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From: Karl Owen [REDACTED] >
Sent: 30 July 2026 12:56
To: Norwich to Tilbury
Subject: Interested party [REDACTED] - NG promised site visit to [REDACTED] offered 2 days after deadline 8

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Dear [REDACTED],

[REDACTED], Head of External Affairs for the applicant, emailed me yesterday to say that she finally has a site visit date to come to [REDACTED] to, I hope, discuss the person with Protected Characteristics who lives here and the many unresolved issues. That date is the 6th August.

I presented [REDACTED] with my daughter's detailed documented file of her medical history (with her full permission) which was read and acknowledged as graphic confirmation of her Protected Characteristics.

Not one person has been available to visit us since that meeting in June, despite the site visit being the urgent next step at the conclusion of that meeting in Chelmsford. [REDACTED] is able to come herself and bring five experts/leaders two days after the final deadline.

I would ask the ExA if it is possible to provide them with the same information I showed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in Chelmsford so that they can make their own judgement on this matter.

It seems immensely unfair that I am put in a position where I wish to work with the applicant to try and resolve the issues around the person with Protected Characteristics but will not know what their intentions are until after the close of submissions from Interested Parties on the 4th August.

All issues remain unresolved until that site visit takes place. I ask, again, if a member of the ExA can come to [REDACTED] to see the unresolved issues with their own eyes, regarding the person with Protected Characteristics.

I am just a father trying to protect his children.

Could you please forward this email to the ExA and publish it, and confirm receipt.

Many thanks,

Karl Owen
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Karl Owen
Sent: 31 July 2026 11:28
To: Norwich to Tilbury
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Meeting at the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This is how the applicant responded after the meeting in Chelmsford and after a planned meeting was aborted as one of the two applicants had a puncture on route. There has been no mention of my [REDACTED] protected characteristics in correspondence since the meeting in Chelmsford.

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From: Karl Owen
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Meeting at the Wimble

Date: 31 July 2026 at 10:17:11 BST

To: [REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Meeting at the Wimble

Date: 17 July 2026 at 15:02:25 BST

To: Karl Owen

Cc: [REDACTED], Contact Norwich to Tilbury <contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com>

Dear Mr Owen,

Thank you again for your patience. I wanted to update you and explain that, because of the tight examination deadlines, we are going to struggle to meet with you before the end of the examination.

Please be assured, however, that we take your concerns and representations very seriously and we were pleased to be able to discuss this with you in person outside of Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 3 on 24 June 2026 at the hearing venue.

In our preparation to respond to your latest representation to the ExA at Deadline 6, the team reviewed our records of previous meetings along with the file you kindly shared with us, to ensure we had taken account of all the information available to us. As you may remember, following the visit to your home on 24 May 2024, we changed the alignment of the overhead line as a result of the discussions and your subsequent correspondence. I thought it would be helpful to clarify that the new alignment (Suffolk 3 realignment) means that the closest pylons would be marginally further away and that vegetation to the north of your garden appears to

screen the pylon to the north better. The revised alignment also means the pylon to the south would be more to the side, so should no longer be in direct line of sight of the planned annexe to the east of your garden.

We also realigned the haul road to the west, which has resulted in this being further away from your home than previously, and should help with any visual or other impacts. While we won't have a detailed construction programme until a main contractor is on-board), any activities would not take place for the full duration of the construction period, instead there would be peaks and troughs of activity at various stages during the construction of the pylons and threading of the cables. We would, of course, communicate these in advance to help you plan ahead.

I'd also like to reassure you that the DCO Order Limits (the edges of the site boundary) that are nearest to your the drive are there for visibility purposes – and not for construction. In addition, I wanted to confirm that access to your home via [REDACTED] will be maintained at all times, as will access to the Thickett.

On the matter of funding of the proposed annexe, I wanted to make you aware of how we will respond to your representation to the ExA at Deadline 6. Essentially, two main considerations must be taken into account when deciding what is possible and proportionate in terms of support or mitigation we can offer:

1. National Grid's expenditure is governed by the price control framework regulated by Ofgem and is ultimately funded through charges paid by electricity consumers across Great Britain.
2. Your home and land are outside of the DCO Order limits, so we aren't able to offer to fund construction of a new structure on third-party land unconnected with the exercise of the National Grid's statutory functions as part of the project's DCO application. This is because expenditure must be justifiable as necessary and proportionate to the proposed development, applied consistently across all Affected Persons, to be recoverable through the price control and fair to the wider body of consumers who fund it.

We are, however, keen to provide support wherever we can on matters within our control, and this is more likely to focus on matters like the impact of the construction process, accesses, understanding what activities are happening when and understanding any impacts of these activities and possible mitigations.

