

This submission relates to the proposed super pylon, overhead transmission alignment, construction trunk road (up to seven years) and permanent access arrangements affecting [REDACTED].

The proposals would:

- Place permanent infrastructure on productive agricultural land
- Run overhead transmission lines directly across an established commercial fishing lake
- Remove approximately half of grazing land for up to seven years
- Introduce a hardcore trunk road within close proximity to the lake, creating pollution risk
- Result in loss of a turkey enterprise due to biosecurity non-compliance (see Appendix D)
- Create permanent third-party access within approximately three metres of the dwelling

The cumulative effect threatens the viability of the farm business, removes established income streams, compromises biosecurity compliance and fundamentally alters the residential setting of [REDACTED].

Full details, evidence and supporting documentation are provided within the attached Written Representation and Appendices A–D.

WRITTEN REPRESENTATION

Project: Norwich to Tilbury Electricity Transmission Project

Property: [REDACTED]

Submitted by: Paul Lanham

Introduction

My name is Paul Lanham. I have owned and farmed [REDACTED] for over 45 years.

When I first came here, there was very little. Everything that stands here today — the farm buildings, the lake, the grazing systems, the enterprises — has been built through decades of work, reinvestment, and commitment. [REDACTED] is not just land to me. It is my life's work. It is our family home.

The current proposal would:

- Place a permanent super pylon on my land
- Run overhead transmission lines directly across my fishing lake
- Construct a hardcore trunk road across approximately half of my grazing land for up to seven years
- Create a permanent access route through my private residential driveway within approximately three metres of my house

Taken together, these impacts are not minor inconvenience. They would fundamentally change my farm and my home.

The Fishing Lake – A Business Built Over Years

The fishing lake was not an accident of landscape. It was planned, created and developed as part of diversifying the farm to secure its future.

It is a viable commercial asset. I have written confirmation of rental interest in the region of £22,000–£25,000 per annum (Appendix B).

The proposed overhead lines would pass directly over the lake (see Appendix C).

This would:

- Make the lake commercially unattractive
- Create perceived safety concerns for anglers
- Undermine the value of the business entirely

In practical terms, it would wipe out a functioning income stream.

After decades of building the farm to be sustainable, it is extremely difficult to accept that this enterprise would simply be sacrificed.

Seven-Year Trunk Road – Loss of Half My Grazing

The proposal includes a hardcore construction trunk road across approximately half of my grazing land for up to seven years.

Seven years is not temporary disruption. It is a significant portion of the productive life of the land.

This would:

- Remove roughly half of my usable pasture
- Reduce stocking capacity
- Increase feed costs
- Disrupt grazing rotation
- Cause compaction and soil damage

Although removal is suggested after construction, there is no detailed reinstatement methodology provided.

Without proper soil restoration, drainage repair, and long-term monitoring, there is no guarantee the land will ever return to its current condition.

You cannot compact agricultural land for seven years and simply expect it to recover overnight.

Pollution Risk to the Lake

The trunk road runs only a few metres from the fishing lake (Appendix C).

There is no clear, detailed pollution mitigation plan covering:

- Surface water run-off
- Fuel spill containment
- Sediment control
- Drainage protection

Heavy construction vehicles operating in close proximity to a commercial water body presents obvious contamination risks.

Even a single pollution incident could permanently damage the lake and destroy its viability.

Loss of Turkey Enterprise – Biosecurity Impact

I operate a turkey enterprise under contract with Kelly's.

I have written confirmation that if the proposed access arrangements proceed, biosecurity standards could not be guaranteed and the contract would be withdrawn (Appendix D).

The proposal introduces:

- Permanent third-party access through the farmyard
- Vehicles entering from unknown agricultural sites
- Construction activity near livestock

Modern poultry contracts operate under strict biosecurity controls. These are not optional.

If the contract is lost, that is another key income stream removed from a farm that has been carefully built up over decades.

Permanent Access Within Three Metres of My Home

The proposed permanent access route uses my private driveway.

It enters through my front gate and passes within approximately three metres of the walls of my house, including both front and rear doors (see Appendix A).

This is not a remote field access. This is my home.

For over 45 years, this has been a family driveway. It would now become a permanent service

corridor for infrastructure.

That would mean:

- Ongoing disturbance
- Loss of privacy
- Security concerns
- Safeguarding risks when grandchildren are present

After a lifetime of building this place, it is extremely hard to accept that industrial access would run effectively through my front garden.

Cumulative Impact

The proposal would:

- Place permanent transmission infrastructure on my land
- Destroy a viable fishing enterprise
- Remove half my grazing land for seven years
- Threaten the long-term productivity of my soil
- Cause the loss of my turkey contract
- Introduce permanent third-party access within metres of my house

Individually these are serious. Combined, they are overwhelming.

This farm was built to be sustainable and secure for the future. The proposal would dismantle that stability.

Conclusion

██████████ is not surplus land. It is a working agricultural business and a family home built up over 45 years.

