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Your Reference: National Gas-25/01161/OUT

Dear Planning at Hinckley &amp; Bosworth Borough Council,

**Ref: Site Address Not Provided**

National Gas Transmission exercises its right to place a Holding Objection to the above proposal which will cross our High-Pressure Gas Pipeline – Feeder providing the below conditions are adhered to:  
Holding Objection

Thank you for providing the response from the HSE. Following NGT's review of the information provided, I can confirm that a Quantitative Risk Assessment (QRA) will be required for the proposed development as a whole including all associated access roads.

The detailed plan that has been submitted to support the HSE Land Use Planning (LUP) assessment will also need to be used as part of the QRA process. From our checks, the proposed development area appears to fall outside the easement and Building Proximity Distance (BPD); however, it is located within the 4 x BPD corridor (304 m).

Under both industry and National Gas Transmission (NGT) standards, there are limits on the number of dwellings that may be permitted within this 4 x BPD zone. Developments within this distance typically require risk assessment to ensure that the population risk remains within NGT's established risk-acceptance criteria, as set out in the relevant company and industry standards.

I can arrange for a formal quotation for the QRA work. National Gas must contract this directly due to the sensitive nature of the information involved however the developer(s) is responsible for the cost of the QRA. Please let me know if you would like me to initiate this. If you have any questions or require clarification on any aspect of the process, feel free to get in touch.

The holding objection will remain in place until the QRA has been commissioned

- We would draw your attention to the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 1992, the Land Use Planning rules and PADHI (Planning Advise for Developments near Hazardous Installations) guidance published by the HSE, which may affect this development.
- To visit the Land Use Planning site, please use the link below:  
<https://www.hse.gov.uk/landuseplanning/methodology.htm>
- No buildings should encroach within the Easement strip of the pipeline
- No demolition shall be allowed within 150 metres of a pipeline without an assessment of the vibration levels at the pipeline. Expert advice may need to be sought which can be arranged through National Gas Transmission.
- National Gas Transmission has a Deed of Easement for each pipeline which prevents change to existing ground levels, storage of materials. It also prevents the erection of permanent / temporary buildings, or structures. If necessary National grid will take action to legally enforce the terms of the easement.
- You should be aware of the Health and Safety Executives guidance document HS(G) 47 "Avoiding Danger from Underground Services ", and National Gas Transmission's specification for Safe Working in the Vicinity of National Gas Transmission High Pressure gas pipelines and associated installations - requirements for third parties T/SP/SSW22. You should already have received a link to download a copy of T/SP/SSW/22, from our Plant protection Team, which is also available to download from our website.
- To view the SSW22 Document, please use the link below:  
<https://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas-transmission/document/113921/download>
- A National Gas Transmission representative will be monitoring the works to comply with SSW22.
- To download a copy of the HSE Guidance HS(G)47, please use the following link:  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg47.htm>
- National Gas Transmission will also need to ensure that our pipelines access is maintained during and after construction.
- Our pipelines are normally buried to a depth cover of 1.1 metres however; actual depth and position must be confirmed on site by trial hole investigation under the supervision of a National Gas Transmission representative. Ground cover above our pipelines should not be reduced or increased.
- If any excavations are planned within 3 metres of National Gas Transmission High Pressure Pipeline or, within 10 metres of an AGI (Above Ground Installation), or if any embankment or dredging works are proposed then the actual position and depth of the pipeline must be established on site in the presence of a National Gas Transmission representative. A safe working method must be agreed prior to any work taking place in order to minimise the risk of damage and ensure the final depth of cover does not affect the integrity of the pipeline.
- Excavation works may take place unsupervised no closer than 3 metres from the pipeline once the actual depth and position has been confirmed on site under the supervision of a National Gas Transmission representative. Similarly, excavation with hand held power tools is not permitted within 1.5 metres from our apparatus and the work is undertaken with NGT supervision and guidance.

### **Pipeline Crossings**

- Where existing roads cannot be used, construction traffic should ONLY cross the pipeline at locations agreed with a National Gas Transmission engineer.
- All crossing points will be fenced on both sides with a post and wire fence and with the fence returned along the easement for a distance of 6 metres.

- The pipeline shall be protected, at the crossing points, by temporary rafts constructed at ground level. No protective measures including the installation of concrete slab protection shall be installed over or near to the National Gas Transmission pipeline without the prior permission of National Gas Transmission. National Gas Transmission will need to agree the material, the dimensions and method of installation of the proposed protective measure. The method of installation shall be confirmed through the submission of a formal written method statement from the contractor to National Gas Transmission.
- Please be aware that written permission from National Gas Transmission is required before any works commence within the National Gas Transmission easement strip.
- A National Gas Transmission representative shall monitor any works within close proximity to the pipeline to comply with National Gas Transmission specification T/SP/SSW22.
- A Deed of Indemnity is required for any crossing of the easement including cables

#### **Cables Crossing**

- Cables may cross the pipeline at perpendicular angle to the pipeline i.e. 90 degrees.
- A National Gas Transmission representative shall supervise any cable crossing of a pipeline.
- An impact protection slab should be laid between the cable and pipeline if the cable crossing is above the pipeline.
- Where a new service is to cross over the pipeline a clearance distance of 0.6 metres between the crown of the pipeline and underside of the service should be maintained. If this cannot be achieved the service must cross below the pipeline with a clearance distance of 0.6 metres.

#### **All work should be carried out in accordance with British Standards policy**

- BS EN 13509:2003 - Cathodic protection measurement techniques
- BS EN 12954:2001 - Cathodic protection of buried or immersed metallic structures – General principles and application for pipelines
- BS 7361 Part 1 - Cathodic Protection Code of Practice for land and marine applications.

I have enclosed a location map to show the location of National Gas Transmission high-pressure gas pipeline(s) within the vicinity of your proposal.

Yours sincerely

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