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Agenda item 3.4 noise and any other health impacts.

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The first bullet point was for construction. Whether the proposed mitigation measures for noise and vibration are sufficient, well defined and secured in the draft DCO.

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Regarding the working hours in the Outline Code of Construction Practice in Essex County Council and Tendring District Council's Response Rep 2036 to execute 1.4.5, Tendring District Council has requested tighter working hour restrictions should be implemented in locations affecting residential properties in the applicant's applicants response to written questions. Rep 3036 the applicant refers to their response to XK 1.4.2, which states that reduced working hours in proximity to residential properties would increase the work's duration at these locations, and therefore potentially result in increased disturbance.

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Could Essex County Council advise whether this matter was discussed in the meeting scheduled with the applicant for 20th of March, and if so, was it concluded?

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Wallace, Essex County Council This matter has not been covered in our meeting, so it will be an ongoing matter to discuss with the applicant team. Thank you.

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Thank you. Um. And is the is this matter going to be discussed in the statement of Common Ground.

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Essex County Council. Kerry. Wallace. Yes, it will be covered in the statement of common Ground. Thank you.

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Thank you. Any other comments from any other interested parties?

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Any comments from the applicant?

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For the applicant? No. We've already set out our reasons why we consider the working hours to be appropriate for a project of this scale. Thank you.

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Okay. Thank you.

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Next question. Um, regarding noise assessment. Essex County Council and Tendring District Council's response. Rep 2036 to execute 17.1.5 includes the following. The baseline noise levels appear appropriate for this assessment. Paragraphs 1732177. Environmental statement. Chapter 26 Noise and Vibration app 040. Identify noise levels that could result in a high impact, but also confirm that mitigation measures will be implemented in the final code of construction practice to ensure acceptable noise levels.

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Tendring District Council recommends that once mitigation measures are confirmed and or implemented, the noise limits should be reviewed or noise monitoring should be conducted in affected locations to verify the effectiveness of the mitigation. The impact of the road traffic noise has also been noted, particularly the application of a 40 mile an hour speed limit, which is expected to be addressed in the final code of construction practice. Based on these findings, Tendring District Council is satisfied with the methodologies used for noise and vibration assessments and has no further comments at this stage.

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The outline Code of Construction practice rep 3018, paragraph 170 in relation to noise and vibration includes that measures will be implemented on site to minimise any effects, and a programme of monitoring may be required. Could Essex County Council or Tendring District Council advise if they have any additional concerns since their response at deadline to.

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Essex County Council. We don't have any further comments in terms of construction phase. Thank you.

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And my next question was do you have any amendments to the Outline Code of Construction Practice or require further mitigation measures needed over and above those already identified for the construction stage?

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Care. Wallace, Essex County Council. Now, this is based on the understanding that there will be a final copy to be submitted as part of a requirement. Thank you.

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Thank you. Any other interested parties? Comments.

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Mason Ardley Parish council. I don't know if any consideration has been given to the amount of dust that might be created by all the heavy goods vehicle or all vehicle movements, um, drifting across the local communities. We're an incredibly dry area that's likely to be like to be an issue. And can I also just say, um, the cumulative I'm not sure if this noise, um, consideration is for the completion of the substations, but the community is really concerned about the noise level that will come from three substations and the torque and converter station.

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The existing substation creates a hum and if you stand near it, you can hear it and the cumulative impact of noise. Once it should, they all be constructed will be. Well, we we don't know what that will be. We'd like maybe to have that, um, assessed um,

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and whether there is any mitigation for that. Thank you.

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Thank you. Um, we will be coming on to, um, cumulative, um, tomorrow on the agenda. Um, could the applicant respond to the other points.

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Project for the applicant? Um, just to, uh, point oddly, parish Council in the direction of section 1.9 of the Outline Code of Construction Practice, which was rep three, dash 017, or one eight for the tract version that deals with air quality management. And there is a section in there about the various mitigation measures that will be put in place during construction to manage construction dust, so that that's where you can find those mitigation measures.

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Um, noting that, um, in terms of operational noise, there's another agenda item there. So happy to explain the mitigation measures. Um, and monitoring during operation when we come to that agenda item.

