



**SCOTTISH POWER RENEWABLES
EAST ANGLIA ONE NORTH & EAST ANGLIA TWO**

REQUEST FOR ACCOMPANIED SITE INSPECTIONS

Interested Party: SASES **PINS References:** 20024106 & 20024110

Date: 29 October 2020 **Issue:** 5

On behalf of the local community, Substation Action Save East Suffolk (SASES) and Friston Parish Council ask that the following locations be included in the Examining Authority's (ExA) proposed Accompanied Site Inspections:-

Locations in Friston

1. The **Friston 'Main River'** from the proposed substations site to its crossing at the A1094 (*Map Ref: 1 taken from Environment Agency Surface Water Flooding Map*). This is necessary for the ExA to appreciate the ephemeral and incomplete nature of this watercourse and its unsuitability to provide a drainage channel from the substations site. This includes the diversion of the watercourse into an attenuation area near to the A1094 and the bund/weir which holds back flood water from reaching the lower part of the watercourse and the River Alde. This is to alleviate flooding to the A1094 itself and also to properties south of the A1094 at Firs Farm.
2. The **Wooded Pit**, which will be built over by the substations development site, specifically by EA1N (*Map Ref: 2 – SPR's Indicative Construction Plan, Substations and National Grid*) This is necessary to observe the pit's existing function as a significant attenuation pond for drainage from the proposed substations development area and which will be lost to the development. The pit is also a valuable habitat for badgers, bats and other birds and wildlife. From this location it is also possible to assess the NG substation site and to consider the AIS and GIS options in the context of the necessity for the land to be raised to prevent flooding to the substation itself. The pit is owned by Jeannie Ethel Wright and Anne Wright, both of Woodside Farm, Church Road, Friston IP17 1PU on Title No. SK244913, who may be approached for access. The pit can also be viewed from adjacent farmland belonging to Ian Rix of Rookery Farm, Priory Road, Snape IP17 1SA. We understand that access is likely to be declined and therefore attach photographs at **Ref: 2a**.
3. The **Parish Church of St Mary and the Churchyard IP17 1PU** To view the proximity of the Grade II* Listed Building to the proposed substations site. To note that clear glazed windows face north towards the site and the tranquillity of the building and churchyard. (Note also that it is possible to access the tower where views over the substations site are significant). Access to the Church can be obtained from the Reverend Mark Lowther of 1 Church Walk, Aldeburgh IP15 5DU (01728 452807) or the Churchwardens, Peter Fife of 5 Hillcrest, Friston IP17 1NN (01728 687759) and Carole Edwards of 8 Mill Road, Friston IP17 1NW (01728 687743).

4. **Grove Road** to view where the haul road/cable route crosses the public highway, marked on *SPR's Works Plan (Onshore) Sheet 6* (APP-011) to be 87.86M in length along Grove Road (**Map Ref: 3**). Also to evaluate Grove Road's unsuitability to provide a pre-construction access shown on *Works Plans (Onshore) Sheet 6* and to consider the effects of the existing run-off of flood water and sediment from this location. (**Map Ref: 4**). The narrow winding road and absence of footpaths is also to be noted. Also to observe the initial works carried out in Grove Wood under felling licences from the Forestry Commission.
5. The **View of the Substations Site from Aldeburgh Road, IP17 1NP**, specifically from near The Old School and Nos 1-6 Main Road (**Map Ref: 4**). This is to observe the uninterrupted elevated view towards the substations site, which will not benefit from mitigation planting.
6. **Saxmundham Road (B1121)** from Friston north-west towards Sternfield and its junction with the Main Road into Saxmundham (**Map Ref: 5**). To observe the location of the proposed permanent operational access road to the substations and view the narrow and winding nature of this road and particularly the close proximity of dwellings in Sternfield and the single-file narrow river bridge near the junction (**Photographs at Reference 5a**). It is to be appreciated that the route through Sternfield is the shortest route from the A12 to the permanent access road and that the route is unsuitable for this purpose and unsafe for pedestrians as there are no footpaths.

