

Subject: Objection to Proposed National Grid 180Km Pylon project 'Norwich to Tilbury'

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I wish to register my strong objection to the proposed National Grid Norwich to Tilbury 180km Pylon project in my area. My concerns are as follows:

Impact on Wildlife

The proposed route passes through areas frequented by a variety of bird species, including seasonal and daily coastal migrants, birds of prey, and waterfowl associated with nearby river valleys. These species rely on undisturbed habitats for feeding, nesting, and migration stopovers. The visual intrusion, noise, and habitat disruption from large-scale infrastructure could have significant, long-term ecological consequences. Part of the proposed pylon route skirts the wonderful local nature reserve of Capel St Mary by a mere 2.39Km! I can't imagine the disruption that may be caused by any construction traffic and noise of the pylon installation itself.

Impact on local heritage assets

There are many beautiful and protected buildings in the local area where the proposed route passes by. Their lasting value and beauty will be severely reduced with large 50M high pylons sitting nearby or in visible distance.

Viable Alternatives Ignored

- The project's stated need can be met through less damaging, more sustainable solutions such as:
- HVDC undergrounding to reduce visual and environmental impact.
- Offshore coordination to integrate renewable energy without cutting through sensitive landscapes.
- Upgrading the existing grid to increase capacity without creating new corridors.

Where undergrounding is necessary, cable ploughing should be used as it is cheaper, quicker, and less damaging to the environment compared to open trenching.

Lack of Genuine Consultation

At no point was the community presented with a range of options. The only proposal offered was a pre-determined route for overhead pylons, which fails to meet the principles of transparent, participatory planning.

Given these points, I urge the Inspectorate to reject the current proposal and require the developer to explore and present less harmful, more forward-thinking alternatives.

Yours faithfully,

Phil Price

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