

Thurrock Council, Civic Offices
New Road, Grays
RM17 6SL

25 February 2026

Your Reference: EN02007
Interested Party Number: XXXXXXXXXX

Ms Susan Hunt
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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)

Deadline 1

Following receipt of the Rule 8 letter dated 17 February 2026 Thurrock Council is writing to provide a response to the points raised as requirements of Deadline 1, as set out in the final examination timetable attached as Annex A.

Local Impact Report

Thurrock Council will be submitting a Local Impact Report and accompanying appendices as required at Deadline 1.

Future Hearings

- *Notification of wish to speak at any Issue Specific Hearing(s);*
- *Notification of wish to speak at any Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s);*
- *Notification of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing;*

In response to the three points stated above, at present the Council is not clear on subject matters for discussion at any Open Floor Hearing, Issue Specific Hearing or Compulsory Acquisition Hearing but note from the examination timetable that there are a number of different weeks reserved for these sessions. The Council therefore notifies you of the intention to attend and if necessary, speak at these hearings in the future. As case officer I shall be co-ordinating this and attending, when necessary, along with any relevant officers/advisors to Thurrock Council who will require input into these hearing sessions.

Compulsory Purchase Orders

Thurrock Council received NGET's formal offer to acquire land by way of voluntary agreement in a letter dated 18 December 2025. This included the Offer of Terms and Heads of Terms (HoTs) but only refers to one piece of land and includes one plan.

According to the landowner consultation in June 2025 the Council expects a significantly longer list of land owned by Thurrock Council that would be acquired but has received no information. This is listed in Volume 4: Compulsory Acquisition Information, Document: 4.3 Book of Reference (APP-064). The Council has engaged with the Applicant's Lands Team, Fisher German, on the remaining compulsory acquisition but has not received a response. There has been a lack of response and clarity throughout discussions with Fisher German.

Request for an Accompanied Site Inspection

- *Suggested locations for site inspections (accompanied or unaccompanied or access required), including justification for consideration by the ExA and specifying whether the locations require access to private land*
1. Thurrock Council requests the Examining Authority to visit Linford Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) and to be accompanied by Thurrock Council Staff: [REDACTED], Waste Operations Manager and [REDACTED] Site Manager.

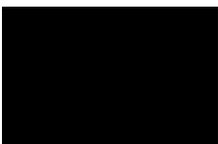
Location	<p>The site is located on, and accessible via, Buckingham Hill Road.</p> <p>Co-ordinates: 51.505537557530005, 0.40650642267644116</p> <p>Address: Buckingham Hill Rd, Orsett, Stanford-le-Hope SS17 0PR</p>
Reason for Nomination and Issues to be Observed	<p>Thurrock Council does not consider that the Applicant has proved the compulsory acquisition of land which hosts the Linford Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) to be required for development, or for it to be compulsorily acquired as the only option.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to use the land to erect scaffolding for the installation of overhead wires between pylons (TB256-TB259 inclusive) in the construction phase. The limits of deviation for this section encompass the entirety of the HWRC site. Thus, until the design of the pylons is finalised, Thurrock Council cannot be certain of the significance of impact upon the site. Therefore, acquisition of the land has the potential to negatively impact residents' use of the site, restricting Thurrock Council's ability to fulfil its statutory duties as a waste collection authority especially as the Linford HWRC is the only HWRC the council operates.</p> <p>In the operational phase NGET is proposing to permanently acquire rights to the land on which the council's HWRC is located to establish a permanent access route, but provided plans (NG-NT-2025-06-GF-CON-R3_811) show this access route would cross the public entrance to the HWRC. This would potentially permanently constrain access to the</p>

	<p>site, increase already existing traffic issues on Buckingham Hill Road and subsequently have significant negative impacts for the local highway network. Thurrock Council has sought to engage with the Applicant on this issue but as mentioned earlier has received little information regarding the details of the access route, including its location and management of access.</p>
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2. Thurrock Council requests the Examining Authority to visit Long Lane.

<p>Location</p>	<p>Long Lane is accessible via Gammonsfield Way</p> <p>Co-ordinates: 51.498838, 0.354617</p> <p>Address: Long Lane, Grays, RM16 2QP</p>
<p>Reason for Nomination and Issues to be Observed</p>	<p>Works proposed on Long Lane as shown on 2.3 Works Plans Sheet 7, conflicts with the proposed Lower Thames Crossing (LTC) relocated Gammonfields Traveller Site. NGET has proposed two scenarios detailed at Figure 11.5, paragraph 11.4.32 Design Development Report (APP 122) “Scenario A” and “Scenario B”. Scenario A as proposed conflicts with the LTC works.</p> <p>A site inspection may not be required to this site as NGET in a letter to the Examining Authority dated 9th February 2026 confirmed <i>“the Applicant wishes to confirm to the Examining Authority that only Scenario B is to be taken forward as part of the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Applicant no longer intends to seek development consent for any aspects of Scenario A.”</i></p> <p>NGET also state in the same letter that next steps require <i>“a number of consequential updates to various documents within Volume 2 (Plans / Drawings / Sections), Volume 3 (Draft Development Consent Order) and Volume 4 (Compulsory Acquisition), Volume 6 (Environmental Statement) and Volume 7 (Other Documents) of the development consent application, where applicable. The Applicant therefore proposes to submit at Deadline 1 a programme setting out when these updates will be submitted to the Examining Authority.”</i></p> <p>The Council is unable to confirm this change until receipt of the updated application documents. The Council would request that the updated documents are provided as soon as possible so that the Council have enough time to adequately consider the changes that have been made, and to confirm whether there are any impacts on the Council as a result of the changes.</p>

Yours sincerely,



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