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The respondents object to the route of the cable line, the positioning of the pylons, the lack of consideration towards their business when designing the means of work delivery and the lack of communication with the Applicant.

Two supporting documents are attached,

1. An impact statement for Mr and Mrs Gowing
2. Representation submitted for E B Gowing, being the business owned by the above.

Representation by
E B Gowing & N & J Gowing



Norwich to Tilbury Deadline 1 Submission



- ### Representation – Purple Option
1. Pylon RG008 move to northern field boundary to reduce intrusion to field
 2. Access/Haul road moved to follow field boundaries to reduce impact of use of the field
 3. Option to take the purple line to allow for a reset further south at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Pylon distances circa 280m, one remains in field the other is field edge/corner.
 4. Other option would be orange line to improve the impact of RG008.

Better pylon placement - mid field to work around and field corner

Better pylon placement

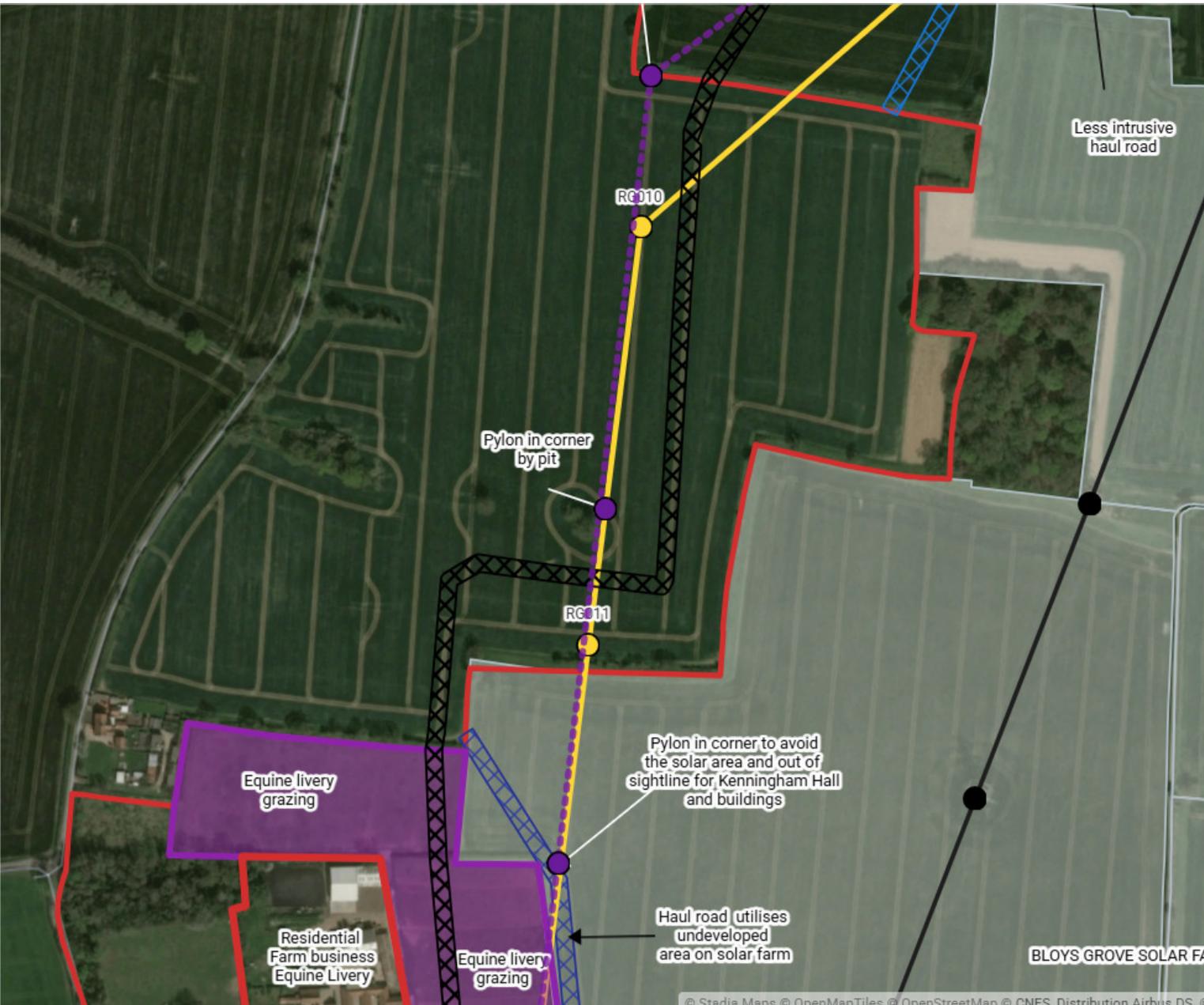
RG008

More efficient route
Better pylon placement

RG008

Less intrusive haul road

RC010

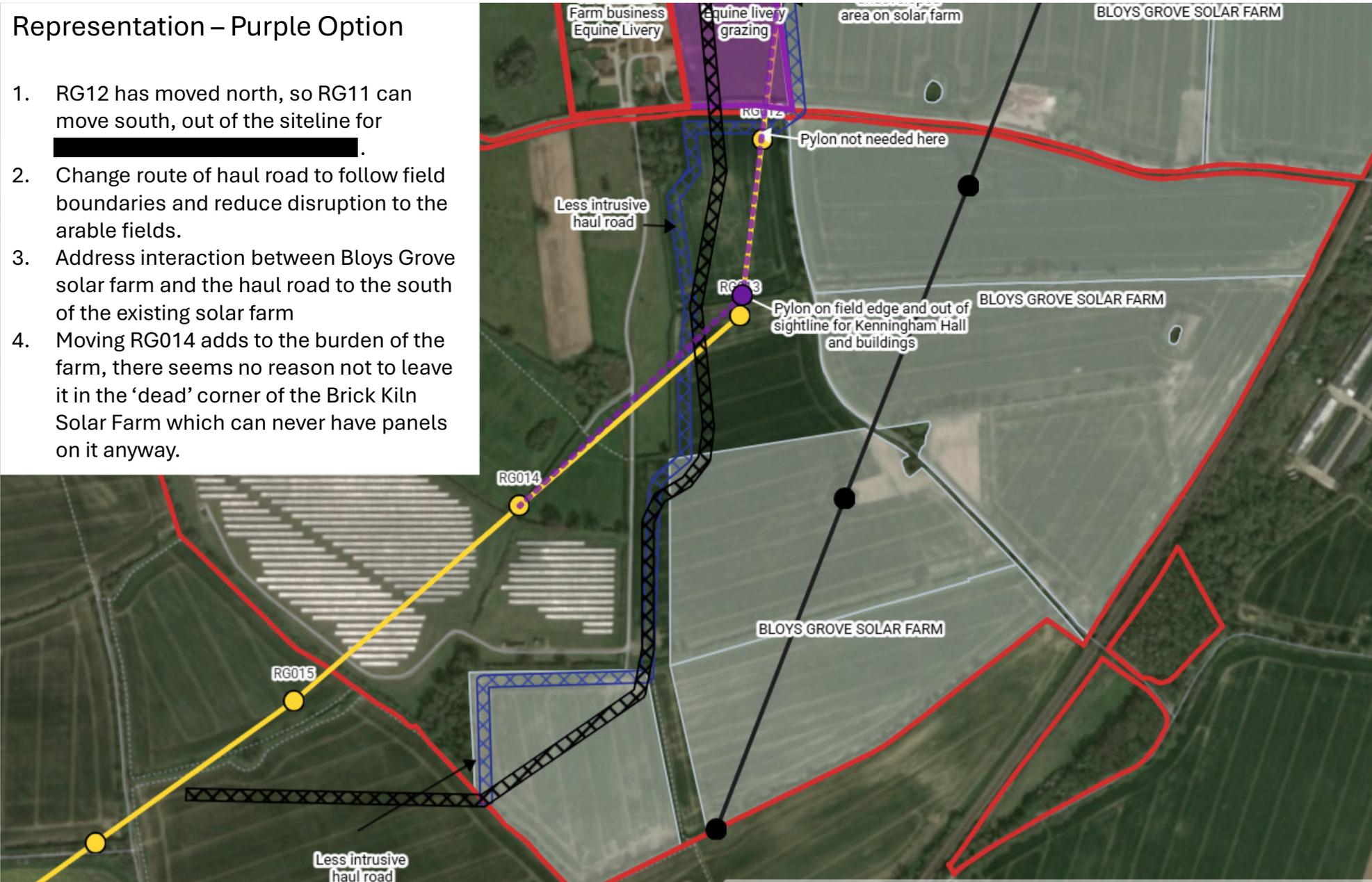


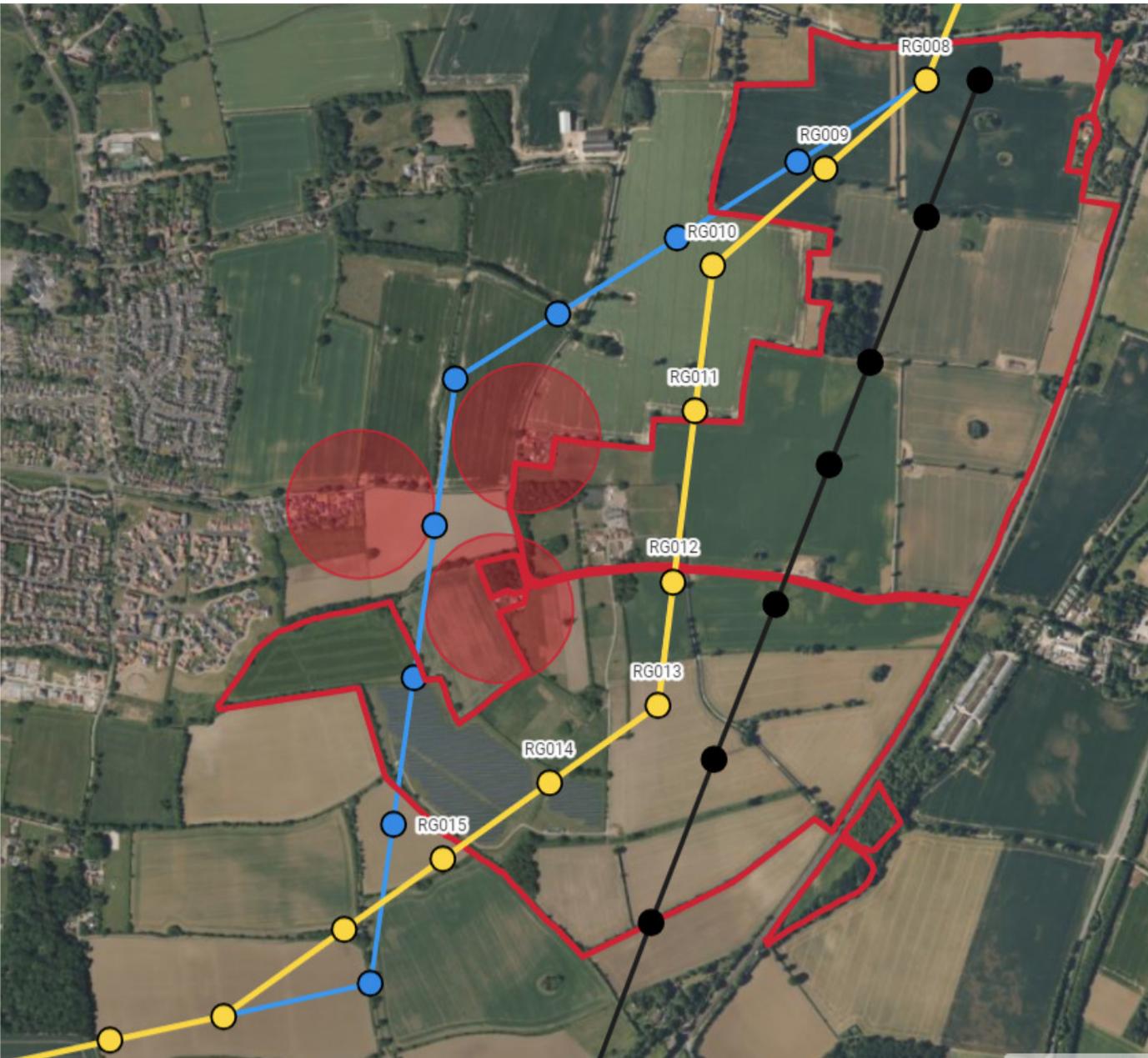
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1. Relocate RG11 into the corner of the field by the pit, so whilst moving off a field boundary it remains in an unproductive area.
2. Bring RG12 up to the corner of the solar farm and livery fields, utilising unproductive area and keeping the pylon out of the sightline for Kenningham Hall and buildings.
3. Move RG further south (next slide) out of sightline of [REDACTED].
4. Move haul road away from high value equine livery paddocks (filled purple) into the undeveloped peripheral areas of the solar farm to follow the route shown hatched blue.
5. Protect the occupation of [REDACTED] by moving the haul road to the east.
6. Protect the setting of Grade II Listed [REDACTED] and associated traditional farmyard.
7. Be aware that the haul road going through the paddocks and so close to the protected farmstead will mean the **closure during works** of the livery business. This is because of grazing loss and audible disturbance to the horses.

