Pylons and Substations: National Grid Norwich to Tilbury Development Consent Order – Update November 2026

PLEASE SEE DETAILS OF OUR COMMUNITY SURVEY BELOW – HAVE YOUR SAY

Ardleigh and Little Bromley Parish Councils (ALBA) and residents continue to oppose National Grid's proposals for the N2T Electricity Infrastructure Project.
Further details can be found: ardleigh.website/pylons-and-substations

The latest position is:

- On 10th November the Examining Authority made its recommendation to the **Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero**.
- The Secretary of State can ask for more information.
- By 10th February the Secretary of State must decide (or tell Parliament more time is needed).
- National Grid have submitted a planning application to Tendring District Council for early enabling works around Little Bromley, East Anglia Connection Node area and Bentley Road.

ALBA is monitoring progress and is in regular contact with our Barrister, Simon Bell, and the regional campaign group Pylons East Anglia. If the project is approved, we will decide together on next steps, which could include a Judicial Review. This would be costly, and communities will be asked to contribute to the fund. Pylons East Anglia estimates a review at £150–£200k, but it has the country's best planning KC, Lord Charles Banner, and a top planning solicitor, Richard Buxton.

BUT

If the project goes ahead, our community faces years of disruption and loss. We will then need to decide how we benefit from the **Community Funds** for Transmission Infrastructure to offset this damage: Community funds for transmission infrastructure - GOV.UK

Ardleigh Parish Council would like to know **how you would want to see the benefit of this fund used in our Parish.** The amount is not yet known, but eligible themes might include traffic and road safety, village hall improvements, biodiversity and green space, youth and skills programmes, and flooding and drainage resilience.

It is vital that we identify our community's priorities now so we can inform Tendring District Council and Essex County Council, who will be deciding how to administer and spend the fund.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION: complete the survey and encourage everyone in your household, business or club to do the same. The results will be analysed and shared. They will also help with the update of the Neighbourhood Plan in 2027.

To access the survey:

Please type in this link: bit.ly/4iwbkCx

Or scan the QR code: