From:
To:
Norwich to Tilbury

Subject: Consultation regarding N2T project. **Date:** 25 September 2025 21:30:48

Dear sir or madam,

I write in the strongest possible terms to protest about National Grid's (NG) so called consultations over their N2T pylon project.

At no point during the process were we (City, town and parish councils, heritage and archaeological groups or individuals) actually consulted.

We were just presented with a fait accompli, their plan and what they intended to do, regardless of our objections or suggested alternative systems and disregarded any input from us.

NG are laying undersea cables in several places and despite the fact that we have a convenient coastline between the wind farms and Tilbury, they insist on running a string of 50m/165 foot pylons across the Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex countryside.

On the subject of ignoring us, I am a member of Fordham History Society and chairman of Colchester Archaeological Group, the area is very rich in heritage sites.

In Fordham we have five known and four confirmed medium to high status Roman sites, one of which has been and still is an active community dig for the last ten years.

We also have medieval and prehistoric sites.

The path of the pylons, infrastructure and temporary roads cut through four of the Roman sites (including our dig!) and an important medieval site.

I have repeatedly told NG about them giving details and locations where their pylons and infrastructure will impact them.

In NG's "consultation" documents they make much of protecting and "mitigating" heritage and archaeological assets.

What they actually mean is they will send their preferred achaeologists in to dig and record them. NG will then bulldoze the sites destroying the archaeology and preventing future generations from working on them. The finds from these preconstruction activities also have a tendency to become inaccessible to local people, denying them the opportunity to see or study them.

I have had a few direct replys from NG but at no point have they consulted us about our sites or offered to adjust the path of the pylons to avoid them.

Because of all of the above NG's consultation process is flawed and the project must be rejected until they actually take heed of the people of East Anglia.

Regards Mike Hamilton-Macy.

Fordham History Society.

Colchester Archaeological Group (chairman).

Fordham Parish Councillor.