

Dear Sir /Madam

Further to our previous representation, we write on behalf of our client, 2 Agriculture Grow, to formally record our concern regarding the minimal and largely ineffective engagement received to date from National Grid and their appointed agents.

Background

National Grid is seeking to acquire land from our client to facilitate construction of a bell mouth and the diversion of utilities. Our client is a major poultry producer, operating a secure site comprising seven broiler sheds, housing approximately 150,000 birds and employing three fulltime staff. The site lies directly adjacent to the land affected by the proposed works.

A meeting was held with Fisher German on 24 February 2026, attended by myself, at which limited additional detail on the project was provided. However, as this was the first meaningful contact, our client has not had a reasonable or fair opportunity to consider the proposals or to respond in an informed manner.

During the meeting, we discussed several elements of the scheme being undertaken adjacent to our including:

Diversion of utilities

Attenuation ponds

Bellmouth design and access arrangements

Restricted access to land

Biosecurity measures and operational constraints

Impact of the Proposed Works

The activities described will directly affect the operation of a sensitive and highrisk agricultural enterprise. The proximity of the works to an active poultry unit creates serious operational, biosecurity and commercial risks.

These include, but are not limited to:

Elevated Avian Influenza (AI) risk

Access restrictions and movement controls

Noise, vibration and dust management

Water use, contamination pathways and hydrological impacts

Biosecurity compliance and operational safeguards

Traffic flow and vehicle decontamination controls

Biosecurity Risks to Poultry Operations

Poultry units operate under strict and legally mandated biosecurity regimes due to the persistent and significant threat of Avian Influenza. Any uncontrolled activity adjacent to the site materially increases the risk of disease introduction.

The consequences of an Avian Influenza outbreak could include:

Mandatory depopulation

Severe business interruption

Loss of employment

Longterm movement and disease control restrictions

Reputational damage

Significant economic loss

The scale and severity of these risks cannot be overstated.

Lack of Engagement

Until 24 February 2026, neither National Grid nor their agents had made any contact with our client. This lack of early engagement is unacceptable. It has prevented our client from:

understanding the proposals,

assessing the potential operational impacts, and

identifying necessary mitigation.

The absence of timely communication has already placed the project on a difficult footing and has caused considerable concern.

Our client cannot support any activity in the vicinity of the poultry unit unless and until National Grid provides a detailed, robust and enforceable biosecurity plan, covering:

Personnel management and protocols

Vehicle access, control and decontamination

Separation distances and exclusion zones

Construction sequencing

Contamination control measures

Emergency response arrangements

Without such a plan, our client cannot accept any risk that could compromise flock health or business continuity.

Conclusion

Our client requires urgent, direct and coordinated engagement from National Grid to address the unresolved issues and to ensure that any works can be undertaken without compromising the operation of this sensitive agricultural site.

It is essential that National Grid:

Provides full details of all proposed works;

Demonstrates how construction and operational phases will interact with a live poultry facility;

Produces credible mitigation proposals for all identified risks; and

Treats biosecurity as a primary design and operational constraint, not an afterthought.

Based on the information currently available, National Grid's position is disproportionate, poorly justified and procedurally inadequate.

We also wish to confirm that our client would welcome the opportunity to attend any relevant hearings, should it be necessary.

We respectfully request that the Examining Authority ensures these matters are addressed promptly and transparently, and that National Grid is instructed to engage meaningfully with our client without further delay.

Your sincerely

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