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From: Great Tey Parish Council, Colchester City, Essex.

Date: 9th July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Great Tey Parish Council in representing the views of their parishioners' who have formulated strong arguments about the proposed Norwich to Tilbury pylon scheme wish to make it clear that they support their very serious concerns and objections which will undoubtedly have a massive destructive effect upon the community, environment, and surrounding areas.

While accepting the need to move power from the North Sea to London, Great Tey Parish Council objects to the National Grid Norwich to Tilbury pylons proposal. This is based on the arguments set out in consultation responses in 2022 and 2023 by this Parish Council and by the Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons action group, whose submissions, including to this Statutory Consultation, we endorse.

Consultation has been, and remains inadequate; previous consultation responses appear to have been ignored; valid alternatives have not been presented and the harm of National Grid's preferred solution significantly outweighs the benefits.

Alternatives that we support are:

- A fully integrated offshore grid
- Or HVDC* from Norwich to Tilbury, either underground or subsea. The subsea option includes a platform for Five Estuaries and North Falls, which we welcome.

This Parish Council is particularly concerned by the inevitable serious harm and disruption to our community and surrounding areas, not least;

- Damage to the environment.
 - To the natural habitat, hedgerows, and resident wildlife we see daily
 - Footpaths, bridleways, and our lanes will be disrupted for many years
 - The destruction of treasured landscapes and views and sunsets will be unimaginable
 - To the many and varied birdlife including increasing populations of Red Kites and Buzzards
 - Loss of ancient woodland, and existing substantial trees within the 40-metre swathe to be cut down
 - Sites of Scientific Interest
 - Tree cover along Salmons Lane to be removed

- Impact on Businesses when local roads are closed.
- Impact and major disruption caused to parishioners when local roads are closed as witnessed recently due to National Highways infrastructure projects, a significant safety issue when our small country lanes become the route of choice to cut through or access the village
- Retained access rights to return for maintenance and major repairs in 30 years' time to exercise similar damage once more.
- Winching Compounds will be required at intervals along the length of the route.
- The setting of historic buildings and/or monuments may be impacted by the work, such as St Barnabus Church (Grade 1 listed Norman Church) which will be within 1500 metres, and St James the Less in Little Tey (Grade 1 listed) which will be 400 metres south of the pylons
- The 'Essex Way' Public footpath passes through Broad Green and on to Great Tey parallel to the route of the pylons in places less than 50 metres away. This route is a showcase for Essex and a significant attraction for walkers to come into the area and enjoy the views
- Bracks Lane in Broad Green, an 'Essex Green Lane,' will be directly under the proposed cables with one pylon within 50 metres of this attractive public right of way
- That there will be a least three years of local disruption to build the infrastructure, until the exact timings are declared.
- Time will be required afterwards, to remove the compounds and access points initially constructed to facilitate the project.
- House Prices are predicted to fall by up to 40% although this is clearly subjective.
- There has been no mention of compensation (yet) for resident's housing, especially for Offline houses (Outside the red lines), (We understand Online houses are inside the red line and may be subject to negotiated compensation)
- Potential Danger to those people who live less than 50 metres from the pylons – Long term health issues and Cancers.
- Damage to Sewerage: - Cess Pits, Soak Aways
- Damage to incoming water supplies (Damage took place when recent test drilling took place and closed East Gores Road for five days).
- Utility lines under the pylons would normally be undergrounded.
- Visual amenity of houses along East Gores Road will be impaired
- Land scape impact views from East Gores Road and Kings Arms Public House with rooms will be impacted
 - For example, the harms for pylon 068 are:
 - * Proximity to the Cottages and Upp Hall Farm - electromagnetic fields
 - * Crossing existing utilities - should be underground - phone, electricity x 2,

- Work will be done by subcontractors who may be less communicative than the National Grid when addressing issues with parishioners and Councillors locally should work progress.
- Noise and disturbance during the construction phase to all residents of the Parish and resultant detriment to wildlife.

It Is inconceivable that in 21st century Britain such 'old' technology should be inflicted on communities, causing financial difficulties, unnecessary hardship, and stress to many who happen to be caught on the proposed route, not least our struggling farming community, as well as being destructive to our landscape, environment, and heritage for ever more.

Therefore, Great Tey Parish Council, on behalf of our parishioners, strongly object to the proposals and urge you to completely reconsider your plans and seek a better solution which will benefit our future generations whilst not needlessly destroying their heritage, landscape, and environment.

Yours sincerely

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