NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE (ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY SECURITY AND NET ZERO) UNDER SECTION 56 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

NATIONAL GRID (NORWICH TO TILBURY) DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

(APPLICATION REFERENCE: EN020027)

REGULATION 8 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

REGULATION 16 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero ('the Secretary of State')) has accepted an application made by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (company number 02366977) of National Grid House, Warwick Technology Park, Gallows Hill, Warwick, CV34 6DA ('the Applicant') for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008 ('the Application'). The Application (Reference No. EN020027) was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate on 29 August 2025 and accepted for Examination on 26 September 2025.

Summary of the Application

Norwich to Tilbury ('the Project'), is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP').
The Project principally comprises:

A new 400 kilovolt (kV) electricity transmission connection of approximately 180 km overall length from Norwich Main Substation to Tilbury Substation via Bramford Substation, a new EACN Substation and a new Tilbury North Substation, including:

- Approximately 159 km of new overhead line supported on approximately 509 pylons, either standard steel lattice pylons (approximately 50 m in height) or low height steel lattice pylons (approximately 40 m in height) and some of which would be gantries (typically up to 15 m in height) within proposed Cable Sealing End (CSE) compounds or existing or proposed substations
- Approximately 21 km of 400 kV underground cabling, some of which would be located through the Dedham Vale National Landscape (an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
- Up to seven new CSE compounds (with permanent access) to connect the overhead lines to the underground cables.
- Modification works to connect into the existing Norwich Main Substation and a substation extension at the existing Bramford Substation
- A new 400 kV substation on the Tendring Peninsula, referred to as the EACN Substation (with a new permanent access). This is proposed to be an Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) substation
- A new 400 kV substation to the south of Orsett Golf Course in Essex, referred to as the Tilbury North Substation (with a new permanent access). This is proposed to be a Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) substation
- Modifications to the existing National Grid Electricity Transmission overhead lines to facilitate the connection of the existing network into the new Tilbury North Substation to provide connection to the Tilbury Substation
- Ancillary and/or temporary works associated with the construction of the Project.

In addition, third party utilities diversions and/or modifications would be required to facilitate the construction of the Project. There would also be land required for environmental mitigation and Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).

As well as the permanent infrastructure, land would also be required temporarily for construction activities including, for example, working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, welfare, storage and temporary construction access.

A map showing the location of the Project can be viewed online at: https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN020027-000240-2.1%20Location%20and%20Master%20Key%20Plan.pdf or by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this notice. A map showing the route of the Project is also enclosed with this notice.

Development consent is required to the extent that development is or forms part of a nationally significant infrastructure project pursuant to sections 14(1)(b) and 16 of the Planning Act 2008, as it forms the installation of an electric line above ground which will be wholly within England, of a nominal voltage greater than 132 kilovolts and longer than two kilometres. It is for this reason that the Project falls within the remit of the Secretary of State's decision-making powers.

The Project would also make provision for Associated Development for the construction or maintenance of the NSIP including the diversion of utilities and public rights of way, provision for access, landscape works and environmental mitigation.

The Development Consent Order would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project. The Development Consent Order would also authorise the construction of temporary and permanent accesses to the Project, the temporary closure and permanent stopping up or diversion of public rights of way, street works and highway works, and the application and disapplication of certain legislation.

Environmental Impact Assessment Development:

The Project is Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly an Environmental Statement accompanies the Application.

Application Form and Accompanying Documents:

The application form and the accompanying documents, plans, Environmental Statement and Non-technical Summary ('NTS') ('Application Documents') can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the Norwich to Tilbury page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the Documents tab: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020027

The Application Documents will be available to view online at least until the Secretary of State makes their decision whether or not to grant the Development Consent Order.
The Application Documents are available for electronic inspection via computer, free of charge from 16 October 2025 to 27 November 2025, at the following locations and times set out below:

