

Dear Planning Inspectorate.

Re: Unaccompanied site visit to Offton, Inspection 3 of 3 on Friday 1 May 2026, by Jon Hockley

Your document: EN020027-002537-USI 4 1 May - 3 of 3.pdf

My ref [REDACTED]

Whilst we understand that a member of your team has driven through part of the landscape under discussion, and you can now put a tick in that box, I doubt your surveyor would have been able to see or understand the issues present. No allowance was made to meet or have the landscape, environmental or economic issues pointed out by those damaged by National Grid's approach.

Your document notes that the USI was undertaken primarily by car, the time taken by your surveyor clearly limits any access by foot. Your document states the USI was undertaken to view the location of the proposed development, specifically in relation to the setting of heritage assets and surrounding landscapes. Neither of these would be easily understood alone, let alone from the comfort of a car.

We would appreciate sight of the inspector's report on his findings.

We would like you to consider this request to have an accompanied visit at a key juncture in Offton.

We note also that the resilience and energy security of the proposed solution appears to have been bumped by the Planning Inspectorate. These documents all point to the opportunities the Planning Inspectorate has had in managing a fair and robust examination of the N2T proposal. To date no evidence can be seen that the planning inspectorate is reviewing a flawed proposal other than generating a paper-trail of activities in order to rubber-stamp it.