Locations in Aldringham

7. **River Hundred River Valley** Previous PINS Unaccompanied Site Inspections have been confined to publicly accessible viewpoints and therefore the ExA did not view the site of the proposed haul roads/cable corridors (Works Nos 18 &19) in this part of the former River Hundred Special Landscape Area and their close proximity to residences (**Map Ref: 6**). Permission for access onto this meadow has been declined by the owner, however the site can be viewed from two private residences, namely Riverwood and Hundred Cottage, both in Gipsy Lane IP16 4GL, whose owners (Mr W Halford & Miss J Rosin and Mrs & Mrs L Barnes respectively) have given consent for the ExA to view the site from their private gardens. Contact bill@williamhalford.com.
8. **Aldeburgh Road at Fitches Lane and Gipsy Lane crossing** to view the proposed location for the cable corridors across the B1122 and surrounding woodland to the east and west of Aldeburgh Road and the proximity to residences in Aldeburgh Road and Fitches Lane. This is shown on *SPR's Works Plans (Onshore) Sheet 5* (**Map Ref: 6**) at a width of 92.94M.

Other locations

9. **Leiston Airfield**, Abbey Lane, Theberton IP16 4TE (**Map 7**) to view this alternative site for onshore substations being considered by National Grid Ventures for its Nautilus project and its potential for EA1N and EA2. **Map Ref 7a** shows the options under consideration by NGV with Options 7 and 8 being in the Leiston Airfield location. Option 8 itself is 30 acres, sufficient to accommodate both Nautilus and EA1N & EA2. This site can be seen from Harrow Lane, where an appreciation of Leiston Airfield can also be made. Access to the airfield itself can be arranged through the Friends of Leiston Airfield

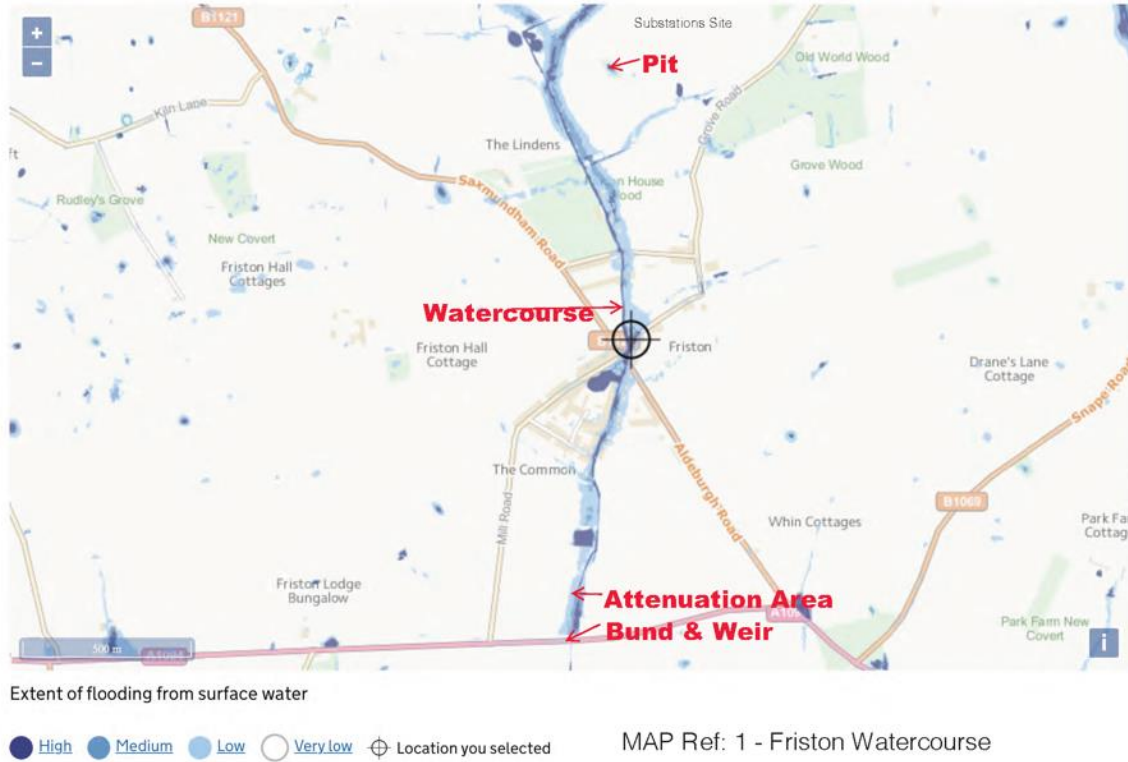
based at Cakes and Ale Caravan Park, Abbey Lane IP16 4TE email: foleistonairfield@btinternet.com.

