

**NATIONAL GRID - NORWICH TO TILBURY  
THE IMPACT ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN NORFOLK - 2024**

The Statutory Consultation is upon us, running until the 18th June 2024. The proposals presented by National Grid continue to offer no alternatives other than 159 km (98 miles) of pylons and 25 km (15 miles) of underground cabling across Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex. The ongoing campaign by Pylons East Anglia is against this proposal, putting forward the option of an Integrated Offshore Grid, cheaper, faster and better for the environment.

As a member of the Ramblers Association, based in Chelmsford, Essex, I have now updated my original impact assessment on the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) across Norfolk. This was achieved by comparing the National Grid Norwich to Tilbury Interactive Map and the Norfolk Highways and Public Rights of Way Map. The 2024 version of the National Grid Map now displays the Draft Order Limits (within which the authorised project may be carried out), the preferred draft alignment, the Waveney Valley Alternative and the position and numbers of each pylon.

The spreadsheet below lists the PRoW (Footpaths, Bridleways and Byways) that would be impacted by this latest proposal, from South to North, including all PRoW that are within 50m and/or cross the proposed infrastructure, those affected by the significant extent of the Draft Order Limits and the Temporary and Permanent Works. The entries are split under each District/Parish.

With a construction period of at least four years (beginning in 2027 - Norwich to Tilbury) we can see that a significant swath of Norfolk Countryside will be either restricted or inaccessible for those wishing to use these **51 Public Rights of Way, up from 34 in 2023.**

| DISTRICT      | PARISH         | DESCRIPTION                                 | UNDERGROUND/<br>OVERGROUND | NOTES                                 |
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|               |                |                                             |                            |                                       |
|               |                | Pylons cross the River Waveney into Norfolk |                            |                                       |
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| South Norfolk | Roydon         | Footpath 14                                 | Overground                 | Area of Waveney Valley<br>Alternative |
| South Norfolk | Roydon         | Footpath 23                                 | Overground                 | Area of Waveney Valley<br>Alternative |
| South Norfolk | Roydon         | Footpath 4                                  | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Bressingham    | Footpath 8                                  | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Roydon         | Footpath 1                                  | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Roydon         | Footpath 2                                  | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Heywood (Diss) | Footpath 20                                 | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Shelfanger     | Footpath 11                                 | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Shelfanger     | Footpath 10                                 | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Shelfanger     | Footpath 9                                  | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Windfarthing   | Footpath 25                                 | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Heywood (Diss) | Footpath 17                                 | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Windfarthing   | Footpath 23                                 | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Windfarthing   | Footpath 22                                 | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Heywood (Diss) | Footpath 8                                  | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Heywood (Diss) | Bridleway 5                                 | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Windfarthing   | Footpath 26                                 | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Heywood (Diss) | Footpath 4                                  | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Tibenham       | Footpath 26                                 | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Tibenham       | Footpath 20                                 | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Tibenham       | Footpath 14                                 | Overground                 |                                       |
| South Norfolk | Tibenham       | Footpath 3                                  | Overground                 |                                       |
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|               |                | Crosses River Tas                           |                            |                                       |
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| South Norfolk | Carleton Rode    | Footpath 28  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Bunwell          | Footpath 18  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Bunwell          | Footpath 17  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Bunwell          | Footpath 8   | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Bunwell          | Footpath 14  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Bunwell          | Footpath 12  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Bunwell          | Footpath 10  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Fornsett         | Footpath 29  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Fornsett         | Footpath 26  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Fornsett         | Footpath 25  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Tacolneston      | Footpath 10  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Ashwellthorpe    | Footpath 5   | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Tharston         | Bridleway 1  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Tharston         | Footpath 33  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Flordon          | Footpath 6   | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Flordon          | Footpath 1   | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Flordon          | Footpath 2   | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Flordon          | Footpath 3   | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Bracon Ash       | Footpath 16  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Newton Flotman   | Footpath 1   | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Mulbarton        | Footpath 11  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Newton Flotman   | Footpath 2   | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Mulbarton        | Footpath 12  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Swainsthorpe     | Byway 6      | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Swainsthorpe     | Bridleway 7  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Swardeston       | Bridleway 9  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Swardeston       | Bridleway 11 | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Stoke Holy Cross | Bridleway 3  | Overground                 |       |
| South Norfolk | Swardeston       | Bridleway 12 | Overground                 |       |
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|          |        | Into Norwich Substation Zone - END |                            |       |
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