



Planning Inspectorate

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for an order granting development consent for the Norwich to Tilbury Project

Issue Specific Hearing 1

Date: Friday 13 February 2026

Venue: Orsett Hall and MS Teams

Action points:

The action points listed below are all directed to **the applicant** only, and should be provided by **deadline 1 (Thursday 26 February)**

No Action	
Agenda item 4: Scope of the proposed development	
1	Limits of deviation <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Clarify what has influenced and enabled the bespoke change (such as narrowing) of the limits of deviation in certain locations, but not in other areas where there may be similar constraints.b) Clarify the process for refining limits of deviation post-consent, signposting to the relevant document(s).
2	Existing distribution overhead lines <p>Provide a clear explanation of the difference between the distribution and transmission system, including the different types/sizes of pylons and overhead lines on the existing network which is affected by the proposed development.</p>
3	Pylon types <p>Check the landscape and visual (and heritage where relevant) visualisations to clarify if existing pylons and overhead lines would remain in the view as presently seen, and label accordingly if necessary.</p>
4	Underground cables <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Provide full reasoning for the choice of underground cable type.b) Explain the differences between the limits of deviation between 400kv undergrounding and 132kv undergrounding with use of cross sectional drawings.c) Clarify the width and depth of the trenches with reference to and provision of the cross sections as displayed at the hearing.d) Clarify the necessity and reasoning for deeper trenches for trenchless crossings.e) Clarify if horizontal directional drilling is a continuous operation.f) Clarify extent of planting/ landscaping possible and/ or agricultural activities possible above the buried underground cables.

No	Action
5	<p>Interested party comments Provide a response to the points raised by interested persons at the end of agenda item 4. These included Pylons East Anglia Ltd, National Highways Lower Thames Crossing, Ardleigh and Little Bromley Parish Councils, and Innova Renewables Ltd.</p>
Agenda item 5: Alternatives	
6	<p>Costs Provide a more detailed explanation around the presentation slide showing costings and with regard to net regret costs.</p>
7	<p>Pylon design Provide additional information or signpost to the documentation regarding the rejection of T-pylons as an alternative design.</p>
8	<p>Interested party comments Provide a response to the points raised by interested persons at the end of agenda item 5. These included Suffolk County Council, Pylons East Anglia Ltd and Ardleigh and Little Bromley Parish Councils.</p>
Agenda item 6: Interrelationship with other projects	
9	<p>Interested party comments Include reference to EcoPower Suffolk Solar in the interrelationship report as requested by Mid Suffolk District Council.</p>