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## 1. Introduction

#### 1.1 Purpose of this document

- This document provides a draft itinerary for Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI) proposed by the Applicant, National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (National Grid), for the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement (the project).
- The Examining Authority (ExA), as set out in the Rule 6 letter dated 7 August 2023 [PD-002], has requested locations and plans for an ASI, taking into consideration of locations referred to in Relevant Representations, locations requiring private land access, sites recommended by interested parties, a route that can be covered in a day and locations where the Applicant has predicted likely significant environmental effects.
- This document also takes account of comments made by the ExA and others at the Preliminary Meeting held on 12 September 2023. This included not visiting locations already visited by the ExA as part of any Unaccompanied Site Inspections (USI), where those locations are publicly accessible (e.g., public highway or public rights of way) and including a table outlining why certain locations suggested by IP's have not been included.
- This document has been updated at Deadline 3 to take account of the amendments to the ASI itinerary requested by the ExA.
- 1.1.41.1.5 The applicant also provides justification (see Table 2.1) as to why certain locations are not included in the draft itinerary based on the criteria set on paragraph 1.1.2 and 1.1.3.

#### 1.2 Notes about the proposed route

- The route is designed to be driven from East to West (Bramford to Twinstead). It commences at <u>Hadleigh Ipswich Train Station</u>. The detailed plans (See Appendix B) comprising 3 sheets show the points of interest for the ASI and the proposed driving route. The Key Plan, in Appendix A, gives an overview of the route.
- Attendees may find it useful to read the Project Description, Environmental Statement Chapter 4 [APP-072] as background information prior to the site visit.
- 1.2.3 It is presented as a one day inspection as it is considered it can all be achieved in one long day, although noting the time of year it will need to start promptly in the morning.

#### 1.3 Logistics

#### **Timings**

Arrangements such as the date and start and finish times of the site inspections are to be confirmed by the ExA were confirmed by the ExA in the Rule 13 and 16 letter dated 6 October 2023. However, This draft itinerary is presented as a single day site inspection to take place week commencing 06 November 2023 on 07 November 2023, starting at 10:00 08:30 and finishing at 15:30 17:00. Attendees are asked to arrive at

the meeting point ahead of the departure time of <u>10:00</u> <u>08:30</u> to allow time for a safety briefing prior to the site visit.

The start time, finish time and estimated durations between and at each location is outlined in Table 3.1. They are indicative only at this stage.

#### **Transport**

- Due to the nature of the local roads, appropriate vehicles will need to be considered based on the number of attendees. For example, it will be difficult to get a large minibus to certain locations. The applicant has secured two minibuses to carry the Examining Authority, the Applicant and the other registered attendees.
- 1.3.4 The starting point for the ASI is Ipswich Train Station at the dedicated coach stop area off Station Yard, immediately fronting the train station entrance. This gives attendees opportunities to either arrive by train, or to drive and park in the train station car park for the duration of the visit. The starting point for the ASI is at the Magdalen Car Park in Hadleigh. This gives attendees opportunities to park in the car park facility for the duration of the visit.
- Any road closures in the local area that may impact route access will be reviewed before the site visit through Suffolk County Council's website.

#### **Attire**

- Owing to the varied terrain and time of year it is recommended that attendees wear footwear with sturdy ankle support, cover arms and legs when walking along footpaths and in proximity to vegetation.
- Suitable waterproof clothing should also be brought based on the weather forecast for the day.
- Site attendees will be provided with a high-visibility vest. Any other personal protective equipment is not required; however, attendees are not discouraged from bringing any such equipment they feel would assist in comfort during the site visit. The Grid Supply Point site is a live (CDM) construction site, however access to the working area itself is not proposed therefore additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will not be required.

#### **Lunch and comfort breaks**

1.3.9 Comfort stops and lunch locations have been identified on the ASI plans (Appendix B). The locations will be local shops and cafes where people can get food and use facilities. It is advised to bring your own lunch to save time, as the stops are limited in time to allow sufficient time to visit the different sites.

#### Weather

In advance of the site visit National Grid will discuss weather and road conditions with the ExA should there be any adverse weather conditions prohibiting the visit.

#### Land access

- 1.3.11 Some of the proposed route can be viewed from public footpaths and highways.
- Where private land access is required, National Grid will make access arrangements with the landowners or occupiers. Whilst every effort will be made to access private land, this will depend on the landowner and/or occupier's voluntary consent and therefore may not always be possible.

Access to private land has been highlighted in the 'Duration and Parking' column in Table 3.1.

#### **Marking out**

Where possible the Applicant will mark out the corners of the limits of deviation for the proposed Cable Sealing End compounds to provide a visual reference point for the ASI.

# 2. Excluded Locations

Table 2.1 below reviews the locations suggested by Interested Parties and justifies the reason for not including these locations within the itinerary (shown in Table 3.1 in the subsequent section).

Table 2.1 Excluded Locations

Interested Party	Suggested Location	Reason for excluding	
Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council	Bramford Substation	Already included as Location 1 in the Draft Itinerary.	
Council	Cable Sealing End Compounds	Already included as Location 7, 10, 11 and 14 in the Draft Itinerary.	
	Hintlesham Hall	Already included as Location 4 in the Draft Itinerary.	
	Brett Valley	This location would cause too much deviation from the route with time implications. A closer viewpoint which shows parts of Brett Valley has already been included is Location 7.	
	East Anglian School of Art	The school was located at Benton End House, Benton Street, Hadleigh (///motivates.prefer.autumn). The relationship between the property and the route can be observed from the public footpath which runs along Benton Street and can therefore be visited on an unaccompanied basis.	
	Box Valley	Already included as Location 8 in the Draft Itinerary.	
Suffolk County Council	Proposed sealing end compound locations	Already included as Location 7, 10, 11 and 14 in the Draft Itinerary.	
	Layham quarry alternative compound	This location can be seen from a public highway adjacent to the entrance to the quarry on Popes Green Lane (///silver.hourglass.goose).	
	Viewpoints to consider the impact of the developments between the AONB sections	Already included in the form of three location points within Section F. These are Location 9, 10 and 11 in the Draft Itinerary.	
Highways Authority (forming part of Suffolk	Access routes (shown in Appendix A of response)	These locations can be seen from a public highway and can therefore be visited on an unaccompanied basis.	

Interested Party	Suggested Location	Reason for excluding		
County Council response)	A1071 in terms of road safety Hintlesham Bends and the section between Hintlesham and Beagle Roundabout, specifically the pinch point between Burstall Bridge and Pigeon Lane. Routes from the A12 to the cable corridor (A143 county boundary to Assington), B1508 (Bures to Sudbury particularly through Bures), B1070 (Holton to Hadleigh including Benton Street) noting the geometry, road width, vegetation, proximity of buildings and non-standard slip road access onto the A12.	These locations can be seen from a public highway and can therefore be visited on an unaccompanied basis.		
	Local routes along cable corridor with regard to the geometry, width, proximity of buildings, NMU facilities, and vegetation. To include: -	These locations can be seen from a public highway and can therefore be visited on an unaccompanied basis.		
	<ul> <li>Stone Street (between Boxford and Leavenheath)</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Permanent accesses to Cable Sealing End Compounds (Polstead, Levington, Assington)</li> </ul>			
	Abnormal Indivisible Load Routes from Ipswich Wet Dock (east) or West Bank to Bramford Substation via either Sproughton or Claydon noting structures at A137 Wherstead Road (Ostridge Creek) including: - B1113 Rail and River Gipping Bridge, Great Blakenham and the water main adjacent to A1214 Tesco's, Pinewood.	These locations can be seen from a public highway and can therefore be visited on an unaccompanied basis.		
Public Right of Way Team (forming part of Suffolk County Council response)		These locations can be seen from a Public Right of Way (PRoW) and can therefore be visited on an unaccompanied basis.		
	Dorking Tye House, Bures St Mary. Key access link north of Bures Green			
	<ul> <li>W-113/001/0 Assington Restricted Byway No. 1</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>W-171/002/X Bures St Mary Restricted Byway No. 2, continuing as W[1]171/002/0 Bures St Mary Public Footpath No. 2</li> </ul>			

Interested Party	Suggested Location	Reason for excluding		
Natural Environment Team (forming part of Suffolk County Counci response)		to require private land access. Impacts of the new pylons connecting into		
	Public Right of Way to the north-western edge of Burstall, around the Walnut Tree Farm (VP AB03, AB2.11, AB2.18, AB2.19). Burstall will experience significant cumulative effects if the Norwich to Tilbury application comes forward as anticipated, with regard to Bramford to Twinstead mitigative planting would be beneficial.	). an unaccompanied basis. ch		
	From Hintlesham Hall and the grounds of the Hall to the north,	Taking the listed suggestions in turn the following comments can be made:		
	looking back to Bramford (VP AB20, AB21, HV01, AB08, AB09, AB10, AB11, AB2.27, AB04, AB18, AB23a, AB24, view north from A1071, west of Hintlesham Hall).	<ul> <li>VP AB20, AB21 – Already included as Location 5 and 6 in the Draft Itinerary.</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>HV01, AB08, AB09, AB10, AB11, AB2.27 – Can be accessed from public highway or PRoW and can therefore be visited on an unaccompanied basis.</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>AB04 – Already included as Location 5 and 6 in the Draft Itinerary.</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>AB18, AB24, view north from A1071 west of Hintlesham Hall – Can be accessed from public highway or PRoW and can therefore be visited on an unaccompanied basis.</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>AB23a – Has been included as Location 6 in the Draft Itinerary. This suggested viewpoint allows for sweepings views of the landscape which could be subject to visual change.</li> </ul>		
	Around the Benton End Farmhouse and Overbury Hall at Hadleigh / Brett Valley (VP C01).	As stated in the Local Planning Authority response this location can be viewed safely from a vehicle and can therefore be visited on an unaccompanied basis		
	View of the Dedham Vale East Cable Sealing End compound from Polstead Heath (VP D02, D04) Observations should include proximity to Polstead Heath and the siting of the compound in the fields.	All locations listed can be viewed from PRoWs and can therefore be visited on an unaccompanied basis.		
	The location where undergrounding corridor crosses the Box Valley (VP E06 in the valley, EO07 overlooking the AONB), this	Location can be viewed from PRoWs and can therefore be visited on an unaccompanied basis.		

Interested Party	Suggested Location	Reason for excluding	
	location should provide an appreciation of the nature of the valley and its sensitivity.		
viewpoints of the Assington Neighbourhood Plan Protect (6, 12, 13, 15, 16) (VP F2.14, F20, F10. The Council adthis location requires additional mitigation, specific	Footpath to the north of the water tower, south of VP F2.14 and viewpoints of the Assington Neighbourhood Plan Protected Views (6, 12, 13, 15, 16) (VP F2.14, F20, F10. The Council advises that this location requires additional mitigation, specifically the vegetation along the footpath could be strengthened to filter the views.	<ul> <li>VP F2.14 - Location can be viewed from PRoWs and can therefore be visited on an unaccompanied basis.</li> </ul>	
	View of the Stour Valley East Cable Sealing End Compound at Workhouse Green (VP G01).	Location can be viewed from PRoWs and can therefore be visited on an unaccompanied basis.	
	Views of the Stour Valley, along Bures Road (B1508) at bus layby on Spouts Lane and Corner Twinstead Road / Moat Lane (588010, 236455 roughly) where St Edmund Way passes. Due to its high elevation, this location provides a good view into the valley and an appreciation of the overall Scheme and surrounding landscape.	· ·	
	View of the Stour Valley West Cable Sealing End Compound at Alphamstone (VP G07). The Council believes there is an omission on Photomontages 34A and 34B [APP-065], displaying VP G07 in Year 1 and Year 15, no mitigative planting is shown in Year 15 whereas [APP-106] notes that Year 15 will include mitigation. The Council will make this clear in subsequent submissions, however; this location should be viewed with an understanding of the impacts without mitigation to appreciate the need.	Itinerary. The views from Location 14 allow for full access to the cable sealing end location, as opposed to the viewpoint suggested which only allows for view from the PRoW.	
	View from A131 at Wickham St Paul where the A131 passes Butler's Wood Grid Supply Point Substation (VP G18), facing east, viewing existing pylons. If this location is effectively screened then	an unaccompanied basis.	

Interested Party	Suggested Location	Reason for excluding
	the Council does not anticipate adverse impacts, however, the Council notes that mounding is proposed in this location.	le e

# 3. Itinerary

- Table 3.1 overleaf shows the proposed route itinerary, alongside anticipated timings, durations, and reasons for visiting each location. Table 3.1 should be read in conjunction with the proposed ASI route plans in Appendix A and B.
- The locations listed in Table 3.1 and those shown on the site plans in Appendix A and B are indicative only and should be used as a guide on the day of the ASI. The timings and durations are assumed at this stage and may change depending on site progress, weather conditions and traffic. The aim is to depart from Magdalen Road Car Park in Hadleigh Station Yard at Ipswich Train Station at 10:00 08:30 and return by 15:30 17:00, leaving sufficient time at the end of the site visit to return to the station in light of potential traffic.

