

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

Issue Specific Hearing 3

Date: Wednesday 24 June 2026

Venue: Chelmsford Racecourse

The action points listed below in relation to issue specific hearing 3 (ISH3) are all directed to **the applicant only** unless otherwise stated in **bold**.

All responses should be provided by **deadline 6 (Tuesday 7 July)** unless otherwise stated.

Reference to '**all local authorities**' includes the following: Norfolk County Council (CC), Suffolk CC, Essex CC, South Norfolk District Council (DC), Mid Suffolk DC, Babergh DC, Tendring DC, Colchester City Council, Braintree DC, Chelmsford City Council, Brentwood Borough Council (BC), Basildon BC and Thurrock Council.

Notes:

Separate detailed written responses must be provided at deadline 6 to all interested parties who made submissions at the hearing.

The examining authority (ExA) has concurrently issued a letter under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 setting out a number of questions which were not asked at ISH3 due to time constraints. Responses should also be provided at deadline 6.

ISH3 ACTION POINTS	
Agenda item 5.1: the draft development consent order	
1	Article 10 (Planning permissions and other consents): additional sub-paragraph to be inserted in the deadline 6 version of the draft development consent order (DCO)
2	Part 5 (Acquisition and Possession of Land) Articles 24 to 46: - provide clarity that Class 8 land, as identified in the works plans and in the book of reference, cannot be subject to powers of acquisition nor temporary use Suffolk CC to provide details of work it has undertaken comparing different approaches across different DCOs in regard to 'white land' to the applicant as soon as possible. The applicant is to provide its comments in response (at deadline 6)
3	Article 48 (Defence to proceedings in respect of statutory nuisance): amendment to take account of Schedule 3, requirement 14 (Control of Noise During Operational Stage)

4	Article 50 (Felling and Lopping)/ Article 51 (Trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders): • apply sub-paragraph regarding ancient or veteran trees regarding paragraph (1) not applying to any trees identified as ancient or veteran trees, unless they have previously been agreed to be removed by the relevant planning authority or are agreed to be dead, dying or dangerous by the relevant planning authority and there is no alternative to their removal
5	Schedule 16 (Protective Provisions): • include drafts of all bespoke protective provisions whether agreed or still under discussion
Agenda item 5.2: requirements and discharge of requirements	
Schedule 3 (Requirements)	
6	Requirement 5 (archaeology): • include additional wording defining the term 'the relevant land'
7	Requirement 7 (construction hours): • further to ExQ2 DCO 2.S10, provide a clearer explanation of real-life impact of removing: a) just sundays b) bank and other public holidays c) sundays and bank and other public holidays from the construction hours sought in terms of its impact on the energisation date, as set out in the baseline construction programme • provide an explanation of what impact such restrictions on the applicant's proposed working hours would have in terms of the delivery of the proposed development, over the entire construction period, based on the specialist nature of the project, including in relation shift patterns and the use of specialist contractors.
8	Requirement 12 (design of permanent buildings): • provide further explanation in updated design and access statement regarding mechanism of securing details of non-permanent buildings and above ground works at substations
9	Schedule 4 (discharge of requirements): • as referred to by Suffolk CC, noting its response to the Sea Link DCO (Sea Link examination library reference [REP7-366]), the applicant and all local authorities are to provide a revised draft of Schedule 4 (Discharge of Requirements). This must include provisions enabling the secretary of state to call in any submissions made to a relevant discharging authority which seek to discharge requirements either in whole or in part. • it would assist the examining authority if a collaborative approach could be undertaken by all local authorities with a view to providing a single preferred set of revised wording to Schedule 4 for deadline 6.
Other matters arising	
10	Article 59 (Amendments to local legislation): • respond to matters raised by National Highways for Lower Thames Crossing