

Letter to the Inspectorate for deadline 8 on 4th August.

Reference: [REDACTED]

Holton St Mary Parish Council (HSMPC) would like to make the following submission to the Inspectorate:

Previous representations to the Inspectorate and to National Grid (NG) directly have been ignored in particular: a) that, contrary to NG assertions, no consultation with HSMPC has occurred and b) the HSMPC proposal to move the proposed haul road to the sealing compound at Notley that is near the junction of the B1070 with the A12 (with associated alterations to that junction) to the North between junctions 32A and 32B of the A12. [These documents are referenced in our previous submissions to the Inspectorate]

HSMPC has requested meetings with NG directly on 24th May 2026 and 1st June 2026 and most recently on 8th July 2026 (with [REDACTED] of NG, Project Director) to discuss this alternative and, we believe, superior plan that would involve less damage to the environment, less disruption to the traffic flow along the B1070, much less impact on the health (both physical and mental) of the residents of the village and possibly less cost to NG. These requests were not answered. This makes the consultation process legally flawed.

HSMPC respectfully requests that the Examiner uses her powers to require a proper consultation with HSMPC as has occurred with other villages before any further decisions are taken on the route of the Norwich to Tilbury grid project that impact the village of Hoton St Mary,

Similarly, we have not heard from National Grid about any mitigation or alternatives for its plans to disrupt listed buildings, hedgerows, oak trees, public rights of way, control of road closures and appropriate management (then repair) of alternative routes, flooding along Sandpits Lane and the inappropriate drainage location into a County Wildlife Site.

Many thanks for your attention to these issues for the parish.

Signed

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