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To: Norwich to Tilbury <NorwichtoTilbury@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Subject: [REDACTED] - ASI 27th May EN020027

Dear Planning Inspectorate

Following a Parish Council meeting held this evening, 12th May 2026, the Parish Council have requested that I write to you in respect of some concerns.

At the oral hearings our delegated working group spoke to you in respect of the level of harm described by National Grid to the village of Offton, it's SSSI including historical castle and ancient trees. A number of the working group requested an ASI at these hearings.

We understand that an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) has taken place on 1st May by Jon Hockley which included Offton Castle, Court Farmhouse, Gunn's Farmhouse and Barn. We also understand that a further ASI is to take place on 27th May, however from reading the itinerary published yesterday, Offton is not on this list of stops. Should a stop be made in Offton a member of the Parish Council working Group would very much like to attend.

The Parish Council are concerned and disappointed that not all aspects of Offton have been reviewed. Having no contact from either the Planning Inspectorate or National Grid in respect of the points raised at the oral hearings the Parish Council would like to highlight areas which they would like to have reviewed along with requesting a scheduled ASI specifically for Offton. Our understanding of the level of harm is that it is comparable to Dedham and it is felt that an ASI would be the only way to convey the complexity of the impact and point out clearly the physical features.

The areas not yet found within the examination are:- Holly Lane & Offton Road - where two large 'compounds' have been proposed in addition to the pylons The valley/farmland and woods Along the public footpaths Bildeston Road The Whittaker/Beevors' farm.
The proximity to Wattisham Airbase

The Parish Council have been unable to find a copy of the USI report from Jon Hockley and would like to request a copy of this if it is available.

To conclude, the Parish Council would greatly appreciate confirmation from the Planning Inspectorate to ensure that Offton's complexity and level of harm are fully investigated and to convey that the Parish Council are very willing to accommodate a short notice ASI for Offton if the Planning Inspectorate is willing to allow it. If this remains impossible, the Parish Council kindly requests sight of the USI report and related findings for the areas listed above. If the areas listed above have not been covered, then the Parish Council ask that they are.

Yours sincerely

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Clerk

Offton and Willisham PC