). NCC's response on the proposed viewpoints for Cultural Heritage is awaited.		

4.8 Health and Wellbeing

Table 4.8 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Health and Wellbeing

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NCC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.8.1	Policy and legislation	The ES considers relevant and updated health and wellbeing policy, legislation, and guidance which appropriately informs the assessment, including the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Matter agreed. NCC has no further comments in response to this matter.	03/11/2025	Agreed
4.8.2	Study area	The study area was agreed with the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping**	Matter agreed. NCC has no further comments in response to this matter.	03/11/2025	Agreed

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NCC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
		Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate and is presented in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing**.			
4.8.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing**.	Matter agreed. NCC has no further comments in response to this matter.	03/11/2025	Agreed
4.8.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment is set out in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** and was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Matter agreed. NCC has no further comments in response to this matter.	03/11/2025	Agreed
4.8.5	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.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.8.6	Mitigation Measures	In line with the mitigation hierarchy embedded mitigation measures to mitigate the effects on health and	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement**	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NCC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
		wellbeing through design are set out in **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** and these are considered appropriate. Where the assessment of effects draws upon other technical chapters, the residual effects reported within those chapters have been taken into account. Therefore, the health and wellbeing assessment includes the relevant embedded mitigation measures identified within the relevant technical chapters.	**Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.8.7	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.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.18 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Health and Wellbeing** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under discussion

4.9 Hydrology and Land Drainage

Table 4.9 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Hydrology and Land Drainage

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.9.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the hydrology and land drainage assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.9.2	Study area	The study area for hydrology and land drainage was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate. The study area is set out within **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** and is considered suitable and appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.9.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.11**	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment.			
4.9.4	Assessment methodology	The assessment for hydrology and land drainage presented in **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** and is considered to be suitable and appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.9.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for hydrology and land drainage are presented in **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.9.6	Mitigation Measures	Mitigation measures in relation to impacts on hydrology and land drainage are set out in **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** and are considered to be suitable and appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.9.7	Assessment Conclusions	The assessment of effects is presented in **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment**. The assessment of effects presented is considered appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Water Environment** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

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4.9.8	Flood Risk Assessment	**Application Document 7.13 Flood Risk Assessment** provides a flood risk assessment for the Proposed Development and is considered to be sufficient and appropriate. This will be supplemented by an Outline Surface Water Drainage Strategy that will be submitted alongside the Flood Risk Assessment. A meeting was held on 22 May to discuss and agree key surface water drainage principles.	NCC awaits **Application Document 7.13 Flood Risk Assessment** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

4.10 Landscape and Visual

Table 4.10 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Landscape and Visual

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.10.1	Policy and Legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Landscape and Visual assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context**, **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application**	NCC 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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.			
4.10.2	Study area	The study area for assessing Landscape and Visual is set out in **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** and is considered appropriate.	NCC 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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey 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**.	NCC 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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.4	Assessment methodology	The outline methodology for assessing Landscape and Visual set out in **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** is considered appropriate.	NCC believes that the use of the Regional Landscape Character Assessment rather than the Bassetlaw Local Character Assessment (LCA) has resulted in the inclusion of inaccurate characteristics within the methodology. The Applicant should revisit their assessment with reference to the	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
			Bassetlaw LCA to confirm and amend features and characteristics, so they provide an accurate representation of the Landscape Character within the development study area. NCC 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.		
4.10.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Landscape and Visual are presented in **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	NCC 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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.6	Mitigation Measures	The Mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Landscape and Visual effects, are set out in **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual**. The mitigation measures are considered	From a review of the mitigation planting proposed, 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	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

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		appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	is provided as compensation for habitat 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. NCC 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.		
4.10.7	Assessment Conclusions	The assessment of effects is presented in **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7Visual**. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.	NCC 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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.8	Outline CoCP	The **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified in **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7**	NCC awaits **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice, 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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
		Visual and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.			
4.10.9	Outline LEMP	**Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan** including an Outline Landscape Maintenance and Management Plan includes all relevant operational related mitigation measures specified in **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 Landscape** and **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** and is appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan, 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.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.10	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.	While it is understood taller vegetation will need to be removed under the direct line of the new OHPL route within its limits of deviation, it is questioned if all lower vegetation needs to be completely cleared or whether this could be dealt with the same as the approach for affected managed, i.e. coppicing to ground level for example. Obviously access points, tracks and construction areas will need to be cleared to provide safe working spaces but areas either side of these could be left to regrow during the temporary construction period, rather than having to replant whole extents of new	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

