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Subject: Sealink Public Enquiry Buxlow Manor Grade11* Listed Building The Green Knodishall
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Dear Sir

Piers Sturridge [REDACTED]

As the current owners of Buxlow Manor, we would like to refute National Grid's claim that their Sealink Converter Station will be almost invisible from Buxlow Manor and would not impinge on this listed building.

I have attached photographs showing the view of Buxlow Manor from Wood Farm barns. They are not perfect, but they pinpoint the house. The house is three storeys high and sits well above the hedge line, and can be noted from the A1119 at Saxmundham. It has views over the countryside despite the trees, which are not all encompassing as they suggest.

Photographs used by National Grid were not taken from near the house or even the garden, but 150m away, and conveniently opposite a wood. Oddly, they describe the house as west-facing when it is in fact south-west facing. Whether to confuse or are confused, is difficult to discern.

I can add that for a time, we used satellite dishes to connect the internet to Buxlow via Rob Nichol's Wood Farm barns at Saxmundham (site of the converter station), hitching onto the fibre optic cables of Saxmundham to improve our internet speed, as the Openreach copper cable broadband barely reached feasible speeds to even send emails. In order to do this, there is a requirement for a clear path between the two dishes. In recent years, and after much soul-searching and buckets of remorse, we have now reluctantly subscribed to Musk's Starlink, but at least the internet works well.

Regardless of this, the 26m. silos will tower over the tree line as National Grid is building them on top of a hill and doing little to mitigate their impact. According to Ordnance Survey, the substations will be 10m higher above sea level than the house, making them 36m, higher than Buxlow Manor and larger in all dimensions than Buckingham Palace - and that is only **the first one**.

National Grid, in their reports, have denigrated the history of Buxlow Manor. According to records, handed down, there has been a house on the site since the 11th.C. and owners have included John Couerdeboeuf, a kinsman of Baron Bigod of Bungay and Kelsale, who came over with William the Conqueror and Cardinal Wolsey until his downfall and his lands were confiscated. The earlier house was rebuilt in 1678, the Jenney family of Knodishall, who were major landowners in the area, running several large farms. The Great Hall was retained and was the centre of the farming operation. The village of Buxlow was cleared following a plague outbreak in 1713. The outbuildings were developed into a model farm in the 1930s by Captain Horden with a dairy, cowsheds, piggery and associated buildings such as tractor sheds and stables.

I would note that Historic England were unaware of any request for comment on Listed Buildings around the Sealink site.

Please will you add this correct information to your files?



Piers Sturridge

Buxlow Manor





Buxlow Manor from Wood Farm



