

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

Agenda for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 3

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
<p>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 3 (CAH3):</p> <p>for additional affected persons following change requests and other update matters</p>	<p>Wednesday 24 June 2026</p> <p>Hearing Starts at 10:00am</p> <p>Registration and seating available at venue from 9:00am and virtual registration process from 9:30am</p>	<p>The Sports Bar Chelmsford City Racecourse Chelmsford Essex CM3 1QP</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.</p>

Agenda

Item 1	Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the hearing
Item 2	Purpose of the compulsory acquisition hearing and examining authority's opening remarks
	Additional affected persons
Item 3	<p>Further to the applicant's submission of change requests, the examining authority (ExA) wishes to provide any additional affected persons the opportunity to appear and make oral representations in line with Regulation 15 of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 Regulations:</p> <p>For each additional affected person, the ExA will ask:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> for an outline of the current scope of objections, taking account of any progress in negotiations with the applicant whether compulsory acquisition (CA) and or temporary possession (TP) powers (or both) are objected to and why (with reference to the statutory tests and applicable guidance) what relief is sought?

	<p>d) whether there are any issues of hardship or requests for non-statutory relief, and if so, the basis for these and any practice precedents</p> <p>e) where relevant, consideration of the Human Rights Act and or the Public Sector Equalities Duty</p> <p>A list of any additional affected persons who have pre-registered to attend will be circulated before the hearing, following deadline 5A (17 June 2026).</p> <p>The applicant will be provided with a right of reply.</p>
	Updates on progress
Item 4	<p>Updates on progress on negotiations from affected persons registered to speak. Each party will be given three minutes to update the ExA on matters and progress. The schedule of attendees is shown in annex A of this agenda and this will also comprise the order in which the ExA will hear from those parties.</p> <p>The applicant will have the opportunity to reply and the ExA may ask further questions.</p>
Item 5	<p>The ExA will seek an update on progress on the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) statutory undertakers (including progress and position on protective provisions) b) crown land c) negotiations with affected persons d) whether design development has progressed, and details thereof, relating to localised changes within the order limits that may reduce or remove CA or TP requirements e) progress of UKPN land negotiations, how this is being tracked and what information is before the ExA to justify CA or TP for their taking of land and or interests
	Rule 17 request for further information relating to objections by affected persons to the interference of land rights
Item 6	<p>The ExA will seek to understand how the applicant is seeking to address and respond to the recent Rule 17 request for responses to the further information relating to objections by affected persons to the interference of their land rights [PD-024]</p>
Item 7	Any other matters
Item 8	Close - no later than 13.00

Purpose of compulsory acquisition hearing 3

The purpose of this CAH is to hear and inquire into certain individual objections to the CA or TP of land, or with a possible bearing on the extent and operation of those powers, associated with the Norwich to Tilbury project from additional affected persons following the acceptance of the applicant's Change requests

The CAH is also being held to understand the latest position on negotiations in relation to statutory undertakers, crown land and individual objections, as well as providing the applicant with an opportunity to update and explain to the ExA how it is proposing to respond to the latest Rule 17 request.

The process of hearing individual objections from additional affected persons follows on from CAH1 on 11 February 2026 which dealt with the applicant's strategic case and CAH2 which dealt with individual objections from affected persons on 29 and 30 April 2026.

Attendees

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this Hearing.

- applicant
- any additional affected persons
- any affected persons who have registered to speak
- UKPN

Additional affected persons are those who have been detailed as having land or land rights in respect of the change requests which the applicant proposed on 27 March 2026 [CR1-001 to CR1-017] and [CR2-001 to CR2-017] and which the ExA accepted into the examination on 31 March 2026 [[PD-016](#)].

This hearing is primarily to provide a place to be heard by the additional affected persons who are objecting parties and the ExA does not anticipate seeking speaking contributions from persons who are not invited attendees, unless points are raised that engage directly with the objections. Any such point should be raised through the panel member in the chair. However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All interested parties (IPs) are invited to attend and make oral representations but focussed on the matters set out in the agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the hearing.

The ExA will also seek updates from the applicant in respect of ongoing negotiations.

Anyone wishing to attend the hearing in person, who has not already advised the case team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can therefore view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording after it has concluded.

Registration process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a joining instruction email shortly before the hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on microsoft teams. To enable the hearing to start on time at **10:00am** those attending virtually should join promptly at **9:30am** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

Procedure at compulsory acquisition hearing 3

The item on this agenda in relation to additional affected persons structure and style will be like that of an open floor hearing where individual speaking slots will be provided for individual or represented additional affected persons to raise site-specific issues. The ExA asks affected persons to contain their initial submissions to not longer than **3 minutes**, to ensure time following for discussion and questioning and that the business of the agenda is completed within the time available; the hearing needs to close by 1pm. Participation is subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing. Hearings will be run to ensure that all submissions from those participating are fully heard within the allotted time.

Participants may be legally or professionally represented if they wish, but the hearing will be conducted to ensure that representation is not required. All parties permitted to speak may participate on an equal basis without expert advice if they wish.

Cross-questioning is not permitted unless the ExA decides that it is necessary to ensure that representations are adequately tested or to ensure that all persons have had a fair chance to put their case.

This agenda may be amended by the ExA at the start of or during the hearings. The ExA may wish to raise supplementary matters arising from oral submissions and written representations and to pursue lines of inquiry in the course of the discussions which are related to but not listed on the agenda.

Evidence presented orally at these hearings should be included in post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case and submitted by **deadline 6 (Tuesday 7 July 2026)**.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the day that they are scheduled for. The hearing will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered, or by 1pm. If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to written responses to actions or to written questions.

Please contact the case team if you have any questions regarding the arrangements for the hearing or how to participate.

Annex A

Order	Name/ organisation	Attendance Virtual or In Person
Compulsory acquisition hearing 3		
1	Scottish Power Renewables Ltd and East Anglia Three Ltd	Virtual
2	National Highways	Virtual
3	Northumbrian Water Ltd	Virtual
4	Bloor Homes	Virtual
5	ARU Writtle	Virtual
6	Boxford (Suffolk) Holdings Ltd	Virtual
7	Dick Lanham	In Person
8	Clare Lanham	Virtual
9	The Langley's Estate	In Person
10	Russell Matthews	In Person
11	Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions Projco Limited	Virtual
12	The Parrish Family	In person
13	Parkers of Leicester Limited and Parker Strategic Land Limited	Virtual
14	Faulkbourne Estate	In person
15	Harry Robert Palmer and Palmer and Klein	In person
16	Tritton Farming Partnership (not on first agenda)	In person
17	EDF Energy Renewables Limited, Pivoted Power LLP, Ashgreen Energyfarm Limited and Longfield Solar Energy Farm Limited (not on first agenda)	In person
18	Whirledge & Nott on behalf of various affected persons (not on first agenda)	Virtual
19	Essex Scouts and Guides International Jamboree (not on first agenda)	Virtual
20	The Lower Thames Crossing Project (not on first agenda).	Virtual