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Your ref:
Our ref: EN020002
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Dear Applicant

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 89(3)
The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 9**

**Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc for an Order granting
Development Consent for the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement**

On 5 July 2023, I was [appointed](#) by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to lead the Examining Authority that will examine the application for Development Consent for the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. Following an initial inspection of the application documents, the Examining Authority has decided to make a Procedural Decision to request further information.

This will enable the Examining Authority to utilise the pre-examination stage more efficiently and to ensure that it has the necessary information as early as possible in the overall process. To this end, the Examining Authority primarily seeks reassurance that the application documentation will be sufficiently complete prior to the Preliminary Meeting such that the Examination can begin.

The Examining Authority therefore requests the Applicant to review the Environmental Statement and wider supporting environmental information that was submitted with the application and to draw together and submit a comprehensive, topic-by-topic schedule of any baseline description, field survey information and impact assessment that is still to be provided in relation to the 4km temporary road that it proposes to take off the A131 near Little Maplestead to provide construction vehicle access to the Stour Valley West Cable Sealing End. The schedule should be accompanied by a firm timetable for the provision of any outstanding information prior to the Examination, or a justification for the approach taken in its absence. It should also detail how any amendments, updates or additional information would be submitted, and identify any legacy references to further surveys being necessary.

The ExA requests that the schedule be submitted by Wednesday 2 August 2023.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Mahon

Lead Member of the Examining Authority