



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/uksi/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	Long Lane 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 Long Lane that requires Section 37 Consent is outlined below (noted pink on the accompanying drawing ref EDEU-WSP-OH70-LONL4-PLN-OC-00002 P03):

- Overhead Line 4ZV is an overhead electric line between Brinsworth and Chesterfield. Permanent turn-ins measuring 685m in line length and 2no towers require Section 37 Consent.
- Overhead Line 4ZV is an overhead electric line between Brinsworth and Chesterfield. A temporary diversion is required for longer than six months measuring 753m and comprising 1no temporary mast/ tower which requires Section 37 Consent.

The total length of the overhead lines requiring Section 37 Consent at Long Lane is 1,438m.

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, National Highways 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.

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.

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.



The proposed development at Long Lane forms part of the Brinsworth to Chesterfield Project ("the Project"). The Scheme 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. For further information on the need for the Scheme, refer to the Planning and Design and Access Statement (PDAS).

The Scheme Project will reinforce the network between Brinsworth to and Chesterfield 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 Brinsworth (Long Lane), together with 'tie in works' at a new substation at Chesterfield (which and the Chesterfield substation is being constructed under the Chesterfield to High Marnham project).

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 Long Lane, please refer to the Planning Design and Access Statement provided with the planning application (Ref: RB2025/1468) submitted by National Grid for the new substation at Long Lane.

For and on behalf of the applicant:

Date: 19/06/2026

Signed: Tommy Hart



Form B - Part Two

To be completed by the Local Planning Authority

CERTIFICATE

The local planning authority: Rotherham Council

Have no objections to the development described above in Part One of this Form; Choose an item. 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 02/09/2026

Signed: Emma Ottewell

Designation:

Head of Planning

On behalf of the:

Rotherham 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

RB2026-0877

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

Comments attached separately

- Environment Agency
- National Highways
- RMBC Ecology

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

None received

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:

Highway Agency agreement required for wires crossing M1 motorway

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).

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](#).



Choose an item.

No objections to scheme subject to relevant ecology conditions

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, the proposal is a Schedule 2 development, but is not an EIA development (Appendix A must be completed by the LPA)

Date 02/09/2026

Signed: Emma Ottewell



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 ☐
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.

The Local Planning Authority considers that the proposal is not EIA development and is unlikely to give rise to significant environmental effects by virtue of its nature, scale or location. The works comprise a relatively small section of replacement and diversion overhead line infrastructure associated with the wider electricity transmission network, including approximately 1.4km of overhead line and a limited number of towers/masts. The proposal does not represent a substantial extension of the transmission network, is largely associated with existing electricity infrastructure, and involves a very limited physical footprint. Construction activities would be temporary and localised, with no significant use of natural resources, generation of waste, pollution, nuisance or risk to human health beyond that normally associated with standard utility infrastructure works.

Having regard to the criteria set out in Schedule 3 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017, the proposal is not considered likely to result in significant effects on the environment. The development is not of a scale, complexity or duration that would give rise to significant landscape, ecological, heritage, transportation or cumulative impacts. Consultation responses received to date have not identified any significant environmental constraints, and there is no evidence that the works would adversely affect sensitive receptors to a degree that would warrant an Environmental Impact Assessment. Any limited environmental effects arising during construction can be appropriately mitigated through standard construction and ecological management measures. On this basis, the Local Planning Authority concludes that the proposal is not EIA development and that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

Dated 02/09/2026

Signed: Emma Ottewell

Designation:

Head of Planning

On behalf of the:

Rotherham Council