

ECOLOGY

**THE NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION (LITTLE HORSTED
SUBSTATION CONNECTION) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2022**

APPENDICES TO THE STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE

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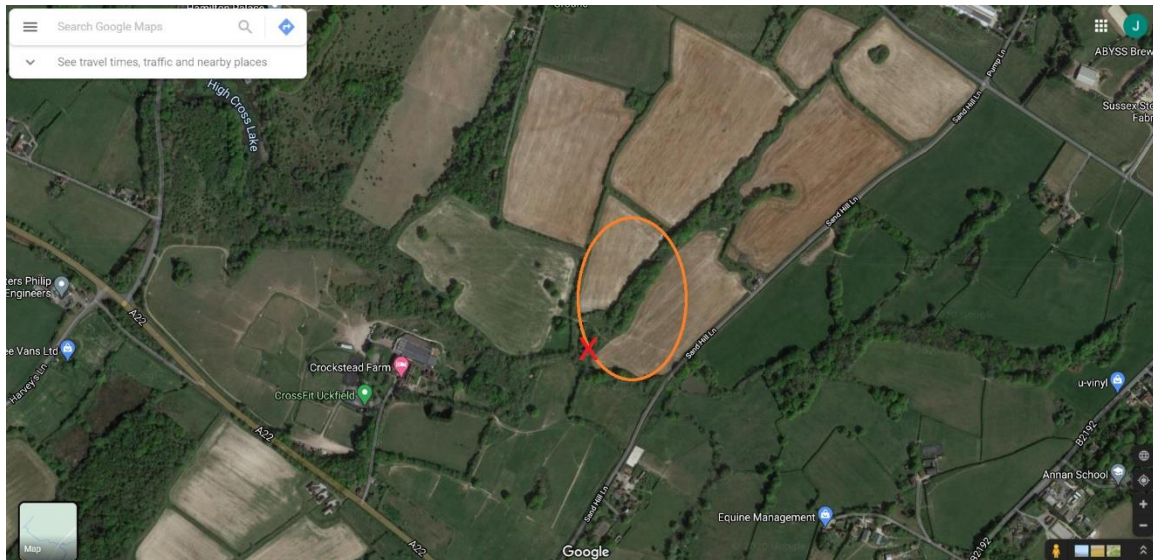
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Sent: 18 January 2021 13:49
To: Williams, Alison - UK <Alison.Williams@nationalgrid.com>
Subject: Re: EXT || Re: SITE VISIT / MEETING

Good Morning Alison,

Thank you for clarifying this for me.

We're definitely open to having some section of our land dedicated to Bio Diversity Net Gain, especially if it simplifies for you in continuing to deal with us. The field you currently have marked may be subject to future development plans on our side of things so it may not be suitable but I have attached an overhead to you to take a look at.

The orange circle covers the two fields in an around existing copse and the red X is an existing pond that is currently not maintained. I don't know if improvements as part of this project would be useful in these areas but please feel free to pass it on and I will see you on site on the 21st for discussion/ clarification.



If you need anything else in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

James Ascroft

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Sent: 14 January 2021 17:49

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Dear James

Thank you for the reply. I will give you a bell in the afternoon on 21st as soon as we are available.

Regarding the Bio Diversity Net Gain land, this is a new initiative, it is about delivering ecological improvements to offset and improve (10%) on the ecological loss caused by the project. I understand it will involve a 30 year time period associated with the delivery, management and maintenance. On a recent project we have entered into a long term lease with the landowner. The land needs to be of low ecology presence, so we can enhance and make necessary improvements.

There is some matrix of calculations to identify the area required, due to the ecology impact and vegetation clearance the project has identified. This is still being calculated for this project but is estimated at 9-10 acres of land requirement for Bio Diversity Net Gain. It is being suggested that the land is created as wildflower meadows and with the creation of a couple ponds.

Therefore, the ecologist would like to survey the land shown below highlighted in the red north of your land to see if it is deemed suitable. Unless you have other land that you may think is suitable on the farm? Failing land in your ownership we will have to investigate neighbouring land in the community.

We can discuss further next Thursday, but in the meantime, if you are happy with a walkover survey in the first instance?

Kind Regards
Alison

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Good afternoon Alison,

1pm on Thursday 21st Jan works for me. Feel free to let me know when you're on site and want my attention and I'll shoot over from my office.

Please can you also clarify for me the purpose of this. Are UKPN/ National Grid needing to acquire this parcel of land in order to offset the ecological impact of the land option project?

