

The National Grid Gas Plc (Western Gas Network Project) Compulsory Purchase Order 2022: Public Notice of Inquiry

NOTICE OF INQUIRY DATE AND VENUE:

Venue: to be held virtually¹

Date: 9 May 2023– 10am start

National Grid Gas Plc² submitted a Compulsory Purchase Order, under section 9 of and schedule 3 to the Gas Act 1986, in regards to the construction and operation of a new 9km section of gas pipeline between Wormington (Gloucestershire) and Honeybourne (Worcestershire), a new 2km section of gas pipeline in Churchover (Warwickshire), works to facilitate pressure uprating of the existing gas pipeline between Felindre (Swansea) and Three Cocks (Powys) and Cilfrew (Neath Port Talbot)³ and associated works to existing above ground installations to meet increased demand to flow gas on to the national gas system.

Notice is given that the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, under Rule (3)3 of the Compulsory Purchase (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 2007 (SI 2007 No 3617) amended by the Compulsory Purchase (Inquiries Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendments and Electronic Communications) Rules 2018 (SI 2018 No 248), has instructed a Planning Inspectorate Inspector – Mr Patrick Hanna – to hold a public local inquiry into the above order.

If confirmed the order will allow National Grid Transmission Plc to purchase compulsorily the land and new rights in land required for the purpose of the construction and operation of a new 9km section of gas pipeline between Wormington (Gloucestershire) and Honeybourne (Worcestershire), a new 2km section of gas pipeline in Churchover (Warwickshire), works to facilitate pressure uprating of the existing gas pipeline between Felindre (Swansea) and Three Cocks (Powys) and Cilfrew (Neath Port Talbot)⁴ and associated works to existing above ground installations to meet increased demand to flow gas on to the national gas system.

Electronic copies of the order, the order map and the Statement of Reasons, Statement of Case and core documents referred to therein can be viewed online at: www.nationalgas.com/wgn

Description of the Order Land:

Primarily agricultural land consisting of arable, grass land and some permanent pastures and some highway subsoil between Wormington, Gloucestershire and Honeybourne, Worcestershire; at Churchover, Warwickshire; and between Felindre, Swansea, Three Cocks, Powys and Cilfrew, Neath Port Talbot.

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1 If you would like to attend the virtual inquiry please contact Stephen Waterfield of the Planning Inspectorate by e-mail to stephen.waterfield@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

2 On 31 January 2023 a sale of shares in National Grid Gas Plc was completed. Given that the transaction was a share sale the legal entity comprising National Grid Gas plc remains the entity that carries on gas transmission and there was no change to the company number. The company was however renamed “National Gas Transmission Plc”, effective as of 6 February 2023

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