

**THE NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC (COTSWOLDS VISUAL
IMPACT PROVISION PROJECT) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2025**

SUMMARY PROOF OF EVIDENCE

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CHARTERED SURVEYOR, DALCOUR MACLAREN LTD

on behalf of

NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC

LANDOWNER NEGOTIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

9th OCTOBER 2025

1 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- 1.1 My name is Dominic George Rees, and I am a Chartered Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors employed by Dalcour Maclaren Ltd. I have ten years of professional experience in rural surveying, valuation, and the compulsory acquisition of land and land rights. Since 2017, my professional focus has been within the utilities and infrastructure sector.
- 1.2 DM were instructed in October 2021 by NGET in relation to the Project. My role has been to provide advice to NGET on all aspects of the impact of the Project and to enter into discussions and negotiations with landowners and other stakeholders.
- 1.3 Engagement with landowners and stakeholders has been proactive, sustained, and constructive since October 2021, with many voluntary agreements now at an advanced stage.
- 1.4 NGET has undertaken extensive efforts to secure the necessary land and rights through voluntary agreement and remains committed to continuing this approach wherever reasonably practicable.
- 1.5 NGET has complied with relevant Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) guidance, demonstrating a compelling case in the public interest and reasonable efforts to negotiate.
- 1.6 NGET has made adjustments to the Project to accommodate concerns raised by landowners and has agreed to implement bespoke mitigation works to mitigate the possible impact of the Project.
- 1.7 The majority of objections have either been withdrawn or are progressing towards resolution, with ongoing dialogue continuing in good faith. Only 4 objections remain, and it is hoped that further progress will be made prior to the Inquiry in respect of these outstanding objections.
- 1.8 Confirmation of the Order is essential to ensure timely delivery of the Project in accordance with its programme.

2 DECLARATION

- 2.1 I confirm that the evidence prepared for this Inquiry and contained within this statement of evidence are my true and professional opinions. I confirm that I have understood and complied with my duty to the Inquiry as an Expert Witness and have provided my evidence impartially and objectively. I confirm that I have no conflicts of interest.
- 2.2 I confirm that artificial intelligence has not been used to produce this statement of evidence.



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