10. Bramford to observe the National Grid Substation and East Anglia One Substation, which is now operational, at Bullen Lane IP8 4JL. Construction of East Anglia Three Substation is also underway. However the land owned by Scottish Power Renewables and National Grid at Bramford still has capacity for at least EA1N and EA2 plus an extension to the NG substation as is demonstrated at **Map Refs: 8 & 9**. The ExA should be aware of this undeveloped land and the original intention that the projects currently under consideration for Friston, were originally intended to connect at Bramford.

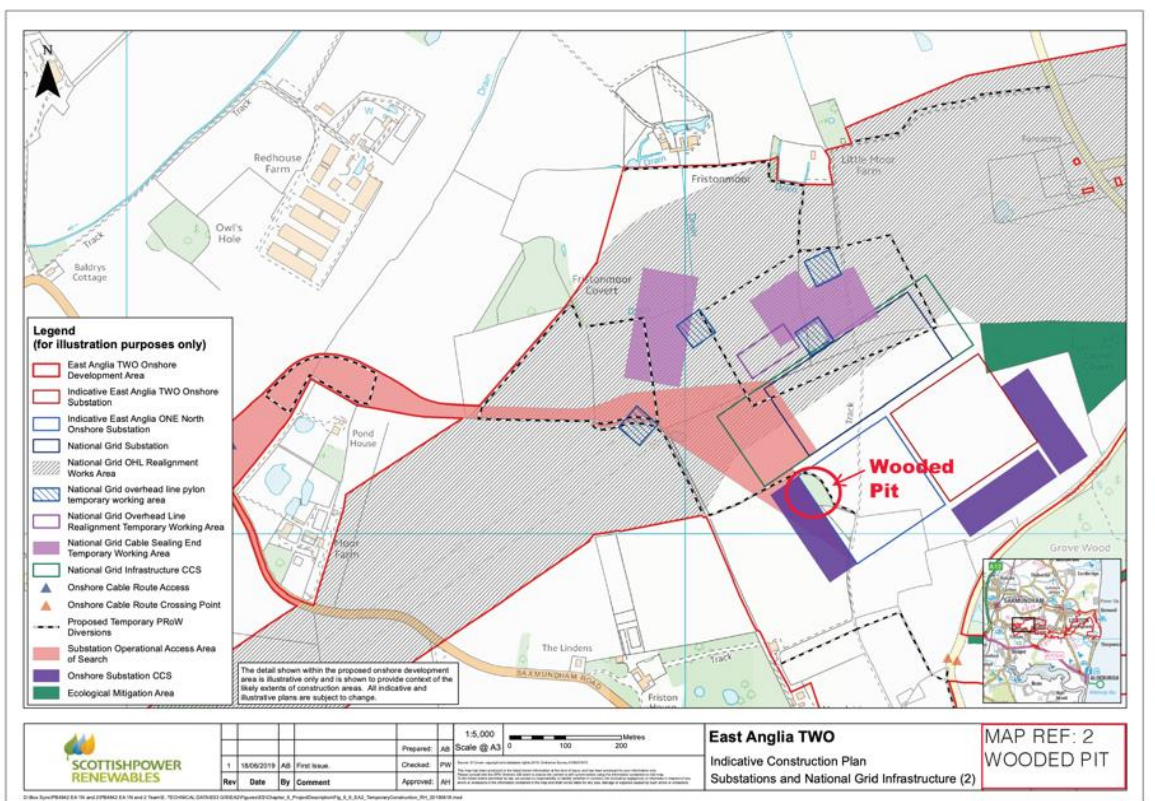
Map and photo references are on the following pages.

NB. If printing paper copies, the maps/aerial views would be clearer enlarged to A3.