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			hedgerow, etc. Individual sections would need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis dependant on the quality of the vegetation and objectives to improve/enhance areas. NCC would like the applicant to consider this approach as an alternative to wholesale clearance.		
4.10.11	Bell mouths and visibility splays	The bellmouth accesses proposed for use during construction and the associated visibility splays are considered adequate at this stage and will be developed further as part of the Construction Traffic Management Plan in consultation with the local highway authority.	NCC question if application of the illustrative drawing NHHM-NG-ENG-DWG-011 is required in all locations. Some of the access points where bell mouths are shown are onto tracks or public rights of way that will have very limited numbers of vehicular traffic using them, e.g. Retford Gate/Mill Lane (west of North Leverton windmill), and Springs Lane (west of Sturton Le Steeple). Where temporary bell mouths and visibility splays are required, it is requested that the approach set out in our comments on Vegetation clearance assumptions to manage the vegetation rather than clear it is considered.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.10.12	Viewpoints	The viewpoints selected represent an appropriate range of receptors and are considered suitable and appropriate for the assessment of landscape and visual impacts.	Matter agreed. NCC recommend the inclusion of additional viewpoints and alternative locations of existing viewpoints which have been considered and added/amended.	01/2026	Agreed

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.10.13	Photomontages	The photomontages provided in **Application Document 6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 Visual** are considered appropriate are considered appropriate.	Given the scale and length of new OHPL proposed, NCC recommend a few additional photomontages are prepared. Suggested additions are as follows: a) Elevated views from the low hills west of the proposed new OHPL looking east. Potential locations could be viewpoint 5a/b or our additional viewpoint at Cowsland farm, Grove Rd - west of South Leverton, (see location information in comments on Chapter 7 Visual 7.5.77). b) Views from villages on the eastern edge of the low hills looking west towards the proposed new OHPL where no major industrial infrastructure is currently evident within the view. Potential locations could be viewpoints 10.10 Town Street (Treswell), 10.12 Retford Road (Woodbeck) or 10.14 Main Street (Stokeham looking west)	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

4.11 Climate Change

Table 4.11 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Climate Change

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC'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 6.19 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.	NCC await **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** to confirm their position on this matter.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.2	Study area	The study area set out in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** is considered appropriate.	NCC await **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** to confirm their position on this matter.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.3	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**.	NCC await **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** to confirm their position on this matter.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for the assessment set out in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** is considered appropriate.	NCC await **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** in order to confirm their position.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors are presented in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental**	NCC await **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** to confirm their position on this matter.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

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		Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change and considered appropriate.			
4.11.6	Mitigation Measures	In line with the mitigation hierarchy measures to mitigate the effects on climate change are set out in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** and these are considered appropriate.	NCC await **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** to confirm their position on this matter.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.11.7	Assessment Conclusions	An assessment of effects is presented in **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** and is considered appropriate.	NCC await **Application Document 6.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Climate Change** to confirm their position on this matter.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

4.12 Traffic and Transport

Table 4.12 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in Relation to Traffic and Transport

ID	Matter	Agreed Position (working towards)	NCC's Position (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	Date (last discussed / date agreed)	Status
4.12.1	Policy and legislation	In discussions with Nottinghamshire CC to date, National Grid have established the use of the following guidance: • Safety at Street Works and Road Works A Code of Practice	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement**	30/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		'Red Book' – Department for Transport, October 2013. • The Design Manual for Roads and Bridges – National Highways • Environmental Assessment of Traffic and Movement (EATM) Guidance - Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA), 2023 The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Traffic and Transport assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** and **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	**Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.12.2	Study area	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report **Application Document 6.5.A2 S Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Matter agreed. The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 Scoping Opinion** received from the Planning Inspectorate	18/10/2023	Agreed

