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1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 This draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared relating to the application for development consent for the proposed Norwich to Tilbury project (the 'Project') made by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (referred to as 'National Grid' within this document). It has been prepared in accordance with the guidance published by the Department of Communities and Local Government (Department for Communities and Local Government, 2015).
- 1.1.2 This SoCG has been prepared by National Grid as the Applicant and Tendring District Council (TDC). Tendring District Council is a prescribed consultee under Section 43 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) as a Host Authority.
- 1.1.3 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the application documents. All documents are available in the deposit locations and /or the Planning Inspectorate website.
- 1.1.4 This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority (ExA) where agreement has been reached between the parties. It identifies areas of the Project within the Development Consent Order (DCO) application ('the Application'), where matters are agreed, under discussion or not agreed between the parties.
- 1.1.5 The engagement between the parties across the breadth of matters is ongoing. The SoCG is an evolving document and detailed wording within it is still being discussed between the parties.
- 1.1.6 This draft SoCG has been prepared at an early phase of the DCO process, ahead of submission. It is intended to be a live and working document which will be updated as the Project progresses and shared with Tendring District Council at key points for discussion.
- 1.1.7 Future iterations will evolve from this point and all parties reserve the right to supplement the matters identified as we progress the discussions to ensure it is comprehensive. There are many items within it that although not currently agreed have the potential to be resolved. A final SoCG will be prepared ahead of the close of the DCO Examination. Unlike a final SoCG, this draft SoCG has not been officially signed by either party.
- 1.1.8 The parties will continue to work together, seeking resolution where appropriate to ensure this SoCG is a reliable and up to date document which can inform the examination.
- 1.1.9 This SoCG has been structured to reflect topics of the Application which are relevant to TDC. The applicable matters considered within this SoCG apply to TDC's statutory remit. The following bullet points present the topics included in this SoCG (they are also presented in Section 3):
- Project development, description and design
 - Ecology and Biodiversity

- Air Quality
- Noise and Vibration
- Health and Wellbeing
- Historic Environment
- Landscape and Visual
- Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism
- Cumulative Effects
- Development Consent Order
- Other Matters

Tendring District Council will have regard to any points raised by statutory bodies and other relevant Interested Parties in respect of the matters covered in the SoCG. Therefore, this version reflects the current position of Tendring District Council but may be subject to change during the examination. A final position will be recorded in the final SoCG to be submitted close to the examination.

1.2 Project Description

1.2.1 The Project is a proposal by National Grid to upgrade the electricity transmission system in East Anglia between Norwich and Tilbury, comprising:

- A new 400 kilovolt (kV) electricity transmission connection of approximately 180 km overall length from Norwich Main Substation to Tilbury Substation via Bramford Substation, a new East Anglia Connection Node (EACN) Substation and a new Tilbury North Substation, including:
 - Approximately 159 km of new overhead line supported on approximately 509 pylons, either standard steel lattice pylons (approximately 50 m in height) or low height steel lattice pylons (approximately 40 m in height) and some of which would be gantries (typically up to 15 m in height) within proposed Cable Sealing End (CSE) compounds or existing or proposed substations
 - Approximately 21 km of 400 kV underground cabling, some of which would be located through the Dedham Vale National Landscape (an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB1))
- Up to seven new CSE compounds (with permanent access) to connect the overhead lines to the underground cables
- Modification works to connect into the existing Norwich Main Substation and a substation extension at the existing Bramford Substation
- A new 400 kV substation on the Tendring Peninsula, referred to as the EACN Substation (with a new permanent access). This is proposed to be an Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) substation
- A new 400 kV substation to the south of Orsett Golf Course in Essex, referred to as the Tilbury North Substation (with a new permanent access). This is proposed to be a Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) substation

- Modifications to the existing National Grid Electricity Transmission overhead lines to facilitate the connection of the existing network into the new Tilbury North Substation to provide connection to the Tilbury Substation
 - Ancillary and/or temporary works associated with the construction of the Project.
- 1.2.2 In addition, third party utilities diversions and/or modifications would be required to facilitate the construction of the Project. There would also be land required for environmental mitigation and Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).
- 1.2.3 As well as the permanent infrastructure, land would also be required temporarily for construction activities including, for example, working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, welfare, storage and temporary construction access.
- 1.2.4 The Project would be designed, constructed and operated in accordance with applicable health and safety legislation. The Project will need to comply with design safety standards including the Security and Quality of Supply Standard (SQSS), which sets out the criteria and methodology for planning and operating the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS). This informs a suite of National Grid policies and processes, which contain details on design standards required to be met when designing, constructing and operating assets such as those proposed for the Project.

1.3 Format and structure of this document

- 1.3.1 This SoCG is structured as follows:
- **Section 2** provides a summary of the key engagement undertaken to date with TDC
 - **Section 3** summarises the key matters and captures the status of each issue / matter
 - **Section 4** includes the sign off sheet

2. Record of Key Engagement

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 National Grid has engaged with TDC on the Project throughout the pre-application process. This has included:
- Non-statutory consultation in Spring 2022 and Summer 2023
 - Statutory consultation in Spring 2024
 - Targeted consultations in Spring 2025
 - Regular meetings with lead officers about the Project as a whole
 - Regular ‘Thematic Group’ meetings bringing together host authorities to discuss specific topics
 - One to one / small group technical meetings on specific detailed matters
 - Sharing of papers and draft documentation at key stages
- 2.1.2 Further details on National Grid’s engagement with stakeholders is provided in the Consultation Report and the Environmental Statement.