Representation – Purple Option

1. RG12 has moved north, so RG11 can move south, out of the siteline for [REDACTED].
2. Change route of haul road to follow field boundaries and reduce disruption to the arable fields.
3. Address interaction between Bloys Grove solar farm and the haul road to the south of the existing solar farm
4. Moving RG014 adds to the burden of the farm, there seems no reason not to leave it in the 'dead' corner of the Brick Kiln Solar Farm which can never have panels on it anyway.





Representation – Alternative Route

1. The respondent's property is already crossed by the existing 4YM line which results in:
 - a) 7 Pylons
 - b) 1940m of oversail
2. The addition of the new N to T route will add:
 - a) 5 Pylons on the property
 - b) 2 pylons on the periphery
 - c) 1064m of oversail
3. Post construction, the owner's property of 149ha will feature:
 - a) 12 pylons
 - b) 3004m of oversail
4. The respondent feels that they are bearing an unreasonable degree of the burden and that the proposals result in a position that is neither fair nor reasonable. Noting that they are one of only 4 owners in Norfolk with both pylon lines and being the ones with by far the largest exposure to pylons and cables.
5. An alternative route, following the blue line and dots is proposed for consideration.

IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Electricity Line and Pylon Construction Near our Residential Property

Name [REDACTED] Gowing

Address: [REDACTED]

Date: 24th February 2026

1. Introduction

We are submitting this impact statement in relation to the proposed construction of the Norwich to Tilbury overhead electricity line and associated pylons which will be near our home at [REDACTED]

The purpose of this statement is to outline the significant effects that the development will have on our household, wellbeing, property, business and local environment.

2. Description of the Proposed Development

According to the plans provided, the proposed overhead lines will be located approximately 150m from the front door of our property, which stands at an elevation of 43m. The closest pylon will be approximately 150m from our front door and will stand at a height of 50m. Its scale and position means that it will be a dominant feature in the immediate landscape and directly visible from key areas of our home and garden.

3. Impact on Residential Amenity

Visual Intrusion

The overhead cables and associated pylon (RG12) will substantially degrade the character of the surrounding area, which is already compromised by the existing 4YM electricity line. The existing transmission line is 375m from our front door, as is the closest pylon on that line. From the rooms at the front and side of the house the existing 4YM linen is visible, as are the pylons. The pylons and overhead cable line dominate the landscape to the east of the house and farmyard being that they run through open countryside and set on land that is 10m lower than the elevation of the house.

The proposed overhead cable line will run parallel to the 4YM line and bring the same landscape dominance we currently experience to a position that is much closer to our home. The visual intrusion of an overhead transmission line just 150m from our house will be significantly greater than that which is already suffered with 4YM,

and the combination of the two transmission lines will create an unreasonable burden on the landscape to the East.

