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Dear James,

Request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ("EIR")

Thank you for your email dated 1st December 2024 requesting information under EIR.

Information requested

"On the NESO site there is a reference to a 400kv substation being scoped for Newchurch Kent on the TDC register.

- 1. Please advise the location of said substation*
- 2. When will this project go to public consultation?*
- 3. Will SSE or NGET take this to public consultation?*
- 4. What surface area will the substation cover?*

Kind Regards, James Farrant"

Our response

We presume that your enquiry is directed to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) which owns and maintains the national electricity transmission system in England and Wales, and it is on behalf of that company that we respond.

Firstly, please note that neither National Grid plc (nor any of its subsidiary companies) are subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Your information request was however considered under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR), to which NGET is subject.

Please see below a numbered response to your request:

1. Please advise the location of said substation

At this stage the location, design, size and planning route for East Kent Connection Node A (formerly Newchurch) are not known. A Siting Study carried out by NGET as part of our initial design work including Front End Engineering Design (FEED) is required to determine suitable parcels of land that could accommodate a new substation. The proposed substation will electrically connect between the existing Dungeness and Sellindge 400kV substations owned by NGET. A substation of this size typically requires a parcel of land of 500m x 500m to allow sufficient space for circuit alteration works and construction areas.

2. When will this project go to public consultation?

Based on the current contracted position, the substation does not need to be constructed and energised until October 2031. This Completion Date for the new substation is subject to the

application of the National Energy System Operator's (NESOs) Gate 2 Milestone Methodology as part of Connections Reform going live in 2025.

3. Will SSE or NGET take this to public consultation?

Once the siting options have been selected and reviewed, NGET will commence engagement with landowners to ensure a clear and consistent approach to community relations is maintained throughout the remainder of the substation development and construction. NGET will lead on the public consultation for this new substation development.

4. What surface area will the substation cover?

Please see response to question 1.

If you are in any way unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please write to our EIR Complaints Team, in the first instance, at the above address, setting out the reasons why you believe we have not answered your questions.

Regulation 11(2) EIR states that you must send a request for internal review to National Grid no later than 40 working days after the date of this letter. We will arrange an independent internal review of your request, and we will notify you of our decision no later than 40 working days following receipt of your complaint.

Under EIR, if you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to appeal the decision to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or on their website [here](#).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us on the details at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

EIR Team

On behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc