

EN020002 / Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement

Post-examination Submissions

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This document lists submissions that have been submitted by any party either to the Planning Inspectorate or the Department and accepted since the Examination closed.

The order of documents within each sub-section is either chronological, numerical, or alphabetical and confers no priority or higher status on those that have been listed first.

Secretary of State consultation 1 dated 17 July 2024		
No.		Date
C1-001	Secretary of States consultation 1 letter	17 July 2024

Responses to Secretary of State's consultation 1 dated 17 July 2024				
No.	Name / Organisation	On behalf of	Receipt Date	Date Sent to SoS
C1-002	Chris Leney	Brooks Leney	23 July 2024	8 August 2024
C1-003	Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP	East Anglia THREE Limited	5 August 2024	8 August 2024
C1-004	Addleshaw Goddard LLP	Network Rail Infrastructure	7 August 2024	8 August 2024
C1-005	National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc		7 August 2024	8 August 2024

Submissions made to the Planning Inspectorate during Recommendation stage				
No.	Name / Organisation	On behalf of	Receipt Date	Date sent to SoS
PIR-001	UK Power Networks		8 March 2024	12 June 2024
PIR-002	Anglian Water		20 March 2024	12 June 2024

Submissions made to the Department during Recommendation stage			
No.	Name / Organisation	On behalf of	Receipt Date
DR-001	Tony Howcroft		5 February 2024

Submissions made to the Planning Inspectorate during Decision stage			
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No.	Name / Organisation	On behalf of	Receipt Date	Date sent to SoS
PID-001	Chris Leney	Brooks Leney	2 July 2024	2 July 2024
PID-002	National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc		6 September 2024	9 September 2024

Submissions made to the Department during Decision stage			
No.	Name / Organisation	On behalf of	Receipt Date
DD-001	Suffolk County Council		9 July 2024



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Our ref: BTNO/Withdrawal

National Infrastructure Planning
[sent via email:
BramfordtoTwinstead@planninginspectorate.gov.uk]

20th March 2024

Dear Sirs / Madams,

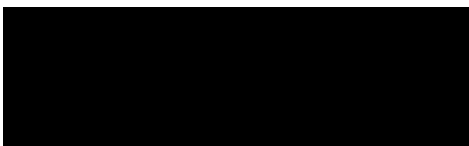
I write on behalf of Anglian Water Services Limited (“Anglian Water”) in relation to the application for The National Grid (Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement) Order (the “Application”). Anglian Water has previously submitted both a Relevant Representation and a Written Representation in this matter.

With reference to the content of those previous submissions, I can confirm that commercial terms between the Applicant and Anglian Water have been agreed, and that these have now been formalised by way of a completed agreement. Protective Provisions for the benefit of Anglian Water are included in the Order and are agreed between the parties.

Please accept this letter as Anglian Water’s formal notice of the withdrawal of our existing representations regarding the Application. For the avoidance of any doubt, the Examining Authority should place no weight on any of the withdrawn representations.

I would be grateful if receipt of this letter could be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,



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8 March 2024

Dear Sirs

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17

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

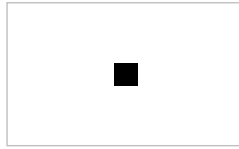
I write on behalf of Eastern Power Networks plc (UK Power Networks), the Distribution Network Operator.

This is to confirm that UK Power Networks have reached an agreed position with the applicant on the relevant matters relating to the above Development Consent Order subject to internal approval tied to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully


Shaun Barrell
Property & Consents Networks Manager EPN/SPN
UK Power Networks

From: [Chris Leney](#)
To: [BramfordtoTwinstead](#)
Subject: Bramford to Twinstead - Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (60820)
Date: 02 July 2024 08:19:31
Attachments: [image328476.jpg](#)
[image748222.png](#)
[image310363.png](#)
[image376835.png](#)
[image952160.png](#)



Dear Sirs,

Whilst I appreciate that the examining authority has published its notification of completion of the Examination, I felt I had to update the Inspectorate on the behaviour of the developer (National Grid), in relation to terms agreed with affected landowners for voluntary agreements.

I have one particular client where terms for a voluntary Agreement for a Deed of Easement, small land sale and other associated matters, were agreed with National Grid in autumn 2023 and Heads of Terms were signed by my client on the 8th January 2024.

These Heads of Terms provided for the developer to contribute to the construction of a new sugar beet pad on my client's land – something that was offered by National Grid's agent. Given the terms agreed with National Grid, my clients felt that these were good enough for them to forego their ability to object to the Scheme, and therefore signed the Heads of Terms.

National Grid have in the last week or so withdrawn the terms of Agreement that was made with my client and as a result my client is now worse off, to the tune of approximately £165,000. My client is extremely shocked at National Grid's behaviour and is concerned that his position has been prejudiced and he has missed the opportunity to object to the Scheme, due to National Grid's underhand behaviour and false promises in respect of terms being offered. I am not aware as to whether this is an isolated incident, but if it is not then the "man on the Clapham omnibus" may well consider that National Grid have been somewhat underhanded in effectively putting terms on the table, which result in a landowner not objecting to the Scheme, but then withdrawing the terms after the Public Enquiries have closed. In my mind this casts serious doubt on whether National Grid have been entirely upfront in their treatment of landowners and the representations that they will have made to the Public Hearings.

