

Dear Sir: In regard to the above reference I am writing on behalf of Holton St Mary Parish Council (HSMPC). Holton St Mary (HSM) is greatly affected by the NG proposals. We request that the process that the examiners employ is expanded as follows:

1. That the examination process includes an assessment of the adequacy of the consultation process undertaken by National Grid (NG). The reason is:
 - a) HSMPC was not formally consulted ,*inter alia*, about its views on the current NG proposal to mitigate use of the B1070 running through the village during the construction process, that we consider to be inadequate but capable of resolution.
 - b) although there were various briefing sessions conducted in the area these did not constitute consultation.
2. That the examination process includes an assessment of the adequacy of proposed mitigation initiatives where the undergrounding affects listed buildings. In particular, there are six listed buildings at the western end of HSM where the undergrounding is to take place.
3. That the examiners determine whether, in terms of landscape damage both visual and physical, and the effects on both present and future generations living in the vicinity of the proposed Norwich to Tilbury route have been adequately costed by NG. This is necessary to gauge whether alternative transmission options would be preferable. The German Government made that assessment and opted for HVDC as its first preference.
4. That the examiners review whether a comparison of the cost of the proposed transmission plan with other transmission options has been adequate, independently assessed, and communicated in detail to interested parties for their review.

Yours Truly

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