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Okay. Thank you, Mr. Blythe.

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Um, oddly, parish council, just a further question along the same lines. Um, but what is acceptable level of noise that's referred to?

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Thank you. Could the applicant respond to that, please?

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Their project. The applicant, uh, in respect of construction noise or operational noise, would you like us to cover both elements

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just because they've assessed? They've been assessed separately. And there are different control measures.

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Could you clarify, Mr. Blythe?

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James Blythe parish council, uh, construction noise in particular.

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Thank you. And Miss Broderick.

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That project for the applicant? Um, yes. So we've already mentioned that there are a number of mitigation measures, and those are set out in section 1.11, um, of the Outline Code of Construction Practice, which deal with the control of noise during construction, both in terms of, um, best practical means, but also, uh, mitigation and monitoring. But I will, um, hand over to, um, Tim Britton, um, who can introduce himself, but then also provide a brief response to the noise levels and the levels that are chosen as being acceptable for the purposes of the assessment.

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In Britain for the applicant. I'm a principal consultant at Royal Coning DHB. Uh, corporate member of the Institute of Acoustics. And I'm responsible for.

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The noise and vibration assessment for the project. Um, so, uh,

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there was a British standard. British standard five, two, eight. Um, has two parts. The first part, um, refers to the control of noise from construction projects, has a number of kind of measures within it that essentially represent best practice for control of construction noise, but also has some recommended criteria within it for the assessment of impacts on people. Um,

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those criteria, um, Essentially there are a number of different criteria. Um, they do depend on the duration, um, of the impact that somebody is exposed to. Um, we have chosen that, uh, a particular assessment methodology based on those, um, criteria, which applies a, a limited to a dwelling, um, equivalent to a um.

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A moderate threshold, the moderate, um, threshold of impact for our effect assessment, which is effectively the line for significance of effect, um, which is 68dB. And if a dwelling is exposed to that for, um, more than two weeks, um, or ten days in 15 consecutive days, um, then that would constitute a significant effect in our based on our assessment methodology. Ology.

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Okay. Thank you.

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Next question. Regarding vibration assessment, Essex County Council and Tendring District Council's response. Rep. 20362 SSC 17 .1.5 includes the following. The assessment concludes that the risk of property damage is not significant in environmental impact terms. The implementation of mitigation measures within the final Code of construction practice is noted, and Tendring District Council agrees that a well maintained road surface will help mitigate vibration impacts.

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A level of vibration experience will depend on factors such as vehicle movements, which have been considered in the assessment. Based on these findings, Tendring District Council is satisfied with the methodologies used for noise and vibration assessments and has no further comments at this stage. The Outline Code of Construction Practice Rep 3018. Paragraph 170. In relation to noise and vibration includes that measures will be implemented on site to minimise any effects and a programme of monitoring may be required.

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Essex County Council will tendering District Council advise if they have any additional concerns since their response at deadline to, and also whether they require any amendments to the Outline Code of Construction Practice or require further mitigation measures needed over and above those already identified for the construction stage.

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Wallace, Essex County Council on behalf of Tendring District Councils as well. We want to defer to the deadline for to respond. Thank you.

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Okay. Any other interested persons?

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Councillor Farley.

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Thank you sir. Yes. Councillor. Fairlie. Um. Oddly. And little Bromley ward. Just a query on if a local resident should. Find that they have an issue. Um, can the applicant advise how that would. Is there a process to manage that? How would a local resident know whether it would be five estuaries, North Falls or others? And how? Yeah, how they're to report it without the onus being on them to chase it around.

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Thank you.

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Okay. Thank you. The applicant respond on that issue please.

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Project. The applicant um, in the deadline three. Version of the um outline code of construction practice. Um, there is reference at um. Yeah, 1.11.3 of a complaints procedure, which will cover both noise and vibration during construction and mentions that the final code will set out the detail of that. Um, obviously at that stage it will be more better known what kind of, um, interaction there will be between the projects during the construction phase.

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And so we would expect greater detail to be provided in that final version that will be submitted for approval, rather than setting out the various different permutations that could occur in the outline outline plan.