Location	Opening Hours*
Long Stratton Library, The Street, Long Stratton, NR15 2XJ	Monday - 11am-7pm staffed Tuesdays 1pm-7pm staffed Wednesday - 8am-7pm unstaffed Thursday - 1pm-7pm staffed Friday - 8am-7pm unstaffed Saturday 11am-4pm staffed Sunday - 10am-4pm unstaffed
Norwich Library, Unit 3 The Forum, Millenium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1AW	Monday to Friday - 8am to 10am - Open Library access to first floor only10am to 7pm - Library is staffed Saturday - 9am to 5pm - Library is staffed Sunday - 10.30am to 4.30pm - Open Library access to first floor only

	Saturday - 9am to 5pm Sunday - 10:30am to 1:30pm
Ingatestone Library, High Street, Ingatestone, CM4 9EU	Monday - 2pm – 7pm Tuesday - Closed Wednesday - 9am – 1pm Thursday - Closed Friday - Closed Saturday - 9am – 5pm Sunday - Closed
Tilbury Library, Tilbury Hub, Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8AD	Monday- 10am - 5pm Tuesday - 10am - 5pm Wednesday - 10am - 5pm Thursday - 10am - 7pm Friday - 10am – 5pm Saturday - 10am - 1pm Sunday - Closed
Greenstead Library, Hawthorn Avenue, Colchester, CO4 3QE	Monday - 9am to 5:30pm Tuesday - 9am to 5:30pm Wednesday - 9am to 5:30pm Thursday - 9am to 5:30pm Friday - 9am to 5:30pm Saturday - 9am to 5pm Sunday - Closed
Prettygate Library Prettygate Road Colchester CO3 4EQ	Monday - 9am to 5:30pm Tuesday - 9am to 7pm Wednesday - 9am to 7pm Thursday - 9am to 5:30pm Friday - 9am to 5:30pm Saturday - 9am to 5pm Sunday - 1pm to 4pm
Stanway Library, 10 Villa Road, Stanway, CO3 0RH	Monday - Closed Tuesday - 2pm to 7pm Wednesday - Closed Thursday - 9am to 1pm Friday - Closed Saturday - 9am to 5pm Sunday - Closed
Wivenhoe Library, 104/6 High Street, Wivenhoe, CO7 9AB	Monday - Closed Tuesday - 9am to 7pm Wednesday - Closed Thursday - 9am to 5:30pm Friday - Closed Saturday - 9am to 5pm Sunday - Closed
Brentwood Council, Town Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AY	Monday - 9am to 5:30pm Tuesday - 9am to 7pm Wednesday - 9am to 5:30pm Thursday - 9am to 5:30pm Friday - 9am to 5:30pm Saturday - 9am to 5pm Sunday - Closed

Tuckswood Library, Robin Hood Road, Eaton, NR4 6BX	Monday - 8am - 7pm OpenLibrary unstaffed Tuesday - 11am-7pm staffed Wednesday - 8am-7pm OpenLibrary unstaffed Thursday - 8am-7pm OpenLibrary unstaffed Friday - 11am-7pm staffed Saturday - 10am-4pm staffed Sunday - 10am-4pm OpenLibrary unstaffed
Diss Library, Church Street, Diss, IP22 4DD	Monday - 8am to 10am - Open Library access 10am to 7pm - Library is staffed Tuesday - 8am to 7pm - Open Library access Wednesday - 8am to 10am - Open Library access 10am to 7pm - Library is staffed Thursday - 8am to 10am - Open Library access 10am to 7pm - Library is staffed Friday - 8am to 10am - Open Library access 10am to 7pm - Library is staffed Saturday - 10am to 4pm - Library is staffed Sunday - 10am to 4pm - Open Library access
Stowmarket Library, Milton Road, Stowmarket, IP14 1EX	Monday - Closed Tuesday - 8.30am-6.45pm Wednesday - 8.30am-5.45pm Thursday - 8.30am-5.45pm Friday - 8.30am-6.30pm Saturday - 8.30am-4pm Sunday - 10am-4pm
Capel St Mary Library, Village Hall, The Street, Capel St Mary, IP9 2EF	Monday - closed Tuesday - 9am-12.30pm, 2pm-5.30pm Wednesday – 9am – 12:30pm Thursday – 9am – 12:30pm Friday - 2pm-5.30pm Saturday - 9am-3pm Sunday - 10am-3pm
Coggleshall Library, The Friends Meeting House, Stoneham Street, Coggeshall, CO6 1UH	Monday - Closed Tuesday - 2pm-5.30pm Wednesday - Closed Thursday - 9am-5.30pm Friday - Closed Saturday - 9am-5pm Sunday - Closed
Writtle Library, 45 The Green, Writtle, Chelmsford, CM1 3DT	Monday - 9am to 5pm Tuesday - 9am to 1pm Wednesday - 9am to 1pm Thursday - 2pm to 5:30pm Friday - 9am to 5pm Saturday - 9am to 5pm Sunday - Closed
Chelmsford Library, County Hall, Market Road, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH	Monday - 9am to 5:30pm Tuesday - 9am to 5:30pm Wednesday - 9am to 5:30pm Thursday - 9am to 7pm Friday - 9am to 5:30pm

