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Subject: Request for Issue Specific Hearing & Accompanied site visit - Interested Party Reference - [REDACTED] (Dedham Vale Society)
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Request for Issue Specific Hearing (National Landscape)

Apologies, I couldn't find the request format in the Section 6 letter, so hopefully this suffices.

Due to the significant impact on the National Landscape from this and associated projects we would ask for an Issue Specific hearing.

The hearing should focus on

1. National Grids lack of consideration for the NL in its initial Selection of the EACN Node.
2. NG's lack of focus on the NL in the whole process, failing to provide any options, consolidated documentation, impact statements or Consultation events.
3. NG's lack of Mitigations to reduce the impact on the NL.
4. NG's failure to look at alternatives which would remove or at a minimum reduce the impact on the NL.
5. NG's apparent bias towards the North of the NL where it is easier / Cheaper and quicker to mitigate, leaving massive impact to the south.
6. Review of their View on Mitigating hierarchy adherence.
7. Consideration

NorwichtoTilbury@planninginspectorate.gov.uk <NorwichtoTilbury@planninginspectorate.gov.uk> their adherence to Holford/Horlock rules in relation to the NL, NPS (x) and the newly enhanced CROW acts.

Request for accompanied site visit (National Landscape, Industrial compound and Blackbrook - All next to each other so one visit would cover all).

Location 1) National Landscape / Langham Hall estate.

- sufficient information to identify the location
 - [REDACTED]
 - 51°58'21"N , 000°57'47"E
 - What 3 words - covertly.smile.mugs
- the issues to be observed at the location
 - Significant impact to the NL (Trenching 500m wide, working area 1km wide) Not the 100-200m NG state.
 - Concerns over Tunnelling on flood plains often submerged with many feet of Water.
 - Concerns over floor risk to Stratford's St Mary due to works.
 - Concerns over the risk trenching poses to the river during flooding.
 - Impact on Langham Hall estate farm which will in effect put it out of business.
- information on whether the site can be accessed via public land
 - There are some footpaths to some locations, but due to the size (~500 Acres) and restricted areas with no public access the land owners would need to provide a guide.
- the reason why the location has been suggested
 - The huge impact to the National Landscape, the properly owners, farm.
 - Concerns over flooding, River contamination/silting up ability to Tunnel under water.

Location 2) Industrial Compounds and Haul road on the NL boundary (Ipswich road / Dedham road)

- sufficient information to identify the location
 - Junction of Ipswich road / Dedham road
 - 51°57'33"N , 000°57'43"E
 - What 3 words - flop.commands.stowing
 - Adjacent to the Langham Hall estate to the south.
- the issues to be observed at the location
 - Haul road location directly on top of where the water course starts a stream that feeds ponds/lakes ending up in the Stour River.
 - Haul road location liable to cause flooding of Ipswich road and land to the east.
 - Industrial compound proximity to Listed building (With no foundations) within the National Landscape partially over a landfill site.

- information on whether the site can be accessed via public land
 - The site is fully visible from the roads with a footpath diagonally across it, however there may be benefit in also gaining access to the listed buildings land which could be flooded to see the topology.
- the reason why the location has been suggested
 - To see the lack of thought and consideration / impact of the location of the Industrial compounds and Haul road.

Location 3) Black Brook.

- sufficient information to identify the location
 - Black Brook Langham - 51°57'33"N , 000°57'43"E
 - What 3 words - positive.bends.verge
 - 900m south of Langham Hall estate.
 - 800m from the Ipswich road Haul road & Industrial compounds
- information on whether the site can be accessed via public land
 - Private roads with footpaths reasonably close, but you will not be able to see the location from these as it is dense woodlands on private land.
- the reason why the location has been suggested
 - This area has had significant investment by the owner over the past 40 years in an effort to bring it up to National Landscape standards.
 - It is surrounded by the NL on three sides within 500M of the NL.
 - This is a small section of Blackbrook that is not within the National Landscape (It is on both sides)
 - NG's plans will not only bulldoze a ~80M swathe through the woodland, but also result in multiple Veteran trees being felled (Some hundreds of years old, one with a 5m Circumference)
 - It has become a sensitive biodiverse location after many years of care with large diverse animal population.