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1. Community Engagement and Public Information

- 1.1.1 This document sets out the communications channels and approach to community engagement during the construction of the Norwich to Tilbury Project (the Project). It explains the approach to engaging with local communities, what resources will be available and how people can contact the community relations team.
- 1.1.2 A community relations team will be appointed to engage with local residents and stakeholders, such as the emergency services, and provide dedicated community relations and external communications support. The community relations agency will work with the internal, established communications team at National Grid.
- 1.1.3 The Project website will be maintained and managed by the community relations team to continue to provide up to date information to stakeholders. At the start of construction and at key milestones, project updates will be sent to local parish councils and local authorities.
- 1.1.4 A free project hotline, project email and freepost address will be available for members of the public to use to contact the project team with any queries or complaints. The Project contact details will be published in newsletters and on the website and will be visible, along with the website URL details on boards placed around the perimeter of the construction sites in appropriate locations where they would be visible to the public. The Project contact details and Project website details will also be provided to the Local Planning Authorities.
- 1.1.5 The community relations team will work closely with the Main Works Contractor(s) to ensure all information is up to date and communicated in a timely manner to interested parties, local communities and affected landowners.
- 1.1.6 These contact details (listed below) will also be provided to the local authorities.

Table 1.1 Project community relations team contact details

Method of Contact	Contact Details
Website	nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury
Email	contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com
Free project hotline	0800 915 2497
Freepost	FREEPOST N TO T

- 1.1.7 A dedicated team at Fisher German will manage engagement around land and property affected by the Project and will be contactable via a freephone telephone number (0808 175 3314), email (Norwich-Tilbury@fishergerman.co.uk) and post (Norwich to Tilbury Lands Team at Fisher German, The Atrium, Risby Business Park, Newmarket Road, Risby, Bury St Edmunds, IP28 6RD). There will also be a

dedicated Lands webpage with contact details and Project information for landowners and occupiers.

- 1.1.8 The Applicant is committed to ensuring that all activities related to the Project are conducted with full transparency and respect for the health and concerns of local communities, for example having regard to the needs of people with disabilities or access requirements where appropriate. A detailed Communication Strategy, including the approach to community liaison, will be developed as part of the final Code of Construction Practice (*secured by Requirement 4 of 3.1 draft DCO (Revision G)*).
- 1.1.9 With regard to Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMFs) specifically, and in recognition of the importance of clear communication and scientific evidence, the Applicant will provide accessible, clear, and up-to-date information about EMFs, their nature, and the scientific consensus that EMFs at levels associated with the Project do not pose a health risk, in the following ways:
- Hosting the latest information and FAQs on the Project website, also signposting to www.emfs.info as well as links to trusted health authorities (such as the World Health Organisation) and scientific bodies
 - Preparing and sharing an up-to-date information factsheet (alternative formats would be prepared upon requests) with key contacts along the route to facilitate access
 - Responding to queries via our usual channels of communication (hotline, email address, freepost)-
 - Responding to queries through our dedicated EMF helpline. The EMF helpline is an answer phone service run by EMF specialists within National Grid. Members of the public can leave their details and one of National Grid's EMF specialists will call the enquirer back within three working days between 9 am and 5 pm (excluding weekends) to discuss the issue. The specialist will be able to provide details of EMF exposures at specific properties and have knowledge of the science and policies regarding EMF. Calls, emails and letters from members of the public can be received 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If appropriate, for residents close to National Grid assets, additional measures could be offered on a case-by-case basis.

2. Complaints Procedure

- 2.1.1 The community relations team will manage all enquiries and complaints from the public. This will include a telephone helpline, email and website contact facility. Contact details will be made clearly available, including on the Project website and on signage in publicly accessible locations near construction works.
- 2.1.2 The community relations team will:
- Log all enquiries and complaints in a central register
 - Direct enquiries to the appropriate team for review and action
 - Ensure appropriate responses are provided within defined timescales
 - Investigate complaints to establish their cause and determine compliance with the Project's environmental and other relevant requirements
 - Take appropriate action and provide feedback to the complainant
 - Regularly review complaints data to assess the effectiveness of the process and identify any recurring issues by location or topic
- 2.1.3 The Applicant will seek to provide responses to enquiries and complaints within a reasonable timeframe, typically within 10 working days where practicable. Should an enquiry or complaint take longer to respond to due to complexity, an update will be provided within this window with an explanation for any delay and an estimation of a timeframe for when a response might be provided. The approach will be kept under review to ensure it remains effective throughout the construction period.
- 2.1.4 Any complaints associated with the construction of the proposed development, including non-conformance with the final Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) and other management plans, will be reported, recorded and investigated in accordance with a detailed complaints procedure developed by the Main Works Contractor(s) in consultation with the community relations team.
- 2.1.5 The detailed complaints procedure (including, but not limited to, complaints relating to noise, dust, vibration, pollution and construction traffic) will set out:
- How and to whom complaints can be made
 - A reasonable timeframe for responding to complaints
 - The potential remedies available to address complaints
 - Escalation routes where the complainant is not satisfied with the outcome
- 2.1.6 Any minor issues or complaints relating to site incidents will be dealt with in the first instance by the Main Works Contractor(s), who will report all public interactions to the community relations team for logging and recording. The escalation of these issues, or more serious matters, will be managed by the National Grid Project team. The community relations team will ensure that all complaints are recorded, appropriately managed and investigated, and that any necessary action is taken.

- 2.1.7 In addition to the Project helpline and website, complaints may also be received through other communication routes, such as written correspondence. All such communications will be passed to the community relations team to be managed appropriately.
- 2.1.8 Where a complaint is made by a member of the local community, it will be directed initially to the community relations team. The community relations team will liaise with relevant members of the Project team to investigate the complaint. Appropriate action will be taken by the construction team, and both the complaint and the response will be recorded. The complainant will be kept informed of progress and the outcome.

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