

Suggested Locations for Site Inspection

Interested Party Reference: [REDACTED]

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

Norwich to Tilbury Project

Location Requested for Inspection

Temporary Construction Compound – Plot G-4/53

A129, adjacent to [REDACTED]

Request for Site Inspection

We formally request that the Examining Authority undertake a site inspection (accompanied or unaccompanied as appropriate) of the following:

- The proposed compound access point along the A129
- The narrow rural lane to the front of our property
- The blind bends and visibility constraints at both ends of the lane
- The incline and 1.5–2 metre level differences between the highway and residential land
- The spatial relationship between the proposed compound and surrounding dwellings

Justification for Inspection

A site visit is necessary because the following matters cannot be adequately appreciated from plans or written submissions alone:

1. Highway Geometry and Safety Constraints

The compound is positioned at a constrained section of the A129 within a looped road configuration. The narrow lane to the front of our property is:

- Insufficient in width for safe two-way flow
- Bordered by blind bends
- Located on an incline with restricted forward visibility

During disruption on the A129, vehicles divert along this lane, resulting in unsafe manoeuvres and hazardous access conditions. Sustained HGV movements associated with the compound would materially intensify these existing safety issues.

The real-world geometry and traffic behaviour can only be fully understood through physical observation.

2. Topography and Level Differences

There is an approximate 1.5–2 metre (5–6 foot) level difference between sections of highway and adjacent residential land, retained in part by a raised garden boundary planter not clearly identifiable on submitted plans.

This affects:

- Noise propagation
- Visual dominance
- Light spill
- Perception of scale
- Potential ground loading effects near residential boundaries

The compound would sit in elevated and visually prominent proximity to dwellings. This relationship is difficult to appreciate without standing on site.

3. Proximity to Sensitive Residential Receptors

The compound would operate in immediate proximity to residential properties, including our own household.

Members of our household have protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010. The Examining Authority is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty and must have due regard to the potential for disproportionate impact.

Our property is not regularly unoccupied. The likely intensity of compound activity (including HGV movements, plant operation, lighting towers and potential 24-hour working) would have a materially harmful effect in this location.

A site inspection would enable proper understanding of this spatial relationship and the potential for disproportionate residential impact.

Access to Private Land

Access to private residential land may be required in order to fully appreciate the spatial relationship between the proposed compound location and the dwelling and garden boundary.