

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 May 2026 22:10
To: Norwich to Tilbury
Cc: [REDACTED]; Burstall Parish Council; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Norwich to Tilbury – Project Update Notification

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Burstall PC remains hugely concerned that Resilience was dropped from the agenda of the Issue Specific Hearing. We believe this has allowed NGET to avoid the level of scrutiny required for this serious topic, and resort to insufficient written responses. Our particular points of concern include:

- a. Firstly, the significant issue of resilience has been changed as an agenda item to ‘security’ which is a small subsection of the wider Resilience issue. Resilience is far broader than just security, and encompasses the overall physical design, the interaction with all other projects (including EA1 which seems to have been ignored along with the Brunfort BESS), continuity, recovery, redundancy, cyber, IT hardening, ownership and accountability and worst case planning. It also covers all risk analysis, including accidental and non-accidental.
- b. There appears to be a total lack of understanding of physical resilience and no evidence of ‘planning for the worst, hoping for the best’. Rather ‘planning for the best and hoping nothing happens and no-one notices’.
- c. Specifically, all NGET planning is based on ‘best case’ scenarios (ie weather outage), with no assessment of any event (accidental or not) other than ‘best case’. As such, all statements on recovery ability (Electricity System Restoration Standard) are flawed given they fail to consider all scenarios.
- d. NGET have failed in their corporate responsibility and duty of care by purposefully avoiding the consideration of a full portfolio of valid risks. We believe an assessment will show risks and impacts are increasing - both accidental due to the size and complexity of the grid, the unwillingness of NGET to consider ‘connected projects’ that bring increasing complexity/ danger (ie Brunfort BESS) and the concentration in ‘super hubs’ such as Bramford, but importantly non-accidental with well documented targeting of energy infrastructure by those that would do us harm.

e. There is a growing awareness of the lack of resilience across government. Our fear is that NGET are trying to shoe horn in this project before the resilience question gets asked in full.

As such, we request this matter is still dealt with at an Issue Specific Hearing.

Yours faithfully,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 May 2026 10:52
To: Norwich to Tilbury
Cc: [REDACTED]
Pearson
Subject: Fwd: Norwich to Tilbury – Project Update Notification

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We are disappointed that the ASI route does not take into account the impact of the Bramford Substation wirescape to the village of Burstall. From the outset of the examination we have requested such a visit. Our Deadline 4 submission will make it very clear what mitigation has been proposed, is achievable, but to which we have not received an adequate response.

A small, simple but necessary diversion to your ASI route would be to the Orchardlands area of Burstall (map below - blue circle is the current proposed 10:05Hrs stop to see 'landscape and visual effect to residential visual amenity'; red circle is the proposed additional stop to see arguably the most impacted visual amenity of the entire route; black circle is the Bramford Substation for orientation). Here a clear view of the substation and the impact of existing/ proposed wirescape can be seen. These views will not be achievable from your proposed stop alone. I would be more than happy to meet you there to describe the lack of mitigation and the simple proposals to mitigate.

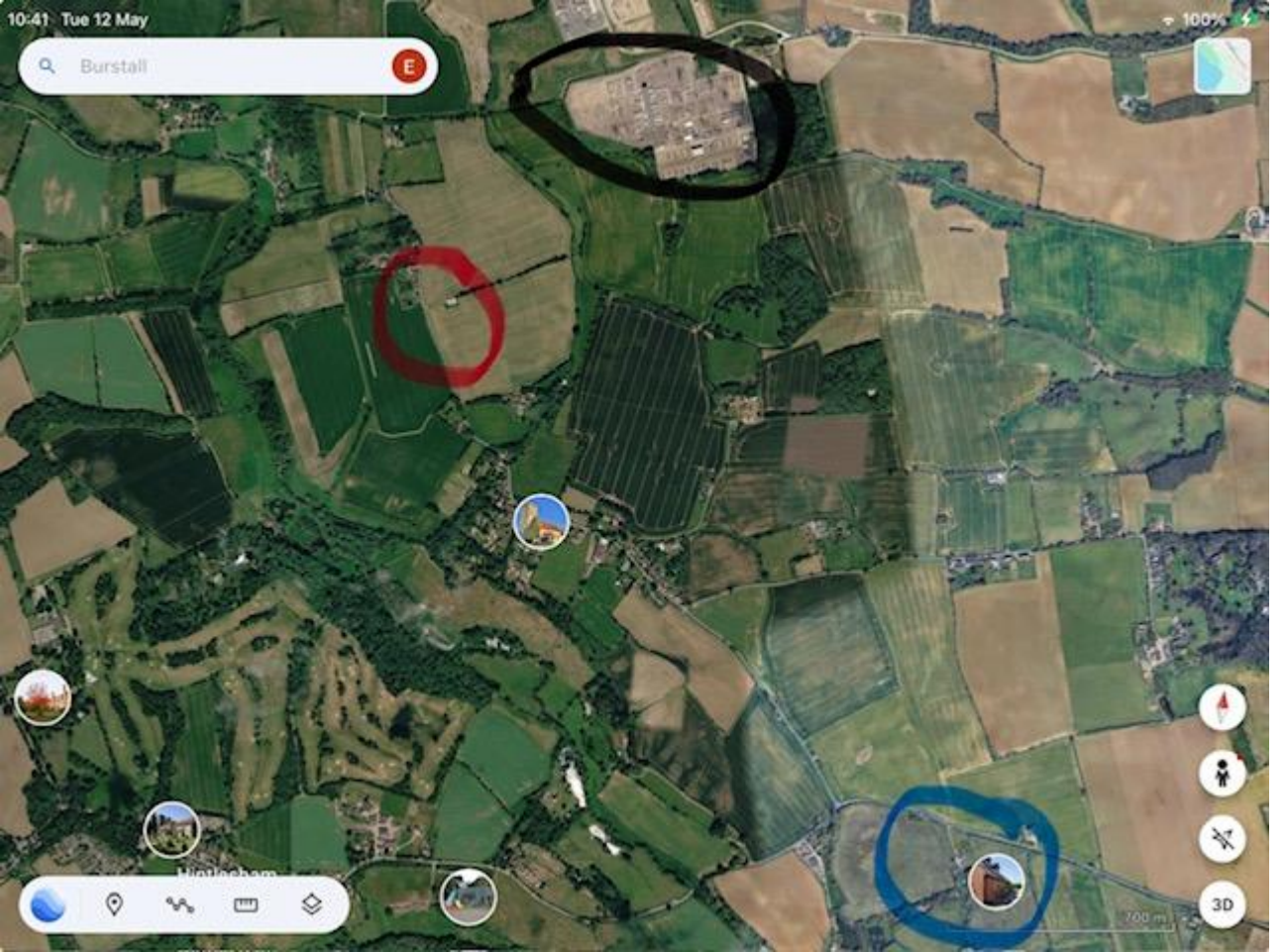
Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED] (Burstall PC)