MAP 1: Friston Watercourse



MAP 2: Indicative Construction Plan showing location of wooded pit in substation site



Ref 2a: Photographs of wooded pit and drainage

Flooded pit in Winter



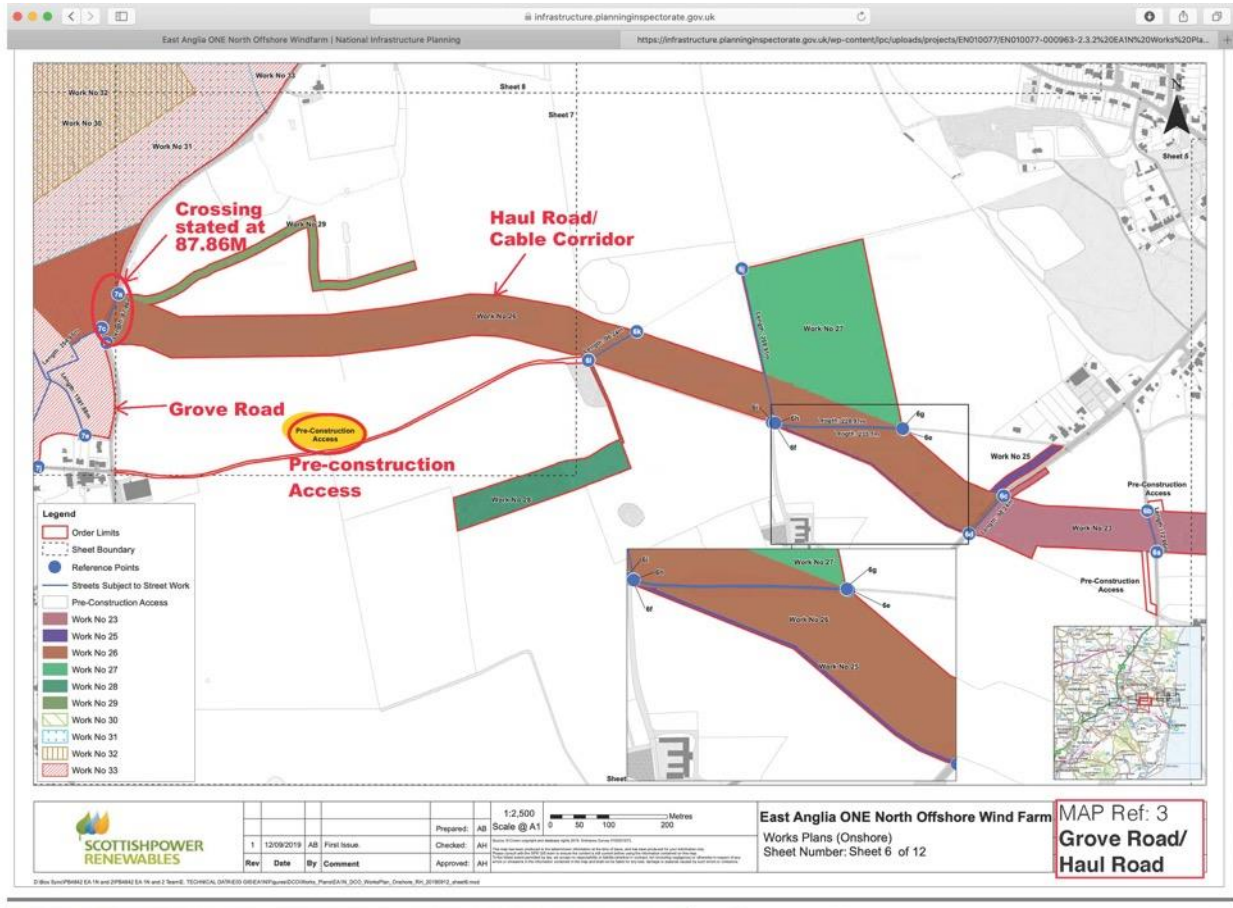
Below: Field drainage pipe into pit at north-east corner of pit



