



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	Matthew Banks
Company	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
Applicant's Reference	

PARTICULARS OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

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

- for consent under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install or keep installed an electric line above ground;
- 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.

The proposed OHL works relevant to this application include:

- The reconfiguration of the 2WS overhead line requires not exceeding 0.9 km of new 400 kV overhead line to turn into the new Weston Marsh Substation A ('2WS Overhead Line Works'). The reconfiguration originates from the occupational land 5m parallel with Weston Marsh southern façade's fence and extends in a southerly direction to existing pylon 2WS015.

- For this reconfiguration there are five new structures, consisting of three new pylons (2WS016-N, 2WS017-N, 2WS018-N) ranging 55–60 m in height (including Limit of Deviation).

- The dismantling and removal of existing 2WS pylons and not exceeding 830m of overhead lines between 2WS015 and 2WS017.

It is the intention that land within the substation's boundary will be within the ownership of the applicant and therefore OHL works within this boundary are not included within the Section 37 consent.

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

The following statutory bodies were consulted in November 2025 and have provided feedback on the Section 37 OHL works:

- Natural England 13/11/25 - While significant effects on statutorily designated nature conservation sites cannot be ruled out; given the commitment to produce a HRA to address any potential impacts to European designated sites, an EIA may not be required.

- Environment Agency 14/11/25 - The proposal is not believed to have a significant environmental effect within our remit.

- Historic England 05/12/25 - Not identified any significant effects in respect of the historic environment.

- MMO - 20/02/2026 - With the works proposed being able to be covered by a self-service license, the MMO class these as low risk that would not require screening under the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007.

Copies of the consultation responses received are provided.

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.

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.



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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

For and on behalf of the applicant:



Date: 12/03/2026

Signed:

Form B - Part Two

To be completed by the Local Planning Authority

CERTIFICATE

The local planning authority:

Choose an item. 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 11/05/2026

Signed: *J. O'Sullivan*

Designation:

On behalf of the:

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

H22-0246-26

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

The District Council has consulted surrounding neighbours, Weston Parish Council, Moulton Parish Council, Surfleet Parish Council and internal departments in relation to Environmental Protection, Ecology and Heritage matters.

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

Weston Parish Council – Objection – see attached.

Ecologist – I have reviewed the supporting information and Environmental Summary Report submitted, which present a broad overview of the expected short-term and long-term ecological impacts of the proposed overhead lines and substation works. To summarize, the report identifies the European protected sites within 10 km of the development (The Wash SPA/Ramsar/SSSI, The Wash and North Norfolk SAC, and Surfleet Lows SSSI), and twelve local wildlife sites within 2 km of the scheme. Protected species present within the area that may be impacted include badger, water vole, bats, otter, and great-crested newt, as well as wintering, passage, and breeding birds that are designated features of the Wash SPA/SAC. Specifically, the development's main impacts will likely revolve around potential increases in bird collisions with the new overhead lines, and habitat loss associated with the substation. In addition, the report provides the location of potential mitigation and habitat compensation measures.

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.



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I judge that the information within the report to be accurate, but observe that there is little data available at this stage to assess ecological impacts or determine appropriate mitigation. Ongoing ecological surveys and consultation of environmental records will be provided to support the application to the Secretary of State, and I note that a Habitat Regulations Assessment stage-1 screening report will constitute a key component necessary to determine the development's impacts on the designated features of protected sites. However, I have no additional comments to make on these initial environmental assessment documents.

Environmental Protection - Comments – see attached

56 Objections have been received including from Lincolnshire Against Needless Destruction (LAND) and Meridian Action Group (MAG). A summary of these Objections are as follows:

- Project Fragmentation between different consenting regimes and different pieces of infrastructure.
- EIA Compliance in respect of cumulative impacts particularly Weston Marsh Substation.
- Procedural Prematurity in advance of the submission of the Weston Marsh Substation application.
- Permanent Loss of Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land.
- Landscape and Visual Impact.

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.

See attached letter

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 11/05/2026

Signed: Click or tap here to enter text.

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

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.



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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;	☐



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(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 development as described within the submission falls within the scope of Schedule 2 of the EIA Regulations 2017. The site is not within a 'sensitive area' as defined by the Regulation 2(1). In evaluating the proposal in accordance with the guidance in Schedule 3 of the 2017 Regulations, the proposed development is not likely to give rise to significant adverse environmental effects as defined by the Regulations.

Accordingly, the proposed development does not constitute EIA Development and an Environmental Statement would not be required to accompany any planning application in accordance with the 2017 Regulations. It is important to note that a negative opinion, i.e. one which confirms EIA is not required, does not indicate that the proposed development will not have an adverse impact on the receiving environment. It merely constitutes an opinion that any impact is unlikely to be significant in terms of the criteria outlined in Schedule 3 of the Regulations

Dated 11/05/2026

Signed: *J. O'Sullivan*

Designation:

NSIP Manager

On behalf of the:

South Holland District