

Objection to the Norwich to Tilbury Project – [REDACTED]

I strongly object to the proposed works affecting [REDACTED], as they will have a direct and significant impact on our property, our health, and our quality of life.

The proposed construction works are planned in extremely close proximity to our home. We are deeply concerned about the prolonged exposure to noise, vibration, dust, air pollution and heavy construction traffic, and the cumulative impact these will have on our physical and mental wellbeing. Despite these obvious concerns, we do not believe that the Applicant has properly assessed or addressed the health impacts on those living closest to the works.

We are also extremely disappointed by the lack of meaningful engagement with affected residents. While National Grid has undertaken public consultation, this has not amounted to genuine consultation with those most directly affected. Our concerns have not been properly listened to or addressed, and we do not feel that our property or our wellbeing have been given adequate consideration in the development of the proposals.

Our specific concerns include:

The direct impact on our home from construction activities taking place in close proximity.

The adverse effects of prolonged noise, vibration, dust and emissions on our health and wellbeing.

Increased heavy goods vehicle movements on [REDACTED], creating unacceptable safety risks and further reducing our quality of life.

Damage to the rural character of [REDACTED] through road widening and engineering works.

Loss of trees, hedgerows and wildlife habitats that form an important part of the local environment.

Disruption to access for residents and emergency services during the construction period.

The failure to properly consider less harmful alternatives, including the potential for temporary construction access directly from the A120, rather than routing construction traffic along an unsuitable rural road.

While we recognise the importance of strengthening the electricity network, this should not come at the expense of the health and wellbeing of local residents. We do not believe the Applicant has demonstrated that these impacts have been minimised, nor that all reasonable alternatives have been fully explored.

For these reasons, we ask the Examining Authority to give significant weight to the direct impact on our property and family, to recognise the inadequate consultation with those most affected, and to refuse the proposed works affecting [REDACTED] unless National Grid can demonstrate that there is no less harmful alternative and that robust measures are in place to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of local residents.