

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

Agenda for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2: Individual Affected Persons

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2) for Individual Affected Persons	<p>Wednesday 29 April 2026</p> <p>and</p> <p>Thursday 30 April 2026</p> <p>Hearing Starts at 10:00am</p> <p>Registration and seating available at venue from 9:00am and virtual Registration Process from 9:30am</p>	<p>Sir Bobby Robson Suite at Ipswich Town Football Club Portman Rd Ipswich IP1 2DA</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered</p>

Agenda

Item 1	Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the Hearing
Item 2	Purpose of the compulsory acquisition hearing and examining authority's (ExA) opening remarks
	Individual site specific representations
Item 3	<p>Each affected person (AP) who has indicated a wish to speak will be invited in turn by the ExA to speak. Following each submission the applicant will be provided with a right of reply and the ExA may wish to ask the speaker and/ or applicant questions.</p> <p>The ExA will ask the following from each affected person:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) For an outline of the current scope of objections, taking account of any progress in negotiations with the applicant. b) Whether compulsory acquisition (CA) and or temporary possession (TP) powers (or both) are objected to and (with reference to the statutory tests and applicable guidance) why?

	<p>c) What relief is sought?</p> <p>d) Whether there are any issues of hardship or requests for non-statutory relief, and if so, the basis for these and any practice precedents.</p> <p>e) Where relevant, whether the Human Rights Act and/ or the Public Sector Equalities Duty are engaged and what considerations emerge from this?</p> <p>The attendees have been provided with a speaking date and running order which are shown in annex A of this letter; it is anticipated that each slot will be for a maximum of 15 minutes, this includes up to 5 minutes for the AP to make their submission; this will allow the ExA to hear from all APs wishing to speak.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Agenda item 3 will be adjourned at the end of day 1 or on completion of the list of attendees for day 1 shown in annex A.</p> <p>Agenda item 3 will resume on day 2 followed by agenda items 4, 5 and 6.</p>
	Update on progress
Item 4	<p>The ExA will seek an update on progress on the following matters with reference, where relevant, to new and updated trackers submitted at deadline 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Statutory undertakers (including progress and position on protective provisions). ii. Crown land iii. Clarification of other matters following deadline 3 and the ExA's first written questions
Item 5	Any other matters
Item 6	Close

Purpose of compulsory acquisition hearing 2

The purpose of CAH2 is to hear and inquire into certain individual objections to the CA or TP of land, or with a possible bearing on the extent and operation of those powers, associated with the Norwich to Tilbury project.

The process of hearing individual objections follows on from CAH1 on 11 February 2026 which dealt with the applicant's strategic case.

Concurrent hearings

CAH2 and issue specific hearing 2 (ISH2) will take place concurrently on Wednesday 29 April 2026 at two different venues as set out in the rule 13 letter dated 31 March 2026 [[PD-015](#)]. Three of the ExA panel members will be in

attendance at ISH2 in Colchester, with the other two panel members at CAH2 in Ipswich. Both events will be live streamed and a recording made available on the project page of the website as soon as possible after the event.

Not all panel members of the ExA will be present at all hearings, but will watch the recordings of the hearings not attended.

Change requests

Two change requests were made by the applicant on 27 March 2026. These are published in the examination library at references [CR1-001] to [CR1-017] and [CR2-001] to [CR2-017] (inclusive) and can be viewed on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website. The ExA responded to the requests on 31 March 2026 [PD-016]. The representation period for both change requests is currently underway, therefore there will be no discussion relating to the changes at CAH2.

Attendees

CAH2 is primarily to provide a place to be heard by the objecting APs and the ExA does not anticipate seeking oral contributions from persons who have not previously registered to participate unless points are raised that engage directly with the objections. Any such points should be raised through the panel member in the chair. However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All interested parties are invited to attend and make oral representations but these should be focussed on the matters set out in the agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the hearing. The details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

Anyone wishing to attend the hearing in person, who has not already advised the case team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) closer to the hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can therefore view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Registration Process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a joining instruction email shortly before the hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the hearing to start on time at **10:00am** those attending virtually should join promptly at **9:30am** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

Procedure at CAH

This hearing is an individual CAH. Its structure and style will be like that of an open floor hearing (OFH), where individual speaking appointments will be provided for individual or represented APs to raise site-specific issues. Unlike an OFH, strict speaking time limits are not applied, but the ExA would suggest APs should seek to contain their initial submissions to not longer than **5 minutes**, to ensure time following for discussion and questioning and that the business of the agenda is completed. It is anticipated that each slot will be for a **maximum of 15 minutes** to allow the ExA to hear from all APs wishing to speak. Participation is subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing. Hearings will be run to ensure that all submissions from those participating are fully heard within the allotted time.

