

## **STRATEGY COMMITTEE 11 FEBRUARY 2010 (Draft decision)**

### **BRAMFORD TO TWINSTEAD OVERHEAD LINE PROJECT: ROUTE CORRIDOR CONSULTATION STUDY (STAGE ONE) – RESPONSE TO NATIONAL GRID**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the comments as set out below be approved as Babergh District Council's formal response to the National Grid on the Bramford to Twinstead Overhead Line Project: Route Corridor Consultation Study (Stage 1):-

- (a) National Grid has not yet demonstrated conclusively that the current proposals are the most appropriate means of achieving the required network improvements and the District Council therefore urges that the options for offshore and underground routing should be fully explored before any consideration is given to over ground routing in any form.
- (b) In the absence of such a conclusive study the District Council cannot support any of the proposals.
- (c) Whilst not to be construed as support at this stage for any of the options under consideration, the District Council makes the following comments on the options:
  - Strongly objects to the use of Corridors 1, 3 and 4 in any form
  - Were Corridor 2 to be selected by National Grid it is insisted that steps be taken to lessen the impact of any power line by under grounding the cables.
- (d) The District Council strongly encourages National Grid to pay full regard to the views of local people and their elected representatives before embarking upon Stage Two of its consultation process.
- (e) The District Council strongly encourages National Grid to set up a community forum to support Stage Two of the consultation process.