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To: All interested parties

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Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – rule 16

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

Notification of accompanied site inspection

We write to advise you that an accompanied site inspection (ASI) will be held under rule 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on the following date:

Event	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Accompanied site inspection (ASI)	Wednesday 27 May 2026	Meeting time for safety briefing from the applicant and introduction by the ExA: 08:30 Departure time: 08:45	Colchester Park and Ride, Stadium Junction, Cuckoo Farm Way, Colchester CO4 5JA

Please note that the Examining Authority's (ExA) inspection of sites is **not** an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from, the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

Joining the ASI

If you wish to attend the ASI, and did not confirm your attendance at deadline 3, please let the case team know by emailing norwichtotilbury@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by **Thursday 14 May 2026**, providing telephone contact details (preferably mobile telephone) so that we can contact you should the ASI run late or need to be cancelled with minimal notice.

It should be noted that the duration of the event will be a full day and will involve extensive periods of travel.

Please also let us know of any mobility needs that may affect transportation.

Participants are asked to assemble promptly as the ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at the start time.

For logistical and safety reasons, capacity on the transport that will be used for the ASI may be limited. Priority will be afforded to the Planning Inspectorate staff, the applicant, local authorities and relevant statutory parties. In the case of a large number of attendees any interested parties who express a wish to attend the ASI for its duration may be contacted by the case team to discuss the option of meeting the ExA at relevant locations in the itinerary instead.

Clothing

The inspection may include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and sturdy footwear. At times during the ASI it will be necessary to wear a high visibility vest or coat. Attendees who have their own high visibility vest or jacket should bring it with them. For anyone who does not have either a high visibility vest or coat, the applicant will provide a vest for use during the course of the ASI.

Parking at Colchester Park and Ride

For any attendees parking at the park and ride site you must purchase a park only ticket either via the Mobon App (parking location 120001) or at the kiosk located near the building prior to returning to your car. The daily cost is currently £3.00.

Sites on private land

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it. Householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

Refreshments

Lunch and comfort breaks will be scheduled in the final itinerary but please note that refreshments will not be provided, and the majority of the ASI is in a rural area without regular access to facilities. Attendees may wish to bring their own refreshments for throughout the full day event.

Cancellations

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the [project webpage](#), as we will publish a notification there as soon as possible if the event is cancelled.

Further information about site inspections can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice for members of the public: ['The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say'](#).

The final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the [project webpage](#) approximately one week in advance of the event.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact the case team on the details above.

Yours faithfully

Susan Hunt

Lead member of the panel of Examining Inspectors

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