

# Yorkshire GREEN Project

Environmental Impact Assessment

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Yorkshire GREEN project

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23/02/2021

<b>Title</b>	Yorkshire GREEN Briefing #2	
<b>Meeting Nos</b>	2	
<b>Date</b>	23 February 2021	
<b>Location</b>	Teams Meeting	
<b>Meeting Chair</b>	Sue Birnie	
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Role/Organisation</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>
Lauren Forecast		LF
Kathryn Firth		KF
Rachel Barker	Complex Case unit	RB
Lisa Sheldon		LS
Sheena Froggatt	Lead Project Manager, National Grid	SF
Chris Prydderch	Consultant Consents Officer, Wood	CP
Colin Ormston	Consultant Ornithologist, Wood	CO
Sue Birnie	Consultant Consents Officer, Wood	SB

ID	Topic/Discussion
1	Introductions on the Teams Call
2	Run through of the power point presentation
3	<p>CO explained that the Project is unlikely to result in adverse effects on the qualifying features of the SPA.</p> <p>LS confirmed that the Lower Derwent Valley Manager is in agreement that the SPA is quite far away from the proposed Project. As a consequence, it was agreed that there was no requirement for flight activity surveys to be scoped into the survey schedule.</p> <p>CO advised that in this case, the Project would be carrying out a single years of Schedule 1 breeding species surveys (in particular Red Kite, Hobby, Kingfisher, Peregrine and Barn Owl). With respect typical (non-Schedule 1) birds found in mixed farmland habits, the project would be looking to minimise impacts through standard mitigations during construction, with things like preconstruction surveys, nest checks and vegetation clearance before construction etc.</p> <p>LS confirmed that would be fine, however Natural England does not advise on surveys for non designated areas, and that discussions should take place with the Council Ecologists.</p>
4	LS advised that Sand martin are also located in the area, and that otter are present in this part of the River Ouse.
5	SB suggested that National Grid would arrange any meetings and seek out the relevant attendees, make a note of the meeting and distribute it to the relevant attendees and invitees. Natural England were content with this approach.
6	<p>RB advised that there are two ways to engage with Natural England: the service level agreement (SLA), and the discretionary advice service (DAS).</p> <p>In terms of the SLA, discussions are ongoing between National Grid and Natural England with regard to a broad SLA, however this is not yet confirmed. Other National grid Projects have started with a DAS, and can then move into the overarching SLA once this is in place, if required.</p> <p>In terms of the DAS, there are two options: 1) defined scope, where a request for advice is sought by National Grid, and then Natural England prepare a cost, the cost is agreed and the works carried out on an item by item basis.;</p>

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	2) an undefined scope contract, where a broad estimate of the works required are set out, and a sum of money agreed. Natural England then draw down on that agreed sum of money, and invoice when each part of the work is carried out in arrears. For example an invoice would clearly state that XX hrs has been spent on review the XX document, and attendance at 1 meeting by 3 people etc.

### **Actions**

ID	Action	Owner	Date
1	Send note of meeting and copy of power point to Natural England	SB	24/02/2021
2	Send Briefing #1 to Natural England	SB	24/02/2021
3	Send estimate of scope of work to Natural England with suggested DAS service request	SB	24/02/2021
4	Send relevant ecologist information to National Grid for North Yorkshire and York Councils	Natural England	

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