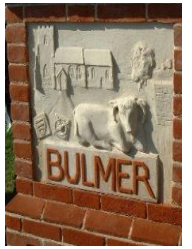




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## **National Grid Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement**

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### **National Grid Bramford to Twinstead consultation**

Please accept this response submitted to the consultation on behalf of Bulmer Parish Council. A number of our Parish Councillors attended a meeting with the project team at the end of March to understand the proposals and how they would affect local residents.

Councillors were disappointed that there was no tailoring of the presentation to reflect the specific geographical impact of the Bramford to Twinstead Tee proposals to the Bulmer and neighbouring community. No detail was available about the proposed substation size or design, and this is of particular interest since the planned site between Butlers Wood and Waldegrave Wood is in Bulmer parish.

Councillors were left with the impression that every element of the proposals is “critical” leaving no room for adjustment or compromise in light of public opinion. It therefore seems that this consultation is nothing more than a public relations exercise which will not ultimately affect the outcome of National Grid plans. It is also disappointing that more sympathetic proposals are being dismissed because the upgrade across the whole length of Suffolk and Essex is being planned piecemeal rather than as a single cohesive project.

Bulmer Parish Council understands the need for upgrading the network and making it future proof, but a large substation in our rural parish accompanied by supersized pylons across the majority of the route through Essex and Suffolk will have a detrimental effect on some beautiful countryside and residential areas. The Parish Council would urge National Grid to give serious consideration to suggestions being made at County Council level and above to run power lines offshore throughout the whole route.

Yours sincerely

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