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RE: Formal Objection to the Norwich to Tilbury Pylon Project (Application Reference: EN020027)
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally **OBJECT** to National Grid's proposed Norwich to Tilbury pylon Development Consent Order (DCO). As a resident directly impacted by these proposals, I urge the Examining Authority and decision-makers to reject the current onshore overhead line scheme.

My objection is based strictly on the following material considerations:

1. **Failure to Fully Appraise Viable Alternatives:** National Grid has consistently minimized viable, modern infrastructure alternatives. An offshore undersea High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) grid or strategic undergrounding would achieve identical network reinforcement goals without devastating East Anglia's countryside. Similar subsea projects (such as those in Lincolnshire) have already demonstrated that lifetime costs can be lower, showing that an offshore alternative is both technologically and economically feasible.
2. **Severe Landscape and Heritage Destruction:** The proposed 50-meter-high steel pylons will scar highly sensitive rural environments, protected habitats, and historic communities across Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex. The visual impact constitutes irreversible harm to our local landscapes.
3. **Cumulative Infrastructure Strain:** The region cannot bear the compounding environmental and socio-economic burden of multiple concurrent Nationally

Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) without severe long-term damage to local economies, tourism, and community well-being.

4. **Lack of Compliance with Local Development**

Plans: The sheer scale of this overhead infrastructure directly conflicts with the adopted environmental protection and landscape conservation policies of our local county and parish councils.

5. **I point the Examining Authority to the submissions from the Tritton Farming Partnership LLP (TFP)**

Reference EN020027: *“National Grid’s uncoordinated route actively blocks major local planning objectives near Chelmsford—specifically sterilizing vital mineral reserve paths and stopping a 1,500-home development. This project sacrifices modern, evolving offshore technology in favour of static 1950’s infrastructure that permanently devalues our regional economy .”*

I request that the Planning Inspectorate holds National Grid accountable to mandatory Treasury Green Book guidelines and pauses these proposals to allow for a fully coordinated offshore alternative.

Please keep me updated on the progress of this examination and any future procedural decisions.

Yours faithfully,

■ Neil Leigh-Collyer