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BY POST AND E-MAIL

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Dear Sir or Madam

THE NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC (SCOTLAND TO ENGLAND GREEN LINK 1) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2023

We write on behalf of Mr Keith Davidson of 35 Weetwood Court, Weetwood, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS16 5NT to object to the above Order and proposed acquisition of land and new rights in the area of Seaham to Hawthorn Pit, County Durham pursuant to the Electricity Act 1989 and Acquisition of Land Act 1981.

Mr Davidson owns the freehold of land registered under title number DU259678.

We object to the proposed acquisition on the following grounds:

1. The Applicant has not provided sufficient details in respect of the scheme nor engaged adequately with Landowners.
2. The full extent of rights required by the Applicant, including access provisions following completion of the works have not been made clear.
3. Mr Davidson has contractual obligations to third parties occupying residential dwellings at Seaham Grange in respect of rights of access, and to prevent nuisance. The Applicant has not

provided sufficient details to demonstrate that they will not put Mr Davidson in breach of these agreements.

4. The Applicant has not sufficiently justified the need for the Scheme.
5. It is not agreed that the proposed route is the most suitable one available.
6. Due to the lack of engagement, it is not clear whether the Applicant is aware of non-agricultural development schemes currently being promoted on the land. A significant part of the land is currently under Option to a national housebuilder whose proposals for residential development would be impacted; and therefore, taking into account the greater level of compensation that would flow from acquiring or restricting the use of these areas, the Applicant has not demonstrated that they have secured adequate funding.
7. E&OE

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'CHorn', is positioned above the typed name and title.

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Partner

For and on behalf of George F White LLP