

## **Additional representation in respect of the Bramford to Twinstead project submitted by Belinda Nott**

In line with my previous representation in July 2023, I feel that National Grid (NG) have not listened, adjusted their proposals, compromised, or accommodated any of our suggestions.

I question whether the correct procedures were followed during consultation and what is the purpose of the consultation if questions are unanswered, and proposals have since evolved?

I write as the daughter of an affected landowner and as a resident of Pebmarsh.

There are so many areas that have been unclear from the outset, it now seems that it is too late to alter any proposals as NG have now made their DCO application.

I would ask that Essex Highways are requested to survey part or all the road network for suitability as we are still unsure why NGs own highways consultants have ruled this option out. The use of the roads would alleviate extra haul road construction traffic, destruction of arable land and habitat in conjunction with all the other benefits.

Can NG provide proof that they have looked at all options of alternative haul road routes and their reasoning why the current proposal is the best one?

NG were unable to answer your questions regarding surveys of the haul road as at that time they had not been completed on my father's land. At this date there has only been one soil survey which is currently incomplete. How can any decisions be made without having all the research information or even detailed plans of the route? It appears that the proposal has not been fully assessed.

Can NG now propose a permanent right of access over my father's land for the haul road when this was not proposed during the consultation period? A permanent right would have serious implications for the future of our family farm with devaluation and impact on farming operations.

As my father's land agent has outlined to you, I believe NGs draft Head of Terms, Deed of Grant and Deed of Easement are unclear or not updated to the specifics of the haul road.

If the roads are proven to not be suitable, I ask you to please consider making NG use an alternative route around the boundary of my father's two largest fields which would less affect farming operations and field drainage. If detailed terms could be agreed, this could be left in situ and landscaped with less disruption if needed again in the future.

Within your documents I see that the Examining Authority undertook an unaccompanied site inspection via public roads on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 past the proposed haul road route. I would urge that a more site-specific inspection is completed when a clearer view can be seen now that the verges have been cut.