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Dear Alice,

Pre-application review for Stage 4a – Ecological Management Strategy

North London Reinforcement Project.

Thank you for engaging with us on the above pre-application review. As part of the engagement, we have reviewed:

North London Reinforcement Project Requirement 12: Stage 4a – Ecological Management Strategy, prepared by National Grid, December 2025

Please note this is a pre-application response only and we still wish to be formally consulted on any statutory planning application relating to these documents.

Environment Agency Position

Based on a review of the information submitted, we would support this document if submitted to the LPA for discharge. Please note, the discharge requires interaction with other organisations who may have further comments. We look forward to being consulted at the FRAP stage.

Flood Risk Activity Permit

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 require a permit to be obtained for any activities which will take place:

- on or within 8 metres of a main river (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 8 metres of a flood defence structure or culvert **including any buried elements** (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 16 metres of a sea defence
- involving quarrying or excavation within 16 metres of any main river, flood defence (including a remote defence) or culvert
- in a floodplain more than 8 metres from the riverbank, culvert or flood defence structure (16 metres if it's a tidal main river) and you don't already have planning permission.

For further guidance please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits> or contact our National Customer Contact Centre on 03702 422 549 or by emailing enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk. The applicant should not assume that a permit will automatically be forthcoming once planning permission has been granted, and we advise them to consult with us at the earliest opportunity.

Final comments

Thank you for contacting us regarding the above application. Our comments are based on our available records and the information submitted to us. Please note that the views expressed in this report by the Environment Agency are a response to a pre-application enquiry only and do not represent our final view in relation to any future planning application made in relation to this site. We reserve the right to change our position in relation to any such application. You should seek your own expert advice in relation to technical matters relevant to any planning application before submission.

Should you have any queries regarding this response, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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