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Dear Mr Yeo,

Bramford to Twinstead Connection project

I am writing to give you an update on the Bramford to Twinstead Connection project.

There have been some changes to the timing of new generation projects in the East Anglia region. This means the proposed 400,000 volt electricity connection between Bramford, near Ipswich, and Twinstead in Essex is now needed later than originally planned.

We keep in regular touch with the generators and have been assessing the latest information from those companies proposing to build new power generation around the East Anglia region, including data about when they would like to start producing electricity. This shows the connection is now expected to be required in the early 2020s rather than 2017.

As a result of this latest information we are putting the project temporarily on hold and the public consultation planned for next year will now take place nearer to the time when the connection is needed.

The proposed 400,000 volt overhead line and underground cable will still be needed to connect new sources of power, including low carbon electricity, to replace old coal and nuclear power stations that are closing. In the meantime we will continue to work closely with the generators in the region to ensure we deliver the connection at the right time.

It is part of our role to connect people to the energy they use and we routinely have to adjust our plans to match those of the generators that we connect to our system. This connection will be paid for through people's electricity bills so we must ensure we only build equipment when it is needed.

The revised Need Case for the project has now been published and can be found on the project website: www.nationalgrid.com/bramford-tinstead.

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We remain committed to consulting on our proposals at every stage and we will keep you informed over the coming months and years of any developments on the project.

If you have any queries you can contact the community relations team on 0800 377 7340 or by email: bramford-twinstead@nationalgrid.com.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Smethurst', written in a cursive style.

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