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By email

Your Reference EN020027

Dear Siân

**National Grid Electricity Transmission plc  
The proposed Norwich to Tilbury Development Consent Order  
Preliminary Meeting Action from Applicant.**

At the Preliminary Meeting earlier today the applicant undertook to respond today on the suggestion made by Michael Bedford KC on behalf of Suffolk County Council that an additional “sub-deadline” for Applicant’s final remarks can be inserted between Deadline 8 on 6 August 2026 and the Close of examination on 10 August 2026.

National Grid is grateful for the suggestion; however, it does not consider the proposal for an introduction of an additional “sub deadline” between Deadline 8 (Thursday 6 August) and the close of the examination (Monday 10 August) to be practicable without amendments to other deadlines.

This is for the following reasons:

- Deadline 8 submissions are due, at the latest, by 23:59 on Thursday 6 August.
- The Planning Inspectorate cannot be expected to publish all Deadline 8 submissions received by the ExA by the end of Friday 7 August due to the need to check for redactions. There is no guarantee that all documents will be available on the Project’s examination library by close of business on that day.
- The weekend of 8–9 August provides no working days for the Planning Inspectorate to action publication of the material received for Deadline 8 (if publication exercise not completed on Friday).
- As a result, the Applicant would not have access to Deadline 8 documents until sometime on Monday 10 August, which is the date on which the ExA intends to close the examination. This would not allow any realistic or reasonable time for the Applicant to prepare and submit final comments.

For these reasons, the Applicant considers that introducing an additional “sub deadline” between Deadline 8 and the Close of examination would not be achievable.

We remain committed to assisting the ExA in achieving as reasonable examination timetable as indicated at the Preliminary Meeting.

If you have any queries about the content of this letter, please contact Ian Fletcher in the first instance. His contact email address is [REDACTED] [@nationalgrid.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@nationalgrid.com).

Please acknowledge safe receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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