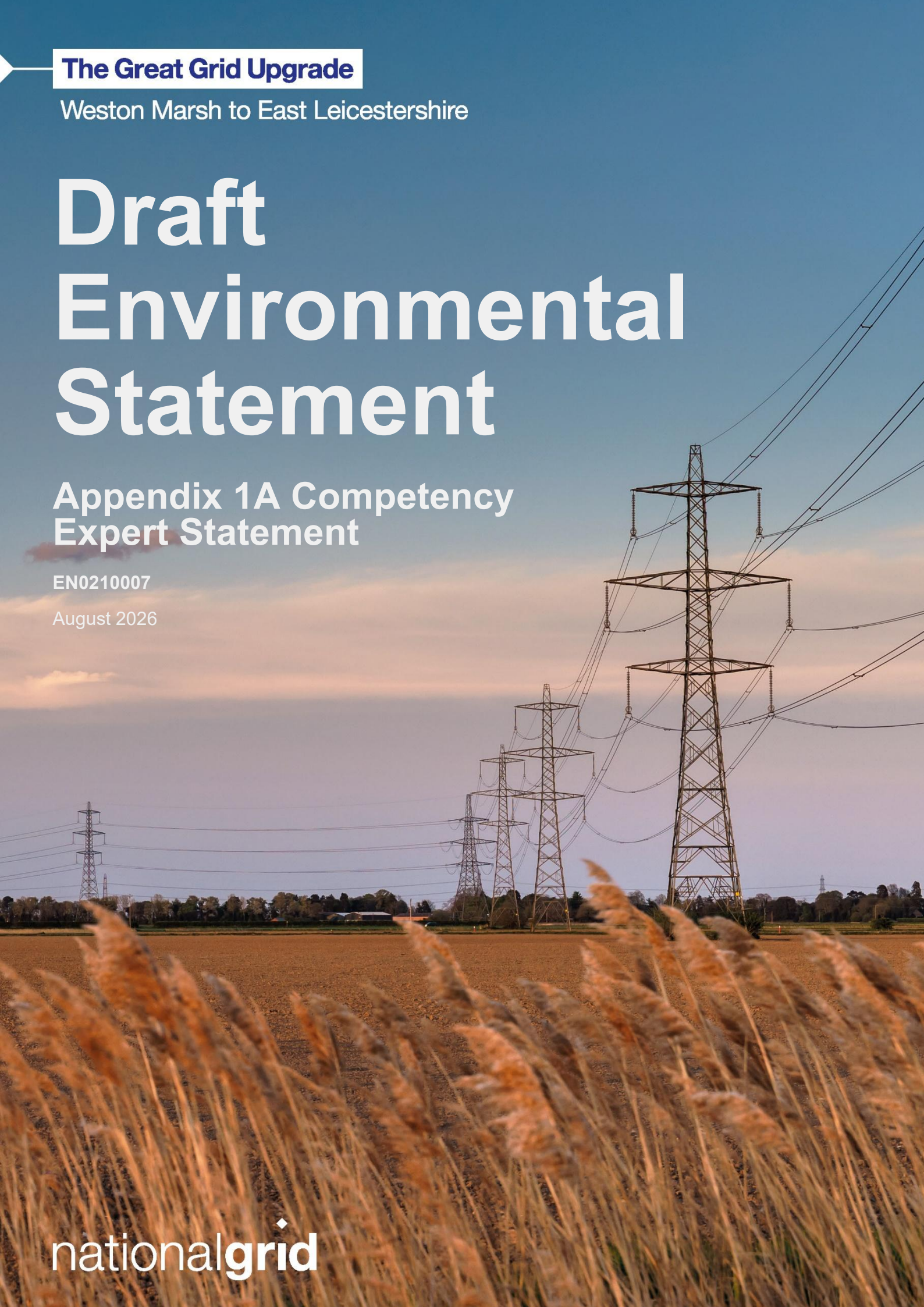




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Draft Environmental Statement

Appendix 1A Competency Expert Statement

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1A.1 Introduction

- 1A.1.1 The non-statutory Draft Environmental Statement (DES) (referred to in this document as “DES” and non-statutory DES”) and supplementary materials produced for the Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire (WMEL) Project have been prepared by a team of competent experts. The team is made up of technical specialists working at leading consultancies who have extensive experience in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for a variety of major projects. The individual experts can demonstrate their competence through degree level qualifications, membership of relevant professional institutions and practical experience in undertaking EIAs.
- 1A.1.2 Table 1A.1 outlines the team, their qualifications and membership of relevant professional institutions.

