



Guidance

Form B

This Form must be used in connection with an application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (ESNZ) for consent under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install and keep installed above ground an electric line of any voltage.

This Form should be sent to each local planning authority in whose area the proposed development would be situated. The views obtained by means of this Form are then to be submitted to the Secretary of State to help inform the decision making process on the application.

The local planning authority¹ is required to sign and complete all sections of Part Two and Part Three and to return this form to the Applicant **within two months**². Please note that the Secretary of State would not progress a section 37 application in the absence of a completed Form B. Additional information describing this procedure and the reason for it can be found in the published [Guidance Note 14D/226](#).

Appendix A

If the section 37 application is for a development as referred to under [Schedule 2 of the Electricity Works \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2017](#) (the 2017 Regulations) (i.e. the proposal is within a sensitive area³ or the voltage is of 132kV or more), the Secretary of State will be required to make a Screening Decision before the section 37 application can be decided. To inform its decision, the Secretary of State must receive the views of the Local Planning Authority. To this effect:

- The applicant should submit to the Local Planning Authority the additional information referred to under [Regulation 12](#) of the 2017 Regulations, and
- The Local Planning Authority should provide their views by completing Appendix A⁴.

¹ Please note: if the development falls partially within a National Park, a Form B must be completed by each relevant planning authority for that area. If the proposal concerns a line of 132kV or more, the Part One, Certificate of the Form B must also be completed by the County Council.

² The relevant planning authority is obliged to make its representations to the Secretary of State on the proposal within a statutory two month period or obtain an extension to the time limit from the Secretary of State and as agreed with the Applicant as per [Regulation 8 of the Electricity \(Applications for Consent\) Regulations 1990](#).

³ The full list of sensitive areas is in legislation at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2017/580/schedule/2/made>

⁴ Appendix A enables the local planning authority to give its views under [regulation 13\(3\)](#) of the 2017 Regulations.



Form B - Part One

To be completed by the Applicant

Name	Tommy Hart
Company	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET)
Applicant's Reference	High Marnham Substation – Section 37 Consent

PARTICULARS OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Application is being made to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero:

- a) for consent under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install or keep installed an electric line above ground;
 - b) for a direction under section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that planning permission for the proposed development be deemed to be granted.
1. Description of the proposed development⁵.

A summary of the proposed development at High Marnham that requires Section 37 Consent is outlined below (noted in pink on the accompanying plan ref: EDEU-WSP-OH72-HIGM4-PLN-OC-000002 P03):

- Overhead Line 4ZV is an overhead electric line between Chesterfield and High Marnham. Permanent turn-ins measuring 154m in line length require Section 37 Consent.
- Overhead Line XE is an overhead electric line to High Marnham. Permanent turn-ins measuring 183m in line length require Section 37 Consent.
- Overhead Line ZDA/ ZDF are overhead electric lines to High Marnham. The ZDA and ZDF lines cannot be considered as separate to each other, as in places circuits from each line are on the same tower/pylon which is a support structure for the electric line as per the definition of an electric line in the Electricity Act 1989.
- Overhead Line ZDF permanent turn-ins measuring 181m in line length and one new line tower require Section 37 Consent. The permanent turn-ins relate to Staythorpe - High Marnham and Stoke Bardolph - High Marnham circuits, which are installed on the same set of OHL towers as shown on the above plan.
- Overhead Line ZDA – a temporary diversion is required for longer than six months, measuring 296m in line length and comprising 1 new angle tower (ZDA248GT), requires Section 37 Consent.
- The total length of the overhead lines requiring Section 37 Consent at High Marnham is 814m.

⁵ In this section the Applicant should include the link to the Energy Portal application which will contain the necessary information to enable the LPA to provide their views on the proposal.



2. Details of any representations or objections which have been received by the applicant prior to the submission of this form⁶.

We are currently undertaking consultation with Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England but no representations, objections or responses to the consultation have been received to date.

3. Details of the Applicant's compliance with their duty as specified under [paragraph 1\(1\)\(a\)\(b\) of Schedule 9 to the Electricity Act 1989](#)⁷.

In formulating the proposal, NGET has considered the duties under Schedule 9 having regard to the preservation and conservation of natural beauty, flora, fauna and geological or physiographical features of special interest and of protected sites, buildings and objects of architectural, historic or archaeological interest. We have taken reasonable steps to mitigate effects of the proposal on the natural beauty of the countryside and on the flora, fauna, features, sites buildings or objects. The proposal is not considered to result in significant effects and should have no negative impact.

