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Attached is my response to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's (the Applicant's) response to Action Point 27 addressed to the Applicant arising at Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH 2) held on 28 April, 29 April and 1 May 2026.

Interested Party Response to Action Point 27 from ISH2 EV9-023

Interested Party Reference Number - [REDACTED]

Reference to Appendix E - Action Point 27 – Colne Valley (including Fordham, Ford Street, Aldham) Constraints and Opportunities Plans

POINT 3:

Regarding the views from Ford Street Conservation Area – the Appendix states that views towards the project from within Ford Street (including the conservation area) are filtered *in places* by landform, vegetation etc . The size of said pylons will be much larger than any buildings and any vegetation, so any filtering is partial at best

Proposed TB 48 & 49 will be situated in largely open pasture and are considerable elevated from the floor of the Colne Valley. These proposed pylons also cross a public amenity area – the Fordham Hall Estate – which has footpaths from which the pylons will be visible from miles away

POINT 4:

The claimed direct route across the river valley will minimize effects on mature woodland. TB48, 49 & 50 are on largely unspoilt open pasture and countryside, creating jarring new visible structures that are out of scale to the surrounding area.

POINT 5:

There are also more viewpoints and public rights of way around Point 4 on the map, and in the Ford Street Conservation Area itself. The pylons will be visible and dominate the landscape all along the Essex Way in this particular area. There is no screening from the Essex Way itself, and the pylon route from TB 48 to TB50 is traversing unspoilt open pasture

POINT 8:

TB48-TB50 will be visible from these points which again is open pasture will no screening from those points

POINT 9:

The valley sides of the Colne River Valley are quite shallow, and therefore the scale of pylons proposed will still be visible for miles around, with TB51 & TB52 being on the crest of the hill above Ford Street

POINTS 15 & 16:

TB51, 52 & 53 are on raised areas at the top of the Colne Valley, and so will be visible for miles around, and will form part of a projected route that will effectively encircle the Ford Street Conservation Area & the Colne Valley

DRAFT OPPORTUNITIES PLAN FOR NORTH & SOUTH COLNE VALLEY

This clearly hastily scratched together set of basic drawings cannot be seriously contemplated as a mitigation plan.

- The pylons will be visible along the whole of the Essex Way in this area
- The Fordham Hall Estate is already a strategically important conservation area, where land is being vegetated and re-wilded.
- There appear to be no plans for tree & hedgerow planting near Ford Street itself in relation to TB49 & 50. Any such planting would have to be of mature specimens given the scale of the proposed pylons
- No contemplation of undergrounding has been set out or explained why it should not apply in a regionally significant conservation area.
- No explanation is given of blue infrastructure enhancements