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**Subject:** Request for Site Visit  
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Dear Planning Inspectorate.

*Interested Party Reference number:* [REDACTED]

Please could a site visit to Gislingham be arranged so that the Inspectorate can see first-hand the impact the proposed pylon project would have on our village, particularly given the close proximity of the route to residential areas and community facilities.

Below is a summary of the key concerns raised by the Parish Council and residents:

#### 1. Settlement Impact & Holford Rule Contraventions

- The proposed pylon alignment forms a *horseshoe around a large village*, contrary to the Holford Rules which discourage encircling or visually dominating settlements.
- Pylons are positioned too close to residential areas, causing major visual and amenity harm.

#### 2. Recreation & Public Rights of Way

- Significant impact on well-used footpaths and circular walking routes.
- Loss of open views, tranquillity, and rural character central to village life.

#### 3. Property & Community Effects

- Likely reduction in property values due to proximity, scale, and visual dominance.
- Adverse effect on the setting of the village and its wider landscape.

#### 4. Highway Constraints & Construction Disruption

- Numerous narrow rural roads would face severe disruption during construction and maintenance.
- Safety concerns for residents, school traffic, agricultural vehicles, walkers and cyclists.

#### 5. Cumulative Impact with Solar Farm Project

- The solar farm project is expected to be constructed at the same time, creating overlapping disruption.

- Combined effects intensify traffic pressures, noise, landscape industrialisation, and community impact.

#### 6. Wildlife & Ecological Impact

- The area supports deer, birds of prey, and a range of other wildlife.
- The scale of both projects risks disturbing habitats, disrupting movement corridors, and reducing ecological value.

#### 7. Flooding & Drainage Concerns

- Several areas around the village are already prone to flooding, and with the additional Hall Roads and surrounding routes, the proposed works are likely to worsen existing surface-water and drainage issues.

Kind regards



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**To:** [Norwich to Tilbury](#)  
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Dear Sir/Madam

Gislingham Parish Council would like to formally request that an Inspector undertakes a site visit to fully appreciate the potential impact of the proposed project on our village.

The proposed pylons would be situated in very close proximity to our rural community, and the scale and nature of the development cannot be fully understood through written submissions alone.

A site visit would allow the Inspectors to observe the surrounding landscape, the relationship between the proposed infrastructure and residential areas, and the wider setting of the village.

This is important to our residents, who are deeply concerned about the visual, environmental, and community impacts of the scheme.

We therefore please consider an on-site assessment to understand the implications for Gislingham.

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