

NORWICH TO TILBURY DCO APPLICATION

CONRAD ENERGY DEADLINE 6 SUBMISSION

This document sets out Conrad Energy's deadline 6 submission in respect of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's ('the Applicant') application for development consent for the proposed Norwich to Tilbury Project ('the Project').

Conrad Energy submitted a Relevant Representation [RR-0695] on 25 November 2025 outlining its concerns about the Project.

Conrad Energy has an option for lease over land within the draft Order Limits for the purpose of developing a proposed solar PV project for which full planning permission has already been granted. Whilst Conrad Energy recognises the need for the Project and does not object to it in principle, Conrad Energy has a number of outstanding concerns about the interface between the Project and its own proposed solar development and the proposed compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers sought over land in respect of which Conrad Energy has an interest. The exercise of the powers sought may adversely affect not only the development, operation and generating capacity of Conrad Energy's development, but also the ongoing investment position.

Two Conrad Energy entities (referred to jointly as, 'Conrad Energy' in this submission) have various interests in land within the draft Order Limits over which the Applicant is seeking compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers; Conrad (Billericay) Limited (PIL Reference ID:14520) and Conrad Energy (Developments) Limited (PIL Reference ID: 15819), as set out in the Applicant's Book of Reference. To date, the Applicant has not made any meaningful efforts to voluntarily acquire Conrad Energy's interests. Conrad (Billericay) Limited holds a generation licence and is therefore a statutory undertaker. Conrad Energy considers that the Project will cause serious detriment to its undertaking (as per s.127 of the Planning Act 2008) because it will limit (potentially severely or entirely) its ability to operate its proposed solar development.

The Applicant and Conrad Energy have been developing a draft Statement of Common Ground ('SoCG'), however, a number of unagreed matters remain, including:

- The Project will result in a permanent loss of part of Conrad Energy's development footprint resulting in an inability to achieve its full generation capacity;
- The Project will result in the additional temporary loss of solar panels within Conrad Energy's development. Conrad Energy requires formal protection of its assets. Furthermore, the removal of panels will result in a further loss of generation capacity;
- Conrad Energy is concerned about the Project's earthing impacts, operational impacts and shading impacts on its proposed solar development; and
- Conrad Energy has requested a change to the proposed temporary haul road access within its development site.

Conrad Energy remains concerned that there is no agreed resolution to the above issues and. Conrad Energy would like commitments from the Applicant to address these issues including by the completion of a legal agreement. Whilst the Applicant has indicated it will be proposing heads of terms for an agreement with Conrad Energy, Conrad Energy is still waiting to receive these. As there is currently no such agreement in place, and until satisfactory protections are secured, Conrad Energy maintains its objection to both the compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers sought by the Applicant in respect of land Conrad Energy has an interest in.