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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information dated 21 October 2025.

Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as we believe that information relating to the Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd falls within the definition of environmental information as set out in Regulation 2(1) of the EIR.

Request

You asked us for:

- *Clarification as to why the expansion of Grendon Substation for National Grid's WMEL [Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire] project was not possible due to Environmental Constraints.*
- *Clarification in respect of National Grid's Relevant Representations to the Green Hill Solar NSIP application EN010170 objecting to Green Hill Solar because EN010170 proposes CPO of land that is required for WMEL and whether protective provisions are possible.*

Our response

We confirm that we do not hold any information in scope of your request.

Our role is to manage the flow of electricity across the transmission network. NESO Connections team is responsible for leading and facilitating the process by which customers connect to and make use of the transmission system. The companies that own the infrastructure and assets that make up the transmission system are called Transmission Owners (TOs).

The Host Transmission Owner for the Green Hill Solar Farm is National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET). The Relevant Representation to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the Green Hill Solar Farm DCO was submitted by NGET: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010170/representations/100007672>.

NGET is subject to the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR), and you may wish to contact them for the clarification you requested. NGET's contact details are available here: [Environmental Information Regulations \("EIR"\) 2004 | National Grid](#).

The exception at Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR allows us to refuse a request or parts of a request where we do not hold the information at the time when a request is received. We are not required to create new information in order to respond to an EIR request. All EIR exceptions are subject to public interest test (PIT) however the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) recognises that it is not possible to carry out a meaningful PIT where information is not held.

This concludes our response to your request.

Advice and assistance

The National Grid Electricity System Operator (NG ESO) was part of the National Grid PLC group of companies until 30 September 2024. On 1 October 2024 we became the National Energy System Operator (NESO) under government ownership (the Independent System Operator and Planner as designated in the Energy Act 2023).

Further information about NESO's role in Connections is available here: [NESO's role in Connections | National Energy System Operator](#).

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with our handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days and quote the reference number at the top of this letter. You can find our procedure here: [Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations | National Energy System Operator](#).

The ICO's website also provides guidance on the internal review process: [What to do if you are dissatisfied with the response | ICO](#).

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints. Alternatively, they can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the National Energy System Operator (NESO).

Regards,

The Information Rights Team, National Energy System Operator (NESO)