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Proposal:

1. Introduction

1. To which part of the Introduction chapter does your representation relate?:

Paragraph

1(a). Please write down the paragraph, policy or figure number that your representation relates to.:

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1(b). Does your comment relate to one of the changes listed above?: No

3(c). Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this part of the Introduction chapter sound, in respect of any matters you have identified above. You will need to say why each modification will make this part of the Introduction chapter sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for the relevant policy or paragraph. Please be as precise as possible.: New Infrastructure Demand for electricity is expected to rise significantly as the way we power homes, businesses and transport evolves. As the UK transitions towards net zero, fossil fuels will be replaced by increasing volumes of low carbon electricity, including from offshore wind and other renewable sources.

The UK Government has committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050, requiring a balanced approach to greenhouse gas emissions and removals. Decarbonising the energy system is central to meeting this national objective. National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) is delivering a range of infrastructure projects across England and Wales to support this energy transition and ensure that the transmission network can accommodate the rapid growth in low carbon generation.

NGET operates the high voltage electricity transmission network within East Devon, which includes assets that are essential for both regional and national energy security. The Local Plan should therefore:

- Safeguard all existing NGET transmission assets, including overhead lines, underground cables and substations.

- Support future reinforcement and expansion, including works required for the Great Grid Upgrade and other strategic national infrastructure projects.
- Ensure development proposals located near transmission assets demonstrate that they will not compromise safety, operability, maintenance access, asset replacement, or future network expansion.
- Safeguard existing and potential access routes required for the delivery and removal of Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AILs) associated with the construction, replacement and maintenance of transmission scale equipment, including large transformers at strategic substations.
- Resist development or highway alterations that would prejudice, constrain or render impracticable AIL access, unless suitable mitigation or alternative agreed routes can be secured.
- Encourage early engagement with NGET to identify and resolve any potential impacts at the earliest possible stage of the planning process.

Protecting existing assets and enabling future network development will ensure that East Devon contributes effectively to national decarbonisation targets while supporting local growth, resilience and energy security

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5. Development in the Towns and Villages

1. To which part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter does your representation relate?: Policy

1(a). Please write down the paragraph, policy or figure number that your representation relates to.: SD03

1(b). Does your comment relate to one of the changes listed above?: No

1(c). If the comment is related to a site, please state the site reference here::
GH/ED/39a, GH/ED/39b

3. Do you consider that this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter is sound?: No

3(b). If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter is not sound. Please be as precise as possible.:
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Following a review of the above Development Plan Document, we have identified that one or more proposed development sites are crossed by or in close proximity to NGET assets. Details of the site affecting NGET assets are provided below:

Policy SD03: Land north of Northcote Hill, Honiton (GH/ED/39a)- Asset Description: 4YA ROUTE TWR (002-112): 400Kv Overhead Transmission Line route: AXMINSTER-EXETER and CHICKEREL – EXETER

Policy SD03: Land south of Northcote Hill, Honiton (south of the railway) (GH/ED/39b) - Asset Description: 4YA ROUTE TWR (002-112): 400Kv Overhead Transmission Line route: AXMINSTER-EXETER and CHICKEREL – EXETER

A plan showing details of NGET assets is attached to this letter. Please note that this plan is illustrative only. NGET also provides information in relation to its assets at the

website below. <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/network-routemaps>

NGET advocates the high standards of design and sustainable development forms promoted through national planning policy and understands that contemporary planning and urban design agenda require a creative approach to new development around high voltage overhead lines and other NGET assets.

3(c). Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter sound, in respect of any matters you have identified above. You will need to say why each modification will make this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for the relevant policy or paragraph. Please be as precise as possible.: Sites GH/ED/39a and GH/ED/39b The above proposed allocations interact with NGET assets as listed above. For the associated policies to be effective the following wording, or wording to the same effect, is required to be included within the relevant policy to ensure conflict between the assets and proposals is avoided. We propose the following wording be provided within Policy SD03:

“Development will include a strategy for responding to the NGET Overhead Cable Route present within the sites which demonstrates how the NGET Design Guide and Principles have been applied at the masterplanning stage and how the impact of the assets has been reduced through good design.”

Without appropriate acknowledgement of the NGET assets present within the sites, the related policy (SD03) should not be considered effective as it cannot be delivered as proposed; unencumbered by the constraints posed by the presence of NGET infrastructure. Without the wording above or equivalent being added, we must object to Policy SD03 as currently drafted.