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Please can I enquire why the hearing venues are always so far away from the areas most impacted? North Essex, specifically Ardleigh is one of the worst affected areas on the entire route and yet the nearest hearing is 50 miles away? There are plenty of large venues nearby that could cope with large number in attendance and ample parking. The Colchester United Football stadium nearby is next to the A12, has a huge car park and large conference rooms available for hire. Wouldn't that have been a better suited venue?

This seems to follow suit with National Grids other objections to having consultation venues in Ardleigh as well which has a large village Hall again with ample parking and yet a hall was chosen in Lawford which isn't impacted by the route at all and was held on days like the Tendring Show so access was severely impacted due to thousands of visitors. Anyone might begin to think National Grid are trying to deter people attending events. Particularly those most impacted!