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The applicant

Our Ref: EN020027

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Dear Mr Pepper

## **The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – rule 17**

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

#### **Request for further information from the applicant relating to responses to interested party comments on the historic environment at issue specific hearing 2, the Residential Visual Amenity Assessment and the recently published biodiversity net gain guidance**

We are writing under rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 in respect of the following three matters.

#### **1. Applicant's response to interested party comments relating to the historic environment at issue specific hearing 2**

At agenda item 9 (historic environment) on day 2 of issue specific hearing (ISH) 2 on Wednesday 29 April [[EV9-017](#) and [EV9-018](#)] the Examining Authority (ExA) proposed that, due to time constraints, it would invite interested parties (IPs) to make verbal representations at the hearing but would put its questions to the applicant relating to heritage in writing.

It was agreed that the applicant would respond to both the ExA's written questions and the oral submissions made by IPs at the next deadline.

The applicant's response [[REP4-318](#)] to the ExA's subsequent rule 17 letter dated 7 May 2026 [[PD-020](#)], and its response to ISH2 action points [[REP4-303](#)], were submitted at deadline 4. However, the ExA is unable to find the applicant's responses to the oral submissions made by IPs at the hearing in either of these documents (with the exception of Bounds Farmhouse (action point 33)).

The applicant is asked to provide a written response to those oral submissions made by IPs at ISH2 in respect of historic environment matters.

## 2. Residential Visual Amenity Assessment

At the [Accompanied Site Inspection](#) on Wednesday 27 May 2026 the ExA noted the proximity of cottages 70, 71 and High Hopes, Flordon Road (postal address Norwich Road, Flordon, NR15 1RU) to the order limits and their relationship with 72 and 73 Flordon Hall Cottages NR15 1RT. These properties have not been assessed in the Residential Visual Amenity Assessment [[REP4-148](#)].

The ExA requests an assessment of these properties.

## 3. Biodiversity net gain guidance

The applicant is asked to comment on the following documents published on 2 June 2026 and to set out how they relate to its biodiversity net gain (BNG) proposals.

- [Biodiversity net gain: nationally significant infrastructure projects](#)
- [Biodiversity net gain statements for nationally significant infrastructure projects](#)

The ExA asks the applicant to set out how its proposals compare and whether, if the application had been submitted after 2 November 2026, it would comply with the guidance and whether anything in the Biodiversity Net Gain Report [[APP-299](#)] would need amending or adding to in order to be in compliance with the recently published guidance on BNG.

The applicant is asked to respond to these three points by **deadline 5a (Wednesday 17 June 2026)**.

Yours sincerely

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**Lead member of the panel of Examining Inspectors**

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