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The Planning Act 2008

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Examining Authority's note of unaccompanied site inspection (2 of 7)

The Examining Authority (ExA) undertook an unaccompanied site inspection (USI) to support the examination of an application for development consent for the proposed Norwich to Tilbury project on **Monday 13 October 2025.**

The inspection was undertaken to view the location of the proposed development, specifically the Norwich Main Substation.

Particulars of the USI

The USI was undertaken by the following members of the ExA:

- Susan Hunt
- Jonathan Hockley

The ExA was accompanied by:

- Caroline Jones (Planning Inspector)
- Gavin Jones (Planning Inspector)

The USI was undertaken on foot. Weather conditions were dry and cloudy and were suitable to appreciate long range views. The USI commenced at approximately 16:30 and finished at approximately 17:30. The USI was carried out from publicly accessible land only.

A summary of the inspection and route map is attached at Annex A.

This USI note is 2 of 7 for the inspections undertaken in week commencing 13 October 2025. It should be noted that two separate USIs took place on the same day.

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Annex A: Summary of USI on Monday 13 October 2025 (2 of 7)

The ExA undertook the USI on foot from the public right of ways Stoke Holy Cross BR3, Swardeston BR12 and Swardeston BR9 which run alongside the southern and western boundaries of the National Grid Norwich Main Substation and up to Mangreen Lane.

The ExA's observations included the following:

- National Grid Norwich Main Substation and the ongoing construction of its extension.
- Existing pylons leading to the substation from all directions.
- Ongoing construction of Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm converter station and cable route to the substation.

The route taken is shown below.