The current proposal places a disproportionate burden on one holding when alternative routing and access arrangements should be properly considered.

I respectfully request that:

- The alignment be reconsidered to avoid the fishing lake
- The trunk road alignment be revised to reduce grazing loss

- A detailed and enforceable reinstatement and pollution strategy be provided
- An alternative access route avoiding my residential driveway be properly assessed

After decades of building this farm from very little, I cannot accept that it should be fundamentally altered in this way without full justification and serious reconsideration.



 Pylons







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Fishing lake



To: sheddingsfarm@gmail.com

Cc/Bcc, From: [REDACTED]@live.co.uk

Subject: Fishing lake

Dear sir/maddam

Further to our recent site meeting id just like to confirm my interest in the rental of your lake for our carp angling syndicate.

As we spoke about, a fee in the region of £22-25k is achievable. We currently have a lease ending on another local lake and are desperate to find a replacement ,yours would be perfect. Please consider our application and let us know asap.

If you need any more info feel free to give me a call.

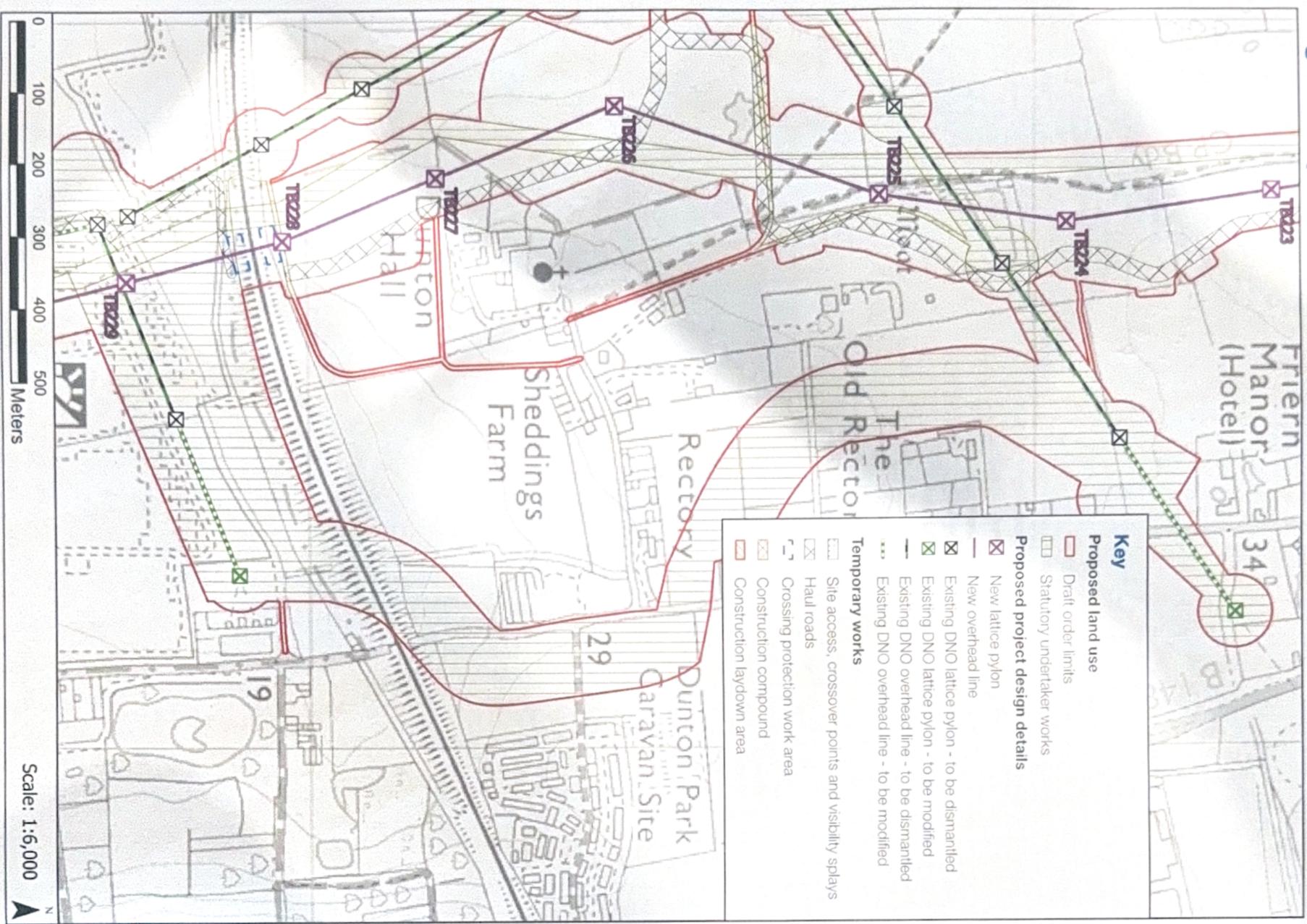
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Tel [REDACTED]

