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Dear Norwich to Tilbury Planning Inspectorate

Please find attached the submission I presented to the Planning Inspectorate on 12th February at the Norfolk Norwich to Tilbury Open Hearing at The Space in Norwich.

This includes additional notes I could not fit into my 3 minute presentation.

Also attached are 2 images I included with my 3 minute presentation.

I also take this opportunity to request a site visit to my home and village.

My address is:-

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Please confirm receipt of my email and that it has reached the correct recipient.

Yours faithfully

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I live in Fornsett St Peter, my home is on higher ground above the River Tas valley. The proposed N2T route and pylons RG36 to RG40 would pass close to my property with RG38 only about 150 metres from my home. The prospect of having ugly pylons and HV overhead lines so close to our home has caused my wife and I unbearable stress and worry and is affecting our physical and mental wellbeing. For nearly 4 years NG have blighted the enjoyment of living where we do. Our property was included in their Residential Visual Amenity Assessment but scoped out. Quoting their words. "The property would be affected by a moderate change to visual amenity" but my pictures highlight the enormous change and awful prospect the future holds for us. Home should be a haven not a place of anxiety.

Deficient consultations and better alternatives.

The N2T project documents are very long and full of technical terminology making it difficult for the layman to understand. One thing that is blatantly clear is that National Grid have, from the outset, only presented its preferred pylon corridor for consultation and this is predetermination. In my view the two non statutory, statutory and targeted consultations have been deficient and not legitimate. National Grid decided, prior to issuing details of the project in 2022, that the only option for consultation would be 180km of pylons from Norwich to Tilbury. Proper consultations, where the public would have full engagement and able to give opinion, would have included other viable options such as an undersea cable route from offshore wind farms to the Thames estuary. HVDC undergrounding is a viable option taking less room and far less destructive than HVAC. Before a new pylon route is considered the existing pylon grid should be upgraded with the latest cabling to double or triple capacity. TS Conductors in America are restringing the grid

for a fraction of the cost of building new pylons. TS Conductors are a subsidiary of National Grid.

Harm to the River Tas

N2T would create a high risk of pollution for the chalk stream River Tas and its tributaries. Construction where the route crosses the river and surface run off into the river from building the haul road and pylons on higher ground through Forncett are a serious concern especially as there is a colony of the rare and protected native White Clawed Crayfish [*Austropotamobius pallipes*] identified and confirmed to be present in the Tas in 2020 by The Norfolk Rivers Trust using both nets and eDNA sampling techniques. Construction and maintenance of N2T would pose a serious threat of extinction for the Crayfish. These are protected under schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and listed as a UK Biodiversity Action Plan [UK BAP] priority species: Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. As far as I know NG have failed to identify this priority species in their surveys to date. If that is the case it demonstrates a lack of thoroughness and scientific competency in establishing baseline data on biodiversity and ecosystems. National Grid are obliged to undertake comprehensive baseline surveys and all the testing relevant to the health of a protected species. This is an area that needs thorough investigation and questioning in great detail and also begs the question what else has National Grid missed along the N2T route?

Harm to Wildlife

The N2T project would be a disaster for wildlife in general. The fields next to my home are a hot spot for Hares which are in decline. At least 20 species of red and amber listed birds frequent or nest near my home. The construction of the haul road and pylons would destroy trees and

hedgerows and completely ruin this local ecosystem that supports and sustains these endangered species. Destruction that would be repeated from Norwich to Tilbury. This project is blighting our lives, it will destroy landscape, habitat and wildlife and plans for it must be scrapped.

Harm to Farmland

The farmland in the Forncett area is high grade. In my local area between pylons RG 33 and RG 40 a huge acreage would be lost under the proposed haul road. This loss of valuable farmland which would be repeated along the route would be a threat to food security and unacceptable at a time when the UK should be maximising home grown food production.

Harm to community assets

In Forncett, Cheneys Lane and Northfield Road are single track lanes used daily by walkers and horse riders. There are no footpaths from Cheneys Lane with direct access to Northfield Road. Between Northfield Road and Long Stratton Road there is only one footpath, Forncett footpath 25. National Grid's plans show that this footpath would be inaccessible with approx 1/3 of it covered by the project Order Limit. This path and lanes are used daily and are a valued asset for local residents and the N2T proposals would ruin the landscape and severely curtail use and enjoyment of our locality which is unacceptable.

Harm to heritage

Forncett has 2 historic churches, St Peter's and St Mary's. Looking east from my home I can see the tower of St Mary's down in the River Tas valley. The outlook from St Mary's looking west would be marred by a skyline of pylons and HV cables. The pylons would be visible for miles because they

are planned to be on higher ground going against the Holford Rules. If the N2T project goes ahead these two churches and the villages of Forncett St Peter and Forncett St Mary would be sandwiched between the existing pylon line and the new. Also there are several listed residential properties close to the pylon route in Forncett particularly in the area of RG33 – RG40. The harm N2T to Forncett's heritage is unacceptable.

Conclusion

I have briefly outlined my concerns and reasons for objecting to the N2T proposals with Forncett in mind. Harms that would be repeated from Norwich to Tilbury. I urge the Planning Inspectorate not to grant National Grid permission to proceed with the N2T project.

View from
Cheyney's
Lane towards
Northfield
Road, Forncett
St PETER

Pre-Pylons



Showing
impact of
pylons

