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Hello Lily

Thanks you for getting in touch. I'm not sure what happened there - please find the land plan (close up) I showed to the Panel on 10th February, plus my speaking notes, attached.

Please do let me know if you need anything further, or if you have any trouble opening. Happy to send you Word versions, if helpful.

Rob.

██████ and ██████ ██████ Location in National Grid Land Plans (see Section C, Sheet 7 of 18)

Both properties are entirely surrounded by the construction swathe/draft order limits of the Norwich to Tilbury NSIP (underground cabling section)



Norwich to Tilbury open hearing 10/2/2026: speaking notes

1. Introduction:

- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - Grade II listed building in Section C of the route. West of Holton St Mary, South-west of Bacon's Green
- We are within underground cabling section of route - here today because we have serious concerns about construction impacts in our section of the route
 - They are trying to squeeze a 100m wide construction swathe into a 60m wide gap, resulting in major construction all around our home, and our neighbours at [REDACTED]
 - Ourselves and immediate neighbours [REDACTED] – we are enveloped by the draft order limits on all sides. We are an island in the construction zone – not near it – we are in it and our experience of those impacts will be acute
 - For a number of years, our lives could be unbearable.
- Having looked at the route, there are very few if any properties in a situation such as ours.
- *We are concerned that these very serious impacts could be completely missed given scale of project*
- *Needs to be considered now, as part the examination rather than as a post-consent matter - not clear how scheme can be delivered on this alignment and not have unacceptable impacts*

2. As we've set in our written submissions,

- Major excavation works creates a very real risk to the structure of our Grade II listed home
- Significant cumulative amenity impacts (noise and vibration, disturbance, transport impacts, air quality) risk serious impact on our physical and mental health
- The DCO documents refer to using our fence line, unclear why it is needed, which we have also questioned
- Impacts have been underestimated throughout. Very recently, updated ES identifies moderate adverse impacts on the setting of [REDACTED] during construction – but the ES still does not address the impacts I've just mentioned, which seem to have been completely overlooked.
- Impacts are also looked at in silos and not cumulatively, which is essential given we are in the construction zone
- No information on how could be mitigated aside from general references to BPM

We have asked National Grid for a discussion about impacts and how could be mitigated on a number of occasions, no response received.

3. We would therefore like the examination to

- Review our written comments and those of our neighbours at [REDACTED]
- Look at the impacts of project for ourselves and our neighbour – including cumulative impacts
- Look at potential to tweak alignment to reduce impacts
- Look at the range of mitigation measures that will be needed – assess whether impacts are even capable of being adequately mitigated, and the process for ensuring the mitigations happen
- Carefully look at the Order Limits review whether there is a need to take our fence line
- If you haven't done so already, please come and look at our location as part of examination process

We don't want to be difficult, we just want to make sure this project doesn't damage our home or destroy our quality of life for a number of years.