



Planning Inspectorate

The Planning Act 2008

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for the Norwich to Tilbury project (EN020027)

Examining Authority's note of unaccompanied site inspection 4 (2 of 3)

The Examining Authority (ExA) undertook its fourth unaccompanied site inspection (USI4) to support the examination of an application for development consent for the proposed Norwich to Tilbury project on Thursday 30 April and Friday 1 May 2026. This is note 2 of 3, for the afternoon of **Thursday 30 April**.

The USI was undertaken by the following members of the ExA:

- Susan Hunt (panel lead)
- Jon Hockley

The USI was undertaken primarily by car and partly on foot, from publicly accessible land only, including public rights of way. Weather conditions were dry and sunny with excellent visibility to appreciate long range views. The USI commenced at approximately 13:30 and finished at approximately 17:00.

The USI was undertaken to view the location of the proposed development, specifically in relation to the setting of heritage assets and surrounding landscapes.

Inspection 2 of 3 on **Thursday 30 April** included the following settlements and surrounding areas:

- 1) Waveney Valley, Palgrave, Old Bury Road (St John's House and stables), Wortham, Burgate, and Mellis (Mellis Road and Dam Lane).
- 2) Mellis, Burgate Little Green (Burgate Road and Furze Way), Gislingham, Thornham Magna, Clay Street (Starhouse Farm), and Wickham Street.
- 3) Finningham, Cotton, Stonham Road, Lambert's Lane, Saxham Street, and Stowupland.
- 4) Creeting Lane, Creeting St Peter, Creeting Hall, Stowmarket Road, St Mary's Church Badley and conservation area, and St Mary's Church Barking.

The maps of the routes taken are attached at **Annex A**.

It should be noted that other sections of the route were not visited on this occasion, because these areas were either previously viewed on USI1, USI2 or USI3 [[Project webpage](#) – [Examination Library](#) references [EV1-001](#) to [EV-011](#) inclusive] or will be viewed or revisited by the ExA at a later date, if deemed necessary.

Annex A: Routes taken on USI 4 (2 of 3) on Thursday 30 April (not to scale)







