



Delegated Report

Adjacent Authority Application

Planning Application No: 20260376

Location: Tilbury Power Station Fort Road Tilbury Essex

Description: Adjacent Authority Application for an amendment to Development Consent Order for Norwich to Tilbury. It is proposed by National Grid to upgrade the electricity transmission system in East Anglia between Norwich and Tilbury. The Project includes a new 400 kilovolt (kv) electricity transmission connection of approximately 184 kilometres (km) in overall length from Norwich Main Substation and Tilbury Substation via Bramford Substation.

Applicant: National Grid

Site Visit Date: Desktop Assessment

Submitted Documents/Plans

Letter to prescribed consultees on Change Application acceptance
Plan showing the area of proposed change to the Order limits for Change Request 1 (Bulphan)
Plan showing the area of proposed change to the Order limits for Change Request 2 (Little Bromley).
Regulation 7 Notice for Change Request 1 (Bulphan)
Regulation 7 Notice for Change Request 2 (Little Bromley)

Relevant Planning History

Reference	Description	Decision	Decision Date
20250261	Adjacent Authority Application for a Development Consent Order for Norwich to Tilbury. It is proposed by National Grid to upgrade the electricity transmission system in East Anglia between Norwich and Tilbury. The Project includes a new 400 kilovolt (kv) electricity transmission connection of approximately 184 kilometres (km) in overall length from Norwich Main Substation and Tilbury Substation via Bramford Substation.	Observations Sent	24/03/25
20250165	Adjacent Authority Application for a Development Consent Order for Norwich to Tilbury. It is proposed by National Grid to upgrade the electricity transmission system in East Anglia between Norwich and Tilbury. The Project includes a new 400 kilovolt (kv) electricity transmission connection of approximately 184 kilometres (km) in overall length from Norwich Main Substation and Tilbury Substation via Bramford Substation.	Observations Sent	06/03/25
20240538	Adjacent Authority Application for a Development Consent Order for Norwich to Tilbury. It is proposed by National Grid to upgrade the electricity transmission system in East Anglia between Norwich and Tilbury. The Project includes a new 400 kilovolt (kv) electricity transmission connection of approximately 184 kilometres (km) in overall length from	Observations Sent	28/06/24

	Norwich Main Substation and Tilbury Substation via Bramford Substation.		
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Officer's Analysis

This is a further consultation which follows on from responses sent to National Grid as per Gravesham Borough Council planning reference 20240538 and 20250165. The details within those submissions explained that National Grid intends to apply to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2009 (as amended) to authorise the construction of the Norwich to Tilbury project.

The Norwich to Tilbury project, a proposal by National Grid to reinforce the high voltage power network in East Anglia between the existing substations at Norwich Main in Norfolk, Bramford in Suffolk and Tilbury in Essex, as well as connect new offshore wind generation.

Following consultation on the previous changes, the changes were submitted to the examining authority on 31st March 2026 which triggered this consultation. Two applications were submitted for change known as Change Request 1 (Bulphan) and Change Request 2 (Little Bromley). The changes are summarised in the information provided as follows:

Summary of the Proposed Change to the Application

The need for Change Request 1 (Bulphan) has arisen following submission of the Application, as a consequence of ongoing engagement with stakeholders and further design evolution of the Project. Change Request 1 (Bulphan) is described as follows:

- **Bulphan: Change to Third Party Access and Works (Proposed Change Application 1):** an increase in the Order Limits for the Project to facilitate works required for the protection of the existing Thames to Buncefield Multifuel Pipeline, west of Langdon Hills Golf Club.

The Applicant notified the Examining Authority on 12 December 2025 of its intention to apply to make the proposed change to the application for the Project. The Examining Authority issued a procedural decision in response to that notification on 19 December 2025.

The Applicant consulted on Change Request 1 (Bulphan) between 19 January 2026 and 23 February 2026. Proposed Change Application 1 was formally submitted to the Examining Authority on 27 March 2026.

Proposed Provision of Additional Land

Additional compulsory acquisition and/or temporary use powers are sought for Proposed Change Application 1. The additional land for Proposed Change Application 1 (which includes land outside of the current Order Limits) is shown on the relevant plan accompanying this notice. Those powers are considered necessary and proportionate in order that the necessary mitigation works can be delivered and subsequently maintained.

This notice therefore constitutes the giving of notice under Regulation 7 of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 in relation to the request made by the Applicant to include within Proposed Change Application 1 powers of compulsory acquisition and/or temporary possession in relation to the additional land.

Summary of the Proposed Change to the Application

The need for Change Request 2 (Little Bromley) has arisen following submission of the Application as a consequence of ongoing engagement with stakeholders. Change Request 2 (Little Bromley) is described as follows:

- **Little Bromley: Change to the EACN access (Proposed Change Application 2):** an amendment to the Order Limits for the Project in order to support a small modification to the route of the Applicant's construction access (for use when a third-party access is not available), and a further small modification to the route for the private permanent Abnormal Indivisible Load ("AIL") access route.

The Applicant notified the Examining Authority on 12 December 2025 of its intention to apply to make the proposed change to the application for the Project. The Examining Authority issued a procedural decision in response to that notification on 19 December 2025.

The Applicant consulted on Change Request 2 (Little Bromley) between 19 January 2026 and 23 February 2026. Proposed Change Application 2 was formally submitted to the Examining Authority on 27 March 2026.

Proposed Provision of Additional Land

Additional compulsory acquisition and/or temporary use powers are sought for Proposed Change Application 2. The additional land for Proposed Change Application 2 (which includes land outside of the current Order Limits) is shown on the relevant plan accompanying this notice. Those powers are considered necessary and proportionate in order that the Project can be delivered and subsequently maintained.

This notice therefore constitutes the giving of notice under Regulation 7 of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 in relation to the request made by the Applicant to include within Proposed Change Application 2 powers of compulsory acquisition and/or temporary possession in relation to the additional land.

As previously, the changes proposed in Thurrock are significantly distanced from Gravesham. Given the significant distance and nature of the changes, it is considered that the previous assessment that there would be no impact on Gravesham Borough is unchanged.

The changes to the Little Bromley part of the application, are even further from Gravesham, located in Tendring to the northeast of Gravesham to a significant distance such that, that part of the scheme and its changes would have no impact on the borough.

It is important to note that Gravesham Borough Council have a planning application which is recently permitted (application reference 20231313) at Eastcourt Marshes Electricity Distribution Site, Mark Lane, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2HN for which the National Grid is the applicant. The proposal is for *'Proposed construction of a new cable tunnel beneath the River Thames between Gravesend and Tilbury to provide additional transmission capacity. Above-ground infrastructure in the form of a new Cable Sealing End compound and a new head house building along with associated electricity infrastructure, access, parking, boundary treatment and two overhead gantry structures for future overhead lines. Temporary compound for the duration of the project to provide parking, staff welfare facilities, delivery vehicle parking, and equipment and machinery storage, including boundary treatment and lighting.'*

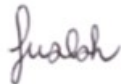
Thurrock Council also have a planning application which they have permitted (application reference 23/01502/FUL) at Land to The South Of National Grid's Electrical Sub-station, Fort Road, Tilbury for the new bored tunnel under the River Thames, new Cable Sealing End compound, new Tunnel Head House and other associated development at Tilbury for the same TKRE Cable Tunnel Replacement Project.

National Grid is thanked for consulting the Borough Council.

Conclusion & Recommendation

Observations Sent (No Objection).

(See draft Decision)

Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher	Team Leader:	Mrs Faye Walsh
Signed:		Signed:	
Dated:	28th April 2026	Dated:	28 April 2026