Given these facts, I hope that the Planning Inspectorate and panel will give careful consideration as to whether the developer should be provided with compulsory powers as part of any decision.

If you would like any further information, then please do contact me on one of the numbers below.

Yours faithfully,

Chris

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From: [Tom White](#)
To: [BramfordtoTwinstead](#)
Cc: [James Parker](#); [Jagdeep Parmar](#); [Shania Beynon](#)
Subject: Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement - Submission on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc
Date: 06 September 2024 14:41:05
Importance: High

Dear Sirs,

We act on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc ("**National Grid**") in relation to the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement project.

We write in respect of National Grid's Response (of 7 August 2024) to the Request for Information issued on behalf of the Secretary of State (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN020002/EN020002-001896-8.13.1%20Applicant's%20Response%20to%20Request%20for%20Information%20dated%2017%20July%202024.pdf>).

Further to matters set out in Paragraph 6 of National Grid's Response, we are pleased to confirm that the Interface Agreement with TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited is now complete.

We would be grateful for acknowledgement of safe receipt of this email.

Your faithfully,

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Date: 9th July 2024

BY EMAIL

Dear Secretary of State,

Bramford to Twinstead Pylon line project

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment as Secretary of State. As your departmental civil servants are aware, Suffolk County Council has, for many years, been closely engaged with the consenting process for energy infrastructure and has sought to make a constructive contribution to this difficult, but ultimately necessary, process.

The County Council has been supportive in principle of the Bramford to Twinstead pylon project. As the Council set out to the Planning Inspectorate, it is satisfied that National Grid, in collaboration with communities and statutory consultees, has proposed a scheme that responds to the sensitivities of landscape, place, and communities, with a great deal of care.

However, the Council is, as it has already set out to the Planning Inspectorate, disappointed that National Grid Electricity Transmission have sought to deliver the scheme with insufficient safeguards to ensure that their appointed construction contractors are subject to effective oversight and control, by the relevant Local Authorities. The County Council would be grateful if, in making your decision on this matter, you could ensure that appropriate consideration is given to the representations the Council made, jointly with other Authorities, at Deadline 9 of the examination¹.

¹ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020002/EN020002-001641-Suffolk%20County%20Council%20-%20Comments%20on%20submissions%20received%20at%20Deadline%208.pdf>

The County Council considers that such controls are reasonable, appropriate, and necessary, in order to safeguard the environment and amenity of local communities during the construction of the project, and to ensure the restoration, mitigation, and Biodiversity Net Gain proposals, that it is essential for the scheme to deliver, are achieved.

The Council, of course, remains ready to work with the developer, to ensure adequate and effective control does not jeopardise the timely delivery of this project.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Richard Rout

Deputy to the Leader, for Nationally
Significant Infrastructure Projects

From: [Docherty, Katie \(Energy Security\)](#)
To: new.case@beis.ecase.co.uk
Subject: FW: Tony Howcroft (Case Ref: JC48990)
Date: 06 February 2024 08:30:34

From: James Cartlidge MP [REDACTED]parliament.uk>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 1:34 PM
To: BEIS Correspondence <correspondence@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: Tony Howcroft (Case Ref: JC48990)
Good afternoon,

Please see the below correspondence that I have received from my constituent Tony Howcroft, of Chestnut Grove, Bures Road, Assington, CO10 5NF.

I would be grateful if you could please look into this matter and provide Tony, through me, with a response to the points that they have raised.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Regards,
James

James Cartlidge MP
Member of Parliament for South Suffolk

(sent on his behalf)
Edwin Smith
Office of James Cartlidge MP

From: Tony Howcroft [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 January 2024 18:50
To: CARTLIDGE, James [REDACTED]parliament.uk>
Cc: martin nielsen [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Parish Councils' concern with strategic options for Bramford-Twinstead
Address added to comply with protocol:

[REDACTED]

On 24 Jan 2024, at 19:04, Tony Howcroft [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear James,

We have discussed previously the group of Parish Councils (from Polstead to Bures St Mary) and their combined proposals for improvements to the Bramford-Twinstead scheme to reduce the impact on our local area. I understand that your focus is principally on pursuing the offshore strategy for future projects, but we believe that

our most recent submission [REDACTED]) has significant implications for the Examination process for Bramford-Twinstead: a new cable technology has been brought to market by a US company - TS Conductor - which received seed funding from National Grid, which we believe would obviate the need for the new pylon line altogether.

We believe that this information means NGET was mistaken in its application documents [REDACTED], §1.3.7) when it said that 'there have been no changes identified to the relevant technical or cost considerations that suggest that the outcome of the SOR 2011 does not remain valid on technical grounds.' Given the obligation on the applicant to demonstrate value for money in every aspect of its proposal - hence its refusal to consider incremental undergrounding - we believe there is significant risk to the integrity of the process if the alternative that we highlight is not considered.

We plan to share our concerns with Claire Coutinho as the responsible Secretary of State, but would also be very grateful if you would consider taking up this approach on our behalf.

Please let me know if you need any more detail from us on this.

Best regards - see you soon

TH, on behalf of the Parish Councils