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Dear Sir / Madam

**Aberdeen City Council – Aberdeen Local Development Plan – Proposed Plan
SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL GRID**

National Grid has appointed Amec Foster Wheeler to review and respond to development plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regards to the current consultation on the above document.

National Grid owns and operates the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales and operate the Scottish high voltage transmission system. National Grid also owns and operates the gas transmission system. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the distribution networks at high pressure. It is then transported through a number of reducing pressure tiers until it is finally delivered to our customer. National Grid own four of the UK's gas distribution networks and transport gas to 11 million homes, schools and businesses through 81,000 miles of gas pipelines within North West, East of England, West Midlands and North London.

To help ensure the continued safe operation of existing sites and equipment and to facilitate future infrastructure investment, National Grid wishes to be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of plans and strategies which may affect our assets.

National Grid infrastructure within Aberdeen City Council's administrative area

Electricity Transmission

National Grid has no electricity transmission assets within Aberdeen City Council's administrative area.

Gas Transmission

National Grid has two gas high pressure gas transmission pipelines within the administrative area of Aberdeen Council:

Pipeline	Feeder Detail
2645	13 Feeder Aberdeen / Arbroath
2750	24 Feeder Aberdeen / Lochside

National Grid has provided information in relation to gas transmission assets via the following internet link:

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/>

National Grid requests that any High Pressure Major Accident Hazard Pipelines (MAHP) are taken into account when site options are developed in more detail. These pipelines form an essential part of the national gas transmission system and National Grid's approach is always to seek to retain our existing transmission pipelines in situ.

Gas Distribution

Scotland Gas Networks owns and operates the local gas distribution network in the Aberdeen City Council administrative area. If you require site specific advice relating to our local gas distribution network then information should be sought from: www.energynetworks.org

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

Thank you for consulting National Grid on the Aberdeen Local Development Plan – Proposed Plan. Having reviewed the document, site OP108 – Mid Anguston in Deeside is identified as being located within close proximity to National Grid's high pressure gas pipeline (FM13 Aberdeen to Arbroath) which runs to the west and north of the proposed site. National Grid therefore request that the following comments are taken into consideration.

Our underground pipelines are protected by permanent agreements with landowners or have been laid in the public highway under our licence. These grant us legal rights that enable us to achieve efficient and reliable operation, maintenance, repair and refurbishment of our gas transmission network. Hence we require that no permanent structures are built over or under pipelines or within the zone specified in the agreements, materials or soil are not stacked or stored on top of the pipeline route and that unrestricted and safe access to any of our pipeline(s) must be maintained at all times.

Local authorities have a statutory duty to consider applications for development in the vicinity of high pressure (above 7 bar) pipelines and to advise the developer on whether the development should be allowed on safety grounds on rules provided by HSE. This advice is provided by the HSE Planning Advice for Development near to Hazardous Installations (PADHI) process. The relevant HSE guidance can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/landuseplanning/padhi.pdf>

In order to ensure that National Grid's pipelines are protected from uncontrolled development in the vicinity of the pipeline please also read the following guidance prepared by National Grid:

- Specification for Safe Working in the Vicinity of National Grid High Pressure Gas Pipelines and Associated Installations - Requirements for Third Parties
http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/50ACAC0A-ED26-41A7-91FA-83163A98270F/23790/TSPSSW22_J537_Rev0807.pdf
- Gas Transmission Underground Pipelines – Guidance
http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/446009BF-ABB5-42E1-B9FE-44E90D577DD5/18653/APTGasGuidance_2_.pdf

Should these sites be taken forward as development sites in the future, the developers should be made aware of the above issues.

Appendix - National Grid Assets

Please find attached in:

- Appendix 1 maps of the sites referenced above in relation to the affected National Grid Transmission assets outlined above.

Further Advice

National Grid is happy to provide advice and guidance to the Council concerning our networks. If we can be of any assistance to you in providing informal comments in confidence during your policy development, please do not hesitate to contact us. In addition the following publications are available from the National Grid website or by contacting us at the address overleaf:

- National Grid's commitments when undertaking works in the UK - our stakeholder, community and amenity policy;
- Specification for Safe Working in the Vicinity of National Grid High Pressure Gas Pipelines and Associated Installations - Requirements for Third Parties; and
- A sense of place - design guidelines for development near high voltage overhead lines.
- T/SP/SSW22 – Specification for safe working in the vicinity of National Grid high pressure gas pipelines and associated installations – requirements for third parties.
<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=33968>

