

National Grid Norwich to Tilbury project.

4th July 2026

Dear ExA

Interested party reference number: [REDACTED]

Further to my attending the recent hearings (23rd to 25th June 2026), I would like to make the following comments, ahead of deadline 6:

As a severely affected landowner, I remain of the opinion that National Grid (NG) continues to bulldoze its way to deliver its proposed one option project with no regard to anyone or anything that stands in its way! Whilst I realise the need for new energy infrastructure, delivery must be by means of far less harmful alternatives to overhead lines, pylons and HVAC underground cabling.

NG continues to give no consideration to the grade1 BMV land in and around Ardleigh and fails to acknowledge just how important this area is for food production.

NG continues to ignore the cumulative effects on Ardleigh's residents who would suffer years of disruption both during and post construction (EACN, three substations and an interconnector).

The harms associated with noise still have not been satisfactorily addressed by NG.

NG confirmed that operational noise level would be no more than 35 decibels (db) from the EACN, but how noisy is that and what have we to compare it with? This does not take into consideration the additional and cumulative noise generated from the respective neighbouring NorthFalls and Five Estuaries substations (consented) or the proposed Tarchon Interconnector (non consented)!

NG said that noise surveys were carried out over an eight day period in February 2025; at a time when trees and hedgerows would have been bare of leaves and foliage. I question why such surveys weren't carried out throughout the year!

Proposed tree and hedge removal would further add to noise travelling a greater distance, thus affecting more residents! It is very difficult to estimate noise levels from construction vehicles and their audible reversing warning systems as; once again, we have nothing to compare it with! No mention of potential noise from generators and pumps! We were told that these would be needed to pump water from trenches and pylon bases on our land due to the water table and may need to run 24/7, which would be totally unacceptable!

I feel that NG has insufficiently addressed dust issues during the proposed construction period of this major project. This remains a major issue for local residents and communities and given that dust (in particular finer particles) can travel many miles, the flat landscape will offer little protection. Under UK Law, this could be classified as a "statutory nuisance."

NG still fails to recognise harms from potential loss of ancient hedgerows and mature trees (some with TPO status), which for us, also provides essential security for our home and farmland.

NG continues to have disregard for the wildlife that we have a duty to respect and care for. It concerns us that the much loved wildlife we currently have on the farm, will disappear.

We received (hand delivered on 30.06.2026) from NG, Legal Notice for access for entry for surveys pursuant to section 174 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016, acquiring authority for the purposes of sections 172-179. To date, we have not signed licences produced by NG because we had been told that by doing so, we would no longer be able to object to the project. We have, however, permitted access for all survey work to date, but on our terms (eg must be post harvest and whilst a family member is on site). The one licence we did sign (for intrusive archeological survey work), was drawn up by our land agent and ourselves and approved by NG.

WE have, from day one, requested for all data to be shared with us as the landowners. We were told that this would happen, but as yet, nothing! It's our land and we should be privy to such information.

NG's heads of terms are currently not fit for purpose and we are still being advised by our Land Agent not to sign anything! Our Land Agent continues to battle with NG on behalf of numerous landowners, so we're not alone!

We continue to feel a profound sense of injustice in knowing that we may be forced to surrender rights over our property, when alternative solutions (eg integrated offshore grid or HVDC underground cabling) have not been transparently explored.

We continue to feel bullied and intimidated by NG's hellbent mission to deliver a project which is so destructive and archaic!

The future for my family, our home, our land, our businesses and a great rural community that we love and are proud to be part of now hangs in the balance, as does our position as custodians of the countryside to protect the flora and fauna around us.

We understand the need to reinforce and upgrade the electricity transmission system, but there are far kinder and less harmful ways of doing so.

Thankyou.

Mrs Jayne Marshall