I also wanted to flag that in reviewing details of previous interactions and meetings with you, we spotted that you have at times used strong words with colleagues. While you mentioned a change of position from your perspective more recently in one of your emails to [REDACTED] and me, National Grid takes this very seriously and we have to consider safety and welfare when planning site visits and face to face engagement with members of the public and stakeholders. This may mean that in assessments for future engagement we may need to explore alternative arrangements to facilitate ongoing engagement in a way that is suitable and practicable for all parties.

We have sought to, and will continue to seek to engage constructively, and any change in our approach should not be taken as a reflection on any individual but rather on welfare

assessments we must carry out as a normal part of our work. I would like to reassure you again that we are committed to engaging with you and supporting you and your family going forward.

I am going on leave at the end of this week, returning in early August. I have copied in [REDACTED] who will be around while I am away if you have any further concerns or questions.

With best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 July 2026 16:25

To: Karl Owen

Cc: [REDACTED] ; Contact Norwich to Tilbury <contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com>

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Meeting at the Wimbles

Dear Mr Owen,

Many thanks for your email to [REDACTED] - she is on leave currently so has asked me to respond.

To confirm that we are trying to coordinate diaries and find a date to reschedule our visit to your home as soon as possible (as you know this is an incredibly busy time on the project), and I might have to come back at relatively short notice. I do hope this is ok and wanted to confirm that we very much appreciate you making yourself available. We'll avoid your [REDACTED] graduation, though, as this is an important event that we wouldn't want you to miss. Please pass on our congratulations on her fantastic results!

I'd also like to reassure you that there is still time, and our commitment to engaging with you and supporting you, your family, and communities along the whole project route will not stop at the end of the examination period, or even when construction begin. Our team will be there until construction finishes and we will continue to provide information and support throughout.

Thank you for your continued engagement and patience. I will be in touch as soon as we have a date.

With best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Karl Owen

Sent: Wednesday, 08 July 2026 13:28:32

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting at the [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Unfortunately yesterday's scheduled meeting had to be cancelled, [REDACTED] called me just after 10am to inform me that [REDACTED] had picked up a puncture and was still some considerable distance from their rendezvous point and would not be able to make it to the meeting. I thank [REDACTED] for having made a long journey on our behalf and also please send [REDACTED] my best wishes, having a high speed blowout on a dual carriageway can be a very scary and dangerous experience and the most important thing is that he got home safely to his family by the days end.

This reminded me of a similar experience I had not long ago enough, that I had locked away in my memory and had hoped never to revisit. I was driving along the A14 dual carriageway at speed, with just [REDACTED] next to me as my only passenger, when my front left tyre had a blowout. In that moment I spotted an escape slip road and made a dangerous manoeuvre off the dual carriageway in an attempt to get as far away from the dual carriageway as I possibly could and the fast moving traffic moving along it.

The context of that split decision: Two weeks prior to that moment [REDACTED] was in Ipswich Hospital on the [REDACTED] after yet another [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was kept in to be under observation and was attached intravenously to a drip [REDACTED].

Back to the blowout two weeks later: I managed to get the car about 50 metres away from the A14 traffic before the flat tyre on my car wouldn't allow me to go any further. I was now in a situation where my car was stranded next to a dual carriageway, but at the same time I realised that I had a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] let alone run and that if, in that moment [REDACTED] decided that this was an opportunity to run back to the A1 [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]. This meeting was supposed to be about how your proposal threatens to do that to [REDACTED] and how, somehow, [REDACTED] have not yet been taken into account and there have been no mitigation proposals discussed yet, let alone put into place. We are on "the frontline of the construction phase" with "100% visibility of the pylons" in the words of National Grid and I have only just found out, since our meeting, that there is going to be an "acoustic Barrier" up to three metres high placed literally against our western fence right next to the dog paddock of our seven dogs.

Three or four times now [REDACTED] has begun a correspondence with me, whether it be by email or by phone with the words "I apologise" for some kind of delay to the meeting that you told me was "The next step" and while I entirely accept that she is very busy and she clearly is a very nice person, time is running out. While your construction teams are chomping at the bit and fully prepared to proceed at pace with construction, any construction of essential mitigation to protect [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] siblings has not even had a preliminary hearing. They are just the dreams of a desperate father.

I have cancelled all my future engagements from now until the moment I open my front door to whoever from your team can make it to me at the very possible earliest convenience, including if need be [REDACTED] graduation on the 15th July who has just received a "First Class" in [REDACTED] Design For Publishing BA(Hons). My children are four outstanding young individuals, who like [REDACTED], are the 'best of the best of the best'; their immediate future and what that looks like is very much in your hands [REDACTED], please give them your consideration, don't just let the clock run down on them, don't let them be a sacrifice you unfortunately have to make. Please, please give them some protection, some consideration in the grand scheme of the proposal. I literally beg you.

Yours sincerely
Karl

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