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4.12.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** and **Application Document 7.15 Transport Assessment** and is considered appropriate.	No baseline or source data to compare forecasts against and no breakdown vehicle movement (for construction) forecast. NCC awaits **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** in order to confirm their agreement.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology is set out within **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** and **Application Document 7.15 Transport Assessment,** and considered to be suitable	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** and **Application Document 7.15 Transport Assessment** in order to confirm their agreement.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Traffic and Transport are presented in **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** in order to confirm their agreement.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.6	Mitigation Measures	The mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Traffic and Transport effects, are set out in **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport**. This includes the **Application Document 7.4 Outline**	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** and **Application Document 7.4 Outline Traffic Management Plan** in order to confirm their agreement.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		Traffic Management Plan which includes all relevant mitigation measures and traffic routing. The mitigation measures are considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. National Grid will continue to engage with NCC on this matter.			
4.12.7	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14Traffic and Transport**. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. National Grid will continue to engage with NCC on this matter.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** in order to confirm their agreement.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.8	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** and is considered appropriate. It sets out the main impact on the highway network will be during the construction phase although work will occur along the length of the project so work in a given area will be shorter than the overall construction programme. Construction	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Traffic and Transport** in order to confirm their agreement.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		works will be arriving at/ leaving the Site outside of peak construction hours.			
4.12.9	Outline CTMP	The approach to the OCTMP has been discussed at meetings including the meeting held on 15 January. During these discussions, the Applicant confirmed that an OCTMP will be submitted with the DCO application and will set out the overarching framework for managing construction traffic impacts. NCC indicated it is content with the proposed principles, including advance notice requirements for TTROs and ongoing communication with both the authority and the public regarding planned works. The Council will be provided with a draft copy of the OCTMP prior to submission to enable confirmation of its acceptability. Both parties will continue to engage on finalising the document. The parties are in agreement that an OCTMP will be submitted as part of the DCO application, with detailed measures to be secured by Requirement and further developed post-consent. The OCTMP will include provisions relating to construction routeing, HGV management, workforce movements, traffic management	NCC has confirmed it is content with the proposed approach of including an OCTMP secured through the DCO. They have also confirmed they are content with the inclusion of a 3-month advance notification period via a protective provision and a minimum 21-day notice period prior to commencement of works affecting the highway network. The Council require sight of the draft OCTMP prior to submission to confirm its acceptability.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		measures, and stakeholder engagement, including communications relating to planned works. It will also include commitments regarding advance notice of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs).			
4.12.10	Construction Traffic Flows	Construction traffic flows and Primary Access Routes (PARs) have been discussed as part of ongoing engagement between the parties. The Applicant has assessed HGV movements, workforce trips and peak construction activity associated with the various phases of the Proposed Development. This is set out in **Application Document 7.15 Transport Assessment** and is considered appropriate. The parties are working towards agreement that the Applicant's construction flow forecasts, including HGV and workforce movements across all construction phases, provide a robust and proportionate assessment of likely impacts on the local highway network.	Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) is awaiting the **Application Document 7.15 Transport Assessment** and information on Applicant's updated the construction traffic information, including confirmation of Primary Access Routes (PARs), to review the robustness of the construction traffic assumptions and their distribution across the network.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.11	Route for securing Temporary Traffic Regulation	This approach has been discussed at regular meetings with the Local Highway Authority (LHA) and was confirmed and agreed at a meeting on 15/1/26. And again at the meeting	Subject to appropriate notices being required by the DCO (noted at 2) The inclusion of a 3-month advance notification period via a protective provision and a minimum 21-day	30/07/2026	Under Discussion

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	Orders (TTROs)	on 2/4/26 where the Project confirmed that it is intending to include the notification process within the DCO and National Grid are intending to issue a 3 month rolling programme to the LHA to ensure that they are kept up to speed on what is planned. It is also intended to set up a working group with the LHA, NG, the contractor, and other stakeholders. This will be set out within the OCTMP. It has been agreed that the TTROs will be secured as part of the DCO.	notice period prior to commencement of works affecting the highway network.		
4.12.12	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO) speed limits	This has been discussed at regular meetings with the LHA along with structured workshops held in September and October 2025 and more recently at a workshop on 15/1/26 where an excel based log was shared with the LHA. The speed limit reductions proposed on the approach to the bellmouths are based on red book guidance and have been suggested where bellmouths are located on high speed roads and a reduction is required for the safety of road users. Comments were received from the LHA on 3/2/26, setting out a number of comments. These included a raised	NCC questions the approach of using speed limit reductions to manage traffic outside of the bellmouths as road users compliance to the reduced speed limits can be limited in practice. The Project are reviewing this and discussing it with the LHA.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		concern regarding the reliance on temporary reduced speed limits as the primary safety measure, noting that experience shows that compliance with temporary speed limits tends to reduce the longer they remain in place, and this may not provide a robust long-term safety solution. This was also discussed during the workshop where the Project noted that the inclusion of a speed limit reduction is there for safety reasons. Removing it from the proposal because the public may choose to ignore it doesn't justify not including them. The Project will be taking onboard the comments from the LHA including how we can best manage speed/traffic on roads where there are bellmouths. This will continue to be discussed once the information on traffic numbers is available and to ensure we can reach common ground on these points. Working towards agreement of the proposed speed limit reductions on the approach to proposed bellmouths which will be secured through TTROs through the DCO.			