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Thank you, Mr. Broderick.

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Um, next bullet point is for the substation operation. How sufficient good design measures have been incorporated to reduce and mitigate noise effects for the substation operation. With reference to the applicant's response to SSC 8.1.3 reference Rep 2020. Can the applicant identify what controls are in place to ensure the detailed design is developed in such a way that sufficient good design is incorporated to reduce and mitigate noise effects?

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The app can just before I hand over in terms of the the good design point, it was just to refer to um, requirement 17 of the draft um DCO um, which sets out the um, operational, um, noise limits, um, for um, a number of specified receptors, um, and that um, it states that um, prior to commencement of the operation of the Substation and Noise Investigation Protocol must be submitted to and approved by the discharging authority, and then sets out what the elements of what that noise investigation protocol must, um, must contain.

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We also submitted at deadline three um an onshore substations operational Noise and outline noise complaints protocol which was rep 3043. And that's a document that's been developed by North Falls, five Estuaries and National Grid and was submitted into the Five Estuaries Examination before it closed. And that talks through um the various um noise limits and assigned receptors and the drafting that's going into each of the three DCO should they be granted.

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And an outline version of the um, the noise investigation protocol. But I will hand over, um, uh, to Mr. Britton to provide some more information about, um, elements of design for reducing noise.

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It's important for the applicant. And so. There's a good design hierarchy. Um in the NpF4 which should be followed which is essentially um avoidance. So that would be around noise control at source. And that would be the principal form of ensuring that any um the noise emissions are minimised. So that would be selection of quieter plant um, such as transformers that can be made quieter by the manufacturer.

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And those um plant can also come with acoustic enclosures if required. Um, the sites can also be designed so that it itself provides screening to receptors via the use of buildings or other um structures, um, such as blast walls that um, are located between the main noise sources and the receptors. And then, um, as a principle of last resort, it required that you could use boundary screening, but that's not normally envisioned to be required for this kind of a noise source.

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We're, um, really expecting that, um, noise control at source, as I've outlined, would be, um, the principal measure for meeting the limits that, um, Miss Broderick referred to. Um, it's worth saying that that we've already implemented, um, good design in terms of the site selection process that was followed through to maximize distance to residential dwellings and the selection of, um, the technology.

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So using HVAC has eliminated the need for or reduce the need for cooling equipment.

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That's. Yeah, that's probably my response.

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Thank you. Any comments from, um, Essex County Council or Tendring District Council?

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Carol Wallace. Um, Essex County Council, together with Tendring District Council and both councils, had previously raised strong objections in terms of the joint um noise complaint protocol that was submitted by 5th February during the examination. We note that the applicant here has submitted a last outline, the same version of the Joint Noise Complaint Protocol. So the council wants to highlight that we still maintain a strongly maintain our will, that any noise complaint during operational stage should be addressed by all three developers.

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So are you bypassing North Force and National Grid? The reason being, these three projects are co-located and could be responsible for individual or cumulative noise breaches. This. There should be a collective responsibility.

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And we couldn't find any precedent case for joint campaign planning in other consented DCO. We believe that it is essential to establish a collective approach to monitor, investigate and resolve any potential cumulative impact. Given the nature of this DCO.

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And another thing we want to highlight that the current version submitted is still have a very prolonged complaint handling time frame. And we consider that this is unacceptable, especially because the complainant will have to endure the problem for such a long period of time. So both cancel journey Any request at the time frame to be shortened, especially, um, for the initial site.

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Walk around should be reduced to 48 working hours and then to appoint a noise consultant should be within five working days. In subsequent measurements and in terms of report or identification of any recommendation or mitigation, it should be within ten working days.

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And subsequently, therefore, both Council is requesting that the draft DCO requirements 17 currently controlling the operative operational noise should be revised to reflect a collaborative complaint handling approach in the Noise Investigation Protocol. Thank you.

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Okay. Thank you for those comments.

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Um, just check if you're going to provide or you have provided.

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Draft alternative wording for requirement 17.

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And we will be including this in deadline for in writing. Thank you.

