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Alan Ridley
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On behalf of the Secretary of State
The Planning Inspectorate
3/18 Eagle House
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Bristol BS1 6PN

Dear Alan

RE: Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Study Assessment) Regulations 2009 SI 2263 (as amended) (the EIA Regulations)

Proposed Bramford to Twinstead Tee 400kV Overhead Line (the project) Proposal by National Grid (the applicant)

Further to your letter dated 21st March 2013 and thank you for the invitation to respond to the above consultation. The above item was discussed at the Parish Council on the 4th April 2013. The Parish Council would like to make the following comments:

That an underground cable connection from Rushley Green to Braintree sub-station and a reinforcement of the Braintree substation is the best option for reconnecting the local 132kV network for UKPN and that this option should be further investigated.

In addition, the Parish Council would like to comment on the sub-station options which are set out by National Grid in the Substation Siting Options Appraisal. If a substation is shown to be the only option for the reconnection of the 132kV network in the District then the Parish Council's preferred option for this is **Study Area C – Butlers Wood/Waldegrave Wood off the A131, Twinstead/Bulmer Parishes** in line with Braintree District Council's response to the National Grid consultation on the Distribution System Options Report and the Substation Siting Options Appraisal.

Yours sincerely

Tracy Wigmore
Parish Clerk