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Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team

**Application for a development consent order for A46 Newark Bypass (Reference: TR010065)  
National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc – Outstanding Objection**

We continue to act on behalf of National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc ("**NGED**").

NGED remains the licensed distribution network operator under Section 6 Electricity Act 1989 (the "**EA1989**") for the area in which the A46 Newark Bypass Consent Order 202[X] (the "**Order**") is proposed to have effect and which was submitted by National Highways (the "**Applicant**").

We note that the Examining Authority wrote and sent its Recommendation Report to the Secretary of State on 1 July 2025.

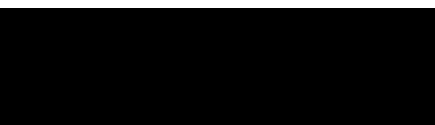
In light of this and, for the avoidance of doubt, we wanted to confirm that **NGED's objection to the project remains outstanding**.

We submitted a relevant representation on behalf of NGED on 12 July 2024 (the "**Relevant Representation**"). This Relevant Representation detailed that this served as a holding objection to the Order until asset protection arrangements have been agreed between the parties. Only once NGED was satisfied that its network would be protected with such arrangements in place, would the objection be withdrawn.

We (on behalf of NGED) and the Applicant's representatives have been liaising to agree a suitable form of protective provisions along with a supplemental commercial side agreement (the "**Agreements**"). We are pleased to inform that the Agreements are in engrossed form and approved by both NGED and the Applicant. We will be able to remove NGED's holding representation once the Agreements have completed, which has not yet occurred, but we expect to happen shortly.

Please let us know if we can provide any further information as to NGED's position at this time.

Yours sincerely,



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