10:41 Tue 12 May

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Burstall



Reference [REDACTED]

Burstall Parish Council Submission 12th May 2026

Burstall Parish Council has reviewed the submissions made by NGET at Deadline 3. At the moment we consider there to be no new information that materially changes our previous submissions. We look forward to seeing the formal responses from NG to our points and questions submitted at Deadline 3 which are outstanding.

Headline Comments

The principal concern is the cumulative concentration of infrastructure around the Bramford Substation, including the Norwich to Tilbury reinforcement, the Bramford to Twinstead reinforcement and proposed connected developments such as the Brunfort BESS. Burstall PC considers that the combined effect of these projects would result in substantial landscape and visual impacts on the village, and argues that NG plans need to take the overall footprint into account.

Burstall PC thus presented at Issue Specific Hearing 2 on 29 April regarding landscape and visual effects, cumulative impacts, mitigation and residual effects on Burstall village. Bramford Substation sits as a beacon in the landscape of this part of west Suffolk, located on elevated ground and that the proposed pylon route follows the ridgeline south from the substation, creating extensive visibility across the surrounding landscape.

The Council considers that the proposed alignment would create a dominant wirescape around Burstall, including the Orchardlands area and land north and south of the village which we argue are exceptional and beyond the capacity of the landscape to absorb

We have made four specific recommendations which NG has ignored, but are ways to significantly reduce the impact:

1. Exiting the substation east rather than west using GIL. Burstall PC also states that NG has not properly assessed this alternative or responded in detail to requests for analysis of eastern routing options.
2. Routing pylons south on lower ground to reduce visibility;
3. Reducing the number of pylons and avoiding the proposed Brunfort BESS site where possible;
4. Considering undergrounding HV lines rather than LV lines.

We expect NG to frame its proposals in the light of all the entirety of the infrastructure proposals made regarding the substation and adjacent energy projects. At present it is not.

Failures of NG in consultative process

The Parish Council considers the responses provided by NG in the hearing to be incomplete and believes key issues remain unresolved. In particular we note re App 122, para 6.1.1 we submitted several practical suggestions as noted above for a better scheme which have not been acknowledged or commented on. This is a failure of process.

Re App 122, para 6.1.3 NG was not truthful in the hearing with regard to its awareness of the proposed 1.5GW BESS, which is in the public domain but which NG declined knowledge of, despite there being a prior record of communications between Alcenit the promotor and NG. This undermines public confidence in the process and the integrity of NG's engagement with us.

Mitigation Weaknesses

Burstall PC maintains that current proposed mitigation measures are insufficient. In particular:

- lack of any tree and hedgerow replacement due to “space limitations. NG should not assume that BESS plans take precedence but should insist on space for planting;
- burying the 3 x 132kV lines is an operational requirement rather than mitigation;
- limited consideration has been given to strategic landscaping or alternative alignments.

Resilience

The Parish Council considers that resilience issues extend beyond physical security and should include contingency planning, connected infrastructure risks, recovery, redundancy and wider system resilience. The Bramford substation is highly vulnerable to BESS fire, accident, terrorism or attack by an enemy. The risk to the transmission infrastructure would be significantly reduced by limiting the scale of BESS on site.

Request for Further Specifications

The Parish Council also requests further visualisations showing:

- the currently proposed pylon route south from the substation; and
- the alternative alignment proposed by Burstall PC using lower ground east of the substation.