

Palgrave Parish Council revised (22 July '24) additional (2nd) response to Norwich to Tilbury Pylons /Trenching Statutory Consultation 2024.

Palgrave Parish Council wishes to add an additional comment to our already submitted objection at the end of May 2024.

This concerns the Wortham to Gislingham – Section B, April 2024 update which states under paragraph 5.4.59 that a further change has been made to the 2023 preferred draft alignment because of the potential effects on flight activities at the Brook airstrip, located to the west of RG099, or Wortham Airstrip as it is named on your maps.

Your document goes on to refer to the importance of UK airspace for both civilian and military aviation interests.

Wortham airstrip (aka Brook Farm) is a small grass airstrip that is used solely by the family and nobody else. **We would be very interested to know what flight information you have been given for this small airstrip, so much that it can change the planned pylon path.** As far as we are aware, there have been zero flights in the last 12 months, so how this can bear such significance on a major infrastructure project is concerning.

We look forward to receiving your response to the question posed in the above paragraph.

Your document also states that deviations to the west were constrained by the extent of residential property in Wortham. But you do not appear to be concerned about the effect on the village of Palgrave, already blighted with one approved solar farm on its immediate west side, and awaiting the outcome of a second application planned to sit alongside the Grange solar farm. In para 5.4.63 you refer to the effects being transferred to East Cottage and The Grange, but you fail to recognise the other 5 properties in the immediate vicinity that will also be blighted by the amended route.

We re-iterate that our preferred route is the original route. The re-routed plan comes so close to Palgrave with it's historic church and open country views and will ruin this beautiful area of Suffolk, all detailed in our original response already submitted to you. If, and only if there is no other option, then we must insist that the cables go underground until they pass the A143.