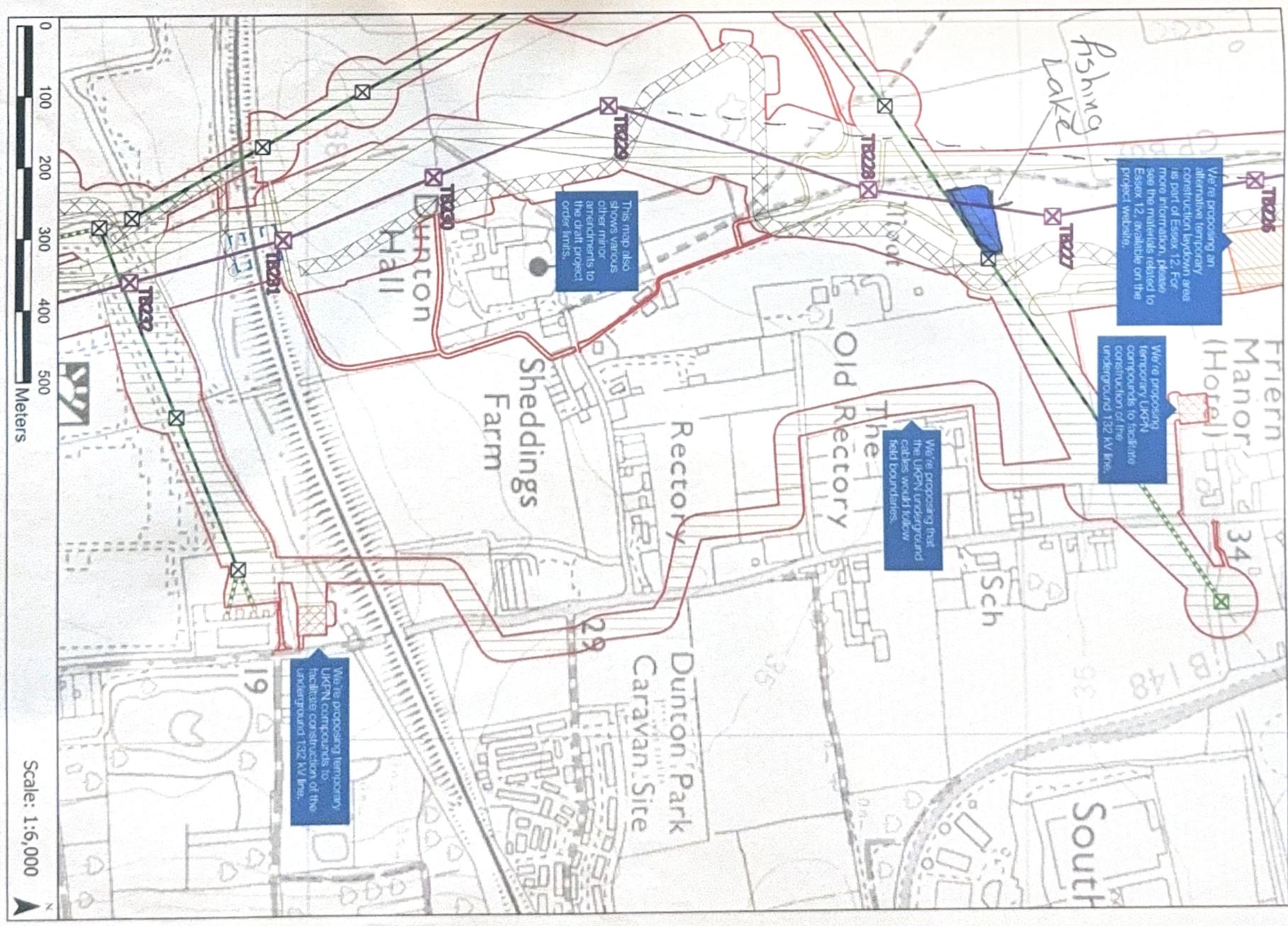
Email- [REDACTED]@live.co.uk

Regards, [REDACTED]

Alignment presented at the 2024 statutory consultation



Area of proposed change February 2025



Dear Mr Lanham,

Further to our recent discussion, we wish to confirm that Shedding's Farm and [REDACTED] would not be deemed appropriate sites for rearing or housing turkeys should the proposed National Grid access arrangements go ahead.

The introduction of contractors, vehicles, and repeated external personnel movements onto and through the farms as part of the Norwich to Tilbury Project would represent a significant and unacceptable biosecurity risk. This level of disturbance would severely compromise our ability to protect flocks from disease and directly contravene the strict biosecurity standards we are required to maintain. Considering recent out breaks of avian flu we have placed very tight restrictions on who is and isn't allowed on site. Even the APHA are not going onto farms at the moment.

As a consequence, if these access rights were to be imposed, Kelly's Turkeys would have no option but to withdraw our contract with both Shedding's Farm and [REDACTED]. This decision would be unavoidable in order to safeguard flock health, maintain consumer confidence, and protect our brand reputation.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Agricultural Director
Kelly's Turkeys

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