

The damage to heritage and the historical and natural environments in my community is unacceptable.

An ancient hamlet, Low Common Bunwell has eleven listed buildings, all to be within 1km of a pylon. The pylon line is to intersect 3 of them: Banyards Hall and Pereshall Manor - both mentioned in the Domesday Book - and 17th century [REDACTED] - **shown here on the front cover of 'Bunwell, A Village History'**. These three heritage buildings are to be within 350m and in full view of the pylon run.

For their 2024 consultation, NG produced a heritage evaluation defining the impact on the settings of Banyards Hall and [REDACTED] as 'significant negative'. However, in the 2026 submission the impacts are now 'low adverse' - as they are now for almost all listed properties along the length of Norwich to Tilbury. This change requires scrutiny.

[REDACTED] will have a direct outlook on three pylons from its frontage. Pylons will be in full view on all approaches to [REDACTED], undeniably hugely detrimental to its setting.

I live in Grade II curtilage listed [REDACTED], immediately adjacent to [REDACTED]. My property is to have two pylons 300m away. They will tower over my single storey barn and at least one pylon will be visible from all windows on both the North and West aspects, Pylon RG45 will dominate the skyline from every aspect of my garden and curtilage. I have seen computer generated images which show this to be the case. NG has not made these images publicly available.

My wife and I have asked at every consultation opportunity for alternatives and mitigation. None of these requests has been heeded - or even acknowledged. We asked for individual consultation and this was refused.

Much of the layout of Bunwell Hill and Low Common has been unchanged since medieval times. There are steeply banked sunken roads with sharp bends and unbridged fords. All the roads are single track.

During construction, NG proposes using these ancient lanes as alternative routes when other local roads are closed. This is madness. It risks damaging historic roads and also poses serious danger to recreational users - dogwalkers, horse riders and cyclists. The safety aspects of road closure proposals need scrutiny, including for the access of emergency services when unbridged fords are flooded.

Finally, please take a very close look at the impact where the pylons are to cross the River Tas at Bunwell Hill - land only accessible by a centuries old footpath and track. What is proposed here is an ecological disaster.

The various protections on the area of land between RG49 and RG50 and pleas for its ecological significance to be recognised have been ignored. NG has been determined to cross the river at this point, despite widescale damage to mature and veteran trees, to wildlife and to the historic setting.

The historical and ecological significance of my community and the unacceptable impact on heritage properties, including my own, have been completely ignored. I ask for a site visit by the Inspectorate to properly understand the harms.

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