

Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	26 Feb 2026
Decision Maker (Officer):	Gary Guiver
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3, Schedule 3 – Responsibility for Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.3 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.38). All delegations are subject to consultation where considered appropriate in the circumstances (paragraph 4.3 (4)(ii) – Part 3.39).
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Concurrence has been obtained in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Planning, Cllr. A Baker.
Ward Member(s) consulted?	Yes – Ward members of the most severely affected Parishes of Ardleigh, Little Bromley and Lawford have been consulted throughout the last 3 months and during the preparation of TDCs Local Impact Report (LIR)
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	TDC has published its comprehensive Local Impact Report (LIR) for the Norwich to Tilbury Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. The decision to publish the LIR has been made to ensure transparency, provide clarity for stakeholders, and set out the full extent of the project's anticipated impacts on the district. TDC's LIR covers a broad range of issues, including—but not limited to—the following:

	• Assessment of likely impacts of the proposed development on the district, including environmental, social, and economic effects. • Local knowledge and expertise, drawing on TDC's understanding of the area, its communities, and its unique characteristics. • Evidence of local concerns and issues, including agricultural impacts, landscape and visual effects, flood risk considerations, local socio-economic implications, and the effect of the scheme on local travel patterns and access to community facilities/businesses/settlements (to name but a few). • Appraisal of the development's compliance with relevant local planning policies, strategies, and guidance. • In consultation with ECC, detailed consideration of the draft DCO, including articles, requirements, and obligations, together with any changes or mitigation measures TDC considers necessary. The publication of the LIR ensures that these locally specific matters are clearly communicated to the Examining Authority in a transparent manner and are fully taken into account in the examination of the project.
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	See above and also the published LIR, however in summary it is to ensure the Examining Authority fully understands how the Norwich to Tilbury NSIP could affect the area, its communities, and its environment. TDCs LIR seeks to ensure that local issues, evidence, and policy considerations are formally and comprehensively considered by the ExA during the examination.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	No significant financial, legal, procedural or equality risks have been identified in relation to submitting and publishing Tendring District Councils Local Impact Report for the Norwich to Tilbury project.
NEW : Details of Local Government Reorganisation and/or Devolution considerations	The decision to submit and publish a LIR has no direct impacts on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	The only alternative would be for the Council not to submit a Local Impact Report, and therefore not meaningfully engage in the remainder of the NSIP examination on local impacts beyond the high-level

	points already set out in TDC's Relevant Representation. This would significantly limit the Council's ability to influence route and infrastructure location selection criteria, design, landscape, health and wellbeing, highways matters and more, and would weaken its ability to represent residents most directly and significantly affected by the proposals. It would also risk reputational harm by creating the impression that TDC is unwilling to challenge questionable route choices or argue for appropriate mitigation, potentially resulting in a DCO that fails to secure the best possible outcomes for the district.																						
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision) If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:	N/A																						
Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published: <i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i> <u>and</u> <i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>X</td><td>Not applicable – TDCs LIR has already been shared widely with the most severely affected parishes and their respective ward councillor, and it will soon be available to view on the Planning Inspectorate's website</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	X	Not applicable – TDCs LIR has already been shared widely with the most severely affected parishes and their respective ward councillor, and it will soon be available to view on the Planning Inspectorate's website	If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:					N/A														
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Dated: 28 February 2026