The proposed pylon (RG12) is shown in a location that is approximately 150m from our house and appears to be on a similar sight line to the closest pylon on the 4YM scheme. A pylon being located so close to our historic (Grade 2 Listed) house and associated traditional farmyard buildings will create a significant visual imposition. This imposition is exacerbated by the fact that the 4YM pylon will be in the background to RG12.

The proposed wires and structures will be highly visible, resulting in a loss of visual amenity and a significant degradation to the open and rural outlook.

Noise and Disturbance

It is well known that overhead transmission lines and the associated pylons generate a persistent humming or crackling noise, particularly in wet weather. There has been a noticeable increase in audible intrusion from the 4YM line since the circuitry was increased and the wires and insulators renewed in 2024 and 2025. This raises significant concerns about increased disturbance from the proposed overhead cables and pylon which will be 215m closer to our home than 4YM is. This problem will be especially bad during evenings and early mornings when ambient noise levels are low.

4. Impact on Health and Wellbeing

The presence of a large industrial structure so close to our home is likely to cause ongoing stress and anxiety. While we understand that regulatory bodies set safety standards for electromagnetic fields, the perception of risk alone can have a measurable impact on mental wellbeing. The construction phase will also bring noise, dust, and disruption.

The burden of the 4YM scheme has been something that we have accepted for all the time we have lived at [REDACTED] it was there before we were and it is at a tolerable distance from the house. Knowing what we do about how the 4YM line 'behaves' in the natural environment, we cannot even begin to comprehend just how much worse it will be when the new line is built so close to our house. The worry, uncertainty and knowing that our home will be blighted is having a detrimental effect on our physical and mental wellbeing.

It must be acknowledged that our home is a farmhouse, the base from which we run a large and diversified farming business, and we cannot just sell it and move to a new location. This is our home, and whilst our family farm it always will be, so we do not have the same freedom as other homeowners do, to move away from their house if they no longer enjoy living there.

5. Impact on Property Value

There is strong evidence that proximity to high-voltage pylons can negatively affect property values. The visual impact, perceived health concerns, and reduced

desirability of the location are likely to diminish the market value of our home. Whilst we have no intention of selling our house and moving, for the reasons stated above, it does not mean that we should just have to accept such a blight on the value of our house. Such a blight impacts future generations as well as us, which in turn informs how we invest in our home, how we maintain and improve it and how we try to ensure we don't just 'mark our time' whilst living there.

It is also important to note that a farmhouse is an asset that is typically used as loan security by banks. Like most farming businesses we have borrowings secured against our freehold property, and the devaluation of property means less money can be borrowed, which can impact the efficiency of our business.

6. Associated Business Impact

The installation of the new overhead lines and pylons will not have a significant impact on the use of our arable land, and there are compensation measures that can address this in a way that they cannot address the impact on our home.

The works will however have a significant impact on our diversified equestrian livery business which is home to 16 horses and their respective owners. We offer secure livery facilities with high quality stables, grazing, a menage and more importantly employment. We have recently invested circa £42,000 on improving our commercial offering, including a new stable block, feed storage shed, concrete pads & an upgraded horse menage.

The totally inconsiderate design of the proposed scheme will put a haul road straight through our main paddocks at the farmstead, with no consideration given to the fact that the loss of these paddocks will require the reduction of numbers of horses we can keep at livery. This has three impacts, firstly loss of income to our business, secondly some livery customers will need to find alternative accommodation for their horses & finally our livery manager may find it unviable to continue.

Furthermore, we have planning permission on four barn conversions within our farmyard. Who will want to buy or rent these with unsightly pylons so close by?

7. Consideration of Alternatives and Representations

We have made multiple submissions to the Applicant to show positive engagement with alternative cable route suggestions and modification of the proposed build layout, specifically regarding pylon locations and haul road routing.

Engagement from the Applicant has been entirely superficial, offering meetings for us to give feedback to people who can, themselves, only feed further up the chain of command, from whom no response is garnered.

8. Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, the proposed overhead cables and associated pylons will have a substantial and lasting impact on our home, wellbeing, amenity and businesses. We urge the Inspectorate to take these concerns into account and

ask the Applicant why their engagement has been so 'shallow' and why it is considered reasonable for our farm and home to bear such a considerable burden from National Grid with this scheme and 4YM..

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