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Mr Simon Pepper  
Senior Project Manager  
National Grid Electricity Transmission plc

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN020027

Date: 9 April 2024

By email only

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Dear Mr Pepper,

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 46 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulation 8**

### **Proposed application by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Norwich to Tilbury project**

#### **Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application**

Thank you for your letter of 8 April 2024 informing us of the commencement of the statutory consultation, and providing the following documentation:

- copy of the letter sent to section 42 consultees
- copy of the notice published in accordance with section 48 of the Act, which includes details of public consultation events and locations where the consultation material can be inspected free of charge; and
- consultation feedback questionnaire.

I acknowledge that you have notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application for an Order granting development consent for the purposes of section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 and supplied the information for consultation under section 42.

I also acknowledge notification in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that you propose to provide an environmental statement in respect of the Proposed Development.

The role of the Planning Inspectorate in the application process is to provide independent and impartial advice about the procedures involved and to have open discussions with potential applicants, statutory bodies and others about the processes and requirements of the regime. It is important that you keep us accurately informed of your timetable and any changes that occur.

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We will publish advice we give to you or other Interested Parties on our website and, if relevant, direct parties to you as the Applicant. We are happy to meet at key milestones and/or provide advice as the case progresses through the Pre-application stage.

Once you have prepared draft documents we are able to provide technical advice, in particular on the draft Development Consent Order, Explanatory Memorandum, the Consultation Report and any draft Habitats Regulations Assessment. You may therefore wish to build this into your timetable.

In the meantime, you may wish to have regard to the guidance and legislation material provided on our website including the Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and associated guidance, which you will need to observe closely in establishing the correct fee to be submitted at the successive stages of the application process.

When seeking to meet your pre-application obligations you should also be aware of your obligation under the current data protection legislation to process personal data fairly and lawfully.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Lily Robbins**

**pp George Harrold  
Case Manager**

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