

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Norwich to Tilbury Project

Planning Act 2008

PINS Reference: EN020027

Interested Party Reference: [REDACTED]

Suggested Locations for Site Inspection

(Accompanied - Unaccompanied - Access Requirements)

All coordinates are provided in decimal latitude/longitude (WGS84).

An annotated plan is attached showing the proposed stop locations, route sequence and relevant tower references.

Purpose of Submission

This submission identifies locations within Roydon and the Waveney Valley where a site inspection would materially assist the Examining Authority (ExA) in assessing:

- Landscape and visual effects within the Waveney Valley floodplain
- Effects on public rights of way, including the Angles Way
- Proximity to heritage assets, including St Remigius Church (Grade I listed) and other listed buildings within Roydon
- Residential proximity and cumulative effects arising from multiple route direction changes around the village
- Construction impacts associated with the proposed haul road corridor
- Impacts on historic hedgerows and protected mature oak trees
- Effects on designated Key View 28 under the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan (adopted 2023), DDNPO Policy 16

Locations are presented in logical travel sequence.

1. Wortham Ling SSSI

52.37643, 1.06718

Inspection type requested: Unaccompanied

Access requirement: Publicly accessible land (no private access required)

Justification:

Enables assessment of long-range visibility of towers RG85–RG89 across the open Waveney Valley floodplain, including skyline intrusion within flat topography and the relationship to the Angles Way corridor. Assists in understanding cumulative landscape-scale effects.

2. The Doit Road / Heron Meadow Care Farm

52.37864, 1.06840

Inspection type requested: Unaccompanied

Access requirement: Public highway / public parking area

Justification:

Allows assessment of towers RG88 and RG87 across the valley and the directional change at RG85 toward Roydon village. Assists in understanding mid-range visual effects and alignment geometry.

3. Fen Lane

52.38213, 1.06920

Inspection type requested: Unaccompanied

Access requirement: Public highway

Justification:

Provides clear views of tower RG89 and associated conductor alignment where the route changes direction into Roydon. Assists with assessment of routing, conductor alignment and localised visual impact.

4. High Road – White Hart Public House / St Remigius Church (Grade I)

52.38131, 1.07830

Inspection type requested: Unaccompanied

Access requirement: Public highway / public car park

Justification:

Enables assessment of proximity of towers RG87 and RG85 to the setting of St Remigius Church (Grade I listed) and the historic core of Roydon. Also allows assessment of the relationship of the alignment to the Angles Way corridor at this location.

5. Hall Road / Baynards Green / Snow Street

52.38774, 1.07480

Inspection type requested: Unaccompanied

Access requirement: Public highway / public car park

Proceeding along Hall Road toward Baynards Green, park at the car park at the junction of Hall Road, Baynards Green and Snow Street.

Justification:

From this location the ExA can assess:

- Where towers and conductors cross Bressingham Road
- The proximity of tower RG82 and associated conductors to residential properties along Hall Road
- The relationship of infrastructure to homes on Bressingham Road and Snow Street
- Multiple route direction changes within the settlement

A short walk along Snow Street enables observation of the historic streetscape, including several Grade II listed buildings in close proximity to the alignment.

This location demonstrates cumulative residential proximity effects and repeated visibility of infrastructure within the village envelope.

6. Woodcrest Farm / Darrow Lane

52.38996, 1.07721

Hedgerow reference point: **52.39048, 1.07443**

Inspection type requested: Accompanied inspection preferred

Access requirement: Public highway provides primary views; limited private land access would assist (see Access Clarification)

Justification:

Enables assessment of:

- The rear setting of The Gables (Grade II listed)
- Surrounding agricultural land in relation to tower RG81
- The point where the route changes direction along a historic hedgerow
- The proposed haul road alignment running directly through that hedgerow
- Four mature oak trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders
- Key View 28 under DDNPO Policy 16
- Visibility of towers RG80–RG77 where the alignment changes direction again

From this location, **The Gables, purchased by National Grid in January 2024, and associated land are visible** in relation to the proposed tower alignment and haul road corridor.

The current indicative haul road alignment runs directly through this historic hedgerow and requires a change in direction at this point. The hedgerow contains four mature oak trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders and forms part of the established historic field boundary pattern.

The adjoining field area extends beyond the point where the hedgerow terminates and appears to provide physical scope for minor realignment of the haul road to avoid direct incursion into the hedgerow and protected oak trees. A site inspection would assist in understanding this spatial relationship on the ground.

