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The applicant

Our Ref: EN020027

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – rule 17**

### **Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for an order granting development consent for the Norwich to Tilbury project**

#### **Request for further information relating to the Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations**

We are writing under rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

The Examining Authority's (ExA) Rule 6 letter [[PD-009](#)] made a procedural decision concerning comments on relevant representations. This requested a number of inclusions when the applicant provides comments on the relevant representations. Document 8.4.1 of the applicant's deadline 1 submissions provides this document.

The ExA has reviewed the document and has a number of concerns over the way information has been presented. These concerns, along with suggested alterations to overcome such issues, are shown in annex A.

The ExA requests that the document is updated to reflect these changes and submitted into the examination at deadline 2 (**Thursday 12 March 2026**). Other interested parties may also wish to respond to this request or can respond to the updated document at deadline 3 (**Friday 10 April 2026**).

Yours faithfully

*Susan Hunt*

#### **Lead member of the panel of Examining Inspectors**

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Response/updated document due by deadline 2: Thursday 12 March 2026

Annex A

Ref	Issue	Required alteration
1	Indexing of the document is insufficient and is of limited use.	Full index/ contents page to be provided, including page numbers for individual 'selected organisations' in appendix A-AE
2	The page numbering of appendix A-AE, with separate appendix numbers for each consultee is confusing and should be reassessed.	Consecutive numbering would be more useful and understandable, as opposed to AB1 etc. Proper indexing (see ref 1) would also help considerably in this regard.
3	<p>For those statutory consultees represented in the thematic analysis, it is not considered that marking them with an asterisk is sufficient. 'Selected organisations' in appendix A-AE should include all statutory consultees, including parish and town councils. Responses to MPs should also be included and further consideration should be given to providing a more detailed response to interested parties who, while not statutory consultees, have provided detailed and specific responses.</p> <p>The ExA's Rule 6 letter stated that</p> <p><i>"representations made by statutory consultees should be listed separately or highlighted so that they are easily identifiable", and</i></p> <p><i>"where a detailed or tabular RR has been submitted, responses should be presented in a comparable manner"</i></p>	Update appendix A-AE to include all statutory consultees, including parish and town councils. Responses to MPs should also be included and more detailed responses provided to other interested parties who have submitted detailed or tabular relevant representations.
4	The responses to relevant representations by themes appear fairly simplistic and more of a signposting document to sections of the application. More detail and justification would be useful in this context.	Where appropriate more detail should be provided in table 2.1

	As an example several relevant representations raise the issue of vibration impacts on their own property as a listed building with no/ limited foundations. The responses in the document as a themed response linked to a matrix in Appendix AF appears to be of limited use and specificity in this context.	
5	It would be more useful for the ExA and all parties if the themes in Table 2.1 were grouped/ aligned to the initial assessment of principal issues (IAP), as defined in the Rule 6 letter <a href="#">[PD-009]</a>	Rearrange Table 2.1 (and appendix AF) so that the themes are grouped under the IAP. Additional topics, such as consultation, can be added if necessary.
6	The document as submitted does not appear to be fully searchable.	Submit a fully searchable document.