

National Grid has issued a paper titled "Document: 8.4.12.2 Response to ISH2 Action Point 27 - Masterplans" - Planning Inspectorate Reference: EN020027. Appendix D purports to show opportunities near the EACN at Ardleigh to introduce tree planting and other mitigants. I own Hungerdowns, a grade 2 listed farmhouse set in a plot of approx. 10 acres just to the North of the EACN. While App D correctly records that roughly 7 of the 10 acres is existing woodland (which we planted 30 years ago) it should be noted that the trees are all deciduous and will provide little protection against noise pollution during the winter. We are also puzzled by the suggested "opportunities for connective green infrastructure enhancements" from the edge of our wood heading N.E. up Hungerdown Lane. The section of Hungerdown Lane highlighted consists of 30-40 individual properties. The properties mostly already have mature hedges facing the lane and it is difficult to see what additional opportunities exist. If NG plans to place "connective green infrastructure" further away from the lane this seem ambitious, if not impracticable. It would require negotiating with 30 - 40 landowners to give up part of their back gardens so that the "connective green infrastructure" could be created. Furthermore, some of the owners run businesses from the properties such as organic vegetable supplies and equestrian centres. It doesn't seem that NG has made a serious attempt to respond to the Inspectorate's request and I don't believe NG or their land agent has spoken to anyone locally to explore whether such opportunities actually exist.