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– MAJOR REQUIREMENT

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Dear Philip,

**The National Grid (Hinkley Point C Connection Project) Order 2016 (as amended) Formal Submission to discharge of Requirement 9(1) Provision of Embedded Landscape Mitigation and Landscaping Scheme for Sandford Substation – ‘Non-Advanced’ Planting for Stage 6 of the authorised development**

National Grid is writing to request the discharge of Requirement 9(1) of the National Grid (Hinkley Point C Connection Project) Order 2016 (as amended) (‘the DCO’).

Requirement 9(1) is a ‘Major Requirement’ and must be discharged in accordance with Schedule 4 of the DCO, most notably in writing to National Grid and by **3 December 2021** at the latest. Further information is provided below.

## **Background**

National Grid gained development consent from the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change (now BEIS) for the Project on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The DCO provides powers to National Grid for the Project, and powers to Western Power Distribution (WPD) for the WPD works. The Project comprises a 400,000 volt (400kV) electricity transmission connection between Bridgwater, Somerset and Seabank Substation, north of Avonmouth, together with associated development.

The Project has been divided into 13 Stages of authorised development, as well as ‘sub-stages’. Stage 6 of the authorised development falls within the administrative boundaries of North Somerset Council and comprises works relating to the new Sandford 400/132kV Substation.

## **Legislative Framework**

The DCO is governed by primary legislation under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and is therefore considered and determined separately from the traditional planning applications submitted under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

The DCO includes an extensive number of legal and legislative provisions which enables a developer to implement the project. The authorised development is outlined at Schedule 1 of the DCO.

At Schedule 3, the DCO includes a number of Requirements. Some of these require further information to be submitted for approval to the relevant authority (principally the relevant planning authority or the relevant highway authority), before the authorised development can commence, this includes Requirement 9(1).

### **Requirement 9(1)**

Requirement 9(1) of the DCO places an obligation on National Grid to provide a Landscape Scheme for that stage of the authorised development to the relevant planning authority for approval.

Requirement 9(1) of the DCO is as follows:

*“(1) The landscaping works (Environmental Statement Document 5.7) (“landscaping scheme”) for –*

*(c) Sandford Substation (Environmental Statement Document 5.7.3.14A, Figures 7.35.1 to 7.35.6);*

*must be submitted to the relevant planning authority.*

*(2) a landscaping scheme mentioned in paragraph (1) must be carried out in accordance with the relevant plans and documents listed above and the specification set out at Environment Statement Document 5.7.2 Appendix 7K (NBS Landscape Specification), with a fifteen-year maintenance period, and as approved by the relevant planning authority, unless otherwise agreed with the relevant planning authority.”*

### **This application**

This application has been submitted for approval to North Somerset Council as the relevant planning authority for the Stage 6 of the authorised development.

The required application fee payment has been made to the North Somerset Council today.

The Planning Portal reference number for this application is: PP10274859

This application has been submitted through the Planning Portal. Enclosed with this covering letter with the application is the following:

- Sandford Non-advanced landscape scheme (Doc 6 9 1 D);
- Appendix A (Part 1 and Part 2);
- Appendix B; and,
- Appendix C (Part 1 and Part 2).

Should you have any queries about this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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