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Dear John,

RE: RESPONSE TO SUFFOLK 6 TARGETED CONSULTATION

I am writing to you regarding your Norwich to Tilbury targeted consultation on the land near Raydon, referred to as Suffolk 6.

First, concerns have been raised with me by constituents that the maps used in your proposed changes to the route near Raydon were not up to date and did not include many houses. Please can you clarify how you are able to determine the impact that the route will have on communities if your mapping of the route is inaccurate. As you can imagine, this caused considerable distress as residents feel like they have been ignored, without due consideration of the impact that your proposals will have on their homes.

Secondly, I understand that your proposals for undergrounding in this section will be based on AC cabling. As I have suggested before, due to its cost comparable nature, I believe underground HVDC cables for the entire route should be seriously considered by NGET. Whilst of course I accept that undergrounding still has short-term impact, with a single underground DC network for East Anglia, there isn't the need to have such wide trenches as the more expensive AC undergrounding, and there would be far less impact than partial undergrounding between pylons. It also doesn't involve the permanent scarring of our countryside, which I feel is so important to mitigate.

Overall, having met with many affected residents who had serious concerns about the impact of your proposals on the environment, traffic, and the size and location of the compounds, I believe you should look again at alternatives, specifically underground HVDC for the entirety of the Norwich to Tilbury route.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

James Cartlidge MP
Member of Parliament for South Suffolk