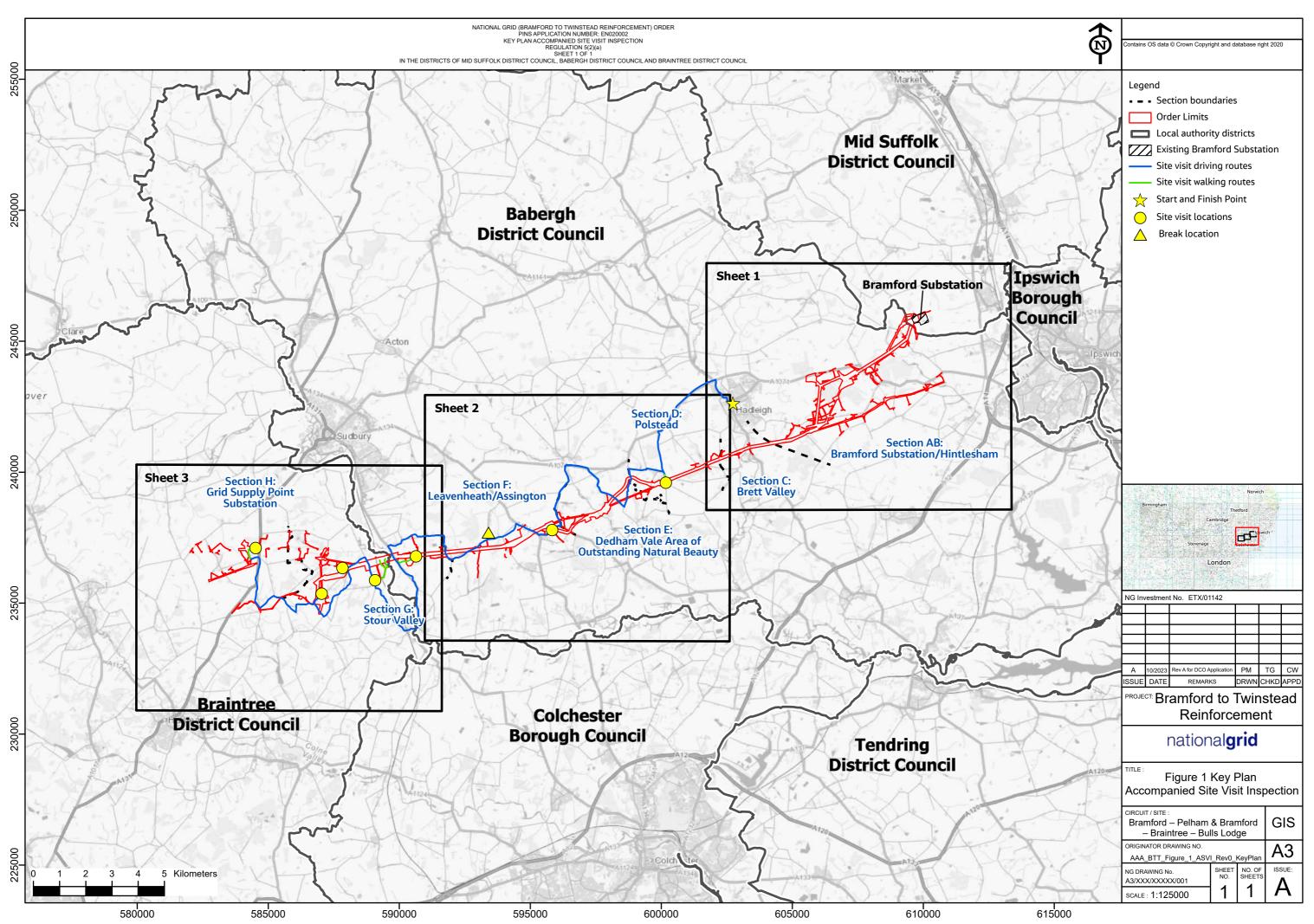
Table 3.1 – Proposed route itinerary

Stop Point	Location, Address and What3Words	Timing	Duration and Parking	Description and Purpose	Plan Sheet
Start Point	Magdalen Road Car Park Long Stay Hadleigh IP7 5BB ///dolls.arranger.visions	Depart at 10:00	Meeting location where the site visit will commence. A safety briefing will be provided to all attendees prior to departure.	<u>N/a</u>	See 'Start and Finish Point' on Key Plan
			Full day parking for cost of £3.		
			<u>Drive to Location 1.</u>		
Location 1	Dedham Vale East Cable Sealing End Compound Popes Green Lane CO6 5BA ///electric.tower.browsers	Arrive at 10:10  Depart at 10:25	Drive 10 minutes and park field access off Millwood Road/ Popes Green Road junction. Walk down Millwood Road to Tower PCB 44 to view proposed cable sealing end location.  Private land access will be required.	View cable sealing end compound location and the existing 400kV line 4YL, proposed 400kV overhead line and proposed tower RB 34A and proposed removal of 400kV line and tower PCB 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46.	Sheet 2
				Drive to location 2.	
			15 minutes at this location.		
Location 2	Dedham Vale West Cable Sealing End Compound adjacent to Stewards Barn Stoke Road CO6 5JT ///duet.warbler.table	Arrive at 10:30  Depart 10:50	Drive 5 minutes to Stoke Road and park in bell mouth adjacent to Stewards Barn, Stoke Road, with respect to local road users and farm accesses. Walk for 5 minutes along track to cable sealing end compound location.  Private land access will be required.	View temporary and permanent access road proposed off Stoke Road. View proposed 132kV line removal and tower PCB 57 and PCB 59. View proposed 400kV overhead line and new tower RB35A, B and C and RB36. View underground cable route running southeast to northeast across Stoke Road to cable sealing end compound.	Sheet 2
			20 minutes at this location.	Drive to location 3.	

