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Planning Inspectorate
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Dear Sir

Request for Accompanied Site Inspection

This request is submitted by Mr A Griffiths (RR number [REDACTED]) on behalf of Norfolk Gliding Club, owners and operators of Tibenham airfield for an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) of Tibenham and the adjoining airfield of Priory Farm

We are aware that the General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC) has requested an ASI to these airfields and we support that request.

The Norwich to Tilbury project will affect both airfields in terms of aviation safety issues and other adverse impacts in terms of their on-going operations and longer-term viability.

In line with Procedural Decision 5 the following information is provided:

The location

The location for the proposed ASI is Tibenham and Priory Farm Aerodromes.

The location to be observed

The general location to be observed is related to Pylons RG38 to RG68 which is the section of the route that traverses the Tibenham 5km safeguarding zone

The sites to be observed are:

Tibenham Airfield Norfolk, NR16 1NT, Grid Reference TM 142888; and
Clubhouse TM148890, 52.457N 1.161E

Tibenham Priory Farm, Pristow Green Lane, NR16 1NY, Grid Reference TM127880
52.450N 1.130E

The issues to be observed are:

- a. The proximity of the proposed pylon route to the aircraft runways at Tibenham Aerodrome
- b. The proximity of the proposed pylon route to the aircraft runways at Priory Farm Aerodrome
- c. The approximate N-S orientation of the proposed pylon route in this location
- d. The relationship between the NS orientation of the proposed pylon route and runways 15/33 and 08/26 at Tibenham Aerodrome.
- e. The areas where overflying is not permitted for the protection of residential amenity, in particular at Tibenham village, Pristow Green and Tibenham Farm
- f. Dependent on weather conditions, aircraft take-offs and landings.

Site Access:

The entrances to both sites are accessible from public highways. Apart from entrance into the aerodromes and access 'groundside' at Tibenham Aerodrome, land within the aerodrome boundaries termed 'airside' may only be accessed under escort for safety reasons.

Reason why the location has been suggested

Whilst we understand that the ExA has carried out Unaccompanied Site Inspections from the A1134 which is close to the southern edge of both airfields the lack of above ground airfield infrastructure at that viewpoint makes it difficult to appreciate their proximity to the proposed project

Both aerodromes were established many years ago. Tibenham is an old WWII aerodrome built in 1942/3 and provides both powered aircraft and glider training, model flying and trial lessons for the public.

As stated by the CAA AAT in a letter to National Grid, the impacts on aviation safety and operations of the two airfields are interlinked and complex due to their close

proximity to each other, and both will be affected by a similar part and length of the proposed overhead power lines of the Applicant's submitted scheme.

Although the two aerodromes have arrangements in place to minimise conflict, the scheme is likely to compromise those agreements since the proposed pylon route is only 700m from the Priory Farm runway 01 and 1900m from the end of Tibenham runway 26.

If appropriate and the weather conditions are favourable it might be possible to extend the site inspection to a flight over the airfields and pylon route to assist in understanding the issues involved

Yours sincerely

Tony Griffiths

Safeguarding Officer

Norfolk Gliding Club