A badger sett is present within this hedgerow, and badger activity has been observed locally within the past 12 months, including sightings in adjacent land. Clarification would assist the Examination as to whether the sett has been surveyed and addressed within the Applicant's ecological assessment and mitigation proposals.

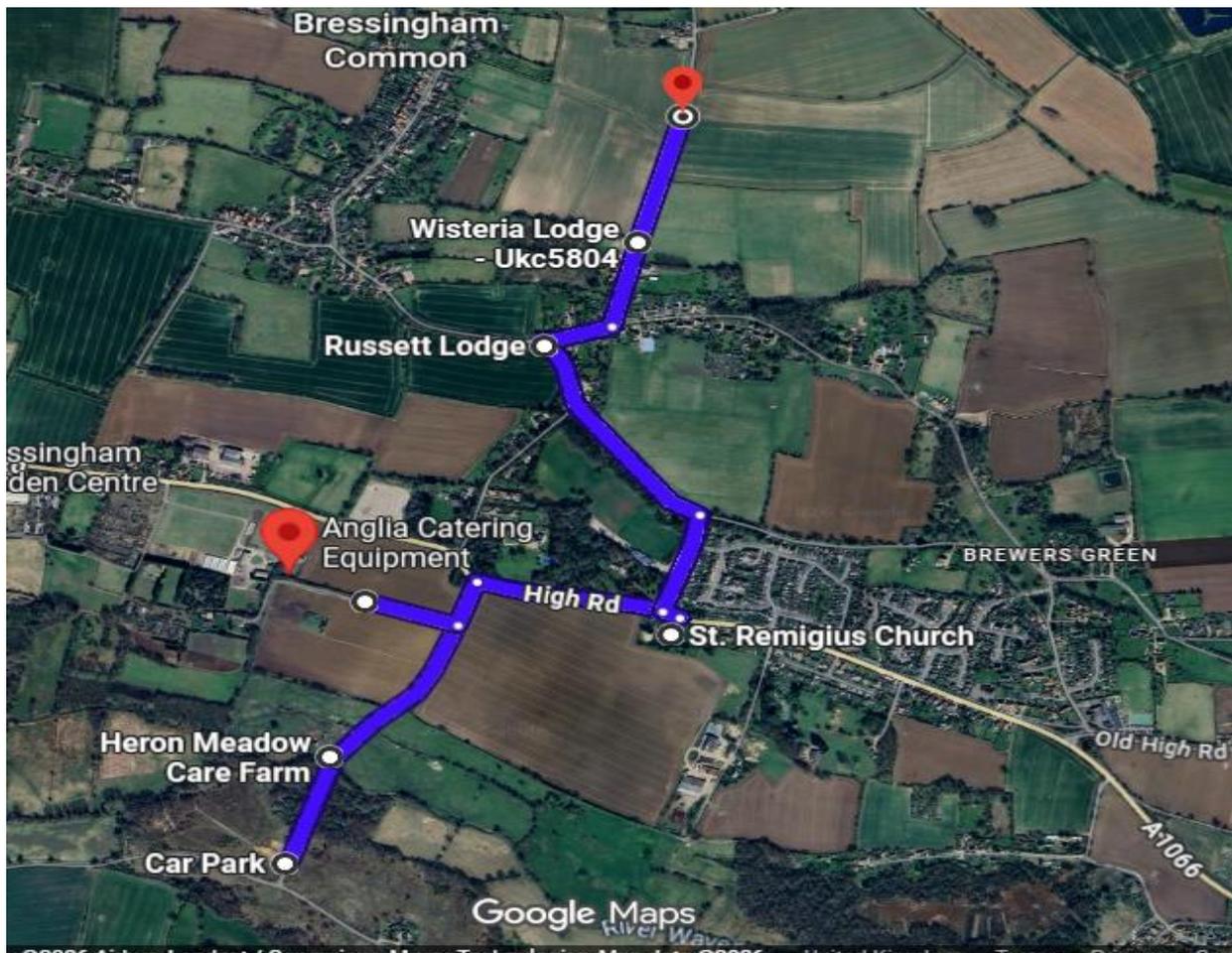
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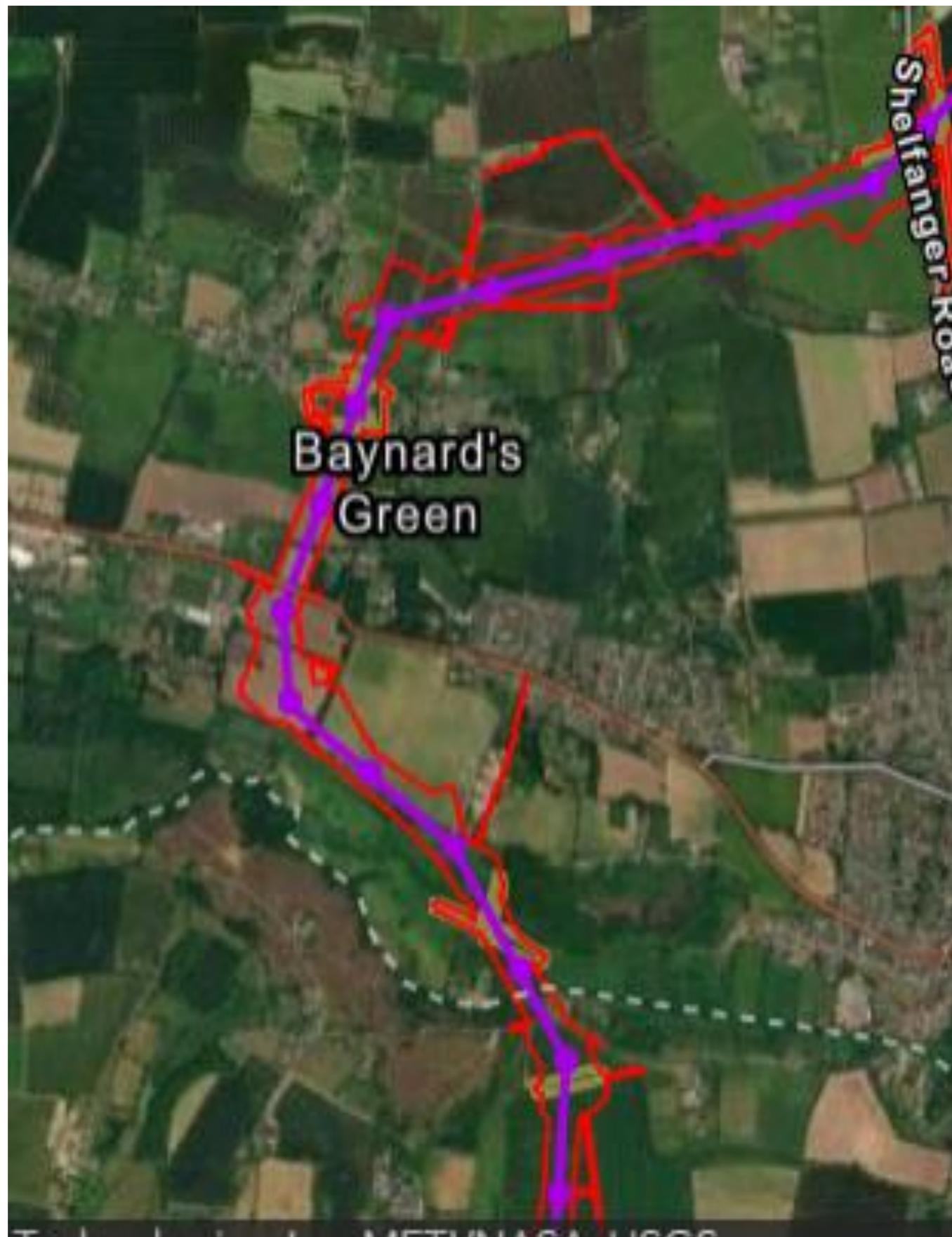
All viewing points identified above are accessible from the public highway or publicly accessible land and may be inspected without requiring access to private property.

At Stop 6 (Woodcrest Farm / Darrow Lane), the hedgerow and haul road alignment can be viewed from Darrow Lane. However, closer inspection of the hedgerow alignment and mature oak trees would require a short walk onto adjacent agricultural land. The landowner has confirmed that access would be permitted for the purposes of an accompanied site inspection, if required by the Examining Authority.

Attendance

I respectfully request to attend any accompanied site inspection should it be scheduled and confirm that I will comply with the itinerary and safety requirements issued by the Examining Authority.





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