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Thank you. Um, we do have a question on this tomorrow which which we, as we've started to respond to, um, uh, give the applicant the opportunity to respond, but we'll also, um, go over it tomorrow in the cumulative section.

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Of the applicant. Um, It just in terms of the drafting, I believe it relates to the, um, outline noise complaints protocol rather than the drafting of the requirement in, in the DCO, in terms of the time frames, um, that um, Essex County Council was saying, can.

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Just clarify.

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Draft or alternative wording to the requirement itself? That was number 17 within the draft DCO.

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Sorry. The current DCO wording does not reflect this collaborative approach. So that's why we would suggest some suggest wordings to to revise the.

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Yeah. Is there a revision of the requirement itself. Yes 17. Yes.

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Right. Thank you.

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Could the applicant respond.

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To the applicant? Yeah, we obviously we're aware of the comments that were made during the Five Estuaries examination. And obviously the responses made by five estuaries in terms of the appropriateness of um, amending the drafting, particularly in light of um, the various different scenarios, um, that may arise in terms of whether the whether all of the projects will be granted consent. And I think the feeling was that that is best placed in the um, outline, um, noise protocol.

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Um, but we will obviously respond to any written, written comments at deadline five. My understanding is that discussions are still ongoing on this particular topic, but what we what we

submitted into examination was the the last version that went into the Five Estuaries examination. Um, my understanding is that the timeframes that have been put in are, um, are considered to be appropriate and realistic in terms of the time it takes to engage, um, an acoustic consultant to come out. So as it was mentioned, there's various stages.

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The first one is, um, on receipt of a complaint that the operator of each substation would do a walk around within two working days, which is consistent with that, with that, um, 48 hours. Um, but um, from then onwards, um, the timeframes are, are longer than has been put forward by Essex County Council in terms of it being ten working days to, to obtain an acoustic consultant to come out to the site and then further timeframe, um, for um, putting in place any um, measures that might be required.

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And the applicant's position along with five estuaries and National grid is that is a realistic timeframe for getting, um, getting somebody out onto site and carrying out the monitoring.

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I think we would, uh, we would wish to see a full explanation as to why you regard those time periods that you're putting forward. Should be considered as reasonable.

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Um, sorry, Mr. Gamby, were you raising your hand then? Uh, okay. Sorry. Okay. All right. Um, Mrs. Wallace, any any further comments?

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Oh, Wallace, Essex county Council. Um, our request for the initial site work around for 48 hours is given that if someone complained on a Friday. What you're proposing to working doesn't mean someone have to suffer for four days before the initial site walk around. So there's significant difference between if the if it's during the weekend.

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It's the applicant got the response.

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For the applicant. Um, again? Yes. The two working days is considered to be realistic. The site isn't isn't manned, so there won't be somebody at site. So it requires somebody to go out and investigate a complaint as it's been logged. But yeah, the comments are noted.

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Mr. Blythe.

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Given the. Sorry, James Blythe, uh, are the parish council, given the fact that we're out in the middle of nowhere in the countryside, uh, which is normally quiet, um, you can hear skylarks singing and stuff like that. I think that actually 48 hours is totally unreasonable.

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Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Broderick.

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I think I have asked for a full explanation. Justification for that. And, um, James, you'll have an opportunity to comment on the explanation they've given in writing at a future deadline.

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Thank you.

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Any other interested persons?

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Not seeing any hands? Virtually. And I'll now hand over to my colleague, Mrs. Van Milligan, for further questions relating to human health.

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Thank you. Now, passing.

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On to the final point in section 3.4, which is the position relating to electromagnetic Magnetic fields.

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Firstly, in the statement of Common Ground with the UK Health Security Agency, which is Rep 2027. This refers to the provision of the calculations confirming the electromagnetic fields predicted to occur at ground level during the operation of the onshore 275 kV and 400 kV buried electrical cables as evidence of compliance with the exposure guidelines as set out in its chapter 28 Human Health App 042.

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UK Health Security Agency is awaiting the calculations of their consideration and further discussion, with the applicants at the applicant's able to provide an update on the timescale for provision of the calculations, um, and the discussions to be undertaken with the UK Health Security Agency, please.