Conduct and management of hearings

The Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that the ExA will probe, test and assess the evidence at hearings through direct questioning of persons making oral representations.

Participants may be legally or professionally represented if they wish, but the hearing will be conducted to ensure that representation is not required. The applicant and others permitted to speak may attend with relevant expert advisers, but others permitted to speak may participate on an equal basis without expert advice if they wish.

Cross-questioning is regulated by the ExA and is not permitted unless the ExA decides that it is necessary to ensure that representations are adequately tested or to ensure that all persons have had a fair chance to put their case.

This agenda may be amended by the ExA at the start of or during the hearings. The ExA may wish to raise supplementary matters arising from oral submissions and written representations and to pursue lines of inquiry in the course of the discussions which are related to but not listed on the agenda.

Evidence presented orally at these hearings should be included in post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case and submitted at the next relevant deadline, in order to ensure that it has been recorded accurately.

Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of that issue, including the asking of written questions by the ExA.

A recording and transcript of the hearing will be published by the Planning Inspectorate on the [project page](#) of the National Infrastructure website and any IP may make a written submission on the specific matters either included in the agenda or arising at the hearing by **deadline 4 (Thursday 12 May 2026)**.

To help you participate effectively, the Planning Inspectorate has published [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice Pages](#).

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the day that they are scheduled for. The hearing will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered. If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to written responses to actions, to written questions or to a subsequent hearing.

The secretary of state has provided [Guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land under the Planning Act 2008](#) and [Guidance on Awards of costs](#), where Part D is also relevant to APs. Please review this guidance before the start of the hearing.

Please contact the case team if you have any questions regarding the arrangements for the hearing or how to participate.

Contingencies

If this hearing is unable to proceed or continue, then the ExA will adjourn incomplete business to hearing times later that have been reserved in the examination timetable. Notice of any adjournments will be provided in the banner on the National Infrastructure Planning Website.

Annex A

Order	Name/ organisation	Attendance Virtual or In Person
Compulsory acquisition hearing 2 - Day 1: Wednesday 29 April 2026		
1	Boxford (Suffolk) Holdings Ltd (represented by Mark Chandler)	Virtual
2	Cullum Agri Ltd (represented by Jane Kenny)	Virtual
3	CJH Farming Ltd (Chris Philpot)	In person
4	Bloor Homes	Virtual
5	Essex Scouts and Guide International Jamboree (represented by Paul Walker)	Virtual
6	Daniel Bickford and Stephanie Bickford (represented by Paul Walker)	Virtual
7	Glyn Cullen (represented by Paul Walker)	Virtual
8	David, Gillian and Donna Parrish (represented by Paul Walker)	Virtual
9	NFU Members (Louise Staples)	Virtual
10	Basildon BESS Ltd (represented by Angus Walker and Henry Pymm)	Virtual (Mr Walker) In person (Mr Pymm)
11	Richard Long Group Ltd (Gary Seward)	Virtual
12	Tritton Farming Partnership Ltd (Charles Tritton)	In person
13	East Anglia Three Limited (represented by Colin Innes)	Virtual
14	John Stacey	In person
15	Thurrock Council (represented by Raeesah Abdul-Ahad)	Virtual
16	H&O Godbolds Farming Partnership (represented by Stephen Baker)	Virtual
17	Nick Jones	Virtual
18	Jeremy Fisher	In person
Compulsory acquisition hearing 2 - Day 2: Thursday 30 April 2026		
1	S J Upton Trustees No1 & 2 Limited (represented by Angus Upton)	Virtual
2	Innova Renewables (represented by Stephen Humphreys)	Virtual
3	Northumbrian Water Limited/Essex & Suffolk Water (Carolyn Gordon)	Virtual
4	National Highways (Lower Thames Crossing) (represented by Tom Henderson and Monika Weglarz)	Virtual
5	National Highways	Virtual

	(represented by Vicky Fowler and Alice Lawman)	
6	Charles Micklem	In person
7	Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions ProjCo Limited (represented by Ebru Gee)	In person
8	Palmer & Klein Ltd (represented by Mark Warnet)	Virtual
9	George Nicolas Jones (represented by Whirledge and Knott)	To be advised
10	James French, Hugh French & Rockbrook Ltd (represented by Whirledge and Knott)	To be advised
11	Bianca Moller	To be advised
12	D&J Starling (represented by Whirledge and Knott)	To be advised
13	Brickkiln Farm Solar Ltd (represented by Helena Goodchild)	To be advised
14	British Pipeline Agency (represented by Fieldfisher LLP)	To be advised
15	Browne Jacobson	To be advised