Table 1A.1 Credentials of the experts responsible for the WMEL DES documents

Discipline	Credentials
Landscape and Visual John Devenny (AECOM)	• 20 years’ experience in landscape and visual impact assessment and design • MA (Hons) Landscape Architecture • Chartered member of the Landscape Institute
Ecology and Biodiversity John Simmons (AECOM)	• 21 years’ experience in ecological consultancy • BSc (Hons) Biology • Member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management • Chartered Ecologist • Chartered Environmentalist
Cultural Heritage Jim Keyte (Arup)	• 26 years’ experience in historic environment survey, management and assessment • BSc Heritage Conservation, PGDip Archaeological Resource Management • Member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, Member of the Institution of Environmental Sciences • Chartered Environmentalist
Water Environment Owen Tucker (AECOM)	• 21 years’ experience in water science and environmental management • BSc (Hon) Geography • MSc (by research) Geography • Chartered Environmentalist

Discipline	Credentials
	Member of the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management
Geology Louise Taplin (Arup)	35 years' experience in land contamination assessment including 20 years in EIA - BSc Geology - MSc Geochemistry - Fellow of the Geological Society, Chartered Geologist and Chartership Assessor for the Geological Society - Chartered Environmentalist and Member of the Institution of Environmental Sciences - Practitioner Member of the Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals
Hydrogeology Natasha Wilkinson (Arup)	19 years' experience in hydrogeology, water resources and EIA - BA (Hons) Geography - MSc Hydrogeology - Fellow of the Geological Society and Chartered Geologist (CGeol)
Agriculture and Soils Euan Brierley (AECOM)	35 years' experience in environmental land management, including 10 years in EIA - BSc Ecological Science with honours in Forestry - PhD Soil Science - Chartered Forester
Traffic and Transport Robert Blair (Arup)	32 years' experience in highways and transport including Transport Assessments and EIA - BEng (Hons), Civil Engineering - Chartered Engineer, Member of the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation
Air Quality John Hodgson (Arup)	20 years' experience in air quality management and EIA - MEng (Hons) Environmental Engineering - Chartered Environmentalist and Chartered Scientist - Member of the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES) - Member of the Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM)
Noise and Vibration Fiona Rogerson (Arup)	20 years' experience in noise and vibration assessment and mitigation/management - BEng (Hons) Electroacoustics - Member of Institute of Acoustics (MIOA)
Socio-Economics, Recreation and Tourism	26 years' consultancy experience covering socio-economic impact assessment of nationally significant infrastructure projects

Discipline	Credentials
Bob Perkins (AECOM)	• BA (Hons) Geography, PG Dip Regeneration • Member of the Institute of Economic Development (MIED)
Health and Wellbeing Jenny Dunwoody (Arup)	• 22 years' experience in health and EIA • BSc (Hons) Environmental Conservation and Management, PG Dip Environmental Monitoring and Assessment • Chartered Environmentalist and full member of the Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals
Climate Change Ian Davies (AECOM)	• 25 years' experience in greenhouse gas and climate consultancy including EIA assessment and DCO expert witness for major infrastructure projects • BA Hons (Environmental and Social Values) • Member of the Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals • Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv)
Cumulative Effects Amanda Murdock	• 20 years' experience in EIA including 7 years managing EIA for major infrastructure projects • BSc Hons (Earth Science) • MSc Earth Science • PCert Leadership in the Roads Sector
Town Planning Adam Wilson (AECOM)	• 21 years' consultancy experience in Town and Country Planning and Planning Act • BSc (Hons) Environmental Management • Associate of the Royal Town Planning Institute and Associate of the Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals
EIA Lead Chris Stocks (Arup)	• 25 years' experience in environmental assessment and management including 18 years managing and leading EIA for major infrastructure projects • BSc (Hons) Environmental Chemistry • PhD Chemical Engineering • Chartered Water and Environmental Manager • Chartered Wastes Manager • Chartered Environmentalist
EIA Coordinator Mike Revill-Keen (Arup)	• 11 years' experience in environmental assessment and management including 8 years managing EIA for major infrastructure projects • BSc (Hons) Environmental Science • Chartered Environmentalist and full member of the Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals

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