

As an owner of a listed building it is very clear to me that we are custodians of history for future generations. Listed buildings need to be preserved and nurtured, their stories told. If people do not want to buy a house because of its proximity to a badly executed grid upgrade then the houses will fall into disrepair and their stories lost forever. We owe our children and grandchildren the right to history of our green and pleasant land. We owe our nation its history. Upgrading the grid is not impossible to do without damaging beyond repair our historical assets.

██████████ is one of the 2000 listed properties directly affected by National Grid. This grade 2 house with a manorial history dates back to the doomsday book. The manor house was owned by Sir Robert de Sackville during the reign of Henry 1 in 1068 The fortification walls of the original manor are still visible today. By 1367 it became the property of the Hemenhale family and was the birth place of Ralph de Hemenhale's grandson, William de la Pole 4th Earl and first Duke of Suffolk. It has been owned by many historical figures, Sir John Fastolf (Shakespeare's Falstaff) who created the deer parks that surround the house, Charles Brandon and Anne of Cleves. It has been owned by John Paston who wrote the Paston papers at the house by candlelight, although his ownership was disputed by Queen Elizabeth, wife of Henry VII. The setting and view from ██████████ has not changed for many hundreds of years and maps from the 1840s show the house as it is today with the fields around it set as they remain today.

Under the Historic Environment Good Practice Guide to planning it is noted that settings and experiences of heritage assets should be protected as well as the assets themselves - and there is a reason for this. ██████████ will lose its historic character when haul roads are built and far higher than usual pylons seen within 400m. Its original configuration of deer parks and fields will be industrialised and its land use changed. ██████████ has two well used footpaths that run through the grounds, one will have a direct view of a proposed pylon.

It is important to realise that if we, the owners of ██████████ wanted to change anything around the curtilage of the house, we would need to follow planning rules and regulations but it seems that National Grid can irreparably damage the setting and experience of this medieval manorial setting with ties to Tudor kings and queens without a blink of an eye. There are other ways to upgrade the grid without shattering British countryside and wiping out our important history.

# National Grid Proposed Norwich to Tilbury Pylons

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## Why?

**Why** were there no National Grid (NG) alternatives to pylons presented as options at the consultations?

**Why** were the consultations so badly timed and located that many people could not attend them?

**Why** have NG all but ignored comments made at the consultations?

**Why** are NG not prepared to make available for public evaluation their costs and cost comparisons of alternatives to pylons? What are they hiding?

**Why** do NG think they can simply ignore the statutory rights and expectations of listed buildings?

**Why** do NG believe they can ignore the Holford Rules?

**Why** do NG assume they do not have to follow the Green Book?

**Why** have NG not comprehensively researched the EMF health issues of living close to high voltage pylons?

**Why** are NG proposing to use 100 year old engineering when modern technology offers more environmentally friendly alternatives?

**Why** are NG apparently able to ignore the financial damage to properties along the route blighted by pylons and expect to give no compensation for the substantial devaluation of these properties?

**Why** do NG simply dismiss the environmental damage that constructing the pylons will do to the East Anglian countryside which abounds with long-standing havens for wildlife and flora?

**Why** are NG able to take down, with apparent impunity, many hundreds of ancient trees which can never be replaced?

**Why** do NG not have to replace every tree they propose to take down to build this pylon route?

**Why** are NG taking down pylons in other parts of the UK yet proposing to build the Norwich to Tilbury route with pylons?

**Why** do NG believe they have every right able to destroy, for many years to come, prime agricultural East Anglian land?

**Why** have NG given literally no consideration to the upheaval, gridlocking and noise to villages while building haul roads and constructing the pylons?

**Why** do NG not have to justify or mitigate the massive Carbon emissions that will be generated by this project from haul roads to pylons, hard core to steel?

Given there are far more environmentally considerate alternatives,  
**what**  
gives National Grid the right to believe they are above the laws  
and regulations that are properly in place to preserve the  
beauty, sustainability and everyday expectations of our green  
and pleasant land?

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