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Dear National Grid

**Statutory Consultation for Norwich to Tilbury**

Although the proposed Norwich to Tilbury transmission line does not cross the parish of Copdock and Washbrook, the scale of the project and its assets would have a significant impact on this community.

Visual amenity would be impaired due to the height of the towers which would be visible to sensitive receptors at various locations. During the construction phase the traffic management required on surrounding roads would affect the daily lives of many residents.

Members of this parish are keenly aware of the extensive development around the Bramford substation and therefore of the significant residual impact of the proposals on neighbouring parishes including Burstall and Flowton.

Our Parish Council therefore supports the objections made by Suffolk County Council and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils. Along with other consultees and community groups, they have requested a pause to reconsider the bigger picture for upgrading the network. While new Government ministers have urged speed in delivery and NGET has used the defense of contractual obligations, the independent ESO advising Government has made it clear in the recently published *Future Energy Scenarios* that there are limitations to the rate of development. Timescales indicated

in reports commissioned by the County Councils<sup>1</sup> and by CPRE<sup>2</sup> should not be dismissed by NGET as has been the case. Although the East Anglia Network Study<sup>3</sup> team did not support the length of delay proposed in the Hiorns Report, a pause is perfectly practical. NGET has cited contractual obligations but has never produced evidence to support its claims these are time sensitive.

We are also aware of the objections raised by Suffolk County Council to the Bramford to Twinstead application. The council concluded that proposals do not go far enough to mitigate the impact of the scheme and that supervision of construction would be inadequate.

The Norwich to Tilbury consultation documents have not satisfied this Parish Council that the construction phase of the N2T project, which is considerably larger than Bramford to Twinstead, are sufficiently robust. We request additional, detailed information on how impacts on local communities would be minimised.

Copdock and Washbrook Parish council therefore requests NGET reviews its proposal and responds to objections before proceeding with its application for a DCO.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> Review of East Anglia Network Reinforcement Proposals Andrew Hiorns 2023

<sup>2</sup> Greening the 'Great Grid Upgrade' Dr Andrew Tickle 2024

<sup>3</sup> ESO East Anglia Network Study 2024