Please remember to consult National Grid on any Development Plan Document (DPD) or site-specific proposals that could affect our infrastructure. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database:

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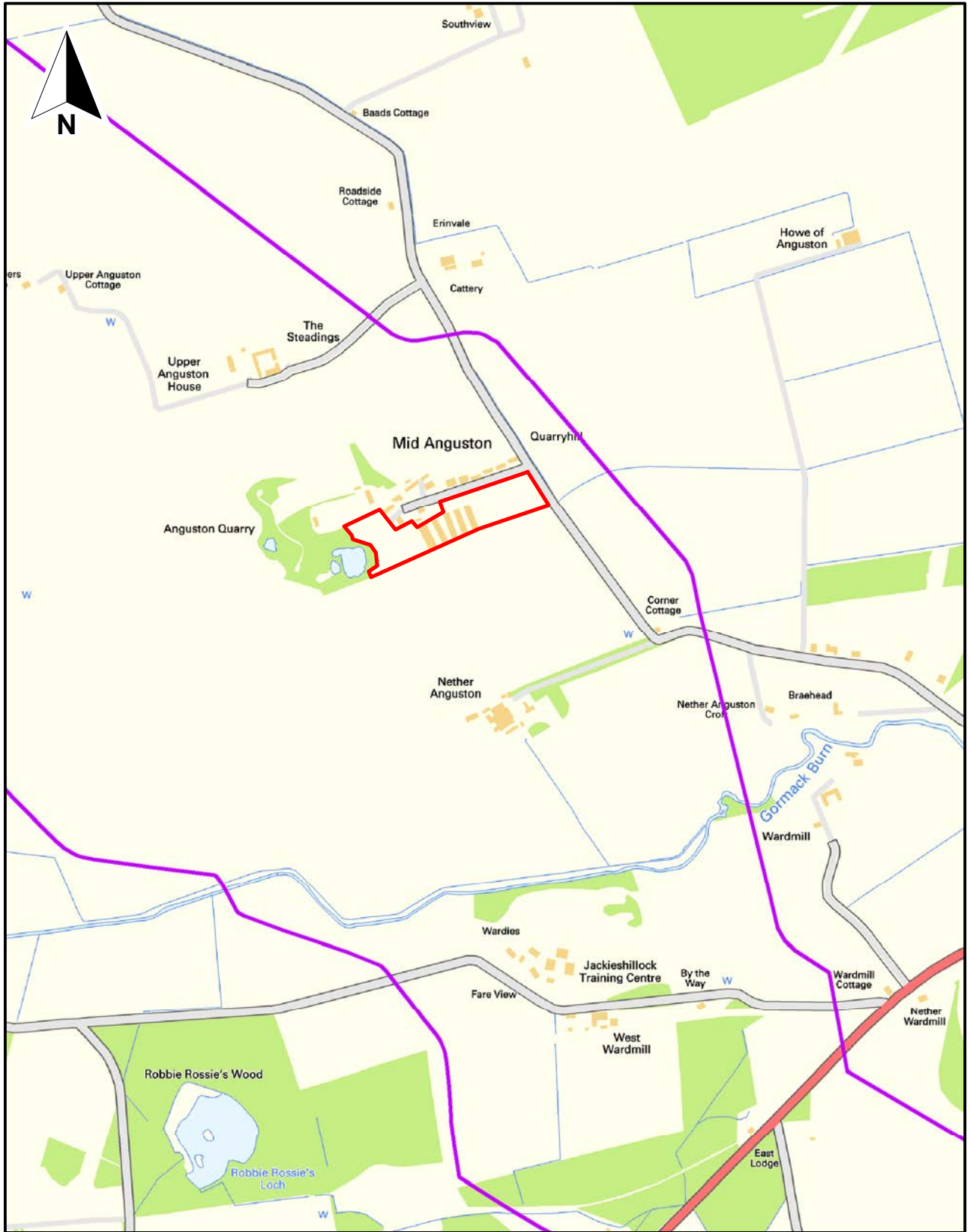
I hope the above information is useful. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

[via email]
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APPENDIX 1: NATIONAL GRID TRANSMISSION ASSETS AFFECTED



Key:

 Indicative Site boundary

National Grid Assets

 Gas transmission pipeline (High Pressure)

Development Plan Monitoring

National Grid Reference:

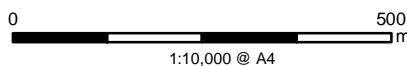
Site GT14

OP108 Mid Anguston, Aberdeen

Proposed Development Sites

Type of Development:

Housing



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