Below right: Badger sett in pit showing sandy soil



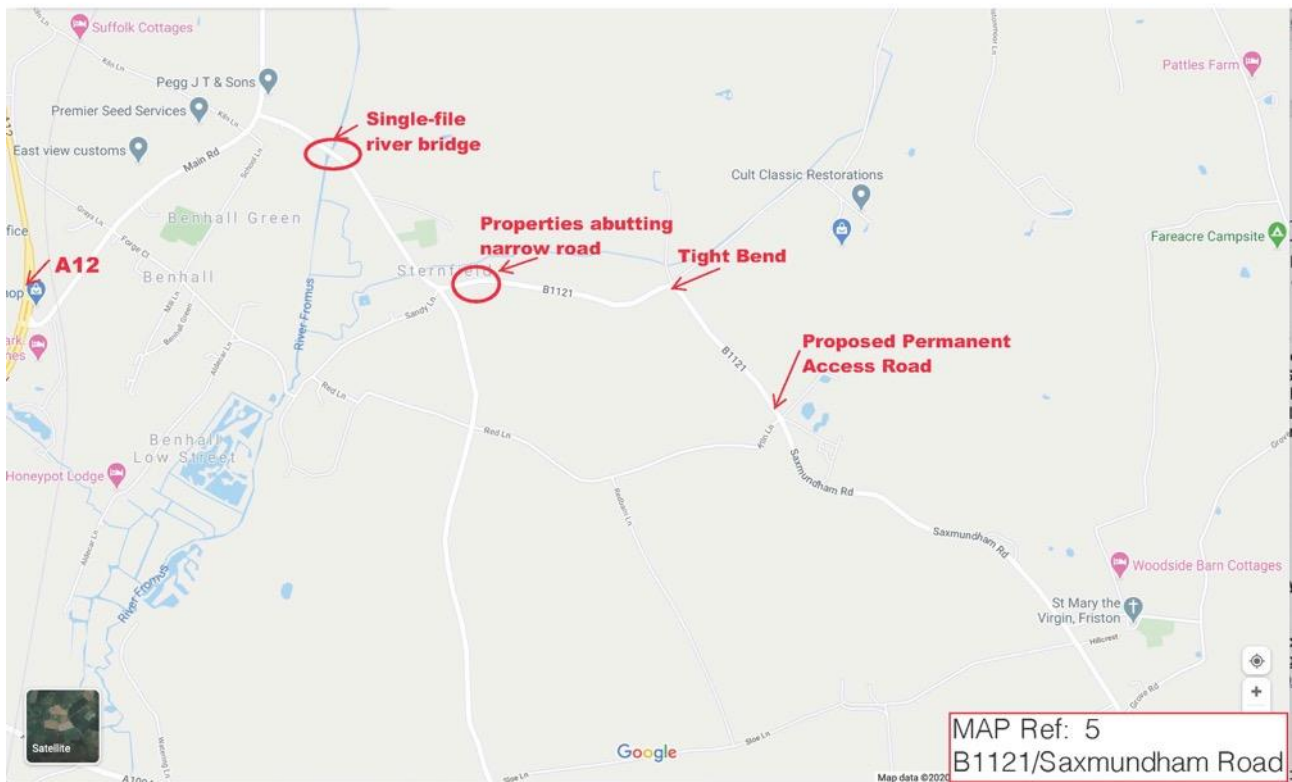
MAP 3: Grove Road – Haul Road crossing & pre-construction access



MAP 4: Aerial view (Google Maps) of features on Grove Road and viewpoint in Aldeburgh Road