The proposed development at High Marnham forms part of the Chesterfield to High Marnham Project ("the Project"). The Project is part of the National Grid 'Great Grid Upgrade', which aims to provide additional resilience within the electricity network. The Great Grid Upgrade will enable the electricity grid to carry more clean energy from renewable sources to communities, homes and businesses in every part of England and Wales, helping the UK to reach net zero. The proposals will also increase the security and resilience of the UK's electricity network.

The Project will reinforce the network between Chesterfield and High Marnham and also assist in rationalising this part of the transmission system to improve operational flexibility, meet localised demand and address anticipated customer connections in this location.

The Project also requires the construction of a new substation at High Marnham together with the construction of a new substation at Chesterfield.

Within the national electricity system, substations operate within the transmission network to enable electricity to be transmitted as different voltages, safely and effectively. Substations can transform the voltage of electricity either up or down as required. This is needed so that electricity can be safely transmitted throughout the country and into homes, businesses and buildings.

For further information on the need for the Project and the new substation at High Marnham, please refer to the Planning Design and Access Statement provided with the planning application (Ref: 25/01302/FUL) submitted by National Grid for the new substation at High Marnham.

For and on behalf of the applicant:

Date: 19/06/2026

Signed: Tommy Hart

⁶ In this section the Applicant should list any consultations and representations received prior to consulting the LPA. These consultations should be made available for review by the LPA on the Energy Portal.

⁷ In this section the Applicant can indicate the sections or documents within the Energy Portal application that include the measures to comply with this requirement.



Form B - Part Two

To be completed by the Local Planning Authority

CERTIFICATE

The local planning authority: Bassetlaw District Council

Have no objection to make to the development described above in Part One of this Form;

Do not request that a public inquiry be held pursuant to paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 to the Electricity Act 1989 before the Secretary of State reaches his decision on the application.

Dated 12/08/2026

Signed: Abbie Marwood

Designation: Head of Planning and Place Department

On behalf of the: Bassetlaw District Council

If the Local Planning Authority objects to the development, please provide details below:



Form B - Part Three

To be completed by the Local Planning Authority

CONSULTATIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

LPA Planning Reference

26/00756/SCR

1. List the names of interested parties consulted by the local planning authority and provide particulars of any comments received⁸.

- BDC Neighbourhood Planning Policy - BDC Ecology BDC Environment Health
- Nottinghamshire County Council Right of Way - Nottinghamshire County Council Highways - Nottinghamshire County Council Planning Policy
- Environment Agency - HSE - Health And Safety Executive (Buxton) - Lincolnshire County Council Archaeology - Natural England

2. Provide details of any objections or representations received by the local planning authority.

Consultation responses were received from Nottinghamshire County Council Highways, Bassetlaw District Council Environmental Health, Nottinghamshire County Council Planning Policy, Nottinghamshire County Council Archaeology, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Natural England and the Environment Agency.

No objections were raised by Nottinghamshire County Council Highways, which advised that the Scheme is not of a scale likely to give rise to significant adverse effects on the highway network and does not indicate a need for Environmental Impact Assessment. The Highway Authority requested that any subsequent Section 37 application be supported by a Construction Traffic Management Plan.

Bassetlaw District Council Environmental Health raised concerns regarding the potential for construction dust, noise, historic land contamination and future contamination risks, and advised that these matters should be fully assessed and appropriate mitigation considered.

Nottinghamshire County Council Planning Policy raised no objections in relation to minerals or waste planning matters, but recommended consideration of waste management, archaeological assessment and mitigation as part of any future submission.

Nottinghamshire County Council Archaeology advised that the Site lies within an area of archaeological potential and recommended that archaeological investigations, including geophysical survey and field evaluation, be undertaken to inform any future application and mitigation strategy.

The Health and Safety Executive confirmed that the development is not a type of development that would store or process hazardous substances in quantities relevant to major accident hazards and is not located within an explosive safeguarding zone. However, the Site lies within consultation zones associated with a nearby major hazard establishment and HSE recommended that appropriate risk considerations are taken into account.

Natural England confirmed that the proposal is not located within, and is not likely to significantly affect, any nationally or internationally designated ecological sites. Natural England recommended that sufficient ecological, landscape and agricultural land information be provided to support the assessment of environmental effects.

The Environment Agency advised that it had no comments to make on the EIA Screening consultation and requested consultation on any future EIA Scoping Opinion should Environmental Impact Assessment be required.

Whilst consultees identified matters requiring further assessment and mitigation, no statutory consultee concluded that the proposed development is likely to give rise to significant environmental effects such that Environmental Impact Assessment is required.

3. Are there any restrictions on the land that require the Applicant to obtain approval from other organisations⁹?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please provide details below:

4. Is the local planning authority's agreement to the proposal subject to modifications or conditions being applied to the consent? (If so, specify the modifications or conditions proposed and state whether they are acceptable to the Applicant).