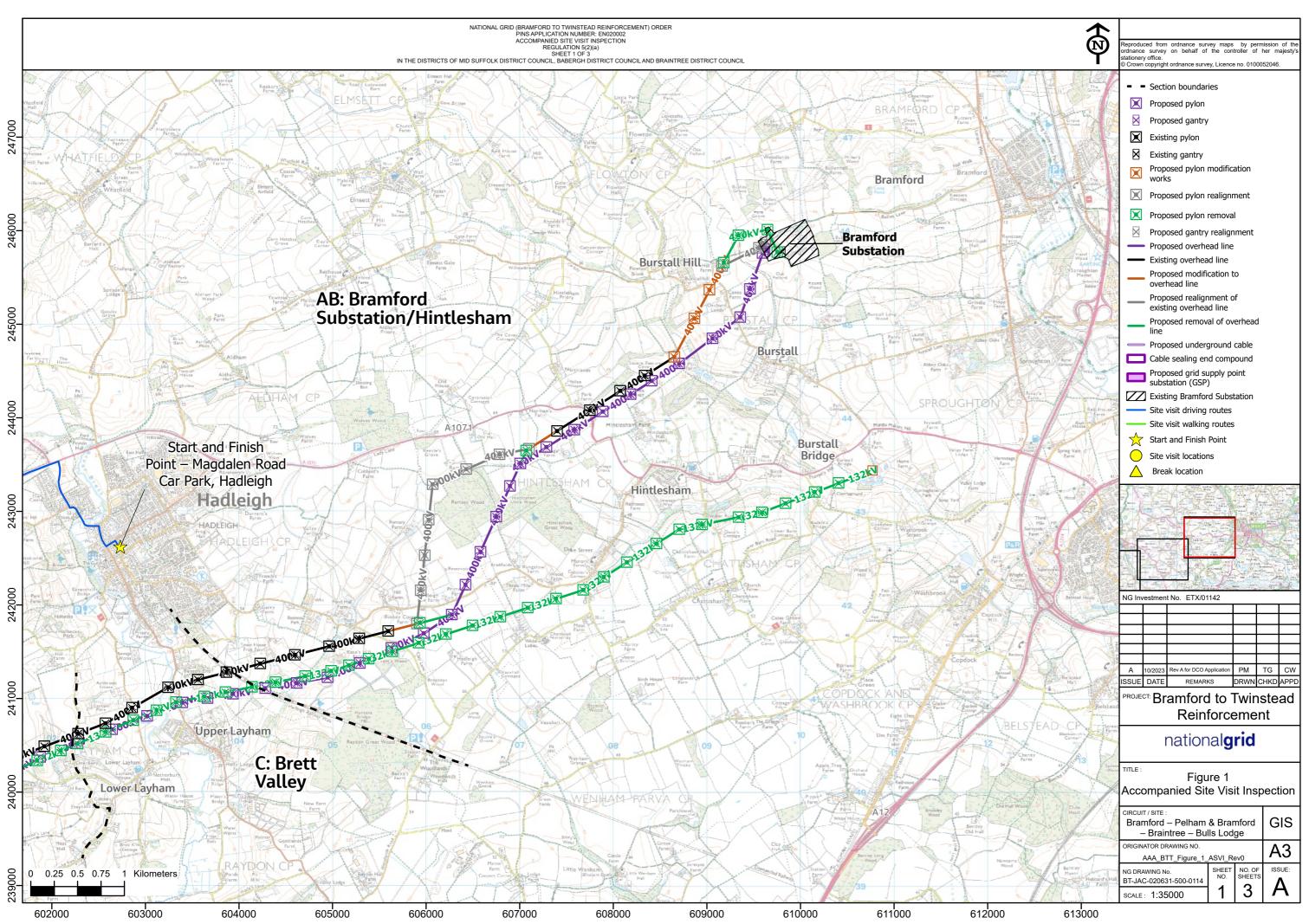
Stop Point	Location, Address and What3Words	Timing	Duration and Parking	Description and Purpose	Plan Sheet
Location 3	Stour Valley East Cable Sealing End Compound adjacent to Walnut House, St Edmunds Hill CO10 0NU ///reservoir.snooping.springing	Arrive at 11:15  Depart at 12:00	Drive 25 minutes and park at bell mouth to field just past Walnut House with respect to local road users and farm accesses. Walk east along track to proposed Cable Sealing End.	View existing 400kV overhead line 4YL, proposed removal of 132kV overhead line PCB and tower PCB 76 and 77, and proposed new overhead line RB and tower RB47, 48A, B and C and temporary access points and	Sheet 3
			Private land access will be required.	working area.  Drive to lunch break location.	
			45 minutes at this location – it is a 15minute walk along farm tracks to the Cable Sealing End location.		
Location 4	South of Lamarsh Village Hall Henny Road	Arrive at 12:10	Drive 15 minutes to Henny Road.	View River Stour temporary bridge crossing, Horizontal Directional Drilling pits and the railway crossing.	
