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For the attention of [REDACTED], Case Officer – National Infrastructure

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Your Reference EN020036

Dear [REDACTED]

Grimsby to Walpole Project

Notice to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero pursuant to section 46 of the Planning Act 2008

I am writing to provide notification under section 46(1) of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act") of the intention of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (National Grid) to commence a targeted statutory consultation under section 42 and section 47 of the Act with regard to route Section 5: New Weston Marsh Substations A and B of the proposed application for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") for the Grimsby to Walpole project ("the Project"). Additionally, further consultation on the Project as a whole will be progressed concurrently to ensure all prescribed consultees have been consulted.

The Grimsby to Walpole Project

The Project involves the construction of approximately 140 km of new overhead transmission lines from Grimsby to Walpole, associated new substations in the vicinity of Grimsby, Mablethorpe, Spalding Tee-Point in South Holland District and Walpole, and other associated required works.

The Project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Act and requires an application for development consent to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. The development consent being sought will include a number of other provisions, including those which authorise the compulsory acquisition of land and rights over land, if necessary, to construct and maintain the Project.

For the purpose of assessment, the Project has been split into seven Sections. At the time of our initial Stage 2 (statutory) consultation, these were:

- Route Section 1 - New Grimsby West Substation;
- Route Section 2 – New Grimsby West Substation to new Lincolnshire Connection Substation A;
- Route Section 3 – New Lincolnshire Connection Substations A and B;
- Route Section 4 - New Lincolnshire Connection Substation B to Refined Weston Marsh Substation Siting Zone;
- Route Section 5 - Refined Weston Marsh Substation Siting Zone;
- Route Section 6 - Refined Weston Marsh Substation Siting Zone to Walpole B Substation; and
- Route Section 7 - New Walpole B Substation

A detailed description of the route sections is contained in Chapter 5 of the Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR)

At the time of the initial Stage 2 (statutory) consultation, Route section 5, then called the 'Refined Weston Marsh Substation Siting Zone', outlined the proposed area for up to two new substations in the Weston Marsh area. Unlike other sections, detailed information for Route section 5 was not available at that time.

Since then, we have listened to feedback, engaged with energy generators, and carried out further surveys. As a result, we have developed a more detailed design for what is now called Route section 5: New Weston Marsh Substations A and B.

During this time, we identified further prescribed consultee's who were not specifically consulted during the Stage 2 (statutory) consultation and as such they are now being provided with the relevant consultation materials and we are inviting their views on the Project as a whole, plus the targeted statutory consultation concurrently.

The targeted consultation presents the further design work undertaken specific to route Section 5, with the same level of detail that was previously shared for other Route sections at Stage 2.

Section 5: New Weston Marsh Substations A and B

The construction of two new 400kV substations (referred to as the New Weston Marsh Substation A and New Weston Marsh Substation B) are proposed within Section 5:

- A new Weston Marsh Substation A providing a 400 kV Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) substation and associated works with connection for up to 12 bays located east of Marsh Road; and
- A new Weston Marsh Substation B providing a 400kV AIS substation located north of Stone Gate with up to fourteen connection bays.

A series of works to the Overhead Lines (OHL) and underground cables are also proposed within Section 5 comprising:

- Diversion of approximately 2.8 km of existing OHLs to connect into the New Weston Marsh Substation A and the New Weston Marsh Substation B.
- Reconductoring of approximately 1.1 km of OHLs from twin to triple conductors;
- Diversion of approximately 2.1 km of existing OHLs to connect into the New Weston Marsh Substation B;
- Dismantling of approximately 3.6 km of the existing OHLs;
- Repurposing of a 1.7 km section of the existing OHLs to form part of new 400 kV overhead line connection between the New Weston Marsh Substation A and the new Walpole Substation B;
- Temporary diversions of approximately 1.4 km of existing OHLs during the construction works; and
- An approximately 3.05 km long section of new 400 kV underground cable from the New Weston Marsh Substation A continuing in a south direction to the New Weston Marsh Substation B.

We are also proposing a phased approach to construction to deliver part of Weston Marsh Substation A earlier, allowing a connection to Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind by 2030.

A detailed description of the Route section 5: New Weston Marsh Substations A and B is contained in Chapter 5 of the Supplementary Preliminary Environmental Information Report (SPEIR).

Consultation Material

The consultation period for both the whole route and targeted statutory consultations is due to begin on **Tuesday 18th November 2025** and end at 23:59 on **Friday 19th December 2025**.