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Gordon Campbell for the applicant. Um. Uh, yes. Uh, um, we've, uh, undertaken, uh, additional calculations, um, with regard to addressing the UK Health Security Agency's query about, um, uh, the, uh, emfs, um, uh, like that like to be produced in relation to the 25,400 kV cable. Um, and, uh, a technical statement detailing those values is intended to be submitted into deadline for, um, the note as well.

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Alongside that, we're also intending to submit a non-technical statement regarding, uh, Emfs. Uh, alongside that document, um, that will be also available on the project's website.

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Thank you. Um, passing to the councils, um, Tendring and Essex. Are there any comments, please?

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Elena? Essex County council. Um, yeah, we have been in discussion about the Emfs with both five estuaries and North Falls we have requested, which I believe is being worked on the FAQs, which outlines the EMF and the position.

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And the potential implications, if any, on human health. But we have also requested that there's visual representation included in this to make it very clear, so that people can understand what the levels are and what the implications are. Thank you.

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Thank you. Um, any, uh, Mr. Blythe.

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Uh, has there been any, um, research done into the implications for plant health? Um, because this is going underneath the agricultural land and there will be food being grown on top of it. Eventually, one hopes, and the implications are to the crops being grown on top.

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The applicants wish to comment on that.

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Uh, project. The applicant. Just to note that obviously, um, impacts on agricultural land use are on the agenda for tomorrow. So it's not we can pick pick up the point, uh, then if that would be helpful. Um, if it's not related to Emma.

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Specifically.

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Thank you.

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Well, I think the point made was related to EMF specifically, and the point was whether an assessment had made as to whether emfs in themselves would have any impact on plant or if there is any evidence of that.

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Collaboration with the applicant. Um, we're not aware of any evidence. It doesn't form part of the environmental impact assessment, but we will confirm, um, in our written summary. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

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Is there anybody else who wishes to make a comment on the other IPS? Thank you. Um, moving to the next point regarding EMF. Um, chapter 28 of the, uh, es, uh, Human Health app 042 uh, refers to the public being provided with information to show that there is no risk to human health from the electromagnetic fields arising from the buried cables, and then and that there will not be a cumulative effect from the cables for this proposed development and the five estuaries cables.

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Um, please, could the applicant, uh, comment as to how this information will be disseminated to the public and how will the electromagnetic fields be monitored during the operational phase of the project?

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Beverage of the napkin in respect of the first point is, as Mr. Campbell mentioned, the intention is to, um, develop, um, a frequently asked questions section of the project website, which will be um, which will provide that information, and then a copy of that will be submitted into the examination. So you can see the information that's been put on the project's website. Um, in terms of monitoring, I will hand over to Mr. Reid if he has anything to add on that point.

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Monitoring of the cables, the cables are a static, uh, item in the ground. And by the nature of them and by the nature of the failure modes of the cables, the the magnetic fields should not increase in size beyond what has been calculated because of the design of the cables and because of how they fail, when they fail on a short circuit or of a of a cable fault. So they should not exceed the calculated values for an extended period of time, whilst the fault on the cable is being cleared.

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The magnetic fields should not exceed the calculated values that we calculate based on on the modelling work that we've done.

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If we could pass to Mrs. Mason.

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Thank you, Carolyn Mason, Yardley Parish Council. So this is just a ignorant question really, with all of the cables coming in from yourselves, five estuaries and possibly talking, is there a cumulative electromagnetic field? Thank you.

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Please go ahead.

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Uh, David Reed for the applicant. That is what we're modeling as part of the technical, um, note that we're producing for the cumulative impact from Northport and five estuaries of the cumulative impacts of those two cables. Uh, and that will form the basis of our submission at that point for for that document.

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Thank you. Does Essex County Council have any comments to make on that?

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And no further comments. Thank you.

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And any further views that want to make any comment?

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Um, I've come to the end of that section. Um, are you happy to finish?

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Um, the next agenda item, um, is agriculture and other land uses, though. Um, we don't have, uh, all of the parties here to deal with that this afternoon. Um, so we do now propose to finish here, um, and continue, uh, tomorrow morning with item 3.5 at 10 a.m..