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Cc: [Verlander, Matt \(Avison Young - UK\)](#); [Murdoch, Kate](#)
Subject: RE: Local Plan "Issues and Options" Consultation
Date: 06 May 2020 16:58:21

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Please find attached our updated letter of representation. Please do not hesitate to contact me via nationalgrid.uk@avisonyoung.com if you require any further information or clarification.

Regards

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Hinkley Point C Connection Development Consent Order Area

As noted above part of the Hinkley Point C Connection Project falls within the area the subject of the Local Plan. In May 2014 National Grid applied for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008") to authorise a proposed 400,000 volt (400kV) connection between Bridgwater, Somerset and Seabank substation, north of Avonmouth together with associated development ("Hinkley Point C Connection").

The Hinkley Point C Connection Project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under section 14(1)(b) and s16 of the PA 2008. Its purpose is to reinforce the transmission network in the region and facilitate the connection of the proposed Hinkley Point C new nuclear power station and other proposals for low carbon generation. In January 2016, the then Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change granted consent to National Grid's DCO application and on 19 January made the National Grid (Hinkley Point C Connection Project) Order 2016 ("the Order"). The Order, which authorises National Grid to construct, operate and maintain the Hinkley Point C Connection and to acquire interests in land compulsorily for that purpose, came into force on 9 February 2016. This Order was subsequently amended by the Secretary of State as the National Grid (Hinkley Point C Connection Project) (Correction) Order 2017 on 19 October 2017.

Under the Order, National Grid is granted both permanent and temporary compulsory acquisition powers to construct, operate and maintain the Hinkley Point C Connection. The order sets out six classes under which land or rights may be acquired permanently or land possessed temporarily. In respect of part of the Application Land, National Grid has the following rights:

- Class 2 (Compulsory Acquisition of Rights for the Authorised Development), which also includes Classes 3 (access), 4 (construction and mitigation), 5 (dismantling of redundant infrastructure) and 6 (temporary access);

- Class 4 (construction and mitigation); and
- Class 5 (dismantling of redundant infrastructure).

It is therefore imperative that any future development proposals progressed through the Local Plan do not compromise or delay National Grid's ability to deliver the Hinkley Point C Connection in accordance with its statutory and contractual duties. National Grid will continue to monitor the progress of the Local Plan and where relevant, comment on and engage with the Council and applicants on specific proposals.

Given the scale of the project we have, at this stage, provided an overview plan of the project as it relates to the Somerset West and Taunton Council area - see attached plan. We would be pleased to provide further information if that would assist the Council in the preparation of the Local Plan. For reference the approved plans and drawings are available at the following web link:

