

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

10 April 2026

Your Reference: EN02007  
Interested Party Number: [REDACTED]

Ms Susan Hunt  
Lead Member of the Examining Authority  
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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)**

### **Thurrock Council's Submission for Deadline 3**

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 3, as set out in the final examination timetable attached as Annex A.

- ***responses to ExQ1***
- ***the applicant's updated documents and application guide***
- ***comments on any further information or submissions received by deadline 2***

The Council's response to these points will be included in Appendix A – Thurrock Council Response to ExA's First Written Questions and comments on additional documents submitted by the Applicant.

- ***comments on the applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI***
- ***notification of a wish to attend an accompanied site inspection (if required)***

The Council agrees with National Grid's inclusion of a visit to the Linford Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) in their draft itinerary. However, National Grid has incorrectly stated that the HWRC is not accessible. The site is accessible.

As mentioned in our Deadline 2 letter; Thurrock Council requests the Examining Authority to be accompanied by Thurrock Council Staff: [REDACTED], Waste Operations Manager and [REDACTED], Site Manager to visit Linford Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC). Should the Examining Authority undertake an

unaccompanied site visit, the Council advises that prior notice is given to the Site Manager so they can ensure that they are present to meet them.

Additionally, National Grid has stated a site visit to Long Lane and Gammonsfield Way would not be necessary:

*“Due to the Scenario B submitted in relation to the Lower Thames Crossing works. It is not considered a visit from Long Lane & Gammonsfield Road would be necessary.”*

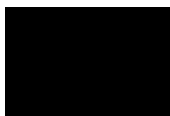
For clarity, the applicant refers to Gammonsfield Road in the draft itinerary, however, this appears to be an error and should read Gammonsfield Way.

As previously stated in the Deadline 2 submission the Council disagrees with this statement. Until the plans are updated the Council cannot be sure that Scenario B is going to be progressed. The plans are scheduled to be updated at Deadline 5 on 10 June but the Council requests the updated documents are provided as soon as possible so that there is 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. Therefore, the Council would advise an unaccompanied site inspection to Gammonsfield Way unless the plans are updated to reflect Scenario B as soon as possible.

- ***notification of a wish to attend hearings in the week commencing 27 April 2026***

The Council notifies you of the intention to attend and if necessary, speak at these hearings. 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.

Yours sincerely,



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