



# 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 (3 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 3 of 3, for the morning of **Friday 1 May**.

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

- 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 08:30 and finished at approximately 12:30.

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 3 of 3 on **Friday 1 May** included the following settlements and surrounding areas:

- 1) Burstall and Flowton.
- 2) Offton and surrounding area (Offton Castle, Court Farmhouse, Gunn's Farmhouse and Barn).
- 3) Raydon (Raydon Great Wood, Raydon Wings Airfield, Valley Lodge, Wade's Lane).
- 4) Higham, Langham and the River Stour (Higham Hall and St. Mary's Church, Nightingale Hill, Boxted Airfield, Langmoor House).
- 5) Horkesley Heath (Vinesse Farm).

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 (3 of 3) on Friday 1 May (not to scale)**









