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Dear Sir / Madam,

[REDACTED] Ardleigh - Deadline 1
Interested Party Reference No: [REDACTED]

I write in connection with the above reference as the owner and occupier of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Ardleigh (“the Property”).

I first met with Fisher German, acting on behalf of National Grid (“the Applicant”), in August 2023. This meeting provided an opportunity for me to better understand the Applicant’s proposals and the effect they may have on my Property. During that meeting, I raised a number of concerns regarding the proposals.

My Property lies within an area of significant sand and gravel interest. This is evidenced by the fact that I previously owned the land south of [REDACTED] which was sold to S.R.C.Group, who subsequently established Crown Quarry.

More recently, SRC has been promoting land north of [REDACTED] as an extension to Crown Quarry. The area extends to approximately 23.19 hectares and is proposed for the extraction of around 1 million tonnes of sand and gravel, with processing and distribution from the adjacent Crown Quarry processing plant.

I will shortly be entering into an Option Agreement with SRC to acquire the site, subject to planning permission, and SRC has already undertaken ground investigation surveys. I have been open and transparent with the Applicant and its agent throughout consultation meetings and have referenced the potential change-of-use opportunities on the Property in non-statutory consultation responses. This opportunity is of considerable importance; however, the Applicant’s proposal shows

the pylon line constructed overground and dissecting the proposed quarry site.

Despite repeated requests for the pylon line to be moved to the north of the Property, there has been no meaningful engagement on this issue. The Applicant has now submitted a planning application that continues to show the proposed pylon route running through the centre of my potential quarry site.

In 2015, Anglian Water approached me to lay a new water main through the Property. Following discussions regarding the potential quarry opportunity, Anglian Water acknowledged these concerns and instead routed the water main along the northern boundary of the Property. More recently, Anglian Water again approached me to lay a further water main as part of the Anglian Water SPA project. Once again, Anglian Water demonstrated a clear understanding of the quarry opportunity and the forthcoming Option Agreement with SRC, as well as the promotion of the land within the Essex Minerals Local Plan. Consequently, the pipeline was realigned around the northern part of the Property, minimising loss of sand and gravel resources.

By contrast, the Applicant has made no attempt to mitigate the financial implications its proposal would have for me. I therefore have no option but to submit this written representation to set out my position.

I respectfully request, as a matter of priority and urgency, that the pylon route is moved as far north as possible so that I can still realise the commercial opportunity associated with the land north of [REDACTED]

I am extremely disappointed with the lack of engagement shown by the Applicant and its agent on this matter and request that the proposed pylon route is reconsidered.

Yours sincerely

Mr James Robert Blyth and Mrs Roseanna Forshaw
Both Executors of the Estate of Mr James Hector Blyth