

COUNCIL

6 AUGUST 2024

REFERENCE FROM THE PLANNING POLICY & LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

A.5 TDC RESPONSE TO NATIONAL GRID STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON NORWICH TO TILBURY ELECTRICITY POWERLINE CONNECTION PROJECT

(Report prepared by Ian Ford)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To enable full Council to discuss Tendring District Council's formal response to the statutory consultation being carried out by National Grid on its proposed Norwich to Tilbury electricity power line connection project.

To decide whether to submit any further comments to National Grid.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 23 July 2024 (Minute 52 refers), the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee considered a report of the Director (Planning), which invited discussion and sought that Committee's agreement to Tendring District Council's formal response to the statutory consultation being carried out by National Grid on its proposed Norwich to Tilbury electricity power line connection project.

At that meeting it was:-

“RESOLVED that the Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee:-

- a) notes the content of this report;
- b) supports the contents of the draft response to the Norwich to Tilbury Statutory Consultation, as attached at Appendix 1 to the Director (Planning)'s report (A.1), subject to references to the location of the proposed EACN being amended to Ardleigh instead of Lawford and the inclusion of a sentence that guides National Grid to the extensive mitigation measures that have been put forward by Ardleigh Parish Council in its consultation response;
- c) agrees that, with the approval of the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning, the response with the above agreed changes be submitted to National Grid before the close of the Statutory Consultation on 26th July 2024; and
- d) agrees that the approved response, as submitted to National Grid, be reported to Full Council to allow further discussion, if necessary and for the outcome of that discussion to be fed back to National Grid.”

Subsequent to that meeting, the Housing and Planning Portfolio Holder (Councillor Baker), acting under his delegated powers, made an Executive Decision to formally approve the Council's consultation response and that it be submitted to National Grid by the consultation response deadline of 26 July 2024. The Chairman of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Steady) agreed to exempt Councillor Baker's decision from the call-in process.

A copy of the Council's formal consultation response, as approved by the Housing and Planning Portfolio Holder and submitted to National Grid is attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

A copy of the published Director of Planning's report to the Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee meeting held on 23 July 2024, minus its appendix is attached as **Appendix B** to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council discusses the approved response, as submitted to National Grid, and decides whether to submit any further comments to National Grid.

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION

Published Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee held on 23 July 2024.

Published Executive Decision by the Housing and Planning Portfolio Holder with exemption from call-in granted by the Chairman of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

APPENDICES

Appendix A – The Council's consultation response, as approved by the Housing and Planning Portfolio Holder and as formally submitted to National Grid.

Appendix B - Published Report (minus its Appendix) (A.1) of the Director (Planning) for the meeting of the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee held on 23 July 2024.