

**THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATIONS PROCEDURE) RULES 2010**

**Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc for an Order granting Development Consent  
for the National Grid Norwich to Tilbury Project**

**PINS REFERENCE EN020027**

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**WRITTEN SUBMISSION OF ORAL  
REPRESENTATIONS MADE ON BEHALF OF  
NATIONAL HIGHWAYS LIMITED AT  
COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARING 1  
(CAH1) HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2026**

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## INTRODUCTION

This is a written submission made on behalf of National Highways Limited in respect of oral submissions made at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 on held at 2pm on Wednesday 11 February 2026.

<b>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1</b>	
<b>Agenda Item 4.1: Statutory Undertakers (SUs)</b>	<b>Oral Submission made on behalf of National Highways Limited</b>
<p><b>The applicant to list and briefly set out the current position in relation to any representations made under s127 of the PA2008 and not withdrawn.</b></p> <p>The applicant noted that that there are ten identified section 127 parties, all of whom have made relevant representations and remain in ongoing negotiations; none involve the acquisition of land, only two involve diversion of existing apparatus, and the remainder relate solely to the protection of existing infrastructure.</p>	<p><b>Response to Item 4.1:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The applicant has stated, in relation to the proposed compulsory acquisition, that “none involves the taking of land”. This does not accord with National Highways’ interpretation of the Book of Reference, which appears to include plots where compulsory acquisition of land is proposed. The applicant is therefore requested to confirm whether compulsory acquisition powers are being sought for the acquisition of land itself, as opposed to rights only.</li></ol>
<b>Agenda Item 4.3: Statutory Undertakers (Sus)</b>	<b>Oral Submission made on behalf of National Highways Limited</b>
<p><b>The applicant to set out the condition of negotiations, and unresolved concerns relating to SU’s land, rights and apparatus including progress on agreement of protective provisions with the relevant parties listed.</b></p> <p>The applicant explained that of the 25 bodies (plus LTC and BPA), 12 are content to rely on the existing protective provisions, one is seeking bespoke protective provisions and discussions are well advanced, six are seeking bespoke protective provisions alongside a legal agreement, and a further six are seeking a combination of bespoke protective provisions and an additional legal agreement.</p>	<p><b>Response to Item 4.3:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. National Highways notes that protective provisions have not yet been agreed with it. National Highways seeks confirmation as to whether, when the applicant refers to progressing protective provisions with various parties, National Highways is included among those parties.</li></ol>