

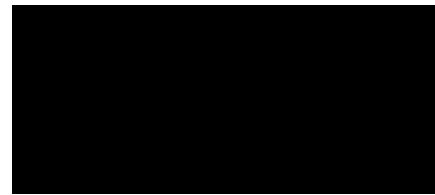
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Dear Planning Inspectorate

Norwich to Tilbury Development Consent Order (Application Reference: EN020027) (the "Application") submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission (the "Applicant")

Deadline 5 Submission

Fieldfisher LLP ("**Fieldfisher**") continue to act for the British Pipeline Agency Limited ("**BPA**") as agents for United Kingdom Oil Pipelines Limited ("**UKOP**").

We write further to the representations and submissions made on behalf of BPA / UKOP to date including RR-0413, PDA-011, AS-086, REP1-235 – 238 (inclusive), REP3-121 and the oral submissions made by Fieldfisher on behalf of BPA / UKOP at CAH1.

1. Update

- 1.1 BPA / UKOP continue not to have objections to the Project in principle, however they cannot support the draft Order in its current form until their concerns are fully addressed and suitable protections are secured, preferably by private treaty.
- 1.2 BPA / UKOP acknowledge the Applicant's constructive engagement and ongoing efforts to agree contractual protections for the Pipeline, with the aim of reaching a settlement by Deadline 6 so that the objection can be withdrawn.
- 1.3 However, until adequate mitigation measures and long-term safeguards are guaranteed and formalised, BPA / UKOP maintain that there remains a significant risk of damage to the Pipeline, including accelerated corrosion, which could endanger the public, the environment, and the resilience of nationally significant fuel infrastructure. Those risks and the need to protect critical national infrastructure are set out in BPA / UKOP's earlier submissions.

1.4 BPA / UKOP acknowledge that this risk can be ameliorated as a result of the confirmation of the Order within the change application as submitted on 27 March 2026 and the completion of an Asset Protection Agreement in appropriate terms which both parties are putting substantial efforts in to resolving as quickly as possible.

2. Upcoming hearings

2.1 Notwithstanding the significant concerns outlined in paragraph 1 above, BPA / UKOP remain hopeful that a negotiated solution can be agreed or be very close to agreement by Deadline 6 and therefore feel that there is not much that could be added to our previous submissions by attending the hearings in the week commencing 22 June 2026.

2.2 If, however, no negotiated solution can be agreed or very close to agreement by Deadline 6 then BPA / UKOP may need to reconsider its position and request that a further issue-specific hearing be held and reserve the right to make further representations and, if necessary, revise the nature of their objection.

Yours faithfully



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