

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 3 - CT Speech

24th June Wednesday – Chelmsford Racecourse/ Online

Charles Tritton, on behalf of Tritton Farming Partnership LLP (TFP), [REDACTED], and its members and related parties.

An update:

1. 2 recent significant changes affecting TFP & Brett

- These significant changes were only shared with TFP & Brett a week ago, 17th June 2026, and they remain “Preliminary and Subject to Change”.
- The movement of the pylons to Route B to reduce the sterilisation of the mineral site at Lyons Hall Wood
- The re-introduction of the Chelmsford North East Bypass (CNEB) known since inception and subsequent design changes on TFP land
- In addition, a detailed analysis of Lyons Hall Wood on Natural England’s website page shows it is not all ancient woodland.

These changes are acknowledged and in general welcomed but TFP awaits more details as considers plans incomplete. TFP needs discussions about: reduced red corridor, height and location of pylons, haul road and temporary and permanent access. These are needed for both TFP and PINS to evaluate and make decisions in a very tight timeframe. For example, inter alia:

- The DCO red corridor was previously widened to enable Route B. However, now Route B has been chosen, TFP would expect a larger Class 8 (reduction) area to be created than has been preliminary shown. This remains more extensive than is necessary and normal and larger than before.
- Importantly there is a large area surrounding the new proposed A131 roundabout and away from the pylon route, which remains in the red corridor for no reason. NG has stated in previous conversations that no permanent rights were required here. This site is of strategic importance and high commercial value to TFP for minerals, farming, housing and alternative uses.
- There is now a new permanent rights access route to the pylons from this roundabout. This right should be temporary and instead travel alongside the CNEB, directly to the pylons. This minimises sterilisations.
- As a result of the changes above NG now has a permanent right to the pylon route from Goodmans Lane. However, this replaces the need for other redundant permanent rights, which remain on the Preliminary map. These run through the mineral site, the farmyard and next to listed house now access to pylons is off Goodmans Lane. These old unnecessary permanent rights should be removed.

2. National Grid Interactions

TFP and its agents worry that the Inspectors will not have as full and completed SOCG before Deadline 7 as PINS and TFP would want, unless designs and interactions from NG increase quickly.

NG have asked for FINAL comments to be in by the end of this week for final submission, but the “preliminary plan and subject to change” was only sent to TFP a week ago.

TFP has recently been notified of a TCPA planning application on its land which will be filed by the end of July. This is more work for NG & TFP that could be spent on completing SOCG and pre-empts PINS decisions in an area where the designs remain “Preliminary & Subject to Change” and over Protected Lanes.

The Heads of Terms remain in a state that remain impossible to sign and TFP awaits more advice from its agents and NFU and a bespoke one before engaging.

3. Other areas little progress or update

4. Great Waltham Alternative Route

TFP believe the applicant has not fully appraised the alternative routes, impact to Great and Little Waltham and not been willing to move their development boundary despite additional “factors” being provided at Great Leighs and Great Waltham which were not known in 2023.

Certainly, no information has been provided to TFP who maintains that the NG Great Waltham Alternative Route is more compliant with Holford Rules but has seen no working to this despite additional factors.
