

## National Grid proposed NORWICH TO TILBURY Pylon Scheme

We would imagine that most of you have noticed banners, posters and the like protesting about the proposed 180km / 111miles of 50mtr high pylons by National Grid. Originally called 'Green Energy' for the first non-statutory public consultation during 2022, this proposal has now been renamed NORWICH to TILBURY - The Great Grid Upgrade.

Whilst everyone will have their own views on whether this is good or bad, one thing that is important is that people are fully aware that the proposed route goes through Fordham and Aldham, across to Great Tey, Little Tey and beyond.

The National Grid say, quite righty, that it is vital that the energy being generated needs to be transported to where it is needed – London and beyond.

The public, various councils and some politicians are objecting for many reasons: the environment, disruptive construction work, the detrimental effect on villages and farms to name but a few however, they also believe that there really is a cost-effective, viable alternative to the pylons and that is by going subsea and laying the cables underwater, direct to Tilbury. The research has been carried out and presented by protest group Pylons East Anglia.

The second, non-statutory consultation ended on the 21st August 2023. It is expected that a formal, statutory consultation will be next year, followed by the planning inspectorate review.

In the meantime, we would urge residents to find out the information for themselves, review the websites and supporting documentation – and make their own minds up.

You can find out more information on **nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury** and also **pylonseastanglia.co.uk**Both have a presence on various social media platforms too.

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