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Dear Planning Inspectorate

Bressingham Parish Council wishes to raise serious concerns about the legality of National Grid's consultation process in relation to its Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Norwich to Tilbury 'Great Grid Upgrade'. Our concerns relate to the project as a whole and to the specifics of the consultation process we have experienced here in the Waveney Valley.

We believe that the consultation has not complied with the requirements set out in Rules 1 & 4 of the Gunning principles and the guidance set out in the Treasury Green Book. These principles state that consultation must take place at a formative stage, adequate information must be provided, sufficient time must be given, and all feedback must be properly considered. They are embedded within the "inadequacy of consultation" provisions of the Planning Act 2008.

We believe that, if the DCO is accepted, the entire examination process will become subject to legal challenge. To allow it to proceed in its present form would undermine both statutory obligations and the basic principles of open and fair public involvement in planning.

Bressingham Parish Council would welcome the chance to engage further with you on this issue and to set out our argument in detail. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Matthew Le Grys
Chair
Bressingham Parish Council