



Planning Inspectorate

The Planning Act 2008

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for the Norwich to Tilbury project (EN020027)

Examining Authority's note of unaccompanied site inspection 3 (1 of 1)

The Examining Authority (ExA) undertook a third unaccompanied site inspection (USI3) to support the examination of an application for development consent for the proposed Norwich to Tilbury project on **Thursday 12 February 2026**.

Summary of the USI

The USI was undertaken by the following members of the ExA:

- Kenneth Stone
- Matthew Sims

The panel members were accompanied by a member of the Planning Inspectorate:

- Rhianna Pankhurst

The USI was undertaken solely by car. Weather conditions were dry and overcast resulting in average to good visibility. The USI commenced at approximately 13:15 and finished at approximately 14:00.

The USI was undertaken to view the location of the proposed development, specifically with regard to its setting in relation to surrounding landscapes and existing infrastructure.

The visit started and finished near North Stifford. It included the following settlements and surrounding areas:

- Horndon on the Hill; Dunton; Bulphan; Orsett and Baker Street.

The map of the route taken is attached at **Annex A**.

This USI3 supplements other USIs undertaken by the ExA; these can be viewed at the [Project webpage](#) – [Examination Library](#). The USI examination library references are:

- USI1 : EV1-001 to EV-007 inclusive
- USI2 : EV1-008 to EV-010 inclusive
- USI3 : EV1-011

The ExA may undertake further USIs if deemed necessary.