	CO8 5EU	Depart at 12:55	45 minutes at this location.	pits and the fallway crossing.	
	///soggy.during.mimes		Private land access will be required.	Drive to lunch break location.	
<u>Lunch</u> <u>Break</u>	Assington Farm Shop Sudbury	Arrive at 13:052:10	Drive 5 minutes to Assington Farm Shop.	Lunch break at the farm shop where there is a café, rest rooms and a shop.	Sheet 2
	CO10 5LW ///nutrients.irritated.condense	Depart at 13:352:40	30 minutes for break	Drive to location- 54.	
<u>Location</u>	South of Lamarsh Village Hall Henny Road	Arrive at 12:55	Drive 15 minutes to Henny Road.	View River Stour temporary bridge crossing, Horizontal Directional Drilling	Sheet 3
	CO8 5EU	Depart at 13:35	45 minutes at this location.	pits and the railway crossing.	
	///soggy.during.mimes		Private land access will be required.	<u>Drive to location 5.</u>	
Location 5	Twinstead Road (west of Moat Lane) Bures	Arrive at 13:38	Drive 3 minutes to top of location west of Twinstead Road/ Moat Lane junction .	View changes made through the targeted consultation to avoid proximity	Sheet 3
	<u>CO8 5HA</u>	Depart at 13:48		to Althamstone village. View proposed	

