

NOTE ON REFERENCES TO THE NATIONAL NETWORKS NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT  
IN THE OCC PROOFS OF EVIDENCE

The National Policy Statement on National Networks (NPSNN) was originally published in December 2014. A new version was published in draft in March 2023. A further amended version was designated in March 2024.

Proof of evidence	Paragraph ref of the proof of evidence	NPSNN para reference in proof	Equivalent NPSNN 2024 ref
Alex Maddox	Para 3.2.13 discusses the Stonehenge case – EHDC had raised this to say that alternatives were not adequately considered – Alex comments that Stonehenge tunnel was an NSIP and therefore NPSNN applied, specifically, policies 4.26 and 4.27. These policies, and other policies set out within the NPS, are not applicable in HIF1’s case as not an NSIP.	Paras 4.26 and 4.27 of the 2014 designated version discuss the need to consider alternatives and go through an options appraisal process.	The new alternatives paragraphs (4.20-4.22) include expanded text.
Chris Landsburgh	Para 2.27 states that recent policy and guidance published since the ES was produced have been reviewed in CL2.1– this includes the 2023 draft of the NPSNN– covered in paras 2.12-2.16 of CL2.1.	n/a – Chris’ proof discusses the 2023 draft NPSNN only (not the 2014 designated version). Quotes para 5.29 of the draft which states “ <i>Whole life carbon assessment should be used to measure greenhouse gas emissions at every stage of the Scheme to ensure that emissions are minimised as far as possible as we transition to net zero</i> ”	Para 5.29 in the draft has become 5.31 in the designated version, and now reads: “ <i>All proposals for national network infrastructure projects should include a Whole Life Carbon Assessment at critical stages in the project lifecycle, for example the submission of a major business case.</i> ”
	Para 2.13 of CL 2.1	Chris states that the draft NPSNN references the Transport Appraisal Guidance Unit A3 guidance, and that this guidance has been updated with an Emissions Factor Toolkit (EFT).	The designated version contains the same reference to the Unit A3 guidance.

	Para 2.15 of CL 2.1	Chris states that the draft NPSNN requires the submission of a Carbon Management Plan as part of the DCO process.	The designated version contains exactly the same wording on the requirement for the Carbon Management Plan.
	Para 2.16 of CL 2.1	Chris explains how the draft NPSNN states that mitigation is also required for design and construction to ensure that the carbon footprint is not unnecessarily high.	The designated version contains exactly the same wording on the requirement for the Carbon Management Plan.