Manningtree Library, High Street, Manningtree, CO11 1AD	Monday - Closed Tuesday - 9am to 5:30pm Wednesday - 9am to 1pm Thursday - 1pm to 7pm Friday - 9am to 1pm Saturday - 9am to 5pm Sunday - Closed
Basildon Library, The Basildon Centre, St Martin's Square, Basildon, SS14 1EE	Monday - 9am to 5pm Tuesday - 9am to 5pm Wednesday - 9am to 5pm Thursday - 9am to 5pm Friday - 9am to 5pm Saturday - 9am to 5pm Sunday - Closed
Witham Library, 18 Newland Street, Witham, CM8 2AQ	Monday – 9am – 5:30pm Tuesday – 9am – 5:30pm Wednesday - 9am – 7pm Thursday – 9am – 5:30pm Friday – 9am – 5:30pm Saturday - 9am to 5pm Sunday - Closed
Brentwood Library, New Road, Brentwood, CM14 4BP	Monday - 9am to 5:30pm Tuesday - 9am to 7pm Wednesday - 9am to 5:30pm Thursday - 9am to 5:30pm Friday - 9am to 5:30pm Saturday - 9am to 5pm Sunday - Closed
Ipswich Library, Northgate Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 3DE	Monday - 9am - 6pm Tuesday - 9am - 7pm Wednesday - 9am - 6pm Thursday - 9am - 6pm Friday - 9am-7pm Saturday - 8:30am - 5pm Sunday - 10am - 4pm
Hatfield Peverel Library, The Street, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, CM3 2DP	Monday - Closed Tuesday - 2pm-7pm Wednesday -9am-1pm Thursday - Closed Friday - Closed Saturday - 9am-5pm Sunday - Closed

*Please note that the opening times of the above libraries may be subject to change, and it is recommended that you contact the library in advance to check the opening hours.

The Application Documents can be supplied in hard copy format on request at a cost of £0.35 per page (up to a maximum of £10,000 for the full suite of documents).

If you require a copy of the Application Documents to be supplied on a USB data stick, this can be provided free of charge (one USB data stick per household). Please use the contact details for the Applicant to request a USB data stick.

If you have any questions about the Application Documents, you can:

Email: contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com
Telephone: 0800 915 2497
Write to: FREEPOST N TO T (no stamp or further address details are required).

Representations:

Any person may make representations on the Application (i.e. give notice of any interest in, or objection to, the Application). Any representation must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form. This is available online and can be accessed on the Norwich to Tilbury page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website at: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020027 and is available in hard copy as set out below.

If you require guidance on, or other methods of, obtaining and completing a Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation Form (such as a hard copy paper form), please telephone the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000 quoting the name of the Application (Norwich to Tilbury) and the Planning Inspectorate's reference number EN020027.