Kind regards,

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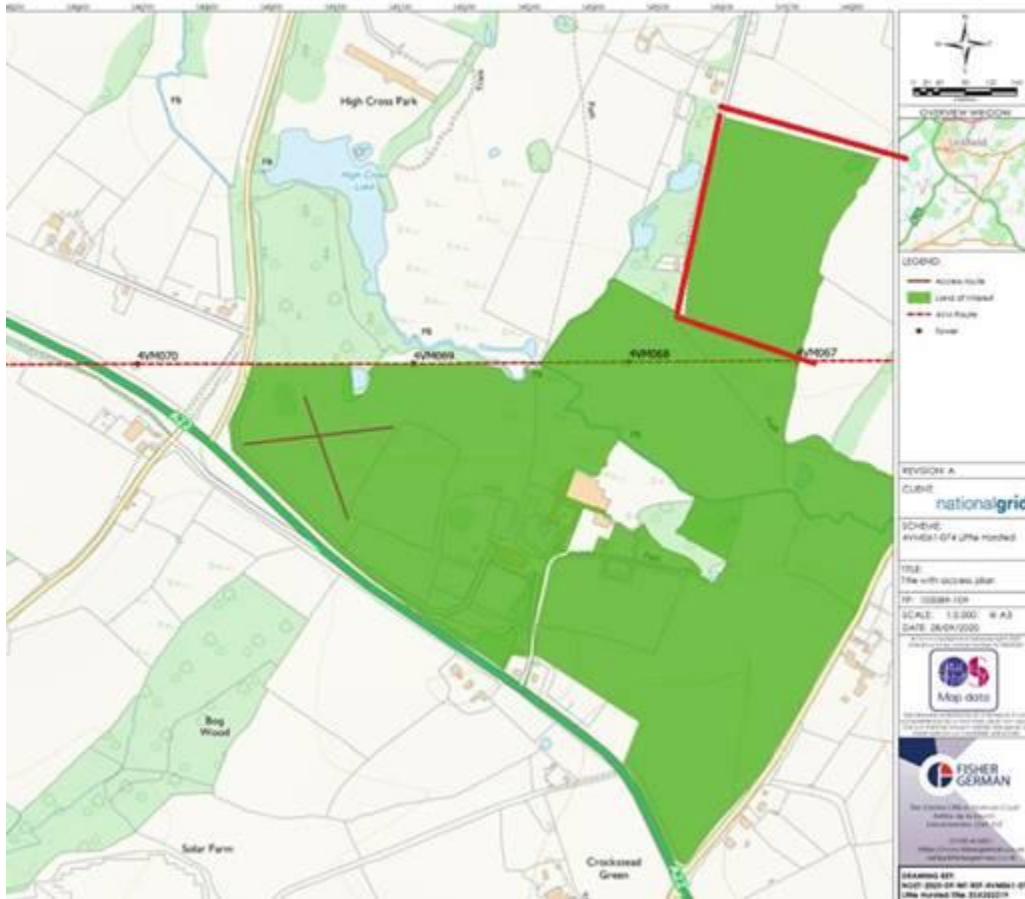
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Hi James

Apologies, still trawling through all my emails!

I have spoken to you before about Bio Diversity Net Gain, where we need to find a suitable location to enhance the existing ecology and any mitigation requirements. Ideally the site needs to be connecting. The ecologists have suggested the area shown in red below in your ownership. Ideally the ecologists would like to assess the area to find out if it will be suitable or

not, any chance whilst on site on 21st January they can carry our a survey to understand a baseline of this area?



Kind Regards
Alison

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Dear James

Happy New Year to you, I trust you are well and enjoyed your break since we last spoke.

The ecologist would like access to the tower area 4VM69 next Thursday 21st January if that is ok. Dave Cole will be attending site and I will also make an appearance, whilst on site it may be beneficial for a catch up meeting if you are free. We are thinking from 1pm onwards if that suits you? We will be on site from 0900 hours with the ecologists.

Hopefully it will be drier than it is today!

Kind Regards
Alison

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Appendix 2. Location of alternative mitigation land options

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Legend:

Site boundary

Mitigation options

Coordinate System: British National Grid
Projection: Transverse Mercator
Datum: OSGB 1936
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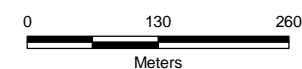


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TITLE: Appendix 3:
Land Options for Mitigation



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Option 4
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Option 3
(6.7ha)

Option 5
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Option 1
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Option 2
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