

Written Representation to the Bramford-Twinstead Examination

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Summary

My representation concerns the detail design of a proposed access bellmouth, and the way in which National Grid have handled my attempts to achieve a minor modification.

I describe how the proposed design needlessly:

- Is environmentally damaging by the destruction of mature hedge, trees and habitat.
- Intrudes on a residential garden rather than using adjacent idle agricultural land.
- Is likely to be higher cost due to the tree works and necessary replanting scheme.
- For the same reason, is likely to be more disruptive to road traffic in construction.

I demonstrate how an alternative solution avoiding all of these negative factors is easily achievable but which requires a minor modification of the DCO plan to provide the required flexibility.

I describe how National Grid has failed to engage effectively with me over the last 8 months to implement such a solution, how they have wasted time in pursuing unachievable alternatives, given ever-changing and unreasonable explanations for their actions, and ultimately failed to explain why they have not proceeded with a simple and obvious modification to the benefit of all.

Finally I criticise the Targeted Consultation and subsequent Landowner Engagement.

I urge the Inspector to require National Grid to revisit this issue.