

**NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC
NATIONAL GRID (NORWICH TO TILBURY) DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER
SECTIONS 91, 92, 93 & 94 PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) ("THE 2008 ACT")
RULE 13 (6) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010
NOTICE OF HEARINGS
PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE EN020027**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the dates, times and locations set out below, a compulsory acquisition hearing, open floor hearing and issue specific hearings will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State) for the examination of the application for development consent made by National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC ("the Applicant") for the National Grid (Norwich to Tilbury) Order ("the Application").

Summary of the Project

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://nspidocuments.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN020027-002890-2.1%20Location%20and%20Master%20Key%20Plan_Revision%20B.pdf

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.

The application was accepted for examination on 26 September 2025.

Hearings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Sections 91, 92, 93 and 94 of the Planning Act 2008 and Rule 13(6) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 that hearings are due to be held by the Examining Authority for the Examination of the Application at the dates and times set out in the table below:

Hearing dates and locations

Date/Time	Hearing	Location
Tuesday 23 June 2026 Registration and seating at venue open from: 09:00 Virtual registration process begins at: 09:30 Hearing starts: 10:00	Open Floor Hearing 4 (OFH4)	The Sports Bar Chelmsford City Racecourse Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 1QP and Virtually by Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 24 June 2026 Registration and seating at venue open from: 9:00 Virtual registration process begins at: 9:30 Hearing starts: 10:00	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 3 (CAH3)	The Sports Bar Chelmsford City Racecourse Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 1QP and Virtually by Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 24 June 2026 Registration and seating at venue open from: 13:30 Virtual registration process begins at: 13:30 Hearing starts: 14:00	Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) on the draft Development Consent Order	The Sports Bar Chelmsford City Racecourse Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 1QP and Virtually by Microsoft Teams
Thursday 25 June 2026 and Friday 26 June 2026 (if needed) Registration and seating at venue open from: 9:00 Virtual registration process begins at: 9:30 Hearing starts: 10:00	Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) on environmental matters including but not limited to: landscape and visual, aviation safety, noise, and socio-economics.	The Sports Bar Chelmsford City Racecourse Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 1QP and Virtually by Microsoft Teams

Blended Hearings

All initial hearings will be "blended hearings", which means that interested persons have the option to attend and participate in person or virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Those wishing to participate virtually or in person will need to register in advance with the Planning Inspectorate. If you wish to attend in person and observe you will still need to register in advance with the Planning Inspectorate. A virtual option to observe will also be available through the Planning Inspectorate website for members of the public.

Those attending virtually will need to enter the virtual lobby 30 minutes before the scheduled time for the hearing to start to register. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.

Copies of the Application

The Application can be viewed on the National Grid (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>

A map showing the location of the Project can be viewed online at: https://nspidocuments.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN020027-002890-2.1%20Location%20and%20Master%20Key%20Plan_Revision%20B.pdf

The Application can also be viewed electronically, at the locations listed in the table below. Please note that you will need to bring a form of identification and register as a library member in order to use a computer at these locations:

