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Staffordshire Moorlands District Council  
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**via email only**

Dear Sir / Madam

**Checkley Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation  
March – April 2023  
Representations on behalf of National Grid**

National Grid Electricity Transmission has appointed Avison Young to review and respond to local planning authority Development Plan Document consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regard to the current consultation on the above document.

**About National Grid Electricity Transmission**

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) owns and maintains the electricity transmission system in England and Wales. The energy is then distributed to the electricity distribution network operators, so it can reach homes and businesses.

National Grid no longer owns or operates the high-pressure gas transmission system across the UK. This is the responsibility of National Gas Transmission, which is a separate entity and must be consulted independently.

National Grid Ventures (NGV) develop, operate and invest in energy projects, technologies, and partnerships to help accelerate the development of a clean energy future for consumers across the UK, Europe and the United States. NGV is separate from National Grid's core regulated businesses. Please also consult with NGV separately from NGET.

**Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to National Grid assets:**

Following a review of the above document we have identified the following NGET assets as falling within the Neighbourhood area boundary:

Asset Description
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<b>ZE ROUTE TWR (002 - 137): 400Kv Overhead Transmission Line route: CELLARHEAD - DRAKELOW 1</b>
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A plan showing details of NGET's assets is attached to this letter. Please note that this plan is illustrative only.

National Grid also provides information in relation to its assets at the website below.

- [www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/](http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/)



Please see attached information outlining guidance on development close to NGET infrastructure.

**Distribution Networks**

Information regarding the electricity distribution network is available at the website below:  
[www.energynetworks.org.uk](http://www.energynetworks.org.uk)

**Further Advice**

Please remember to consult NGET on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our assets.

We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database, if they are not already included:

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If you require any further information in respect of this letter, then please contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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**For and on behalf of Avison Young**

NGET is able to provide advice and guidance to the Council concerning their networks and encourages high quality and well-planned development in the vicinity of its assets.

Developers of sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets should be aware that it is NGET policy to retain existing overhead lines in-situ, though it recognises that there may be exceptional circumstances that would justify the request where, for example, the proposal is of regional or national importance.

NGET's *'Guidelines for Development near pylons and high voltage overhead power lines'* promote the successful development of sites crossed by existing overhead lines and the creation of well-designed places. The guidelines demonstrate that a creative design approach can minimise the impact of overhead lines whilst promoting a quality environment. The guidelines can be downloaded here: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/130626/download>

The statutory safety clearances between overhead lines, the ground, and built structures must not be infringed. Where changes are proposed to ground levels beneath an existing line then it is important that changes in ground levels do not result in safety clearances being infringed. National Grid can, on request, provide to developers detailed line profile drawings that detail the height of conductors, above ordnance datum, at a specific site.

NGET's statutory safety clearances are detailed in their *'Guidelines when working near National Grid Electricity Transmission assets'*, which can be downloaded here: [www.nationalgrid.com/network-and-assets/working-near-our-assets](http://www.nationalgrid.com/network-and-assets/working-near-our-assets)

#### How to contact NGET

If you require any further information in relation to the above and/or if you would like to check if NGET's transmission networks may be affected by a proposed development, please visit the website: <https://lsbud.co.uk/>

For local planning policy queries, please contact: [nationalgrid.uk@avisonyoung.com](mailto:nationalgrid.uk@avisonyoung.com)