

PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) – SECTION 88 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010 (AS AMENDED) - RULE 6

REPRESENTATIONS OF THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND (HISTORIC ENGLAND)

APPLICATION BY NATIONAL GRID FOR AN ORDER GRANTING

DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE BRAMFORD TO TWINSTEAD REINFORCEMENT

APPLICATION REF: EN020002

Written Representations Summary

The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (HBMCE), is better known as Historic England, and we are the Government's adviser on all aspects of the historic environment in England.

In relation to section 88 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the infrastructure planning (examination procedure) rules 2010 (as amended) we are a statutory consultee with responsibilities within the terrestrial landscape.

We understand the proposal to be an electricity network reinforcement between Bramford Substation in Suffolk and Twinstead in Essex. The proposals includes the construction of c. 18 km of overhead line and 11 km of underground cable through the Dedham Vale AONB.

The proposal would see the removal of a large section of the 132v power line and associated pylons leaving the new 400v line to run parallel with the existing 400v line around Hintlesham Hall.

Historic England has been engaged in detailed pre-application discussions with the applicant.

Historic England Written Representations Summary

Our advice on designated heritage assets will be limited to the impact on the significance of Hintlesham Hall which lies to the south of the proposed line.

We have concluded that the development would result in less than substantial harm to the significance of Hintlesham Hall.

Historic England do have concerns regarding the layout of pylons RB3 and RB4 in this area and the limits of deviation. We would therefore like to see additional measures added to protect the view out from the stable block of Hintlesham Hall (shown in viewpoint HV01) and prevent the relocation of pylons RB8 and RB9.

We would recommend these comments be addressed, and additional information and clarification provided by the applicant. We would expect revised documents, addressing these comments, to be reissued for examination.