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Dear Sir/ Madam

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – rule 17

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

Request for further information relating to landscape and visual effects

We are writing under rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 in respect of the matter of compensation for landscape and visual effects.

The Examining Authority (ExA) acknowledges the progress made on the landscape compensation, offsetting and enhancement area plans and the accompanying detail in the draft Development Consent Order made by all parties.

The plans (document ref 8.35, issue A) detail the geographical extent of the proposed funds, with the locations within Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex showing a 2 km buffer around the centre line of the pylon route, with the outer extent of the fund area identified by the associated parish boundaries, and for Thurrock a 3 km area around the substation works.

The questions below are directed to the applicant and all relevant local authorities: 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. The ExA asks these questions without prejudice to the applicant's view that that there is no need or requirement for landscape compensation pursuant to the legal and the National Policy Statements (NPS) framework.

- a) Will the funds be available for any suitable projects within the designated landscape compensation, offsetting and enhancement areas, or just within the 2 or 3km buffer areas?

- b) How would such areas or projects relate to landscape character areas or visual receptors which may be affected by the proposed development?
- c) Provide your succinct views on how the masterplans would meet (or otherwise) the relevant tests for requirements and obligations set out in paragraphs 4.1.16 to 4.1.18 of NPS EN-1 (November 2023).

The ExA requests responses by **deadline 8 (Tuesday 4 August 2026)**.

Yours faithfully

Susan Hunt

Lead member of the panel of Examining Inspectors

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