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Dear Fahmida,

**Section 37 Overhead Line Works on the existing 400 kV 4ZM Lines in the vicinity of the Spalding Tee-Point, Surfleet Seas End and Moulton Seas End.**

Please find enclosed an application made on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission (National Grid) to the Secretary of State (SoS) for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 and deemed planning permission under Section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, for the installation of 0.9km of overhead line and removal of 0.7km of existing overhead line along the 4ZM line ('S37 4ZM Overhead Line Works').

This application also applies for a direction pursuant to section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ('Section 90 Direction') for deemed planning permission for these works and ancillary development, being haul roads, SuDs drainage, laydown areas, crossing protection and maintenance access associated with the S37 4ZM Overhead Line Works.

A separate application is sought for works to the 2WS line ('S37 2WS Overhead Line Works'). The combined lengths of the new Overhead Lines would be 1.8km, which is below the statutory 2km threshold to qualify for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, and therefore an application under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 is the appropriate consenting route. Collectively the S37 4ZM Overhead Line Works and S37 2WS Overhead Line Works are referred to as the 'S37 Overhead Line Works'.

**Description of Development**

The S37 Overhead Line Works are proposed to connect into a new 400kV Air Insulated Substation (AIS) at Weston Marsh ('Weston Marsh Substation A'; the 'Substation Works'). An application for full planning permission for this development has been submitted to South Holland District Council (SHDC) under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (application reference number H22-0466-26). Collectively the Substation Works and S37 Overhead Line Works are referred to as 'the Scheme'. The delivery of the Scheme is required to facilitate the connection of the Outer Dowsing Offshore Windfarm (ODOW) into the transmission system by 2030.

Prior to the submission of this application to the Secretary of State, Form B notices have been submitted to SHDC and Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) to obtain their observations on the proposals. The completed forms and response to comments raised are enclosed within this submission.

## Application Publicity

Statutory Notices, in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations (Publication of Notices of Application for Consent Under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989) will appear in the Spalding Voice and Lincolnshire Echo for two successive weeks from 25 June 2026 and 2 July 2026. In accordance with sub-clause (2), the notices will describe, by reference to a map, the land over which the line is proposed to pass.

The Notices confirm that the map is available for inspection by members of the public in the following ways:

- Online at [www.nationalgrid.com/g-w](http://www.nationalgrid.com/g-w)
- Hard copies of the map are available for inspection during opening hours at:
  - Spalding Library, Victoria Street, Spalding, PE11 1EA.
  - Long Sutton Library Trafalgar Square, Long Sutton, Spalding, PE12 9HB.
- Copies can be obtained by calling 0808 258 4395.
- Copies can be obtained by emailing a request to [contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com).

## Application Fees

The application fee for the proposed overhead line works is as follows:

- 1 x overhead line with a nominal capacity exceeding 132kV: £902.50.
- 1 x Request for a formal screening opinion: £60.

Total £962.50

## Submission Documents

This application is supported by the following documents:

Document Title	Document Reference
Completed Application Form	-
Covering Letter	-
Completed Form B Response from SHDC	-
Completed Form B Response from LCC	-
Environmental Assessment Report	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000022
Report to Inform the Screening Decision	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000024.
Electric and Magnetic Field Assessment	GWNC-NGD-ZZZZ-XXXXXX-RPT-PM-000004
Arboricultural Impact Assessment	GWNC-WSP-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000005
Agricultural Land Classification Report	GWNC-ARC-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000002
Air Quality Assessment and Screening Assessment	GWNC-WSP-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000004

