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To: Norwich to Tilbury

Subject: FINAL REPRESENTATION Reference ID : [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the Examining Authority,

We write to make our final representation by 4th August 2026 regarding the Norwich to Tilbury project.

As the owners of [REDACTED] for over forty years, we are deeply disappointed that, despite years of consultation, meetings and site visits, many of our most significant concerns remain unresolved.

From the outset, we have engaged constructively with National Grid, UKPN, Fisher German and their representatives. We have attended meetings, allowed numerous site visits and have consistently sought practical solutions that would reduce the impact of the project whilst still allowing it to proceed.

One of those solutions was the relocation of Pylon TB207 further around the corner of our land. This proposal would have remained entirely within our ownership, would not have required additional third-party land, and would have significantly reduced the impact on our family home, our daughter's approved residential development and the future of [REDACTED].

Despite raising this repeatedly, no clear technical, engineering, environmental or planning explanation has ever been provided as to why this less harmful alternative has been rejected. We have never been shown a transparent assessment demonstrating that our proposal was fully evaluated. After years of engagement, we find that extremely disappointing.

The cumulative effects of the National Grid project alongside the UKPN underground cable works have also never been properly addressed. The combined impact on our land, access, business operations, approved development and family home is considerably greater than either project considered individually.

[REDACTED] is not simply a parcel of land. It has been our family home for over four decades. We have invested our lives in maintaining and improving it, and we have always intended that it should provide security and opportunity for future generations of our family.

Our daughter's outline planning permission for seven homes represents that future. It has been achieved following considerable investment of time and expense, yet the current proposals place that approved development at significant risk. We do not believe sufficient weight has been given to this important planning consideration.

The proposals will also continue to harm the long-established equestrian and livery use of the land. Beyond the financial implications, this affects the character and long-term viability of a business that has formed an important part of [REDACTED] for many years.

Throughout this process, we have been left with the overwhelming impression that the route was largely predetermined. Whilst consultations have taken place, we have not seen meaningful changes that reflect the concerns raised by those most directly affected. We also remain unconvinced that realistic alternatives, including upgrading the existing transmission network, greater offshore

coordination and HVDC undergrounding, have been fully explored before concluding that this route of overhead pylons is necessary.

We respectfully ask the Examining Authority to consider whether the current proposal truly represents the least harmful solution. In our view, it does not.

If National Grid cannot clearly explain why a practical and less harmful alternative on the same landholding has been rejected, we respectfully submit that it has failed to demonstrate that the proposed alignment is the most appropriate, proportionate and least harmful option available.

Finally, we ask the Examining Authority to recognise the very real impact this project has had on our family. Years of uncertainty, repeated consultations and the absence of meaningful mitigation have caused significant stress and have left us deeply concerned about the future of our home, our land and the legacy we had hoped to pass on to our children and grandchildren.

We respectfully ask that these unresolved matters are given significant weight before any recommendation is made.

Thank you for considering our final representation.

Yours faithfully,

David and Gillian Parrish