



18 January 2026

Your Reference EN020027

Relevant Representation Reference Number [REDACTED]

Planning Inspectorate
c/o QUADIENT
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Dear Sir

Request for Issue Specific Hearing

I refer to your letter of 13 January 2026.

The General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC) (RR Number [REDACTED]) is an Interested Party acting on behalf of a number of aerodromes directly affected by the proposed National Grid Norwich to Tilbury project.

The GAAC wishes to request an Issue Specific Hearing is timetabled. The GAAC agrees with the list of Integral Issues as set out in the Rule 6 letter. In particular it agrees with the need to examine '*Safety and Security*' and '*Socio-economics, recreation and tourism*' issues.

The Norwich to Tilbury project adversely impacts a number of General Aviation aerodromes. The safety of general aviation operations is paramount. Any adverse impact on safety at a General Aviation aerodrome, due to the nature and proximity of the proposed development, would, inevitably, then adversely affect the safe operations at those aerodromes with attendant adverse impacts on their recreational value and their ability to continue to operate.

In July 2025, the GAAC wrote to the Inspector requesting that the Safety of General Aviation Airfield Activities to be identified as a Principal Issue. It seems that the term 'Principal' has now been substituted by 'Integral' but our point remains valid.

The two groups of issues listed are, as above, agreed. However, an ISH would be an appropriate and efficient means of addressing these Integral Issues in respect of their combined impacts on the affected General Aviation Aerodromes and GA activity.

This would avoid duplication in different Counties on the route of the proposed development and streamline this component of the Examination.



We trust this request will be fully considered and if you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Head of Planning, GAAC

cc: [REDACTED], Chairman, GAAC