

**To the Planning Inspectorate.**

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Ahead of deadline one (26<sup>th</sup> February 2026) and following the recent Norwich to Tilbury pylon project hearings I recently attended /viewed via live stream, I would like to submit the following, please.

In May of 1991, Eastern Generation Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Eastern Electricity, submitted a formal proposal to build a 380 MW Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power station at the very same place National Grid (NG) proposes to site its proposed East Anglian Connection Node (EACN) for its Norwich to Tilbury project - on the border of Ardleigh and Little Bromley in Essex. The 'Rural Power Station Action Group' (RPSAG) was formed, and its members (myself included) with much knowledge and varied expertise set out to demonstrate that the proposed site had indeed, been poorly chosen.

Based on local evidence, Eastern Electricity was **refused** permission due to the rural nature of the area!

Thirty Five years later, we are now head on with National Grid (NG) and its proposals to mutilate Grade 1, Best Most Versatile (BMV) land that still, after all this time, remains unchanged, yet still continues to provide an all important contribution to the country's essential food production.

I ask the question as to why NG, before considering other options to upgrade the grid system (ie Integrated offshore grid, HVDC undergrounding), would think that it is better positioned to achieve success, when in actual fact, it failed to look at brownfield sites where access would be better and the cumulative harms on the environment and local communities considerably less!

Why take the gamble on a site previously denied such massive industrial development?

When Eastern Generation was denied development consent, national press portrayed it as a David and Goliath situation!

Tom Bradshaw (NFU President), in his address to the NFU Conference yesterday (24<sup>th</sup> February), warned that **a resilient food system isn't optional in a time of geopolitical uncertainty, it is a cornerstone to national security and should be backed up by a long-term plan for farming and food production.**

As a farmer, I am in total agreement with Tom's words of wisdom.

The countryside needs our help in order that we can benefit from what it has to offer us, not just for now, but for our future!

We really cannot afford to harm the land that feeds us.

Thankyou.

Yours faithfully,

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