

The Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

c/o The Planning Inspectorate

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For the attention of Ewen Keates

13 May 2025

Your reference EN0210003

Dear Ewen

EASTERN GREEN LINK 3 AND EASTERN GREEN LINK 4

NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 46 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (the **Applicant**) writes in connection with the Eastern Green Link 3 (**EGL 3**) and Eastern Green Link 4 (**EGL 4**) projects (the **Projects**). The English offshore and onshore elements of each of EGL 3 and EGL 4 (the **Proposed Developments**) form the basis of this application for development consent.

In accordance with section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (**PA 2008**), the Applicant is providing formal notification of its intention to make an application to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order for the Proposed Developments. Detailed below is the required information as will be supplied to consultees in compliance with section 42 of the PA 2008.

On 29 February 2024, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero issued two separate directions pursuant to section 35 of the PA 2008 that each of the Proposed Developments independently should be treated as a development for which development consent is required. The Applicant subsequently decided that the Proposed Developments were to be consented by way of one development consent order (**DCO**), given the nature and proximity of the works.

About the Proposed Developments

The Proposed Developments consist of two offshore high voltage electricity links between Scotland and England, with converter stations and associated onshore infrastructure, which will each provide an additional 2GW of transmission capacity.

The Proposed Developments will comprise permanent and temporary infrastructure including, but not limited to the following elements:

- two converter stations in the Walpole area, with one converter station for EGL 3 and one for EGL 4
- offshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) cables. In English waters, EGL 3's cable would be approximately 436 km long and EGL 4's would be approximately 425 km long
- transition joint bays to connect our offshore and onshore HVDC cables, located onshore near to our proposed cables landfall at Anderby Creek on the Lincolnshire coastline
- onshore underground HVDC cables running together for approximately 100 km from the joint landfall at Anderby Creek to the EGL 3 and EGL 4 converter stations in the Walpole area, West Norfolk
- one substation in the Walpole area, called Walpole B, where both EGL 3 and EGL 4's Walpole converter stations would connect to and then onto the electricity transmission network (this substation is also jointly proposed as part of NGET's Grimsby to Walpole project)
- underground high voltage alternating current (HVAC) cables that would connect the converter stations into the substation
- supplementary works to the existing 400 kV overhead line to enable a connection with the new Walpole substation
- the temporary and permanent compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights which are required for (or to facilitate or are incidental to) the Proposed Developments

Consultation

The consultation under section 42 of the PA 2008 for the Proposed Developments will open at 12pm noon on 13th May and close at 11:59pm on 23rd June 2025 (with postal feedback accepted until 30th June).

The Applicant will commence consultation by issuing an email or letter (the **Consultation Email/Letter**) accompanied by instructions on how to access to the consultation documents (the **Consultation Documents**) to consultees, on or around 13 May 2025.

A notice pursuant to section 48 'Duty to publicise' of the PA 2008 will be published nationally in The Guardian on 13 May 2025 and the London Gazette on 13 May 2025, and locally in newspapers circulating in the vicinity of the Proposed Developments as detailed in our Statement of Community Consultation.

The Consultation Documents to be provided to consultees will be available on the Project website, with details of how to access the document contained in the Consultation Email / Letter. The list of documents includes:

- Stage 2 Consultation Document, which outlines the Proposed Developments and consultation events;
- General Arrangement Plans showing the locations and extent of the Proposed Developments;
- Feedback form, which provides a structured method for consultees to provide their feedback;
- Statement of Community Consultation, which sets out how the Applicant will consult local communities during statutory consultation;

- Consultation newsletter, a short summary of the EGL 3 and EGL 4 projects and consultation details;
- a copy of the notice published pursuant to section 48 of the PA 2008 and Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations;
- the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which details potential environmental effects of the Proposed Developments, and its Non-Technical Summary.

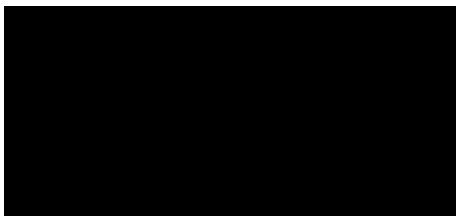
The full suite of Consultation Documents, along with a copy of our letter issued pursuant to section 42 of the PA 2008 and the relevant notices pursuant to section 47 and 48 of the PA 2008, can be found on the Projects' website at nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4 from 12pm noon on 13 May 2025 and will be available until the end of the consultation period.

Printed copies of the Stage 2 consultation document, Consultation newsletter, Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR and the Statement of Community Consultation will also be available to view free of charge for the duration of the consultation at local information points listed in our Statement of Community Consultation.

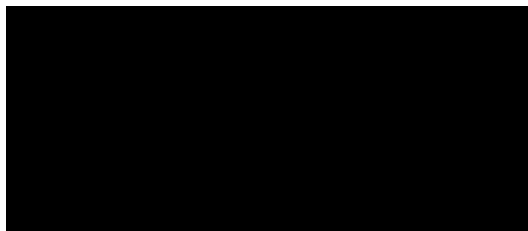
The Secretary of State can access our consultation documents on the Projects' website stated above, but should an alternative format be required please let us know.

We look forward to receiving the Secretary of State's acknowledgement of the Applicant's notification of the Proposed Application pursuant to section 46 of the PA 2008. In the meantime, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at: contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com.

Yours sincerely,

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Project Director, Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3)

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Project Director, Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 4)