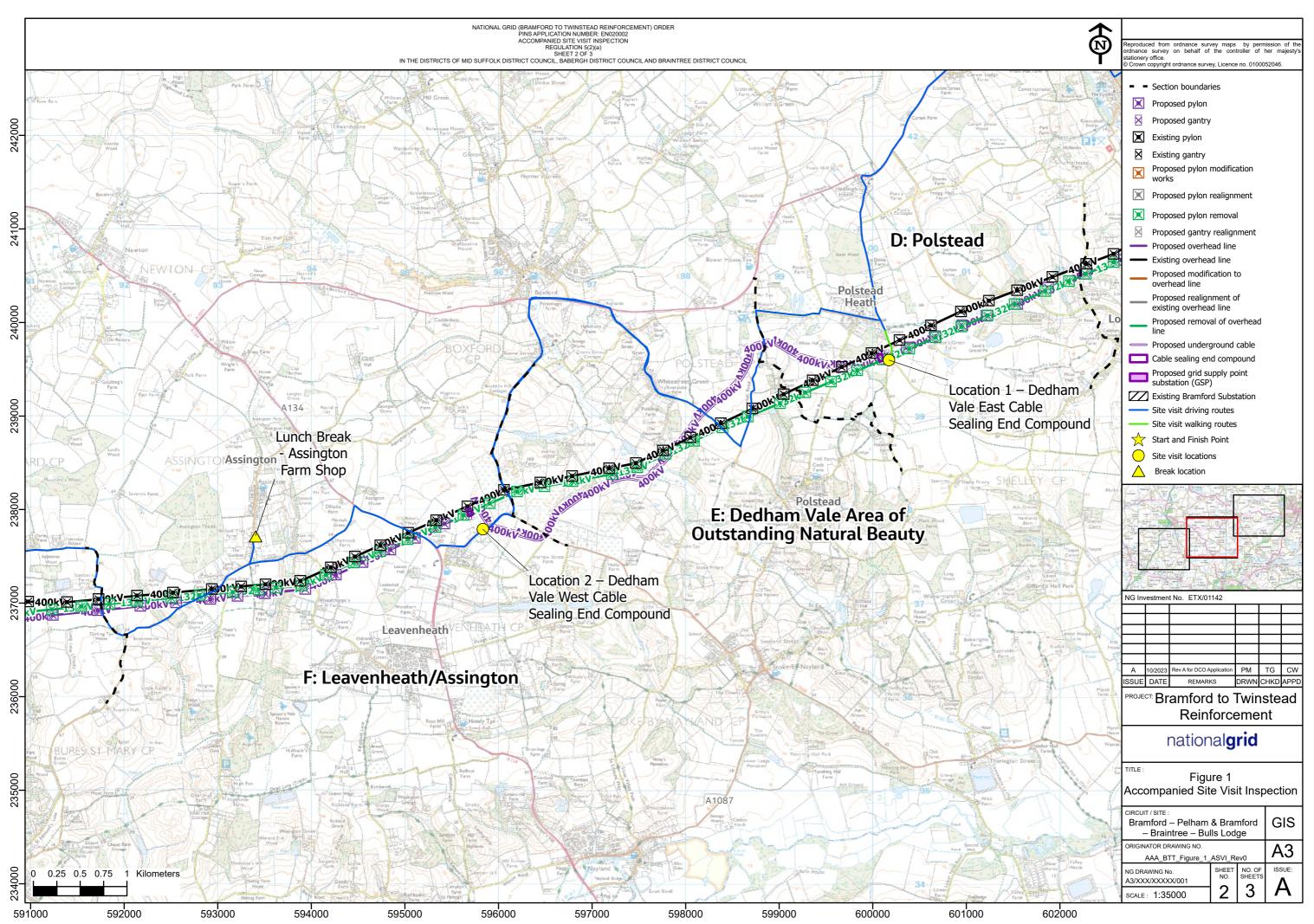
Stop Point	Location, Address and What3Words	<u>Timing</u>	<u>Duration and Parking</u>	Description and Purpose	Plan Sheet
	///ages.windmills.advances		10 minutes at this location.	400kV underground cable route and drilling locations.	
			Private land access will be required.	Drive to location 6.	
Location 6	Stour Valley West Cable Sealing End Compound	Arrive at 13:58	Drive 10 minutes to bellmouth on Henney Back Road.	View proposed cable sealing end location, proposed 400kV underground	Sheet 3
	Bellmouth on Henny Back Road  Bures	Depart at 14:13	15 minutes at this location.	cable route, removal of 400kV overhead line and towers 4YLA003, 004, 005, 006A and B and the	
	CO8 5HN ///composes.variances.farm		Private land access will be required.	temporary access points and working area.	
				Drive to location 7.	
Location 7	Grid Supply Point Substation adjacent to Butlers Wood and Waldegrave Wood	Arrive at 14:18	Drive 5 minutes to Grid Supply Point off A131.	Walk up to the substation site and around the periphery of the construction compound to view	Sheet 3
	Old Road CO10 2PU ///beefed.weddings.untruth	Depart at 14:48	30 minutes at this location.	proposed substation and permanent access off A131. View new 400kV overhead line and new tower 4YL081	
			The Grid Supply Point site is a live (CDM) construction site, however access to the	and 81A, and proposed modification to 400kV.	
			working area itself is not proposed due to the induction and PPE requirements.  Private land access will be required.	Drive 30 minutes to Magdalen Road Car Park, Hadleigh.	
Finish point	Magdalen Road Car Park Long Stay Hadleigh IP7 5BB ///dolls.arranger.visions	Arrive 15:18	Departure point – end of visit.	End of the site visit at the long stay car park at Magdalen Road.	See 'Start and Finish Point' on Key Plan

