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Dear Inspectorate and Panel

I'm writing to formally request a site visit and express my firm and unequivocal objection to the Norwich to Tilbury pylon project. This includes the proposal for pylons to run through my fields and the recently identified plans to reroute existing pylons behind my home before taking them underground in front of my property.

The cumulative impact of these proposals on my home, my land, my livelihood and my health is profound and intolerable.

My husband and I have cared for and invested in this land for over 43 years. It is not simply a parcel of land — it represents decades of work, sacrifice and careful stewardship for future generations. The prospect of it being fragmented, industrialised and permanently altered is deeply distressing and wholly unacceptable.

Beyond the visual and landscape harm, there are serious and practical concerns regarding the construction phase. The road network surrounding my property and the scale of vehicle movements, plant machinery and ground works raises significant concerns including:

- Structural damage to local roads
- Increased flooding risk due to soil compaction, excavation and disruption of existing drainage systems
- Mud, debris and surface water creating hazards for residents and road users
- Long-term deterioration of infrastructure that the local community will be left to manage

These risks are real and foreseeable. The prolonged construction period alone would cause substantial and lasting disruption.

The proposals also place established wildlife habitats at considerable risk. Over many years, we have maintained a natural environment that supports a wide variety of species. Heavy machinery, trenching, cable laying and permanent infrastructure installation will inevitably disturb and potentially destroy habitats that cannot simply be recreated once lost.

Our livery yard — which has been the backbone of our livelihood — has already been affected by uncertainty surrounding this scheme. Further loss and disruption of grazing land, noise intrusion, ground instability and environmental change will compromise the welfare and safety of the horses and undermine the viability of the business. This threatens not only income

but the sustainability of a long-standing rural enterprise as it is going to get 100 times worse for our horses who will no be able to even get across to their grazing when National Grid starts the project.

There are also serious concerns regarding the impact on residential property values. The proximity of new overhead pylons and underground cable works to homes will inevitably reduce market desirability and long-term value. For those of us whose homes represent our principal asset and lifetime investment, this is a material and deeply concerning consequence.

The ongoing uncertainty and cumulative pressure associated with these proposals has had a tangible impact on health and wellbeing. Living under the continued threat of intrusive development directly affecting one's home environment creates sustained stress and anxiety that cannot be dismissed.

It was particularly troubling to learn at a late stage that existing pylons to the west of my farm are also proposed to be taken underground through my land. The absence of clear and transparent communication from National Grid and Fisher German has left me feeling disregarded and inadequately consulted.

For all of these reasons — the generational importance of my land, the threat to wildlife, the risks to local infrastructure, flooding concerns, devaluation of homes, damage to my business and the impact on health — I strongly oppose both the overhead pylon proposals and the associated underground works.

In addition, I formally register my request for a site inspection and ask that this be recorded on the examination file. I consider a site visit to be essential to procedural fairness. Only by attending the location in person can the true scale of the landscape, the close proximity to residential dwellings, landscape sensitivity, road limitations, drainage vulnerability and cumulative impacts be properly understood. Plans, maps and written submissions cannot adequately convey the lived reality of the environment or the constraints of the surrounding infrastructure.

A site visit is essential to ensure a fully informed and fair assessment of the proposal.

I do understand that all the other landowners and property owners are all together in this and that all the animals, birds, landscapes are all in trouble as we are but please come to our home to see what you are doing to us please .

I would be grateful for confirmation that this representation will be placed on the examination record.

Thank you .

Kind regards.

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