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Dear PINS team

Please find attached my speaker script for my representation in person at the Open Floor Hearing 1, Session 2, Part 2, which commenced at 10am on Weds February 11th.

I would urge you to make a site visit to [REDACTED] to take on board the planned decimation of this area. I would be pleased to meet you to accompany your visit.

My full address is [REDACTED].

I look forward to hearing from you

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**Katharine Cockshaw**  
**Interested Party Reference Number - [REDACTED].**

## **Open Floor Hearing 1 Session 2, Part 2**

I live on [REDACTED] Ardleigh, where residents are **severely and directly impacted** by this project.

The **underground line** crosses our road to the right of our house; the **pylon route** crosses it to the left, and they **merge** in the field behind our garden.

**National Grid expects us to endure severe and direct harms** including: loss of financial value of our houses; years of acute disruption around our homes, traffic and access issues to our homes and businesses; a more difficult commute to work for many; severe biodiversity loss; noise pollution; permanent visual pollution; damage to our land, farmland and domestic infrastructure; damage to our property from works vibrations; as well as health and safety issues being explored, relative to living so close to high voltage power lines.

We are not NIMBYs, **we are stakeholders who understand the need for this project**, and we want to work with National Grid to help them achieve the best outcomes.

There are **thirty-five** 'Adequacy of Consultation' Representations on the government documents list for this project, from public bodies representing hundreds of thousands of people across the region, **because** National Grid has:

- **Failed** to consult adequately with residents whose lives will be severely impacted, and the bodies that represent them
- **Failed** to respond to our correspondence, our questions, and our representations on specific issues relating to our property
- **Failed** to present and discuss options for the project at the outset
- **Failed** to consult effectively with environment and heritage experts

**Consultation does not mean providing information about a predetermined outcome, and avoiding direct conversation.**

We want to **know**:

Why has National Grid determined a plan which affects Ardleigh so profoundly, across all the factors cited above - **without presenting and discussing the options**.

Why has National Grid **failed to consider the option of HVDC** underground cables, which require much less physical disruption to install?

Why has National Grid **ignored written evidence** stating that use of the Treasury Green Book is mandatory for large-scale infrastructure projects?

Why does National Grid plan to **eliminate roadside hedges and woodland** on [REDACTED] which they should be working with landowners to preserve.

Will National Grid complete adequate **biodiversity surveys** for the route and substation sites? What biodiversity will they damage, and how will this be compensated to ensure **Biodiversity Net Gain**?

Will National Grid reduce Bird Strikes by identifying **the flight paths and migration routes for geese and swans, and installing aerial marker balls - if not, they are negligent.**

Why was National Grid's consideration of a **more direct, less costly, much less disruptive** route along the edge of Boxted airfield, abandoned?

The threat of National Grid's plan for Ardleigh is **making people ill** with stress and residents there will have **further** stress when they have to make **extensive** claims for financial compensation.

So, before that happens, we implore National Grid to please work with us **through targeted, and intelligent consultation to consider options including:**

- Taking the route off-shore
- Eliminating pylons in Ardleigh and putting more of the cable underground
- And at the very least using the **HVDC** option so that trenches can be narrower

Thank you.