MAP 5: B1121 – Saxmundham Road north-west from Friston



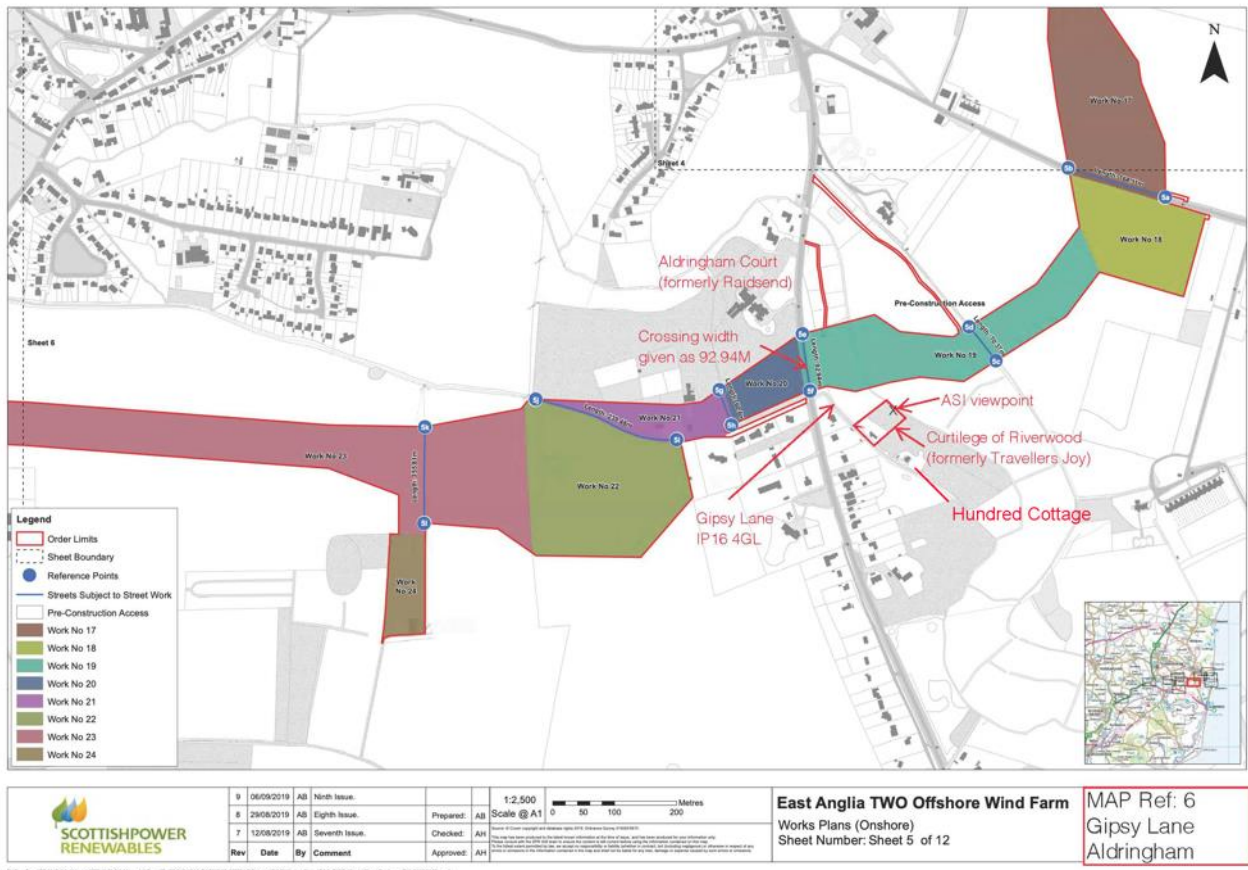
5a: Photo of Saxmundham Road in Sternfield



5a: Photos of single-file river bridge on Saxmundham Road (B1121)



MAP 6: Viewpoints in Aldringham



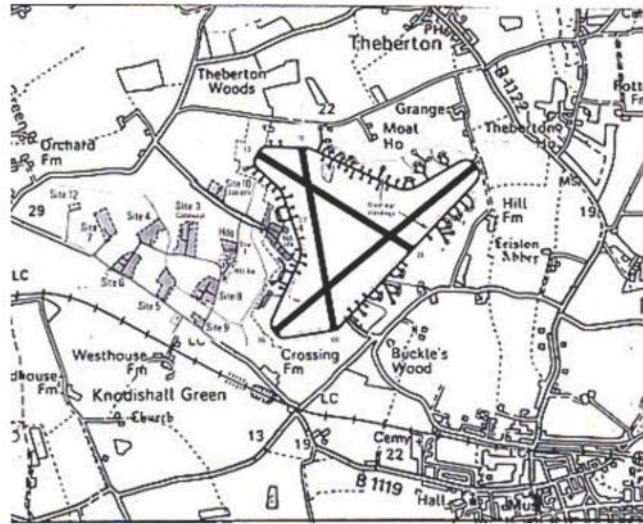
MAP 7: Leiston Airfield, Abbey Lane, Theberton, IP16 4TE showing NGV Nautilus Site Option 8 edged red



Leiston Airfield

The airfield area itself, has largely been returned to farm land except for the Cakes & Ale Park, about 1/3rd of the main runway and a short section of perimeter track further down Harrow Lane. The north westerly runway still exists in its full length but has been reduced to a width of about 4 metres but cannot be viewed from public roads.

A few old buildings still exist on the airfield and also on a domestic site but most are overgrown with vegetation and in poor condition.



Map Ref: 7
Leiston Airfield

Plan of airfield with the Cakes & Ale Park area to the left of the road just above Buckles Wood.

Map 7a: NGV Nautilus Site Options



MAP 8: Land owned by NG and SPR at Bramford



MAP 9: Aerial view showing undeveloped land belonging to NG and SPR at Bramford

