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Sent by Email to:
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Dear Mr McKenna

Re: The National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (Scotland to England Green Link 2)
Compulsory Purchase Order 2023

Our Client: Driffield Navigation Trust
Client's Address: c/o 57 Main Street, Cranswick, Driffield, East Yorkshire, YO25 9QN
Plot Ref.: 35/990c, 35/991

This letter is submitted on behalf of our Client in objection to specific rights and plots of land being included within The National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (Scotland to England Green Link 2) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023 ("the CPO").

Our Client is the owner of plots 35/990c and 35/991 which are sections of the Driffield Navigation Canal. A copy of the notice issued to our Client has not been provided to us but our assumption is that Acquisition of Access Rights and Temporary Access Rights is sought over 35/990c along with Acquisition of Electricity Infrastructure Construction Rights and HVDC Rights over 35/991.

The rights sought by the DCO over plot 35/990d relate to access across a bridge owned by our Client in order to access third party land. Although negotiations are progressing with National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc ("NGET") in relation to the use of the bridge, to date no clear indication of the level of access required has been provided. Our Client is a registered charity that has had to raise funds through various charitable activities in order to replace and maintain the bridge. By doing so the bridge was replaced in approximately 2019 with a structure that is designed to carry a gross train weight of 44 tonne. Had the previous bridge still been in place it would not have been suitable for NGET's use. It does not appear fair or just that NGET should be able to seek rights under the CPO which would exploit a bridge installed by a registered charity which would otherwise have not been suitable for their use.


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Plot 35/991 appears to be the Drifffield Navigation Canal and subsoil beneath it. To date no terms have been received by our Client from NGET or their representatives in relation the rights which they are seeking over this plot of land.

For the above reasons our Client wishes to object to the inclusion of rights over plots 35/990c and 35/991 in the CPO.

I trust that you will fully consider the above objection as part of the CPO examination process.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Julian', written in a cursive style.

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