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4.12.13	TTRO Closures/diversions	Discussions on TTROs and diversion routes have taken place through a series of engagements, including a workshop held on 15 January 2026 along with feedback from the LHA. Adjustments were made by the project and a subsequent excel tracker-based was issued on the 26 March 2026. Positive feedback was received from the LHA on 9 April 2026. Comments have been recorded and tracked through Excel-based trackers capturing agreed and outstanding matters. Further feedback has refined diversion routes, closure extents, and introduced additional requirements relating to construction coordination. The Applicant is reviewing these matters and confirms that the TTROs for closures and diversions will be secured through the DCO and the OCTMP, with ongoing engagement to resolve any outstanding technical points. The parties are working towards agreement on a series of proposed closures/diversions that will be required to facilitate construction works associated with the Proposed Development. The Applicant's approach is to maximise use of planned closures to undertake multiple activities where	NCC has confirmed that the proposed diversion routes are acceptable in principle, subject to refinement and appropriate construction programme management.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		practicable, coordinated through the OCTMP.			
4.12.14	TTRO Traffic Management (signals)	Discussions on TTROs relating to traffic management signals have taken place through a series of engagements, including a workshop held on 15 January 2026, with written feedback received on 5 March 2026 and subsequent correspondence. Comments have been recorded and tracked through Excel-based trackers capturing agreed and outstanding matters. Further feedback has refined the proposals. The Applicant is reviewing these matters and confirms that TTRO strategy will be secured through the OCTMP, with ongoing engagement to resolve any outstanding technical points. Working towards agreement of the proposed Traffic Management (signals).	NCC has confirmed that they have are generally satisfied with the instances of traffic signals proposed subject to attempts being made reduce the traffic management across the project area in NCC to only where it is strictly necessary; and that some specific adjustments being made within Misterton, North Leverton and Treswell to limit the impact on residents and to replace the proposed signals in Misterton with a no waiting TTRO.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.15	TTRO parking suspensions	Parking beat survey proposals were sent to the LHA for approval/comment in July 2025, they were approved 3/7/25. These were refreshed in late	NCC has questioned the scale of the parking suspensions proposed and are awaiting further data on construction traffic numbers to inform their	30/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		2025. These surveys were completed in early 2026. On 6 February 2026 a workshop was held where parking suspension proposals were presented. This information was shared on 12 February 2026 with feedback received on 4 March 2026. The LHA questioned the scale of the parking suspensions proposed and have requested further data on proposed construction traffic numbers to inform their subsequent review. They highlighted that there is likely to be complaints from local residents due to duration and scale. The Applicant is progressing these matters through the OCTMP and ongoing engagement. The parties are working towards agreement that the proposed parking restrictions are appropriate to support construction traffic and minimise impacts.	subsequent comments. They highlighted that there is likely to be complaints from local residents.		
4.12.16	Disapplication of existing Traffic Regulation Orders (Weight	Discussions commenced on 22 May 2025, with TRO documentation shared in parts between then and 30 June 2025. The Applicant has confirmed it	NCC acknowledges the restriction and the Applicant's intention to rely on DCO disapplication powers, and requires clarity on extent, duration, and impacts.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion

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	Limits – 18 tonne covering Sturton Le Steeple Area)	will seek disapplication through the DCO where necessary. It has been agreed by the Applicant that the Proposed Development will seek disapplication of the existing 18 tonne weight restriction covering the Sturton Le Steeple Area via provisions within the DCO, where required to facilitate construction traffic movements.			
4.12.17	Bellmouth Locations	Bellmouth locations and numbers have been discussed over an extended period in 2025 and 2026 and tracked through workshops and Excel logs. A detailed workshop was held on 15 January 2026 with the excel data issued 19 January 2026. Comments were returned from the LHA on 3 February 2026. The locations of the bellmouths are considered to be suitable, subject to final design details and subject to appropriate phasing/construction programming. The parties are working towards agreement on the location of the bellmouth access points.	NCC agrees in principle with the locations of the bellmouths, subject to final design details and the Project factoring their comments on coordination of works and appropriately managing construction traffic and existing road users which will be covered by the OCTMP and ongoing engagement.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion

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4.12.18	Bellmouth Indicative Construction Design	An indicative construction drawing was shared on 22 September 2025 and discussed on 25 September 2025 showing compacted hardcore with a asphalt topping to match the highway, Asphalt tie-in, and kerbing. Comments were received prior to the meeting on 22/9/25. The approach is considered suitable, with final details to be agreed. In a workshop on 15 January 2026, NCCs preference for bound surfacing materials was reiterated. The parties are in agreement on the indicative design and construction methodology for the bellmouth access points.	NNC agrees in principle, subject to final design details.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.19	Highway Widening	Proposals were presented on 6 February 2026 and updated proposals factoring in some of the comments raised during the meeting were issued on 12 February 2026. Feedback to these was received from the LHA on 4 March 2026. The LHA were asked to confirm the acceptability of the widening proposals on Cornley Road and also to confirm their preference on reinstating or retaining the widened elements. This	NCC has questioned the widening of Cornley Road and is awaiting further information from the Project. On reinstatement or retention, the LHA noted that where it would cause issues, reinstate, where it's a public benefit retain.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		is intended to provide the Project with flexibility moving forward. The LHA questioned if the extent of widening proposed was required and if deliveries could instead be managed along with some form of traffic management. The Project is due to provide the LHA with further information to justify the proposals. On reinstatement or retention, the LHA noted that where it would cause issues, reinstate, where it's a public benefit retain. Following initial discussions on the retention of the highway widening post delivery, the Applicant has now taken the decision to reinstate the road widening, post delivery of the Project. The retention of the road widening was considered unfeasible due to environmental impacts. The parties are working towards agreement that proposed highway widening works are appropriate to support construction traffic and minimise impacts and to seek			

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		confirmation on whether NCC would be open to retaining the widened highway following Project completion.			
4.12.20	DNO Works	Proposals were presented on 6 February 2026 and updated proposals factoring in some of the comments raised during the meeting were issued on 12 February 2026, with feedback received on 4 March 2026. It identified a number of constrained and sensitives across the highway network. In particular, concerns were raised regarding closures on routes that sever an impact strategic or local function, including principal roads, key links between settlements and routes used as alternatives for restricted vehicles. NCC also highlighted the need to maintain access to properties, agricultural land, and critical infrastructure, particularly on dead-end roads. The Project has taken on board this feedback and will continue to work with the LHA.	NCC has raised concerns regarding the use of full road closures to facilitate DNO works, particularly on key routes and where closures would result in significant disruption to local communities or the wider highway network. NCC has indicated a preference that closures are only used where absolutely necessary, are limited in duration and that alternative traffic management measures are considered wherever practicable.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		The parties are working towards agreement on the approach to delivering DNO works associated with the Project.			
4.12.21	Temporary road closures and diversions required for overhead line stringing	The Applicant has prepared diversion packs for stringing closures, which were shared 23/4/26, along with a minor update on 27/4/26. The Council returned their comments 30/4/26. They are happy with the proposed diversion of Tindale Road, other than to note that there is a level crossing on Idle Bank which needs to be managed. They questioned the proposed diversion of the A631 and suggested an alternative route. And Wood Lane was acceptable subject to appropriate notice being given to residents. The Applicant has considered the comments, and changes requested, and actioned the necessary amendments to the diversions. The Applicant has agreed with the NCC an extend road closure on Ashley Lane, instead of the previously proposed use of scaffold as crossing protection. Confirmed in email dated 26/06/26.	NCC have returned their comments on the proposals.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion
4.12.22	Approach to Highway Safety Review	The Applicant issued a methodology document titled *"North Humber to High Marnham – Approach to Highway Safety Review"* to NCC on 4 February	NCC has confirmed that it has no issues with the proposed approach to the Highway Safety Review as set out in the Applicant's methodology	30/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		2026. This outlined how highway safety would be considered as part of the Transport Assessment, including the identification of potential risks and appropriate mitigation measures. The Council's Head of Traffic Management responded on 5 February 2026 confirming that, they had no issues with the proposed approach subject to receipt of further information on traffic flows and traffic management. The Applicant subsequently confirmed that it would follow up with the Council regarding its preferences for traffic management. The parties will continue to engage on this matter as the Transport Assessment and DCO drafting progresses. The parties are in agreement on the approach to the highway safety review	document subject to receipt of further information on traffic flows and traffic management. The Applicant will continue to engage with the Council to agree any requirements for post-consent safety review processes to be secured through the DCO.		
4.12.23	Public Rights of Way (PRoW).	Engagement has taken place since early 2025 and more recently included meetings on 4 September 2025 and 12 December 2025 and subsequent correspondence indicating a positive position. A revised PRoW package was issued on 27 March 2026 following design freeze 4. It included updates driven by	NCC considers the position positive and generally acceptable in principle, subject to final alignment confirmation and consideration of guidance comments.	30/07/2026	Under Discussion

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		environmental constraints and required bridge solutions. Partial comments were received on 13 April 2026 and responded to on 13 April 2026. The proposals were largely noted as being acceptable subject to taking on board the guidance given. The Applicant is progressing these matters. The parties are working towards agreement on PRoW diversions required to facilitate construction, including temporary and permanent changes associated with OHL works.			
4.12.24	PRoW definitive mapping and accuracy check	The Applicant undertook a review of the digitised definitive map provided by the Council, the Project's own mapping, and photographic records of the PRoW network. The results of this assessment highlighted several potential discrepancies which were presented in a spreadsheet issued to the Council for review on 2 April 2026. NCC have highlighted that they can't yet give any agreement on changes to the definitive map lines as they need to go through legal orders, however	NCC have requested the use of the Definitive Map, not to use any alternative PRoW mapping.	30/07/2026	Agreed

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		highlighted in a meeting on 23/4/26 that the Project should follow the existing mapping. The Applicant has now agreed the use of the Definitive Map on all relevant plans & figures, including presenting temporary closures and diversions. The PRoW management plan is going to be prepared shortly, and shared with NCC following submission of the DCO.			

4.13 Intra-Project Cumulative Effects

Table 4.13 – Matters Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Intra-Project Cumulative Effects

ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.13.1	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.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** vin order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

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4.13.2	Receptors	The assessment considered residual effects only as presented in section 9 of each of the technical ES Chapters (**Application Documents 6.6 - 6.18)**. Where multiple types of effects are already considered within one chapter, the findings are not repeated in the intra-project cumulative effects assessment. As such these receptors are not considered within the intra-project cumulative effects assessment.	NCC awaits **Application Documents 6.6-6.18** and **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.13.3	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.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.13.4	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.	NCC awaits **Application Documents 6.6-6.18** and **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

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4.13.5	Mitigation Measures	Mitigation measures are set out within **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** and are considered to be suitable and appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.13.6	Assessment Conclusions	The results of the assessment of impacts on inter and intra cumulative developments are set out within **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** with impacts considered to be acceptable following the implementation of mitigation measures where required.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Intra-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

4.14 Inter-Project Cumulative Effects

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ID	Matter	**Agreed Position** (working towards)	**NCC's Position** (including actions to be taken by National Grid)	**Date** (last discussed / date agreed)	**Status**
4.14.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Cumulative Effects assessment is presented in **Application Document 6.2**	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

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		Environmental Statement Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context and **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.			
4.14.2	Study area	The study area for Cumulative Effects set out in **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project Cumulative effects** is considered appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.14.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** and is considered appropriate	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.14.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessment set out within **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** is considered appropriate and sufficient.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.14.5	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Cumulative Effects are presented within the environmental topic	One Earth Solar Farm project to be included in CEA long list.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

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		chapters (Chapters 6 – 19 of the ES). The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.		
4.14.6	Mitigation Measures	Mitigation measures are set out within **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** and are considered to be suitable and appropriate.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion
4.14.7	Assessment Conclusions	The results of the assessment of impacts on inter and intra cumulative developments are set out within **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** with impacts considered to be acceptable following the implementation of mitigation measures where required.	NCC awaits **Application Document 6.21 Environmental Statement Chapter 21 Inter-project cumulative effects** in order to confirm their agreement.	10/08/2026	Under Discussion

5. Matters Not Agreed

5.1 Overview

This section details the matters relevant to NCC 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 Nottinghamshire County Council 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 Nottinghamshire County Council:

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