Choose an item.

5. Does the local planning authority consider that the proposal is an [EIA development](#) and should be subject to an [Environmental Impact Assessment](#)? (Please note: if the development falls under [Schedule 2](#) of the 2017 Regulation, the Secretary of State must receive¹⁰ the local



planning authority's views in order to make its EIA Screening Decision and therefore **Appendix A** must be completed.

No.

Date 12/08/2026

Signed: Abbie Marwood

⁸ Please note if the proposal falls within a [SSSI Risk Zone](#) the local planning authority should consult with the relevant statutory conservation body to seek guidance on any necessary mitigation.

⁹ e.g. consent under [Section 38 of the Commons Act 2006](#).

¹⁰ [Regulation 13](#) of the 2017 Regulations sets out the legal requirement for this consultation.



Appendix A

LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY'S VIEWS

The LPA should consider if the Applicant has submitted sufficient information to determine whether or not the proposal is an EIA development. Please note that the Applicant must take into account the relevant criteria set out in [Schedule 3](#) when compiling the required information.

Has the Applicant provided the following information?	
1. a description of the physical characteristics of the whole development and, where relevant, of demolition works	Yes ☐ No ☐
2. a description of the location of the development, with regard to the environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected	Yes ☐ No ☐
3. a description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the development	Yes ☐ No ☐
4. a description of any likely significant effects resulting from:	
a. the expected residues and emissions and the production of waste	Yes ☐ No ☐
b. the use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity	Yes ☐ No ☐

The LPA should provide their views in the comments section in the next page taking account of the below factors where relevant to the proposal and tick the relevant boxes for confirmation.

Characteristics of development		Select all relevant factors
(a)	the size and design of the whole development	☐
(b)	cumulation with other existing and approved developments;	☐
(c)	the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;	☐
(d)	the production of waste;	☐
(e)	pollution and nuisances;	☐
(f)	the risk of major accidents and disasters that are relevant to the development, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge;	☐
(g)	the risks to human health (for example, due to water contamination or air pollution).	☐
Location of development		Select all relevant factors
(a)	the existing and approved land use;	☐
(b)	the relative abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water and biodiversity) in the area and its underground;	☐



(c)	the absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas—	☒
(i)	wetlands, riparian areas and river mouths;	☒
(ii)	coastal zones and the marine environment;	☐
(iii)	mountain and forest areas;	☐
(iv)	nature reserves and parks;	☐
(v)	areas classified or protected under domestic legislation or legislation of EEA states;	☐
(vi)	European sites (as defined in regulation 8(1) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017);	☐
(vii)	areas in which there has already been a failure to meet environmental quality standards that are set out in European Union legislation and are relevant to the development, or in which it is thought that there is such a failure;	☐
(viii)	densely-populated areas;	☐
(ix)	landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.	☒
	Type and characteristics of potential impact	Select all relevant factors
(a)	the magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (for example, geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected);	☒
(b)	the nature of the impact;	☒
(c)	the transboundary nature of the impact;	☒
(d)	the intensity and complexity of the impact;	☒
(e)	the probability of the impact;	☒
(f)	the expected onset, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact;	☒
(g)	the cumulation of the impact with the impact of other existing and approved developments;	☒
(h)	the possibility of effectively reducing the impact.	☒



The LPA should provide their views below and give reasons for their conclusion as to whether the proposal is an EIA development or not.

Having regard to the characteristics of the development, its location and the nature of potential effects, the Local Planning Authority considers that the proposed Section 37 tie-in works are **not EIA development**. The Scheme comprises relatively limited modifications and connections to existing electricity transmission infrastructure within an established utility corridor and energy infrastructure landscape. Whilst the development has the potential to give rise to environmental effects during construction, including landscape and visual impacts, ecological disturbance, effects on agricultural land, archaeology, noise, dust, traffic and impacts on water resources, these effects are generally localised, temporary and limited in extent. The submitted information, together with consultation responses, indicates that any potential adverse effects can be appropriately assessed, avoided, reduced or managed through the detailed design process, pre-determination assessments, and the implementation of mitigation measures secured through the Section 37 consent process, including the Ecological Appraisal, Environmental Appraisal Report, Construction Environmental Management Plan, Construction Traffic Management Plan, archaeological investigations and any other relevant mitigation strategies. The Local Planning Authority is therefore satisfied that the development is not likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of its nature, size or location and, as such, an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

Dated 12/08/2026

Designation: Head of Planning and Place

Signed: Abbie Marwood

On behalf of the: Bassetlaw District Council