
Fw: NLRP DCO - Stage 4a Ecological Management Strategy - NE consultation

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Date Fri 17/04/2026 16:35

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Hi sorry this got missed - NE confirmed no comments in March so we can go ahead with Stage 4a EMS submissions.

[@maneesha.sakamuri](#) assume no further changes to Stage 4a EMS veg clearance area since March, apart from the very small areas to facilitate GI works?

[@Kate Field](#) please place a record of this consultation (date, contents etc) in a suitable place in the EMS and prepare to submit (subject to Maneesha's confirmation on above point).

Thanks
Pan

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Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 08:29

To: Hannah Copeland <Hannah.Copeland@arup.com>

Cc: Pan Hu <Pan.Hu@arup.com>

Subject: RE: NLRP DCO - Stage 4a Ecological Management Strategy - NE consultation

Thank you so much for forwarding those comments Hannah,

I can confirm that Natural England have reviewed the draft EMS and have no formal comments to make.

The point below regarding stewardship will hopefully have been forwarded to the correct department to address the question, it's not something we deal with in planning.

Any further questions or queries please let me know.

Kind regards,
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Subject: RE: NLRP DCO - Stage 4a Ecological Management Strategy - NE consultation

Hi Jonathan,

Please see the response from LVRPA below:

*“2.5.1 Mentions replacement planting
Can you provide suggested species for us to approve?”*

2.6.8 notes that scrub removal will take place outside of the bird breeding season (March – Sept)

It should be noted that dependant on the weather conditions there is the possibility that birds may start nesting earlier in the year and works should be mindful if this

2.7.13 notes that cut material will be cleared out of the work area and that this material has the potential to be used to create habitat features for target species

Location of habitat piles and any redistribution of cut material on site should be agreed with LVRPA staff in advance.

2.7.15 Mentions that an excavator will remove the top 2cms of earth with deeper excavations to remove roots etc – I am not sure if this area is landfill but if it is there could be potential for spill to be exposed.

Can you confirm where these excavations will be stored ? If this is on site we will need to confirm a location and we would need assurances that there is no possible contamination to site/public.

Just so you are aware the site is in a stewardship agreement, and I have contacted Natural England to ask if there will be any penalties/issues if the work is undertaken as proposed. I have attached the email for info but I think I will probably need to follow up with the Rural Payments Agency.”

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Best Wishes,
Hannah

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Good morning Hannah,

Apologies for the delay – I was not able to get to this before I went on leave last week. I note that the LVRP are listed as a consultee and that the final submission will include their comments. Have you received comments yet, and if so would you be able to share them with us to cross reference at all?

Many thanks,
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Subject: RE: NLRP DCO - Stage 4a Ecological Management Strategy - NE consultation

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Hi Jonathan,

Thank you for getting back to me. The DCO has been split up into various stages to allow for the staggered discharge of requirements, therefore there is an EMS being prepared to satisfy Requirement 12 for each stage. The email you have attached references Stage 5d which is situated within Enfield Council, whereas the stage we are currently consulting Natural England on is Stage 4a which is situated within Haringey Council, shown on sheet 10 of 10 of the work plans [here](#).

From the table below, I have set out which EMS for each stage and where NE have been consulted to date. The outstanding one is 4a which was sent over to Jamie on the 24th of December. As I'm sure you are aware, we need to demonstrate consultation with yourselves prior to submission of the LPA. The works at stage 4a refer to the establishment of an access track off Watermead Way only.

I hope that makes sense? I have reattached the Stage 4a EMS for comment.

Project substage	Description	Council Area	NE Consulted on EMS?
Stage 4a	Enabling works at Tottenham (access	London Borough of Haringey	(this email chain)

	off Watermead Way)		
Stage 5a	Pylon works at Waltham Cross	Epping Forest District Council	Yes
Stage 5b	Upgrades to overhead lines Epping Forest	Epping Forest District Council	Yes
Stage 5d	Upgrades to overhead lines Enfield	London Borough of Enfield	Yes
Stage 5f	Upgrades to overhead lines Waltham forest	London Borough of Waltham Forest	Yes
Stage 5h	Upgrades to overhead lines Haringey	London Borough of Haringey	Yes

Best Wishes,
Hannah

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Good morning Hannah,

Hope you are well. I believe we were formally consulted on the discharge of this requirement by Enfield in November 2025, and that we formally responded with a no comment response from our West Anglia team (attached). Both Jamie and I reviewed the EMS at the time – has this version changed since we reviewed it as part of that consultation do you know? I see it's dated December 2025 so there might be new information here for us to review.

Just for awareness, I have been recently working on other aspects of the NLPR – I don't know how well you're joined up with Arcadis who are leading on that element, but I just thought it worth mentioning as it may be helpful.

Hopefully any questions about requirement 12 have already been answered by our formal response, but let me know if you need anything else.

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Afternoon Jonathan,

I hope you are well! National Grid are currently in the process of discharging requirements for the National Grid (North London Reinforcement Project) Order 2014. The Works (as defined in Schedule 1, DCO) include:

- Uprating of the existing ZBC overhead electric line between pylon ZBC2 and pylon ZBC43 from 275 kilovolts (kV) to 400kV
- Construction of new transmission pylons at Waltham Cross and Tottenham
- Removal of existing transmission pylons at Waltham Cross and Tottenham
- Construction of new switchgear substation at Waltham Cross
- Extension/modification to the existing 275–132kV substation at Brimsdown
- Works to facilitate the bypass of Tottenham substation
- Associated works – e.g. temporary access roads, highway works, compounds, scaffolds, ancillary work

National Grid have prepared the attached draft of an Ecological Management Strategy (EMS), relating to the vegetation clearance associated with stage 4a of the NLRP DCO. These works include the establishment of an access track off Watermead Way only. The works in question can be found on sheet 10 of 10 in the work plans [here](#), located within the boundary of the London Borough of Haringey.

I have joined the project fairly recently, but I believe my predecessor Alice was communicating with Jamie on the discharge of requirement 12 for the various stages of the project however have been struggling to get a hold of him and was hoping you would be able to respond.

As set out in the DCO, we must consult with yourselves prior to submission to the LPA, as we are looking to submit soon, we would appreciate a response on the attached.

Happy to answer any questions.

Best Wishes,

Hannah

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Hi Jamie,

Apologies if you have already gotten back to Alice, as she has now left Arup, we haven't seen a response from yourself. Would you be able to provide an update?

Best Wishes,

Hannah

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Subject: NLRP DCO - Stage 4a Ecological Management Strategy - NE consultation

Hi Jamie,

I hope you are well! Alice has now left Arup, and I have taken over her role to support the discharge of requirements, so apologies if you have emailed her and not received a response!

I was wondering if you had the opportunity to review and comment on the below? Please reach out if you have any questions.

Best Wishes,
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Subject: NLRP DCO - Stage 4a Ecological Management Strategy - NE consultation

Hi Jamie,

I hope you are well and are looking forward to the Christmas break.

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The works in question can be found on sheet 10 of 10 in the work plans [here](#), located within the boundary of the London Borough of Haringey.

Please could you review the attached EMS and provide any comments by **COP 16 January 2026**. Due to the scope of works being limited, hopefully 2 weeks will be enough time for your review, but please let me know if not.

Any questions, please let me know.

Kind regards,
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