

**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 (BRAMFORD TO TWINSTEAD REINFORCEMENT) DEVELOPMENT  
CONSENT ORDER**

**(APPLICATION REFERENCE: EN020002)**

**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. EN020002) was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate on 27 April 2023 and accepted for Examination on 23 May 2023.

**Summary of the Application**

The National Grid Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement ('the Project'), is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP').

The Applicant proposes to reinforce the electricity transmission network between the existing Bramford Substation in Suffolk, and Twinstead Tee in Essex. This would be achieved by the construction and operation of a new electricity transmission line over a distance of approximately 29 kilometres (km).

The reinforcement would comprise approximately 18km of overhead line (consisting of approximately 50 new pylons, and conductors) and 11km of underground cable system (with associated joint bays and above ground link pillars).

Four cable sealing end (CSE) compounds would be required to facilitate the transition between the overhead line and underground cable technology.

It is proposed that approximately 27km of existing overhead line and associated pylons would be removed as part of the proposals (25km of existing 132 kilovolts (kV) overhead line between Burstall Bridge and Twinstead Tee, and 2km of the existing 400kV overhead line to the south of Twinstead Tee). To facilitate the overhead line removal, a new grid supply point (GSP) substation is required at Butler's Wood, east of Wickham St Paul, in Essex.

A map showing the location of the Project can be viewed online on the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN020002/EN020002-000526-2.2%20Location%20Plan.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 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 National Grid (Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement) page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the Documents tab:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/bramford-to-twinstead/?ipcsection=overview>

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 6 June 2023 to 18 July 2023, at the following locations and times set out below:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Opening Hours*</b>
<i>Hadleigh Library 29 High Street Hadleigh IP7 5AG</i>	<i>Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday – 9am-5pm Thursday – 9am-6pm Saturday – 9:30am-5pm Sunday – 10am-4pm</i>
<i>Sible Hedingham Library 169 Swan Lane Sible Hedingham Halstead CO9 3PX</i>	<i>Monday – 9am-1pm Thursday – 2pm-7pm Saturday – 9am-5pm</i>
<i>Sudbury Library Market Hill Sudbury CO10 2EN</i>	<i>Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday – 9am-5pm Tuesday – 9am-7:30pm Sunday – 10am-4pm</i>
<i>Halstead Library Bridge Street Halstead CO9 1HU</i>	<i>Monday – 9am-5:30pm Tuesday – 9am-5:30pm Thursday – 9am-1pm Friday – 9am-5:30pm Saturday – 9am-5pm</i>

\*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 £4200 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@bramford-twinstead.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@bramford-twinstead.nationalgrid.com)

Telephone: 0808 196 1515

Write to: FREEPOST B TO T REINFORCEMENT

### **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 Bramford to Twinstead page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/bramford-to-twinstead/?ipcsection=overview> 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 (Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement) and the Planning Inspectorate's reference number (EN020002).

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Notice 8.2: *How to register to participate in an Examination*, provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-2-how-to-register-to-participate-in-an-examination/>

Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate **no later than 23:59 on 18 July 2023**.

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-notice/customer-privacy-notice>