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To National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) Plc

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN020034

Date: 4 November 2026

By email only

Dear [redacted]

Planning Act 2008 – section 55

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc for an order granting development consent for the North Humber to High Marnham project

Request for signposting information

The above application was received on 16 October 2026 and the deadline for a decision on whether to accept the application for examination must be made by 13 November 2026.

To assist the Planning Inspectorate in reaching a decision on acceptance we are requesting signposting information as listed below. The Planning Inspectorate cannot accept any further or new information from the applicant at this stage, therefore please limit your response to stating where the relevant information is provided within the application documents submitted. Please provide your response by close of business on Monday 9 November 2026.

The Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report rules out an adverse effect on the integrity of the Humber Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar site from the loss of, or disturbance to users of, functionally linked land (FLL). This is subject to the provision of a 46 hectares of alternative foraging habitat for pink footed goose, golden plover, lapwing and curlew. We ask that the applicant signposts us to relevant information within the application documents regarding:

- how the site location for mitigation land has been chosen
- the present condition and disturbance profile of the land, including whether it could be considered to already be functionally linked land
- the rationale for the size of the mitigation area
- information to demonstrate that a single site would be ecologically suitable for all of the species identified

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- rationale as to why the mitigation land is not also proposed for greylag goose
- details of the works required to improve the existing land, how it would be managed and secured, and relevant responsibilities
- details of proposed success criteria and any trigger thresholds for adaptive management
- timescales for implementation and operation of the mitigation land
- the impacts the creation of the land could have on existing species that rely on the land
- explanation for the assessment presented in section 9 diverging from the 1km disturbance buffer for breeding birds (proposed in table 5.1 of the HRA Report)
- details of a survey programme and timescales for a phase 1 habitat survey of the mitigation land
- access and biosecurity arrangements for the mitigation site(s)
- methodology for baseline and post-implementation monitoring of the habitats and qualifying features
- compliance and reporting processes to the relevant discharging authority
- environmental data sharing processes
- any consents, licenses, and approvals needed for implementation.

Please provide the requested signposting information by 5:00pm on **Monday 9 November 2026**.

Yours sincerely

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