In accordance with section 46 of the Act, please find enclosed the materials being supplied to consultees for the targeted statutory consultation under section 42 of the Act:ⁱ

- Section 42(1)(a-c) Prescribed Consultee Notification Letters;
- Section 42(1)(d) Consultee Notification Letters;
- Copy of the notice to be published in accordance with section 48 of the Act;
- Feedback form; and
- Community Newsletter

National Grid will also publish a notice in both local and national newspapers as required under section 48 of the Act in order to publicise the proposed application. As required by section 47 of the Act, notice of the publication of the Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) is being published in relevant newspapers.

Consultation documents previously presented for the Stage 2 consultation (June – August 2025) in relation to the whole of the Project will be available to view online on the project website at nationalgrid.com/g-w: and will comprise the following:

- **Stage 2 consultation document:** provides an overview of the Project, summarising our technical documents and providing information on how to take part in the consultation.
- **Feedback form:** to gather consultation comments and feedback, this can be completed online or in paper copy.
- **Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR):** sets out the preliminary findings from the environmental studies and assessments we are carrying out to develop our proposals.
- **Non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEIR:** a summary of the PEIR in non-technical language.
- **Design development report (DDR):** details the design work we have undertaken to date, focussing on the works since the Stage 1 (non-statutory) consultation.
- **Community newsletter:** provides a high-level overview of our proposals and details of how to get involved in the consultation.
- **2024 Stage 1 consultation feedback report:** summarises the feedback we received during the Stage 1 (non-statutory) consultation in 2024 and how we have considered this feedback.
- **Updated strategic options report:** providing an updated overview of the appraisal approach we have used to date to consider strategic options.
- **Interactive map:** online map of the proposed route alignment. A postcode or address can be entered to view pylon locations
- **Maps of our proposals:** overview map and individual section maps showing the proposed alignment, sectioned by geographical area, with further maps to highlight features considered as part of the routing and siting process.
- **Guide to interacting with our consultation plans:** A guide outlining the consultation maps and plans, and how to use them.
- **Statement of community consultation (SoCC):** sets out how we are carrying out this consultation. The SoCC was developed in consultation with relevant local authorities.

For the targeted statutory consultation in relation to Route section 5, the following consultation material will be available to consultees and other stakeholders on the project website:

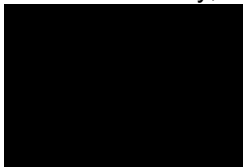
- **Weston Marsh targeted consultation document:** provides an overview of the project and the requirement for the targeted consultation.

- **Community newsletter:** provides a high-level overview of our proposals and details of how to get involved in the consultation.
- **Feedback form:** to gather consultation comments and feedback, this can be completed online or in paper copy.
- **Supplementary Preliminary Environmental Information Report (SPEIR):** sets out the preliminary findings from the environmental studies and assessments we are carrying out to develop our proposals, targeted to the Section 5.
- **Non-technical summary (NTS) of the SPEIR:** a summary of the SPEIR in non-technical language.
- **Supplementary Design development report:** details the design work we have undertaken to date, focussing on the works since the Stage 1 (non-statutory) consultation at route Section 5.
- **Route section 5 feedback report:** provides a summary of the feedback received during the Stage 1 and 2 consultations regarding Section 5 and how this feedback has been considered.
- **Project plans / Project area maps:** overview map and individual section maps showing the proposed alignment, sectioned by geographical area, with further maps to highlight features considered as part of the routing and siting process.
- **Consultation banners:** provides information on how to take part in the consultation.
- **Interactive project map:** online map of the proposed route alignment. A postcode or address can be entered to view pylon locations.
- **Consultation notices:** provides information on how to take part in the consultation.
- **Weston Marsh targeted consultation approach document:** outlines how the consultation is being undertaken in accordance with the Grimsby to Walpole Statement of Community Consultation.
- **Guide to interacting with our consultation plans:** a guide outlining the consultation maps and plans, and how to use them.
- **Updated Strategic Options Report:** provides an overview of the appraisal approach we have used to consider strategic options.

In addition to the website, consultation materials will be available at a series of public information events. Copies of some materials including the Weston Marsh targeted consultation document, Community newsletter, Feedback form and community benefit survey will also be available to view at local information points within the vicinity of the Project.

I would be grateful for confirmation of safe receipt of this letter and enclosures. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED], Senior Planning and Consents Manager - Grimsby to Walpole ([REDACTED]@nationalgrid.com) or [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@arup.com).

Yours sincerely,



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