

Objection – Direct Impact on Our Property at [REDACTED]

I wish to make a strong objection to the proposed Norwich to Tilbury project in relation to the works and construction activity affecting [REDACTED], which will directly and significantly affect our property.

Our property is in close proximity to the proposed works and construction activities. We are extremely concerned about the impact that the prolonged construction period will have on our health, wellbeing and quality of life. Our concerns include the likely increase in heavy construction traffic, noise, vibration, dust, air pollution, vehicle movements and disruption associated with the works.

These are not simply general concerns about the wider project. The proposed works will take place in close proximity to our home, meaning that we will be directly exposed to the effects of construction for a prolonged period. The cumulative impact of these factors on our health and residential amenity must be properly considered.

We are particularly concerned that there has been no meaningful engagement with all of the parties who will be directly affected by the proposed works. We do not consider that our individual circumstances, the proximity of our property to the works, or the potential impact on our health and wellbeing have been adequately discussed or properly taken into account.

We acknowledge that the Applicant has undertaken consultation exercises during the development of the project. However, our concern is that consultation is not the same as meaningful engagement with those residents who are most directly affected. We do not feel that our concerns have been adequately heard, properly addressed or reflected in the proposals.

The Examination documents themselves appear to recognise the potential seriousness of the impacts on [REDACTED] Road. The Examining Authority has identified that there are 16 noise-sensitive receptors within 50 metres of [REDACTED] Road and has raised concerns regarding potentially significant noise effects in the absence of mitigation. This reinforces our concern that the impact on residents living in close proximity to the proposed works requires much greater consideration.

We are therefore asking the Examining Authority to consider:

1. The specific impact on our property, rather than relying solely on general assessments of impacts across the wider [REDACTED] Road area.
2. The potential cumulative effect of noise, vibration, dust, air pollution, construction traffic and prolonged disruption on our health and wellbeing.
3. Whether a proper and sufficiently detailed assessment of the health impacts has been undertaken in relation to properties in such close proximity to the proposed construction works.
4. Whether the proposed mitigation measures are sufficient to protect residents who will be exposed to these impacts on a daily basis.
5. Whether there has been meaningful and effective engagement with the residents most directly affected, and whether their concerns have genuinely influenced the proposed mitigation and construction arrangements.
6. Whether all reasonable alternatives to using [REDACTED] Road and placing construction activity so close to residential properties have been fully explored.
7. Whether the proposed construction access arrangements are appropriate for a narrow rural road and whether alternative access arrangements, including access from the A120, could reduce the impact on local residents.

We recognise the national importance of the proposed electricity infrastructure. However, this should not mean that the health, safety and wellbeing of individual residents who are directly and disproportionately affected are overlooked.

We respectfully ask the Examining Authority to give significant weight to the direct and disproportionate impact on our property and our health, and to require the Applicant to demonstrate that meaningful engagement has taken place with all directly affected residents, that the health impacts have been properly assessed, and that all reasonable alternatives and mitigation measures have been fully considered before any consent is granted.

We strongly object to the proposals as currently presented.