

**DATE: 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

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**THE NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC (SCOTLAND TO ENGLAND  
GREEN LINK 2) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2023**

**STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND**

**(1) NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC  
AND  
(2) GARRY SLINGSBY**

**RULE 15 OF THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE (INQUIRIES PROCEDURE) RULES 2007**

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**NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC**

**THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989  
AND  
THE ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) made The National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (Scotland to England Green Link 2) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023 (the **Order**) on 5 September 2023 in respect of the English onshore elements of a subsea High Voltage Direct Current Link (HVDC) between Peterhead in Aberdeenshire and Drax in North Yorkshire (the **Project**).
- 1.2 Mark Broadhurst submitted an objection on behalf of Garry Slingsby to the Order dated 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (the **Objection**).
- 1.3 The Objection was based on Drainage. In particular, the Objection was based on Drainage, existing occupational rights, Intrusive surveys, ancillary rights and access (the **Objection Matters**):

**2. OBJECTION MATERS**

- 2.1 Since making the Order, NGET and Garry Slingsby have been engaged in order to ensure that Garry Slingsby has sufficient information to understand the implications of the Project and the Order for Garry Slingsby.
- 2.2 On 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023, NGET and Garry Slingsby met at Mr Slingsby’s holding in order to discuss the implications of the Project and the Order for Garry Slingsby and the Objection Matters. NGET provided details to Garry Slingsby in respect of each of the Objection Matters.
- 2.3 Mark Broadhurst is satisfied that he has sufficient information in respect of existing occupational rights, Intrusive surveys, ancillary rights and access which is agreed.
- 2.4 Mark Broadhurst is satisfied that he has been provided with information in respect of Drainage which is under negotiation.

Topic	Sub-section	Objector’s comment	EGL2 response	Status
Existing occupational rights	Offer made	Not enough payment offered to occupiers.	It is down to the landowner to seek their occupier’s consent for any rights that may be required by NGET that may lay with the tenant. It is down to the landowner and their occupier to agree on the split of consideration from NGET. This is a compensation matter and as such falls outside of the CPO scope.	<del>AGREED</del> NOT APPLICABLE
Drainage	Drainage Surveys	Lack of clarity over plan for drainage and concern that new drains will not	LDC have completed their drainage surveys and are confident that new drains will be compatible with existing drains.	IN NEGOTIATION

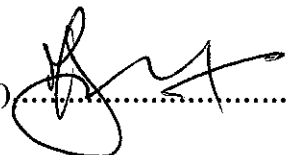
		link up with old drains.		
Drainage	Drainage Rights	Reservations for drainage rights have not been fully discussed.	This matter has been addressed through LDC's conceptual drainage design, which has been shared with the landowner.	<del>AGREED</del> IN NEGOTIATION
Drainage	Water Balancing Ponds	Lack of clarity over the definition, design, payment, restoration and how these will be addressed during construction.	NGET has committed to sharing more information regarding dewatering areas following the detailed design phase. NGET has agreed how these will be addressed via licence and voluntary negotiations.	IN NEGOTIATION
Ground Investigation	GI surveys and walkover surveys	Lack of clarity over results from GI works and walk over surveys.	NGET has committed to sharing more information regarding the results of the ground investigation works which will be carried out to inform the detailed design.	AGREED
Ancillary right	Access rights	No clarity whether ancillary rights are permanent or temporary. Permanent rights would be damaging for future sale.	Access rights explained during meeting and route agreed by all parties for temporary and permanent access.	AGREED
Intrusive surveys	Archaeology	Extent of Archaeological excavations is deemed excessive.	As instructed by county archaeologist; NGET are required to carry out the necessary excavations to be compliant with their planning requirements.	AGREED
Access	Rights over existing access tracks	Payment and future maintenance is yet to be agreed.	As above; all access routes have been agreed. NGET will not be responsible for maintenance of this track but will make good any damages to this track if access is taken.	<del>AGREED</del> NOT APPLICABLE
Decommission of the cable	Excavations	Will the cable be dug up and removed if the cable is decommissioned.	The cable will remain underground if the cable is decommissioned.	AGREED

**NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC**

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**AND**

**MARK BROADHURST for and on behalf of: GARRY SLINGSBY**

(SIGN)  ..... (AUTHORISED AGENT)

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