

## Section 172

I believe National Grid are abusing their powers with regards to a section 172 they have threatened to serve on me. As of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026, Fisher German confirmed to me and National Grid in a email on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June that the notice has been drawn up. This is all due to me questioning National Grids licence that I received on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at a meeting with Fisher German on the same day at Whirlledge and Notts office. I have been question National Grids compensation for boreholes they are planning to place on our land as stated in my deadline 4 submission. Having questioned the boreholes, Fisher German asked me to supply evidence that backed up my claim, which I have and it shows that artificial fertiliser is more expensive than organic manure. This was asked for on the 13<sup>th</sup> April and I replied the same day. I have chased this up on multiple occasions, phone calls were made to Fisher German on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 23<sup>th</sup> April, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June. All of these phone call resulted in no new information and being told they haven't forgotten about the question and they are working on it. I mentioned the borehole question directly to an employee of National Grid in a meeting at Ipswich stadium with Fisher German present after the Compulsory acquisition Hearing and emailed my evidence the same day. This was on 30<sup>th</sup> April. No one has been able to answer my question, and I have now been informed that National Grid is drawing up a position statement on this for the entire project due to me questioning it, yet still doesn't provide me with any reply.

When reading the Housing and Planning Act (“**HPA**”) 2016 and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government guidance on compulsory purchase orders it reiterates the importance of engagement with landowners to attempt to reach agreement for land access before serving a section 172 notice. National Grid have not engaged with myself apart from saying they are investigating. How can they not answer a question asked in February and followed up several times, and deem this not acceptable engagement with the landowner. I have not held up the licence, having either replied the same day or the day after to their question. I have even come up with suggestions to National Grid, asking if they take out the boreholes from the licence, until they can provide an answer to the question. I would happily sign the licence, but having suggested this several times, National Grid ignores all these request. I have been informed today (via my agent who was told by Fisher German)(10<sup>th</sup> June) that I am being served the notice tomorrow (11<sup>th</sup> June). Despite repeatedly telling them that this is unfair, given that we are still waiting for answers from them. However, they have said they are aware of this and are proceeding anyway. THIS SHOWS THAT THE LICENCES ARE NOT VOLENTERY BUT DICTATED ON YOU BY NATIONAL GRID.

Micklem - Actions from meeting on 01 June 2026 re NTT



To Charlie Micklem; Matthew Johnson  
Cc Grace Gardiner

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**Bore Holes** - In addition, I have escalated the point about bore holes further – the project is pulling together a position statement on this. On site, you mentioned that Rob Body has said Notices have been drawn up, which unfortunately, I understand to be the case. The project survey team will contact you prior to these being progressed, but I understand they are due to go out next week. Below is some feedback from the survey team:

- The S172's are being issued as a procedural step to ensure that we have a legal avenue to take access for the GI surveys, and any associated pre-requisites. Knowing we have access allows our survey teams to formalise their programme and make the necessary internal arrangements; **this often requires planning weeks (if not months) in advance.**
- The notice is not an end to voluntary negotiations and we will continue to be transparent with Charlie about our intentions regarding GI.
- Regarding the spreading matter, we are contacting Anglian Water directly to better explain the works proposed and our reading of the relevant regulations and legislation. It is in National Grid's best interests to understand this matter further before we undertake works on Charlie's land; **we will keep Charlie posted with any response from Anglian Water and how we propose to proceed.**
- Furthermore, we are not compelled to exercise the terms of the S172 immediately. Whilst we envisage the notice being sent at the end of this week/early WC 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026, there is a 15-day incubation period before we can exercise the rights of access, and then there is the reality that the surveyors may not have Charlie's land book in for intrusive survey for some time after. **We can keep Charlie posted with our intended dates of access, and request our GI contractors to postpone these surveys as long as possible, to allow the Anglian Water matter to resolve itself.**
- Finally, following issue of the S172 notice, if National Grid and Charlie reach voluntary agreement to conduct access, and Charlie returns the licence – Charlie will not lose out on the per-survey payments either.

**Updated Ownership and Plans** - @Matthew Johnson will be preparing the HoTs in the correct ownership, and he will provide the updated plans next week. He will also be creating an Estate plan.

Thanks,

Lucy

## S172 Notice Intrusive Surveys



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Frustratingly, Fisher German have written to me today to say that they intend to serve a section 172 notice on you tomorrow in relation to the intrusive surveys.

I have repeatedly told them that this is unfair, given that we are still waiting for answers from them. However, they have said they are aware of this and are proceeding anyway.

## Langleys

I would like to thank the planning inspectorates for their time coming out to Langleys and seeing how the pylons will impact us, I hope you found it helpful

However as pointed out that most of the screening National Grid states protects the house are cricket bat willows which are a commercial crop. I have attached drone pictures and will highlight that most of the trees that can be seen are cricket bat willows. I have highlighted in red the trees that are not cricket bat willows from that protect the view. This shows a distinct difference to the picture that National Grid tries to portray.



Finally at a meeting with National Grid on 1<sup>st</sup> June, we were shown pictures of where the pylons will be located having been asking for months for this information. The above drone picture shows the view from the new location at 50m, and the picture below shows the same location just at 40m. This shows that not much difference to Langleys with the reduced height, which lucky National Grid will go with the taller ones. However, I would like you to compare the images presented here with that from National Grids view point HE7: Langleys. This implies that not only will you not see the pylons, you wouldn't even see the lines. The drone pictures show a different story, if I can see the house from the position of the pylons, then from the back of the house I would be able to see the pylons.



I also take offence that National Grid stated in the Issue specific hearing and again in writing in document [8.5.7 Applicant's Written Summary of Oral Submissions to Issue Specific Hearing 2 \(Final Issue A\)](#), that a desktop survey was taken to determine that no rooms of significant we on the above floors. My family built the house in 1720 in its current form, this house has never been open to the public and no plans are publicly available. Please can national grid release to me, their desktop survey as I want to know how they have come about information about a house that they have never entered and no plans are online to show they have actually completed this.

Also nation Grid in our meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June confirmed that there are four low height pylons to the north of the River Chelmer (as discussed, the need for these was identified in response Heritage effects) The heritage effect is that Langleys park and garden. My family created this asset, and have been responsible for maintaining it, yet our views are being ignored by national grid and we have lost full control. We would like all the pylons to be the tall pylons rather than short as a change it hights will make them more distinctive and less likely to blend in if they are all different.