Document Title	Document Reference
Habitats Regulations Assessment Stage 1 Screening Report	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000014
Phase 1 Geo-environmental Desk Study	GWNC-WAA-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000001
Historic Environment Desk Based Assessment	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000017
Landscape and Visual Appraisal	GWNC-GIL-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000001
Landscape and Visual Photomontages	GWNC-GIL-SS50-XXXXXX-VIS-ES-000001
Indicative Landscape and Ecological Mitigation Proposals	GWNC-GIL-SS50-XXXXXX-PLN-ES-000001
Noise and Vibration Assessment	GWNC-ATG-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000001
Transport Statement	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000018
Flood Risk Assessment	GWNC-WSP-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000002
Water Framework Directive (WFD) Assessment	GWNC-WSP-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000003
Bat Survey Report	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000008
Badger Survey Report (Confidential)	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000007
Aquatic Survey Report	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000006
Breeding Bird Survey Report	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000009
Non-breeding Bird Survey Report	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000010
Otter and Water Vole Survey Report	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000012
Great Crested Newt Survey Report	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000011
Habitat Classification Survey Report	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000013
Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000019
Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan	GWNC-WSP-ZZZZ-ZZZZZZ-PLN-PM-000002
Cumulative Effects Assessment Report	GWNC-ARU-SS50-XXXXXX-RPT-ES-000020

### Supporting Plans and Figures:

Plan Title	Plan Reference
s37 4ZM Application Location Plan	GWNC-LST-4ZM-ZZZZZZ-PLN-EN-000001
s37 4ZM Application Site Plan	GWNC-LST-4ZM-ZZZZZZ-PLN-EN-000002

Plan Title	Plan Reference
s37 4ZM Application CDM Plan	GWNC-LST-4ZM-ZZZZZZ-PLN-EN-000003
s37 4ZM Application Overhead Line Works Plan	GWNC-LST- 4ZM-ZZZZZZ-PLN-EN-000004
s37 4ZM Application Pylon Schedule	GWNC-LST- 4ZM-ZZZZZZ-DRW-EN-000001
s37 4ZM Application Illustrative L12 Series Type Pylon Wireframe Drawing Zone of Influence	GWNC-LST-4ZM-ZZZZZZ-DRW-EN-000002
s37 4ZM Application Illustrative Pylon Foundations Details (Pads & Column and Pile Cap Designs) to Suit L12 Type Pylons	GWNC-LST-4ZM-ZZZZZZ-DRW-EN-000003
s37 4ZM Application Illustrative Labelled Angles Lattice Pylon	GWNC-LST-4ZM-ZZZZZZ-DRW-EN-000004
s37 4ZM Illustrative Culvert Details for Watercourse Crossings	GWNC-LST- 4ZM-ZZZZZZ-DRW-EN-000005
s37 4ZM Application Illustrative Watercourse Outfall Basin	GWNC-LST-4ZM-ZZZZZZ-DRW-EN-000007
s37 4ZM Application Illustrative Overhead Line Works LoD	GWNC-LST-4ZM-ZZZZZZ-DRW-EN-000008
s37 4ZM Application Illustrative Pylon Working Area	GWNC-LST-4ZM-ZZZZZZ-DRW-EN-000009
s37 4ZM Application Illustrative Conductor Pulling Positions	GWNC-LST-4ZM-ZZZZZZ-DRW-EN-000010
s37 4ZM Application Illustrative Interlocking Panels	GWNC-LST-4ZM-ZZZZZZ-DRW-EN-000011
s37 4ZM Application Illustrative Scaffold Protection for OHL Conductor Stringing	GWNC-LST-4ZM-ZZZZZZ-DRW-EN-000013

We respectfully request that certain accompanying documents are not made publicly available in full due to the sensitive nature of their contents. Where publication is required, we kindly ask that the documents are appropriately redacted to protect confidential ecological and site-specific information.

The following document is confidential and should only be made available upon request:

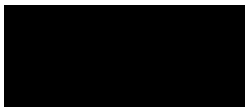
- Badger Survey Report.

Redacted versions of the following confidential documents have been prepared and can be made public on this basis:

- Breeding Bird Survey Report.
- 4ZM/2WS Environmental Assessment Report.

It is considered that this submission to the Secretary of State (SoS) has been appropriately supplemented by technical appraisals in response to comments arising from the Form B process. Should the SoS consider it necessary, we respectfully suggest that he consults the relevant statutory bodies and stakeholders regarding their comments. Should you require any other information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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