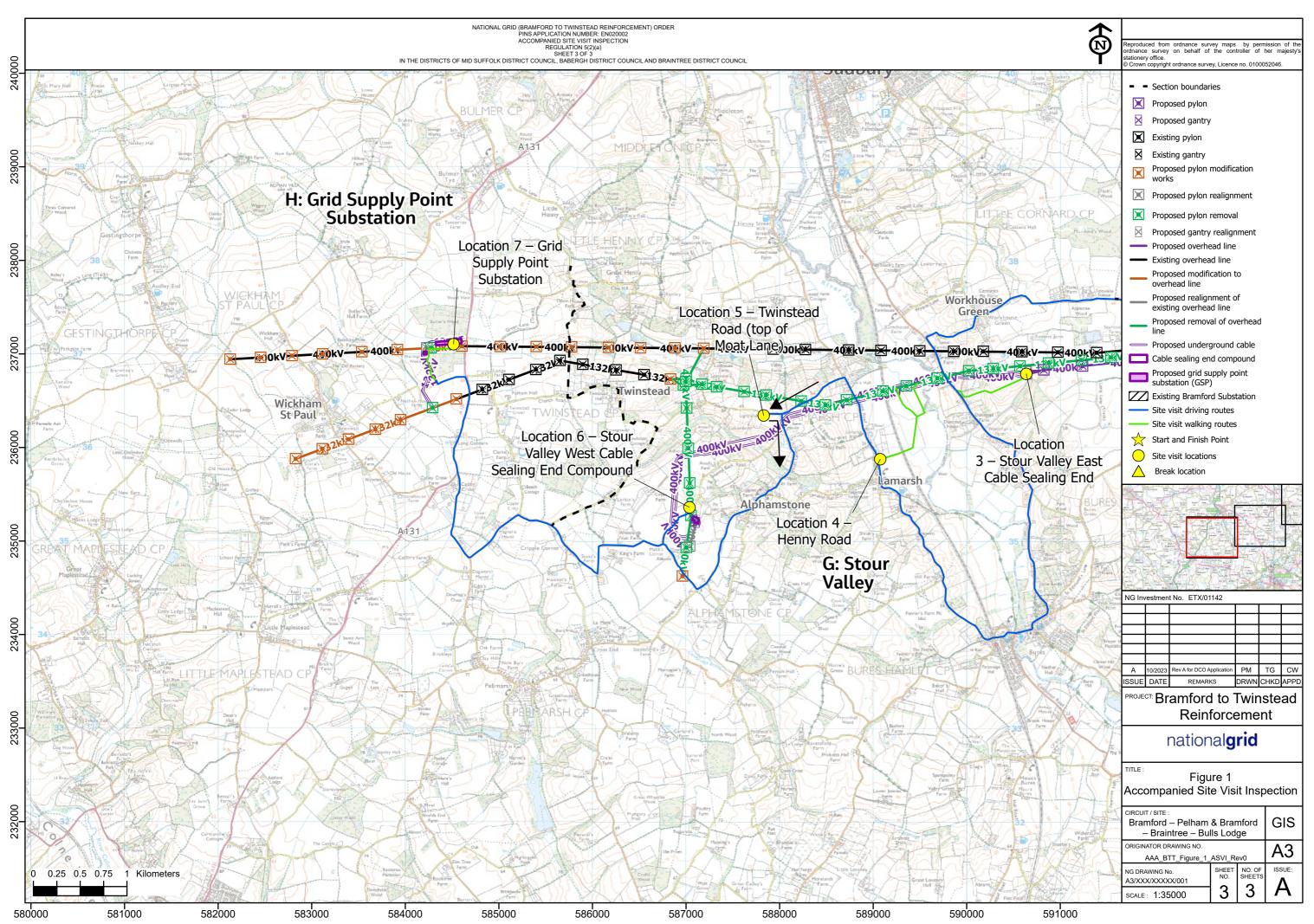
# Appendix A Site Visit Key Plan



# **Appendix B Detailed Site Visit Plans**







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