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Dear Susan

Re: Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for an order granting development consent for the Norwich to Tilbury project

This letter is submitted in response to the Examining Authority's Rule 17 Letter issued 14 July 2026. A response is provided to the question marked for the attention of Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) only. The wording of the question 7.2 addressed to DIO has been used to structure this response.

The DIO Safeguarding Team represents the Ministry of Defence (MOD) as a consultee in UK planning and energy consenting systems to ensure that development does not compromise or degrade the operation of defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, technical sites or maritime defence assets and interests.

7.2 – Safety and security (aviation safety)

Wattisham Station

The applicant confirms at deadline 6 [REP6-118] that agreement has been virtually met concerning effects on Wattisham Station, with outstanding matters solely relating to the exact wording of requirements within the draft DCO [REP6-030].

Please provide an update and confirm (or otherwise) your agreement with the applicant.

The Written Representations provided by DIO on behalf of the MOD dated 26 February 2026 identified that further assessments needed to be completed with regard to the impact of this development on Wattisham Station based on further information provided by the Applicant on 19 February 2026. DIO provided a further update dated 10 April 2026 on these assessments in response to the Examining Authority's Written Questions 1, which were issued on 20 March 2026,

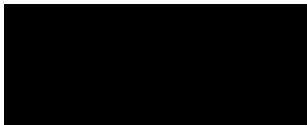
identifying that detailed assessments of the effects of vertical and lateral Limits of Deviation (LoD) and deployment of cranes upon Wattisham Station were being finalized.

Since April 2026 DIO and the Applicant have engaged in regular discussions which have enabled the MOD to provide a letter to the Examining Authority on 20 July 2026 that advises of the updated statutory safeguarding position of the MOD to this proposed development subject to the incorporation of appropriately worded Requirements and an additional paragraph into the applicant's draft Development Consent Order.

In line with the content of the 20 July 2026 MOD updated statutory safeguarding letter referenced above I can confirm that the MOD concurs with the applicant's position as stated at 7.2 of the Examining Authority's Rule 17 Letter dated 14 July 2026.

I trust this is clear however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Safeguarding Manager