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Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Norwich to Tilbury Project - Application for Development Consent – Deadline 5 Submission
Reference: EN020027
Our Client: Northumbrian Water Limited (Interested Party No. [REDACTED])

As you are aware, we are instructed by our client Northumbrian Water Limited ("**NWL**") (who also operate under the trading name "Essex and Suffolk Water" ("**ESW**")) in relation to the application for a Development Consent Order ("**DCO**") submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission ("the **Applicant**") in respect of the Norwich to Tilbury Project (the "**Project**").

We make this submission on behalf of our client in response to the Deadline 4 submissions referenced below, including, the Applicant's latest Book of Reference and representations made by Anglian Water ("**AW**") on the Project to date, including those in response to question 1.S4 in ExQ1 and referred to in question DCS 2.S1 of ExQ2.

Book of Reference [REP4-049] ("BoR")

ESW does not agree with the classification of plots 3/91, 3/93 and 3/96 in the BoR submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 4. These were identified as "Class 7" land.

These plots are critical to the operation, maintenance, and access of Little Waltham Pumping Station, which is an integral component of ESW's waterway network.

The current classification fails to recognise the essential role this land plays in enabling ESW to discharge its statutory duties and maintain safe and effective operations. Any interference with, restriction of access to, or acquisition of rights will materially impair ESW's ability to perform its statutory functions including responding to incidents or emergencies.

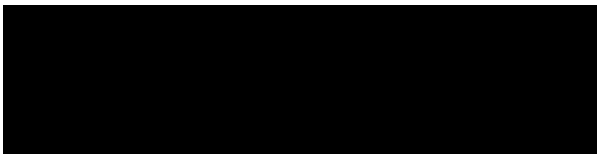
Accordingly, ESW strongly opposes these classifications in the BoR, and considers that the plots should be reclassified as "Class 8" land. This would more accurately reflect their operational importance and ensure appropriate protection for infrastructure supporting essential public utility services.

Alignment with Anglian Water's Position

ESW confirms that AW's previous submissions, including those in response to question 1.S4 in ExQ1 are broadly aligned with those of ESW, particularly regarding concerns about statutory undertakers' ability to continue performing their functions if the Applicant's powers are exercised without adequate protections in place.

ESW shares the concerns raised on protecting operational assets, safeguarding access rights, maintaining network resilience and securing robust protective provisions to ensure development consent powers do not impede statutory duties.

Yours faithfully



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