Location	Opening Times
Long Stratton Library, The Street, Long Stratton, NR15 2XJ	Monday 8-11am - Open Library access 11am-7pm - Library is staffed Tuesday 8am-1pm - Open Library access 1-7pm - Library is staffed Wednesday 8am-7pm - Open Library access Thursday 8am-1pm - Open Library access 1-7pm - Library is staffed Friday 8am-7pm - Open Library access Saturday 10-11am - Open Library access 11am-4pm - Library is staffed Sunday 10am-4pm - Open Library access
Norwich Library, The Forum, Millenium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1AW	Norwich Library is under refurbishment, please use the pop-up library at The Forum. It's located in the former Adam From Home store on the left as you walk into The Forum. Monday to Friday 10am-5pm Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday 10:30am-4:30pm
Tuckwood Library, Robin Hood Road, Eaton, NR4 6BX	Monday 8am-7pm Open Library access Tuesday 8-11am Open Library access 11am-7pm Library is staffed Wednesday 8am-7pm Open Library access Thursday 8am-7pm Open Library access Friday 8-11am Open Library access 11am-7pm Library is staffed Saturday - 8-10am Open Library access 10am-4pm Library is staffed Sunday 10am-4pm Open Library access
Diss Library, Church Street, Diss, IP22 4DD	Monday 8-10am - Open Library access 10am-7pm - Library is staffed Tuesday 8am-7pm - Open Library access Wednesday 8-10am - Open Library access 10am-7pm - Library is staffed Thursday 8-10am - Open Library access 10am-7pm - Library is staffed Friday - 8-10am - Open Library access 10am-7pm - Library is staffed Saturday 10am-4pm - Library is staffed Sunday 10am-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, 2-5:30pm Wednesday 9am-12:30pm Thursday 9am-12:30pm Friday 2-5:30pm Saturday 9am-3pm Sunday 10am-3pm
Coggeshall Library, The Friends Meeting House, Stoneham Street, Coggeshall, CO6 1UH	Monday Closed Tuesday 2-5:30pm Wednesday Closed Thursday 9am-5:30pm Friday Closed Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday Closed
Writtle Library, 45 The Green, Writtle, Chelmsford, CM1 3DT	Monday 9am-5pm Tuesday 9am-1pm Wednesday 9am-1pm Thursday 2-5:30pm Friday 9am-5pm Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday Closed
Chelmsford Library, County Hall, Market Road, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH	Monday 9am-5:30pm Tuesday 9am-5:30pm Wednesday 9am-5:30pm Thursday 9am-7pm Friday 9am-5:30pm Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday 10:30am-1:30pm

Ingatstone Library, High Street, Ingatstone, CM4 9EU	Monday 2-7pm 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-7pm Wednesday 10am-5pm Thursday 10am-7pm Friday 10am-5pm Saturday 10am-1pm Sunday Closed
Greenstead Library, Hawthorn Avenue, Colchester, CO4 3QE	Monday 9am-5:30pm Tuesday 9am-5:30pm Wednesday Closed Thursday 9am-5:30pm Friday Closed Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday Closed
Prettygate Library, Prettygate Road, Colchester CO3 4EQ	Monday Closed Tuesday 9am-7pm Wednesday 9am-5:30pm Thursday Closed Friday 9am-5:30pm Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday Closed
Stanway Library, 10 Villa Road, Stanway, CO3 0RH	Monday Closed Tuesday 2-7pm Wednesday Closed Thursday 9am-1pm Friday Closed Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday Closed
Wivenhoe Library, 104/6 High Street, Wivenhoe, CO7 9AB	Monday Closed Tuesday 2-7pm Wednesday Closed Thursday 9am-5:30pm Friday Closed Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday Closed
Brentwood Council, Town Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AY	Monday 9am-5:30pm Tuesday 9am-7pm Wednesday 9am-5:30pm Thursday 9am-5:30pm Friday 9am-5:30pm Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday Closed
Manningtree Library, High Street, Manningtree, CO11 1AD	Monday Closed Tuesday 9am-5:30pm Wednesday 9am-1pm Thursday 1-7pm Friday 9am-1pm Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday Closed
Basildon Library, The Basildon Centre, St Martin's Square, Basildon, SS14 1EE	Monday 9am-5pm Tuesday 9am-5pm Wednesday 9am-5pm Thursday 9am-5pm Friday 9am-5pm Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday Closed
Witham Library, 18 Newland Street, Witham, CM8 2AQ	Monday 9am-5:30pm Tuesday 9am-7pm Wednesday 9am-5:30pm Thursday 9am-5:30pm Friday 9am-5:30pm Saturday 9am-5:00pm Sunday Closed
Brentwood Library, New Road, Brentwood, CM14 4BP	Monday 9am-5:30pm Tuesday 9am-7pm Wednesday 9am-5:30pm Thursday 9am-5:30pm Friday 9am-5:30pm Saturday 9am-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 1-6pm Tuesday 10am-6pm Wednesday 10am-6pm Thursday Closed Friday 10am-7pm Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday Closed

*Please contact the venues in advance to confirm opening hours, any restrictions that may be in place and, if necessary, to arrange an appointment for computer access to view the documents electronically. The details of the opening hours above are correct at the time of this notice.