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Dear sirs

The Norwich to Tilbury pylons will cause huge disruption to our farm business and take land out of production for the three to four year construction period and thereafter, where pylons are sited. The haul road, even when removed, will result in soil structure being destroyed and lower yields in the future. We have not been given assurance about the risks associated with operating high farm machinery under 400kv cables. The possibility of electricity arcing from cables as machinery passes beneath is a real one. The high voltage lines also pose an unnecessary risk to birds flying to and from the area, particularly the Blackwater Valley with its wetland habitats.

National Grid has failed to consider properly alternatives which are less harmful to farmers and the environment. These include, in particular, underground HVDC cables installed using cable ploughing technology. With cable ploughing instead of open trenching associated with the undergrounding that National Grid proposes in the Dedham Vale, a cut is made in the ground, the cable laid and the ground immediately resealed. No haul road is required. Entire sections of hedgerows can be lifted and replaced 24 hours later.

Options like this must be examined in detail by the Planning Inspectorate and we add to the calls made during the first week of hearings for an Issue Specific Hearing which looks in greater detail at options like HVDC, cable ploughing, offshore coordination and high capacity conductors.

Kind regards

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