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Dear Ms Hunt,

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the proposed Norwich to Tilbury Project (Application Reference: EN020027).
Essex County Council (ECC) Norwich to Tilbury Deadline 1 submission.

Essex County Council wishes to put forward the following suggested locations in for the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI).

In identifying suitable locations, the Council has had regard to Appendix F of the Rule 6 Letter dated 13 January 2026, which outlines the Examining Authority's (ExA's) initial considerations for the ASI.

The development would have significant impacts on Essex, the full details of which are set out within the Council's Local Impact Report (to be submitted alongside this ASI document).

Owing to the scale and nature of these impacts, this ASI report identifies the specific locations that the Council considers essential, or otherwise beneficial, for the ExA to visit as part of the Accompanied Site Inspection.

The Council respectfully requests that the ExA gives careful consideration to the ASI locations suggested to ensure that the impacts within Essex are fully understood.

Suggested location	Justification why a visit is beneficial	Is access to private land required?	Document Reference
Wick Lane between TB-B012 and TB-B011	To note the narrow lane characteristics and level of traffic using it. The proposals are to include traffic signals to allow movements between the two haul roads. We have concerns that the road is too narrow to allow vehicles using Wick Lane to pass each other when the queues at both sets of signals are released which will result in blockages. Wick Lane is well used as a wider network of rural lanes to bypass congestion on the A12 and A120 between A12 and A120	No. It is adopted highway.	As shown in Document 2.5 Access, Rights of Way & Public Rights of Navigation Plans Section C, Sheet 12 of 18 (APP-035)
ECC Ardleigh Depot, A137 Harwich Road, Ardleigh, Essex, C07 7LT	To observe the current working of the depot viewing the existing access and use of the yard so as to appreciate the impact the proposed scheme will have on the 24/7 critical nature of the operations.	The Ardleigh depot is owned by ECC and will need agreement with the property team to access.	The depot is shown within Document 2.3 Works Plan, Section C, Sheet 13 of 18 (APP-019) Note the TRO on surrounding highway network as shown in Document 2.4 Traffic Regulation Order Plans, Section C, Sheet 13 of 18 (APP-027). TROs relate to speed reductions and prohibition of access on Home Farm Lane

			and Little Bromley Road.
Ardleigh Road between JC-B071 and JC-B070	To view the nature of the existing rural road network which is open fields on both sides, and noting that this is proposed to be widened to 6m with speed limit reduction between the haul road and EACN access. We have concerns that widening the carriageway will encourage higher speeds which are not self-enforcing and potentially anti-social behaviour associated with speeding.	No. It is adopted highway.	As shown in Document 2.5 Access Rights of Way & Public Rights of Navigation Plans Section C, Sheet 14 and 15 of 18 (APP-035)
Bentley Road – between the junction of A120 and JC-B072	To view the existing Bentley Road which will be used extensively for Norwich to Tilbury to access the EACN. Noting the two potential private haul road options available for the construction period – one to the north at JC-8072 (which will be permanent for access), and one to the south where Norwich to Tilbury will use this as temporary access if available via the two windfarms (North Falls and Five Estuaries). The two windfarms will be crossing Bentley Road from the east through to the EACN on this southern route.	No. It is adopted highway	As shown in Document 2.5 Access Rights of Way & Public Rights of Navigation Plans Section C, Sheet 16 of 18 (APP-035)
Viewpoint 6.18 Langleys Park Viewpoint 6.13 B1008,	Landscape and Visual Impact on the landscape setting of Grade I Listed Langleys (1305533) and Grade II Registered Park and Garden 'Langleys' (1000241)	No	As shown in 6.13.F7 Environmental Statement Figure 13.7 - Visual Receptors and

Little Waltham			Viewpoints (Final Issue A) (APP-243)
Viewpoint 7.08 Dunton Hills Garden Village	Impact on approved garden village principles	Yes	As shown in 6.13.F7 Environmental Statement Figure 13.7 - Visual Receptors and Viewpoints (Final Issue A) (APP-243)
Viewpoint 5.02 Old Road Feering Viewpoint 5.04 White Notley	Landscape Impact on LCA C6: Blackwater and Brain Valley: considered undervalued in terms of landscape receptors.	Yes	As shown in 6.13.F7 Environmental Statement Figure 13.7 - Visual Receptors and Viewpoints (Final Issue A) (APP-243)
Viewpoint 3.12 Waterhouse Lane, Burnt Heath	Landscape and Visual Impact on LCA 7A: Bromley Heaths; considered undervalued and not adequately considered cumulatively with North Falls and Five Estuaries.	Yes	As shown in 6.13.F7 Environmental Statement Figure 13.7 - Visual Receptors and Viewpoints (Final Issue A) (APP-243)
Viewpoint 3.14 Ardleigh Reservoir, Lodge Lane	Landscape and Visual Impact on LCA 6B: Ardleigh Valley System considered undervalued and under assessed in terms of susceptibility. Highly tranquil and perceptual character.	Yes	As shown in 6.13.F7 Environmental Statement Figure 13.7 - Visual Receptors and Viewpoints (Final Issue A) (APP-243)

ECC welcomes the opportunity to submit Deadline 1 response. ECC will continue to engage proactively with the applicant and the Examining Authority as this application progress through Examination.

Yours sincerely,



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