

SNDC's response to the Rule 17 Letter

*2a) The ExA asks **all local authorities** for their comments on the outline ESP [REP5-215], including whether they consider the applicant has adequately addressed the matter of supply chains within the document bearing in mind the number of other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects consented in the vicinity of the proposed development. If not, do they suggest any measures the applicant could consider, if any, to address any concerns raised.*

SNDC have no comments to make in respect of the matter of Supply Chains as set out in the ExA's Question above.



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 5.2: requirements and discharge of requirements

Schedule 3 (Requirements)

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| 9 | <p>Schedule 4 (discharge of requirements):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. |
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SNDC is content with the wording that has been put forward as below by Suffolk County Council

	<i>Reference of applications or requests to the DESNZ post-consent unit</i> 1A.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (7) and (8), the DESNZ post-consent unit may give directions requiring an application for any consent, agreement or approval required by a Requirement to be referred to them instead of being dealt with by the authority mentioned in that requirement. (2) A direction under this article may relate to a particular Requirement, or to any Requirement. (3) Any application in respect of which a direction under this article has effect must be referred to the DESNZ post-consent unit accordingly. (4) Subject to sub-paragraph (5), where an application to which this paragraph applies is referred to the DESNZ post-consent unit, Schedule 3 (requirements) applies, with any necessary modifications, as it applies where such an application is to be determined by the relevant planning authority or discharging authority. (5) Before determining an application to which this paragraph applies the DESNZ post-consent unit must consult – (a) the relevant planning authority, relevant highway authority or other discharging authority mentioned in the Requirement; and (b) any person named in that Requirement as a consultee. (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, the undertaker must provide the relevant planning authority with the written notice mentioned in Requirement 3 (stages of the authorised development) in accordance with the provisions of that Requirement. (7) The power of the DESNZ post-consent unit under this paragraph cannot first be exercised until they have served notice on the relevant planning authority, the relevant highway authority and other discharging authority confirming – (a) they have been established by the Secretary of State; (b) they are capable of determining an application to which this paragraph applies; and (c) the date from which they are so capable. (8) In this paragraph, “DESNZ post-consent unit” means a unit established within the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero by or on behalf of the Secretary of State for the purpose of determining any application for consent, agreement or approval required by a Requirement contained in a development consent order.
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Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for an order granting development consent for the Norwich to Tilbury Project

Issue Specific Hearing 4

Date: Thursday 25 June 2026

Venue: Chelmsford Racecourse

The action points listed below in relation to issue specific hearing 4 (ISH4) 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 to applicant:

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 socio economics questions which were not asked at ISH4 due to time constraints. Responses should also be provided at deadline 6.

ISH4 ACTION POINTS

Agenda item 5: landscape and visual effects

5.1 Mitigation and compensation

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| 1 | <p>Provide an update on the progress of the draft section 106 agreement regarding landscape enhancement (a response is sought from both the applicant and all local authorities).</p> <p>SNDC Response</p> <p>Following a meeting on 7th July 2026 with National Grid, SNDC was advised that the applicant will be amending the Draft DCO to include a requirement for BNG and an Article for Replacement Tree Planting.</p> |
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