<https://hinkleyconnection.co.uk/plans-and-drawings/>

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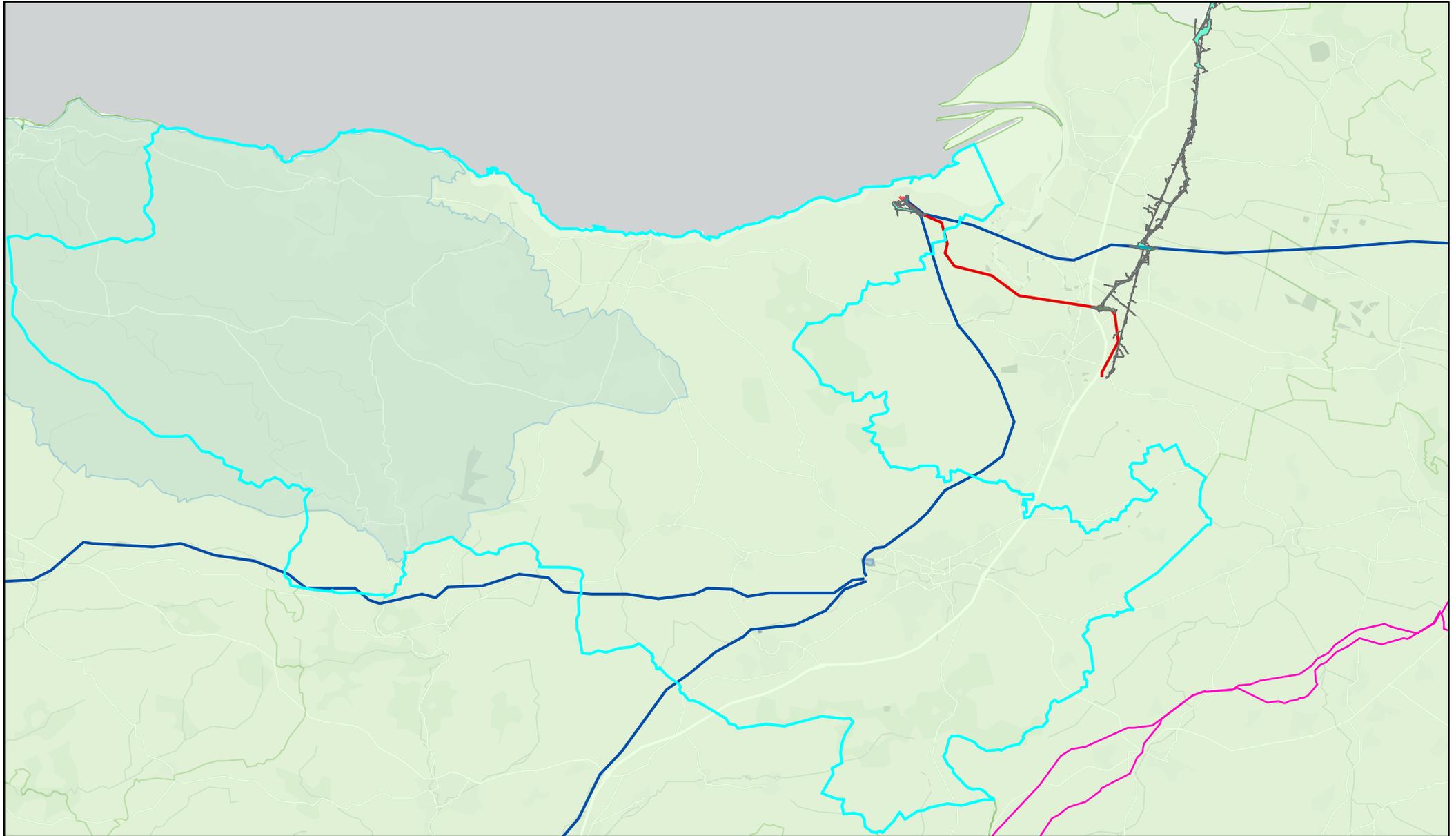
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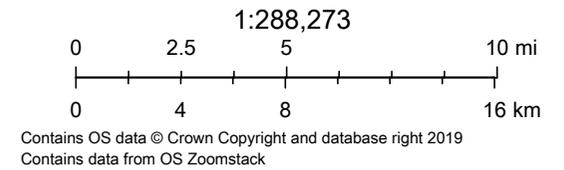
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From: [Higgins, Laura](#)
To: [Strategy](#)
Cc: [Povall, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Local Plan "Issues and Options" Consultation
Date: 21 April 2020 14:25:30

Hi Gill,

Just forwarding this to the Strategy inbox. I will deal with saving the responses on the Local Plan but please could you add their contact details to your list?

Thanks

Laura

From: Murdoch, Kate
Sent: 21 April 2020 10:28
To: Povall, Sarah <S.Povall@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk>; Higgins, Laura <L.Higgins@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk>
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Hi Sarah/Laura

I hope you are both keeping well.

I took a phone call this morning from consultants working on behalf of National Grid. I confirmed that they could submit the late response and given the delays we are likely to incur to the plan timetable this shouldn't cause any problem.

If possible please can you ensure their contact details are added to the database for future consultations.

Thanks for your help

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