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Notice: How to register to have your say and make a relevant representation, provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and can be accessed via the following link:
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-how-to-register-to-have-your-say-and-make-a-relevant-representation

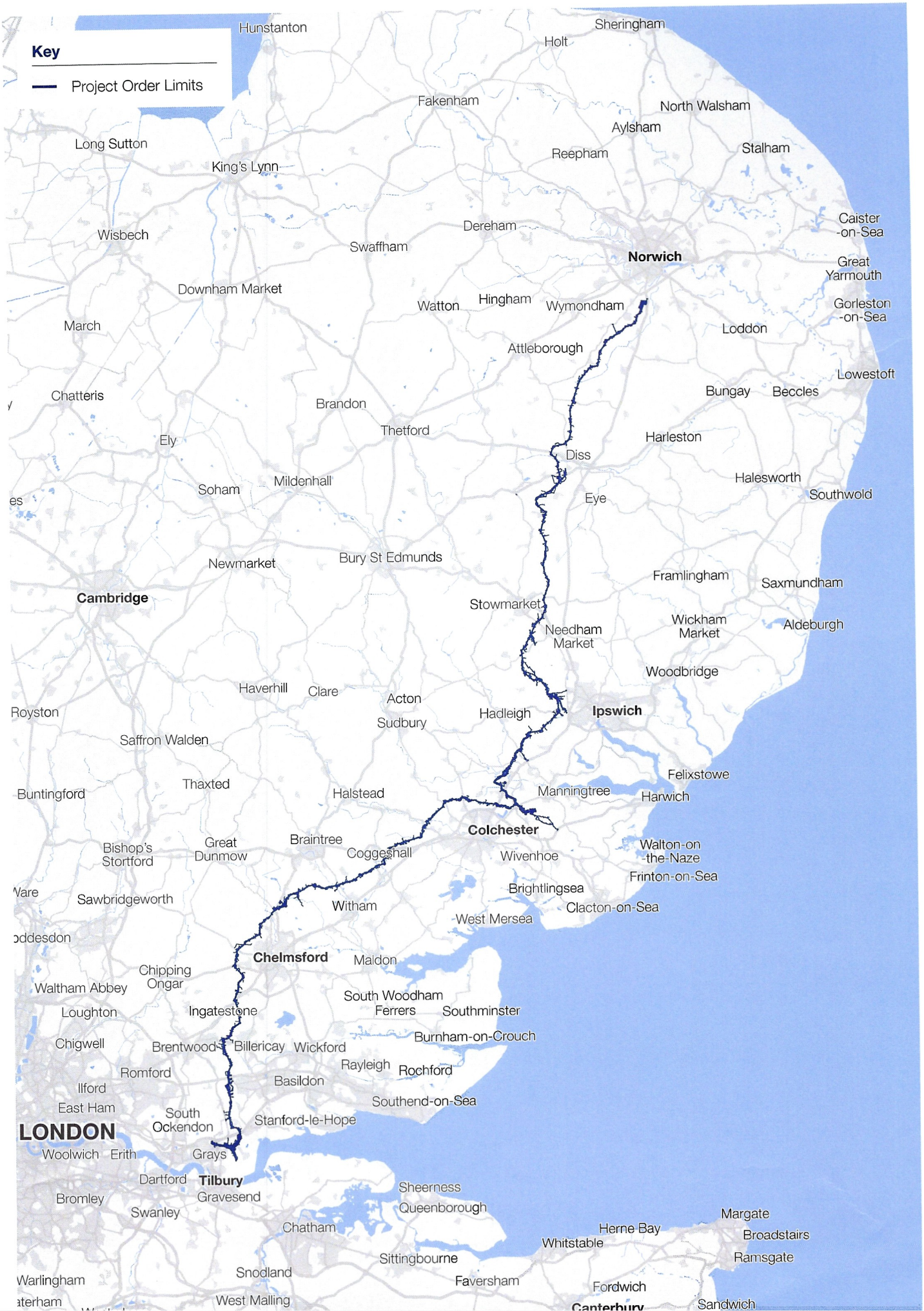
Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate no later than 23:59 on 27 November 2025.

A completed hard copy form to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate should be sent to:

The Planning Inspectorate
3 Kite Wing
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Bristol
BS1 6PN

Representations will be made public and will be subject to the Planning Inspectorate's privacy policy at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notices/customer-privacy-notice

QR code to access the overall route map for Norwich to Tilbury, also available at https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN020027-000240-2.1%20Location%20and%20Master%20Key%20Plan.pdf


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