

Little Bromley Parish Council Response to Targeted Consultation: Little Bromley

This is the specific response of Little Bromley Parish Council (**LBPC**) to National Grid's Targeted Consultation. LBPC have responded to previous consultations including the Statutory Consultation in July 2024 (see response at <https://www.littlebromleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/notice/little-bromley-parish-council-response-to-national-grids-statutory-consultation-july-2024>) and the Targeted Consultation (Essex 3) in March 2025 (see response at <https://www.littlebromleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/notice/little-bromley-parish-council-response-to-national-grid%E2%80%99s-targeted-consultation-march-2025>).

LBPC are disappointed to see that the changes proposed by this Targeted Consultation do not address previous concerns raised. The site of the private permanent Abnormal Invisible Load access route ("AIL") to the East Anglia Connection Node (**EACN**) off Bentley Road and in the centre of Little Bromley is totally unsuitable. We ask NG to confirm what alternative locations NG have considered for this AIL. The current location is not suitable for a number of reasons including:

- village-centre location;
- access along Bentley Road running past a number of homes with limited foundations;
- mouth of the AIL is a considerable distance from the A120 (1 mile+) along a country road;
- Little Bromley War Memorial is listed with Historic England as a building of specific architectural or historic interest and is listed as Grade II. It is located on a 90 degree bend shortly before the proposed access to the site and we are concerned that it may suffer direct damage by vehicles using the AIL or indirect (vibration) damage as a result;
- unnecessary removal of trees and hedgerows as a result including a "heritage hedge" directly opposite the war memorial on Bentley Road.

NG's current proposed changes to the AIL bring it closer to homes along Shop Road and Ardleigh Road. Residents are concerned that this will result in increased noise, dust, disturbance and permanent visual impact.

Whilst NG have said that they will if possible use the Five Estuaries and North Falls haul road off Bentley Road for construction traffic, is this a guaranteed outcome or totally within NG's control?

As stated in previous responses, LBPC do not consider the EACN location to be suitable or that alternatives to its locations or the haul roads/AIL to it have been adequately assessed. We believe there are viable alternatives to situate the

permanent access road outside the village. A sensible alternative is to construct a permanent road off the A120 bypassing the village entirely.

Little Bromley Parish Council
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