2.2 Summary of Key Engagement

- 2.2.1 Table 2.1 provides an overview of the key engagement that has taken place between National Grid and TDC.
- 2.2.2 It is agreed that the below is an accurate record of the key meetings and consultation undertaken between National Grid and Tendring District Council in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

Table 2.1 Summary of Key Engagement between National Grid and Tendring District Council

Date	Format	Topic/Description
General		
September 2022	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
November 2022	Meeting	Briefings on issued response to questions from OffSET with all host authorities.
November 2022	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
January 2023	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
February 2023	Meeting	Pre-consultation session with all host authorities.
March 2023	Meeting	All host authority workshop.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
May 2023	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
June 2023	Meeting	Non-statutory consultation preferred alignment briefing to all host authorities.
July 2023	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
September 2023	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
October 2023 – Ongoing	Meeting	Monthly informal catch-up meetings.
November 2023	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
December 2023	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) to all host authorities for comment.
January 2024	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
February 2024	Meeting	Statutory consultation preferred alignment briefing to all host authorities.
March 2024	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
March 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the SoCC to all host authorities for statutory consultation.
May 2024	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
May 2024	Meeting	East Anglia Connection Node (EACN) discussion.
September 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the draft Outline Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) to all host authorities for comment.
October 2024	Meeting	National Grid held a meeting to discuss comments from stakeholders on draft versions of the Outline LEMP and Outline CoCP.
November 2024	Meeting	Meeting to discuss approach to targeted consultation
November 2024	Meeting	All host authority workshop
January 2025	Meeting	Meeting to provide project and design update
January 2025	Meeting	All host authority workshop
January 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the 2 nd iteration draft versions of the Outline LEMP and Outline CoCP.
January 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the 2 nd iteration draft versions of the Outline CoCP and Outline LEMP to all host authorities for comment.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
January 2025	Meeting	National Grid held a meeting to discuss comments from stakeholders on the 2 nd iteration draft versions of the Outline LEMP and Outline CoCP.
March 2025	Meeting	All host authority workshop
March 2025	Meeting	Meeting to discuss National Grid's approach to routeing and siting
May 2025	Meeting	All host authority workshop
June 2025	Meeting	Meeting to discuss duty to further the purposes of the National Landscape
Ecology and Biodiversity		
July 2022	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the Biodiversity Assessment Methodology and Arboriculture Assessment Methodology for review ahead of the Thematic Group meeting.
July 2022	Meeting	Ecology and Biodiversity Thematic Group meeting - National Grid presented on the Biodiversity Assessment Methodology and Arboriculture Assessment Methodology and sought feedback from stakeholders.
September 2023	Meeting	National Grid discussed the potential off-site scheme/initiatives for BNG.
March 2024	Meeting	Biodiversity Thematic Group to discuss the methodology and scope of ecology surveys outside the remit of Natural England.
May 2024	Technical Note	National Grid issued a technical note to all host authorities outlining survey methods and the scope of surveys for species outside the remit of Natural England for agreement / comment.
May 2024	Meeting	Optional Thematic Group call.
October 2024	Meeting	National Grid hosted a meeting to discuss comments from stakeholders on draft versions of the Outline LEMP and CoCP.
January 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the Protected Species Proposed Mitigation Measures to stakeholders including TDC.
January 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the BNG Strategy to stakeholders including TDC.
January 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the 2 nd iteration of the Outline LEMP

Date	Format	Topic/Description
May 2025	Meeting	National Grid hosted a meeting to discuss comments from the updated proposed mitigation for species outside the remit of Natural England.
Air Quality		
September 2022	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the proposed methodology and scope of the Air Quality assessment for review and comment.
Noise and vibration		
September 2022	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the proposed methodology and scope of the Noise and Vibration assessment for review and comment.
July 2023	Technical Note	National Grid issued a technical note to agree the approach to undertaking operational noise impact assessment of the proposed EACN Substation.
Health and Wellbeing		
September 2022	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the Health and Wellbeing Assessment Methodology to all host authorities.
September 2023	Technical Note	National Grid issued a Health and Wellbeing technical note on the proposed approach to the EIA Assessment, including guidance, study area, scope, and assessment methodology.
September 2024	Meeting	National Grid held a meeting to discuss and agree the proposed assessment scope and methodology for the Health and Wellbeing chapter of the ES.
October 2024	Technical note	National Grid issued a refreshed Health and Wellbeing technical note on the proposed approach to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), including guidance, study area, scope, and assessment methodology.
Historic Environment		
July 2022	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued a document detailing the scope and methodology for the Historic Environment assessment and baseline to all host authorities and Historic England.
July 2022	Meeting	Historic Environment Thematic Group to discuss the proposed approach for the EIA assessment.
September 2022	Meeting	National Grid presented an updated approach to defining study areas, scoping of walkover and scoping of historic buildings to consider in the assessment, in response to feedback received.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
January 2023	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the plans showing the proposed viewpoint locations for landscape and heritage ahead of the Thematic Group meeting in February 2023 to all host authorities.
February 2023	Meeting	National Grid held a meeting with all host authorities to discuss landscape and heritage viewpoints.
June 2023	Technical Note	National Grid issued a technical note to Historic England and host authorities to agree methodology for the selection of viewpoints for the Historic Environment assessment.
September 2023	Meeting	Historic Environment Thematic Group meeting to discuss the proposed heritage viewpoint methodology with all host authorities and Historic England.
November 2023	Meeting	Historic Environment Thematic Group meeting to discuss the proposed locations of heritage viewpoints with host authorities and Historic England. Feedback was received from stakeholders regarding proposed viewpoints and additional viewpoints were proposed.
November 2023	Meeting	Historic Environment Thematic Group meeting to discuss proposed locations of heritage viewpoints with all host authorities and Historic England. Viewpoint locations shared in PDF and shapefile.
January 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the updated viewpoints (including ZTV) for feedback from all host authorities, Natural England and Historic England.
March 2024	Technical Note	National Grid shared the Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment for review and comment.
May 2024	Meeting	Optional Statutory Consultation Thematic Group call.
June 2024	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group Meeting.
August 2024	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group Meeting.
October 2024	Meeting	Historic Environment Thematic Group Meeting – aim was to seek agreement on the Historic Environment Methodology with respect to study area and assessment approach.
October 2024	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group Meeting.
October 2024	Meeting	National Grid shared the setting survey locations with stakeholders.
December 2024	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group Meeting.
February 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the Heritage Viewpoints Documents with stakeholders.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
February 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the Draft Heritage Baseline Report with stakeholders.
February 2025	Meeting	Thematic group meeting to further discussions regarding the Historic Environment Viewpoints.
February 2025	Meeting	Meeting to discuss the Draft Heritage Baseline Report.
March 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued updated the Historic Environment Viewpoints information to stakeholders including TDC.
April 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the Draft Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Draft Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for post-consent stage of the project.
Landscape and Visual		
July 2022	Meeting	Landscape and Visual Thematic Group Meeting. National Grid shared the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) Methodology and Arboricultural Assessment Methodology for review.
January 2023	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued plans showing proposed viewpoint locations for review and comment to all host authorities.
February 2023	Meeting	Thematic Group meeting – proposed viewpoint locations - Essex
April 2023	Meeting	National Grid presented and discussed the responses to the feedback on the viewpoint locations received from the February meeting (covering both heritage and landscape viewpoints). Stakeholders provided feedback on updated and additional viewpoint locations at the meeting and in subsequent correspondence.
May 2023	Meeting	EIA viewpoints meeting - Essex
May 2023 – March 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared information, responded to further feedback on viewpoint locations received from the May 2023 meeting, and reviewed subsequent feedback received up to March 2024 with the aim to agree viewpoint locations for the PEIR and ES (based on the information available at this date).
August 2023	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued wirelines and photomontages and proposed the approach to Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) mapping for comment.
January 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the updated landscape viewpoints (and the ZTV) and sought feedback from all host authorities.
March 2024	Meeting	National Grid responded to feedback received on viewpoints.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
May 2024	Meeting	Optional Statutory Consultation Thematic Group call.
May 2024	Meeting	EACN (Statutory Consultation) Thematic Group Meeting.
September 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the Draft Landscape and Visual Methodology, Proposed LVIA Viewpoints (excel spreadsheet) and Proposed LVIA Viewpoints (map) ahead of the Landscape Thematic Group Meeting.
September 2024	Meeting	National Grid held a Landscape Thematic Group Meeting to find agreement on the LVIA methodology and the format/presentation of photomontages and/or wirelines which will form part of the DCO application.
September 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the shapefiles for the landscape viewpoints and order limits following the Landscape Thematic Group Meeting.
September 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the draft Outline LEMP and Sample Mitigation Drawings ahead of the draft Outline LEMP and Outline CoCP discussion.
September 2024	Meeting	Landscape Thematic Group Meeting to discuss viewpoints – Essex North.
October 2024	Meeting	Focus meeting to discuss the National Landscape.
October 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the Draft mitigation drawings with stakeholders
October 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the National landscape setting study with stakeholders
October 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared updated view point information data following from the landscape thematic workshops
November 2024	Meeting	Thematic group meeting to discuss viewpoints and methodology – Essex North.
March 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued an update on LVIA Viewpoints and Methodology
Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism		
August 2023	Meeting	National Grid held a Socio-economic, Recreation and Tourism Thematic Group Meeting to discuss the study area and methodology for assessing businesses.
April 2024	Technical Note	National Grid shared an updated technical note with all host authorities to demonstrate how their feedback had been considered in developing the PEIR.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
September 2024	Meeting	Meeting to discuss and agree the Scope and Methodology for the updated Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism Technical note on the ES Chapter.
November 2024	Meeting	National Grid held a follow up meeting to discuss and agree the Scope and Methodology for the updated Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism Technical note on the ES Chapter.

3. Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under Discussion

3.1 Overview

- 3.1.1 This chapter details the matters relevant to Tendring District Council which have been agreed, not agreed or are under discussion between the parties. Matters are arranged by topic (using broad headings, or EIA chapter headings where appropriate) and each matter is given a unique reference number to aid identification.
- 3.1.2 The red, amber, green status shows the level of agreement with TDC. Descriptions of the different levels are summarised in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 Agreement Status for Matters Presented in Section 3

Status	Description
Not Agreed	Indicates a final position, where it has not been possible to resolve the issue to the agreement of both parties and there remains a difference of opinion.
Under Discussion	Indicates where issues are the subject of active on-going discussion.
Agreed	Indicates where an issue has been agreed or resolved satisfactorily to the agreement of both parties.

- 3.1.3 Engagement will continue as the Project develops and progresses through the various stages of the DCO process.
- 3.1.4 Sections that remain highlighted in yellow within these tables show points where both parties will seek to discuss and where possible agree a position in due course. The parties have been unable to do so at this stage because the relevant information is still being authored ahead of submission of the DCO application. These points will be the subject of ongoing discussion with stakeholders once the Environmental Statement and other relevant documentation is published.
- 3.1.5 Table 3.2 to Table 3.11 provide the matters agreed, not agreed or under discussion in relation to the various topics.

3.2 Project Development, Description and Design

Table 3.2 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Project Development, Description and Design Matters

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
Strategic options/needs case				
3.2.1	Needs case	<p>Norwich to Tilbury is being proposed because the existing network in East Anglia doesn't have sufficient capacity to manage the expected (and in some cases, contracted) increase in offshore wind farms (and interconnectors) needing to connect to the grid as part of the Government's target of reaching net zero by 2050. The project sits alongside other work to reinforce and upgrade the existing network in East Anglia.</p> <p>Norwich to Tilbury is listed as a key project in Appendix 2 of the NESO Clean Power 2030 Report.</p>	<p>TDC objected in the strongest of terms to the proposed Norwich to Tilbury powerline and connections to a main substation within the Tendring District – this position remains unaltered for the reasons previously set out in our statutory consultation response dated 27 March 2025 and earlier non statutory consultation responses. TDC also questioned the need for the Norwich to Tilbury project and why alternative proposals, such as coordinated offshore and HDVC undergrounding, had not been fully explored to deliver the same infrastructure capacity (including energy security, carbon reduction and other environmental benefits) in the same, or potentially quicker timescale as the development proposed.</p>	Not agreed
3.2.2	Project timing	<p>Timing for the project is driven by the needs case – when offshore wind farms are contracted to connect to the UK network – the first of which are contracted to connect in 2030. National Grid is legally obliged (under our Transmission Owner License) to provide capacity at the dates formally agreed in contracts with energy generators (or customers) by NESO.</p> <p>Appendix 2 of the NESO Clean Power 2030 Report shows that the constraint costs associated with a</p>	<p>TDC commented in 2024 that the choice of route and timing has not received adequate strategic appraisal as identified in the Hiorns Report (Nov 2023) which concludes that the scheme is not needed by 2030.</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
		delay to the project timing as being between £2.7 and £2.8 billion.		
3.2.3	Onshore route	<p>An onshore route allows for greater energy capacity and connectivity to feed into the grid. In assessing offshore options to deliver the same capacity as an onshore overhead line, we would need to build three subsea cables and associated infrastructure, which would add significant cost and not meet the needs case for Norwich to Tilbury.</p> <p><u>Updated Strategic Options and Backcheck Review documents</u></p> <p>published at each consultation compare the environmental, technical, socioeconomic and financial implications for alternative routes, including offshore alternatives.</p>	TDC are opposed to the onshore route and have questioned the necessity of the route in their statutory consultation response, particularly the diversion into the northwest of Tendring.	Under discussion
3.2.4	Predominantly overhead line route	<p>Norwich to Tilbury has been designed in line with policy statement EN-5 (which covers the development of new energy infrastructure) which concludes that in most cases, the government expects that overhead lines will be appropriate and should be used as standard to reinforce the grid.</p> <p><u>Updated Strategic Options and Backcheck Review documents</u> published at each consultation compare the environmental, technical, socioeconomic and financial implications for alternative routes, including underground alternatives.</p> <p>The work undertaken shows that undergrounding, including using HVDC cables, would be significantly more expensive and have environmental impacts and present engineering challenges. Due to the higher price that would be involved in an underground alternative, we do not believe that this</p>	In the 2024 statutory consultation response, TDC commented an offshore option is preferred. TDC comment that the environmental and community impacts could be avoided through an offshore solution.	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
		would be the most suitable option as all costs ultimately go onto domestic energy bills.		
3.2.5	Siting selection process	<p>At each consultation period, National Grid has published a suite of documents which detail how the design has been developed (based on environmental and engineering assessments, and stakeholder feedback) in addition to showing the method used to evaluate our strategic choices and how we review and backcheck these methods, and how we have considered stakeholder feedback. Key documents include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corridor and preliminary routeing and siting study (2022) • 2022 Non-statutory feedback report • 2023 Strategic Options Backcheck and Review • 2023 Design Development Report • 2023 Non-statutory Feedback Report • 2024 Strategic Options Backcheck and Review • 2024 Design Development Report 	<p>TDC believes that all the benefits and disadvantages, including any cost benefits or disadvantages of any and all alternatives should be properly and transparently considered, and then carefully weighed against the benefits and disadvantages of National Grid's preferred approach.</p> <p>This crucial exercise, despite the scale of this project and the considerable magnitude of the harmful impacts of National Grid's preferred route, appears to remain outstanding. Or if it has been undertaken, the evidence and full detail appears to remain unavailable to the wider public and all the interested parties and communities that will be so greatly affected by this project</p>	Under discussion
Project development process - Design				
3.2.6	East Anglia Connection Node (EACN) substation	<p>National Grid has previously considered a number of alternative sites for the EACN substation during the initial siting work as set out in the CPRSS and 2023 and 2024 DDRs. The decision making about siting considers the potential effects within the context of relevant policy, notably NPS EN-1, EN-5 and the Electricity Act 1989.</p> <p>We have kept our preliminary decisions under review and continue to consider the EACN substation as proposed to be the preferred location on the basis that an alternative further west presents greater</p>	<p>TDC Response to Targeted Consultations (27/03/2025):</p> <p>The choice of the EACN site east of Ardleigh contradicts this prevailing route. The environmental, landscape, and community impacts of locating the EACN here are severe. With the currently proposed onshore substation locations for the Five Estuaries and North Falls windfarms, as well as the Tarchon Interconnector and National</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
		uncertainty on factors including deliverability and increased construction risk and is not compatible with our duties.	<p>Grid's Norwich to Tilbury EACN all in one area, the projects are functionally interdependent, and the in-combination and cumulative effects will be extremely damaging.</p> <p>TDC strongly recommends considering alternative sites along the A12 corridor, which are better aligned with the existing pylon route. This would eliminate the need for a considerable number of new pylons and overhead lines between Ardleigh and Little Bromley, newly engineered and wide haul routes in rural locations close to small settlements, and yet more new and harmful pylons and overhead lines north and northwest of Ardleigh. It may also prevent the underground cable section curving south of the Dedham Vale National Landscape</p>	

Project development process - Consultation

3.2.7	2022 non-statutory consultation	<p>Non-statutory consultation took place between 21 April 2022 – 16 June 2022. Details of this consultation are outlined in the <u>Consultation Strategy</u>, and responses to feedback received during consultation are included in the <u>Feedback Report</u>.</p> <p>The non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published <u>Consultation Strategy</u>.</p>	Refer to TDC's adequacy of Consultation Milestone response dated 6 May 2025	Under discussion
3.2.8	2023 non-statutory consultation	<p>Non-statutory consultation took place between 27 June 2023 – 21 August 2023. Details of this consultation are outlined in the <u>Consultation Strategy</u>, and responses to feedback received during consultation are included in the <u>Feedback Report</u>.</p>	Refer to TDC's adequacy of Consultation Milestone response dated 6 May 2025	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
		The non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published Consultation Strategy.		
3.2.9	2024 statutory consultation	<p>Statutory Consultation took place from Wednesday 10 April 2024 to 26 July 2024 (the end date was extended from 18 June 2024 due to the general election.) Details of this consultation are outlined in the <u>Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)</u>. Responses to feedback received during statutory consultation will be made available at DCO submission within the Consultation Feedback Report.</p> <p>The statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published SoCC.</p>	Refer to TDC's adequacy of Consultation Milestone response dated 6 May 2025	Under discussion
3.2.10	2025 targeted consultation	<p>Targeted consultations for Essex took place from 25 February - 27 March 2025 Details of these consultations are outlined in the <u>Targeted Consultation Strategy</u> and associated targeted consultation leaflets and environmental implications of change documents. Responses to feedback received during targeted consultation will be made available at DCO submission within the Consultation Feedback Report.</p> <p>The targeted consultations were undertaken in accordance with the published Targeted Consultation Strategy.</p> <p>The approach to targeted consultation was undertaken in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning Act 2008 and associated guidance: Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (April 2024).</p>	In the 2025 consultation response, TDC raised concerns around transparency and availability of information which raised doubts over the legitimacy of this and previous public consultation exercises.	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
Other matters as required				
3.2.11	Community Benefits	In March 2025 the government announced guidance for delivering community benefit packages for communities hosting new, onshore transmission infrastructure projects. This guidance is clear that community benefit matters should be separate from, and not a material consideration in, the planning process. Outside of the DCO process, National Grid will work with stakeholders to understand the opportunity and delivery of this funding, in line with guidance.	TDC strongly encourage National Grid to positively respond to the issue of social value and community benefits as set out in our response to the statutory consultation in 2024, particularly having regard to the Governments recently published Community Funds for Transmission Infrastructure	Under discussion

3.3 Ecology and Biodiversity

Table 3.3 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Ecology and Biodiversity

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.3.1	Policy and legislation	<p>The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Ecology and Biodiversity assessment is presented in Chapter 2 (Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context) and Section 8.2 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES.</p> <p>All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.</p>	<p>ES not yet available, cannot state position.</p> <p>Essex Place Services (EPS) response: Have not received the ES to review but based on the PEIR this is agreed.</p>	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.3.2	Study area	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Agreed
3.3.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 8.4 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES.	ES not yet available, cannot state position. Cannot comment on the sufficiency of survey data since that information has not been shared yet. EPS response: Have not received the ES to review, but based on the PEIR sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected. Cannot comment on the sufficiency of survey data since that information has not been shared yet.	Under Discussion
3.3.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessing Ecology and Biodiversity was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The methodology for assessing Ecology and Biodiversity was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Agreed
3.3.5	Survey Methodology	National Grid issued a technical note in May 2024 outlining survey methods and the scope of surveys for species outside the remit of Natural England for agreement / comment. No Comments to date on the Technical Note received from TDC, therefore it is assumed that the survey methodology is agreed.	National Grid issued a technical note in May 2024 outlining survey methods and the scope of surveys for species outside the remit of Natural England for agreement / comment. No comments to date on the Technical Note received from TDC, therefore it is assumed that the survey methodology is agreed. EPS: Comments on methods were issued with the PEIR comments. Tech	Agreed

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
			Note presented no/minimal new information so see PEIR comments.	
3.3.6	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Ecology and Biodiversity assessment are summarised in Section 8.4 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.	ES not yet available, cannot state position.	Under Discussion
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.3.7	Baseline conditions and receptors	<p>The baseline conditions and receptors for Ecology and Biodiversity are presented in Section 8.5 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.</p> <p>January 2025, National Grid issued a technical note to all host authorities outlining the protected species proposed mitigation measures for agreement/comment.</p> <p>In May 2025, National Grid held a further meeting to discuss comments from an updated proposed mitigation for species outside the remit of Natural England.</p>	ES not yet available, cannot state position	Under Discussion
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.3.8	Embedded mitigation	Embedded mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Ecology and Biodiversity effects, are set out in Section 8.6 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	ES not yet available, cannot state position	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
3.3.9	Standard mitigation	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential Ecology and Biodiversity effects during construction are summarised in Section 8.6 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES and set out in the Outline CoCP [document reference 7.2]. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	ES not yet available, cannot state position	Under Discussion
3.3.10	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 8.6 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	ES not yet available, cannot state position	Under Discussion

EIA – Assessment Conclusions

3.3.11	Construction effects	<p>The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 8.7 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.</p> <p>The necessary measures will be implemented to ensure the protection of ancient woodlands where required.</p> <p>The use of Heras fencing with camouflage netting attached is a considered mitigation technique to reduce the potential impact of hedgerows located within the draft order limits</p>	<p>TDC stated at statutory consultation that for hedgerows and trees there was a lack of information with regards to potential impacts on specific hedgerows and ancient trees located within the draft Order Limits.</p> <p>EPS Comments - Have not received the ES to review.</p>	Under discussion
3.3.12	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 8.7 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.	ES not yet available, cannot state position	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.3.13	Outline CoCP	<p>The Outline CoCP includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified in Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.</p> <p>Meeting held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP.</p> <p>Meeting held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the Outline CoCP.</p> <p>A further iteration of the Outline CoCP was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.</p>	<p>The latest CoCP was only provided to TDC end of May 2025. The 1st and 2nd iterations were rough outline drafts. TDC is currently engaging with the latest CoCP and will be providing comments in due course - it is unreasonable to expect TDC to provide comment on the CoCP which is a very large document with a considerable number of appendixes, in a turnaround time of less than 7 days, moreover the ES is not available</p>	Under Discussion
3.3.14	Outline LEMP	<p>The LEMP includes all relevant operational related mitigation measures specified in Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES and is appropriate.</p> <p>Meeting held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the Outline LEMP.</p> <p>Meeting held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the Outline LEMP.</p> <p>A further iteration of the Outline LEMP was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.</p>	<p>The latest CoCP was only provided to TDC end of May 2025. The 1st and 2nd iterations were rough outline drafts. TDC is currently engaging with the latest CoCP and will be providing comments in due course - it is unreasonable to expect TDC to provide comment on the CoCP which is a very large document with a considerable number of appendixes, in a turnaround time of less than 7 days, moreover the ES is not available</p>	Under Discussion
Other matters as required				
3.3.15	Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)	<p>National Grid will deliver at least 10 % BNG with wider environmental and societal benefits on its construction projects. Offsite BNG will be delivered through collaboration with partners and purchased from commercially registered providers.</p>	<p>TDC is currently engaging with the Biodiversity Net Gain strategy and will be providing comments in due course.</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
		National Grid shared the Biodiversity Net Gain strategy with stakeholders in January 2025. No comments received to date on the BNG strategy from TDC.		
3.3.15	Draft Arboriculture Impact Assessment (AIA)	National Grid issued the draft AIA in March 2025. TDC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with TDC on this matter.	Email response from TDC on 22nd April 2025 included a number of comments relating to the AIA.	Under discussion

3.4 Air Quality

Table 3.4 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Air Quality

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.4.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Air Quality assessment is presented in Chapter 2 (Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context) and Section 7.2 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.4.2	Study area	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping	Agreed

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
			Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	
3.4.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 7.4 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
3.4.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessing Air Quality was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The methodology for assessing Air Quality was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Agreed
3.4.5	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with Air Quality are summarised in Section 7.4 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion

EIA – Baseline Conditions

3.4.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Air Quality are presented in Section 7.5 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
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EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures

3.4.7	Embedded mitigation	Embedded mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Air Quality effects, are set out in Section 7.6 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
3.4.8	Standard mitigation	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential effects during construction are summarised in Section 7.6 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES and set out in	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
		the Outline CoCP [document reference 7.2]. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.		
3.4.9	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 7.6 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
EIA – Assessment Conclusions				
3.4.10	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 7.7 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
3.4.11	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 7.7 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.4.12	Outline CoCP	<p>The Outline CoCP includes all relevant mitigation measures specified in Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.</p> <p>Meeting held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP.</p> <p>Meeting held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the Outline CoCP.</p>	The latest CoCP was only provided to TDC end of May 2025. The 1 st and 2 nd iterations were rough outline drafts. TDC is currently engaging with the latest CoCP and will be providing comments in due course - it is unreasonable to expect TDC to provide comment on the CoCP which is a very large document with a considerable number of appendixes, in a turnaround	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
		A further iteration of the Outline CoCP was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.	time of less than 7 days, moreover the ES is not available	
Other matters as required				

3.5 Noise and Vibration

Table 3.5 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Noise and Vibration

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.5.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Noise and Vibration assessment is presented in Chapter 2 (Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context) and Section 14.2 of Chapter 14 (Noise and Vibration) of the ES. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	Unable to confirm position – ES not yet available	Under discussion
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.5.2	Study area	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Agreed

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
3.5.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 14.4 of Chapter 14 (Noise and Vibration) of the ES.	Unable to confirm position – ES not yet available	Under discussion
3.5.4	Assessment methodology	Assessment approach agreed with Tendring District Council – the full assessment will be presented in the ES.	In July 2023, a technical note was shared with the Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) from Essex County Council and TDC to agree the approach to undertaking an operational noise impact assessment of the proposed EACN Substation within Tendring District together with using background noise monitoring data gathered for another project in the vicinity. Essex County Council deferred authority to TDC, who agreed that the proposed approach was acceptable.	Agreed
3.5.5	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with Noise and Vibration are summarised in Section 14.4 of Chapter 14 (Noise and Vibration) of the ES. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.	Unable to confirm position – ES not yet available	Under Discussion
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.5.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Noise and Vibration are presented in Section 14.5 of Chapter 14 (Noise and Vibration) of the ES. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	Unable to confirm position – ES not yet available	Under discussion
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.5.7	Embedded mitigation	Embedded mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Noise and	Unable to confirm position – ES not yet available	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
		Vibration effects, are set out in Section 14.6 of Chapter 14 (Noise and Vibration) of the ES. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.		
3.5.8	Standard mitigation	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential effects during construction are summarised in Section 14.6 of Chapter 14 (Noise and Vibration) of the ES and set out in the Outline CoCP [document reference 7.2]. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Unable to confirm position – ES not yet available	Under discussion
3.5.9	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 14.6 of Chapter 14 (Noise and Vibration) of the ES. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Unable to confirm position – ES not yet available	Under discussion
EIA – Assessment Conclusions				
3.5.10	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 14.7 of Chapter 14 (Noise and Vibration) of the ES. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.	Unable to confirm position – ES not yet available	Under discussion
3.5.11	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 14.7 of Chapter 14 (Noise and Vibration) of the ES. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.	Unable to confirm position – ES not yet available	Under discussion
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.5.12	Outline CoCP	The Outline CoCP includes all relevant mitigation measures specified in Chapter 14 (Noise and	The latest CoCP was only provided to TDC end of May 2025. The 1 st and 2 nd	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
		<p>Vibration) of the ES and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.</p> <p>Meeting held on 9th October 2024 to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP. A further meeting was held on 29th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders.</p> <p>Meeting held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the Outline CoCP.</p> <p>A further iteration of the Outline CoCP was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.</p>	<p>Iterations were rough outline drafts. TDC is currently engaging with the latest CoCP and will be providing comments in due course - it is unreasonable to expect TDC to provide comment on the CoCP which is a very large document with a considerable number of appendixes, in a turnaround time of less than 7 days, moreover the ES is not available</p>	
Other matters as required				

3.6 Health and Wellbeing

Table 3.6 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Health and Wellbeing

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.6.1	Policy and legislation	<p>The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Health and Wellbeing assessment is presented in Chapter 2 (Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context) and Section 10.2 of Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES.</p> <p>All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.</p>	<p>Latest ES not yet available, cannot state position</p>	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.6.2	Study area	The study area was agreed through the Health and Wellbeing Refreshed Approach – Technical Note issued in October 2024.	No comments received from TDC on the Health and Wellbeing Refreshed Approach – Technical Note to date. It is therefore assumed that the study area is agreed.	Agreed
3.6.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 10.4 of Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot state position	Under Discussion
3.6.4	Assessment methodology	The Methodology was agreed through the Health and Wellbeing Refreshed Approach – Technical Note issued in October 2024. A meeting was held on 24 September 2024 to agree the assessment methodology of the Health and Wellbeing ES chapter.	TDC comment in relation to this section of the SOCG: This is an inaccurate summary and unevidenced assumption - It is unclear if any TDC officials have been invited to the 24th Sept 2024 meeting, moreover TDC officials need to see the Health and Wellbeing ES chapter.	Under discussion
3.6.5	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with Health and Wellbeing are summarised in Section 10.4 of Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot state position	Under Discussion
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.6.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Health and Wellbeing are presented in Section 10.5 of Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot state position	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.6.7	Embedded mitigation	Embedded mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Health and Wellbeing effects, are set out in Section 10.6 of Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot state position	Under Discussion
3.6.8	Standard mitigation	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential effects during construction are summarised in Section 10.6 of Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES and set out in the Outline CoCP [document reference 7.2]. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot state position	Under Discussion
3.6.9	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 10.6 of Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot state position	Under Discussion
EIA – Assessment Conclusions				
3.6.10	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 10.7 of Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot state position	Under Discussion
3.6.11	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 10.7 of Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot state position	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.6.12	Outline CoCP	<p>The Outline CoCP includes all relevant mitigation measures specified in Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.</p> <p>Meeting held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP.</p> <p>Meeting held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the Outline CoCP.</p> <p>A further iteration of the Outline CoCP was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.</p>	<p>The latest CoCP was only provided to TDC end of May 2025. The 1st and 2nd iterations were rough outline drafts. TDC is currently engaging with the latest CoCP and will be providing comments in due course - it is unreasonable to expect TDC to provide comment on the CoCP which is a very large document with a considerable number of appendixes, in a turnaround time of less than 7 days, moreover the ES is not available</p>	Under discussion
Other matters as required				

3.7 Historic Environment

Table 3.7 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to the Historic Environment

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.7.1	Policy and legislation	<p>The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Historic Environment assessment is presented in Chapter 2 (Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context) and Section 11.2 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES.</p>	<p>Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position</p>	Under Discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
		All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.		
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.7.2	Study area	<p>The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>The study area was also agreed through subsequent thematic group meetings where further comments were addressed.</p>	<p>The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>The study area was also agreed through subsequent thematic group meetings where further comments were addressed.</p>	Agreed
3.7.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 11.4 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES.	<p>EPS need an updated status on accuracy of AP rectification. Information recently provided by Place Services includes Palaeolithic potential to be included in Palaeolithic/geoarchaeology background.</p> <p>See 3.7.4 re: Non Designated Heritage Assets (NDHAs) (EPS – Built Heritage, May 2025)</p>	Under discussion
3.7.4	Assessment methodology	<p>The Scoping Opinion stated: “<i>The Applicant should make effort to discuss and agree relevant non-designated heritage assets for assessment and the detailed assessment methodology with relevant local planning authorities.</i>”</p> <p>The assessment methodology has been discussed at a number of Historic Environment Thematic Group Meetings held between July 2022 and October 2024.</p> <p>Our assessment has carefully considered both designated and non-designated heritage assets,</p>	<p>The assessment methodology has been discussed at a number of Historic Environment Thematic Group Meetings held between July 2022 and October 2024.</p> <p>TDC raised at statutory consultation that there was limited recognition of and insufficient information on nearby designated and non-designated heritage assets and uncertainty around</p>	Under discussion

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		<p>ensuring that their setting and significance are appropriately evaluated. As part of the ongoing process, we will further review and update the information in line with relevant guidelines, addressing any remaining uncertainties. The updated assessments will be included in the Environmental Statement for the DCO submission.</p> <p>Historic Environment Viewpoints feedback will be taken into account for the assessment.</p>	<p>the impact of the development on their setting and significance [within the PEIR, National Grid April 2024]. Certain non-designated assets that appear on the Historic Environment Record have been described as 'low value' which TDC suggests needs reassessing.</p> <p>Historic Environment Viewpoints feedback received on 3rd March 2025 from EPS.</p> <p>EPS: With regard to the non designated heritage assets a programme of geophysics and trial trenching is underway within the undergrounding sections of the route, however it would be expected that a programme of archaeological investigation will have occurred in advance of the submission of the application in areas disturbed by the overhead proposals, including the access route, so that the impact on heritage assets is understood in these areas also. (May 2025)</p> <p>It appears that the only NDHAs included in Annex A are those that appear on the relevant Historic Environment Record. This is concerning as not all built NDHAs will be included on the HER. Unfortunately, no text has been provided which addresses various comments and questions previously raised regarding whether there was a methodology for identifying NDHAs as part of site walkovers, whether this has</p>	

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			<p>been undertaken, or whether any have been identified.</p> <p>As such, there are still concerns that not all NDHAs have been included (Built Heritage, May 2025)</p> <p>A 'spot check' of the Draft Heritage Baseline Report was carried out by Place Services which raised questions and concerns regarding the robustness of the methodology. These comments were submitted to NG in a letter dated 6th March 2025 (Built Heritage, May 2025)</p>	
3.7.7	Key parameters and assumptions	<p>Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Historic Environment assessment are summarised in Section 11.4 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.</p> <p>In March 2025, National Grid issued an updated version of the Historic Environment (HE) Viewpoints information.</p>	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.7.8	Baseline conditions and receptors	<p>The baseline conditions and receptors for Historic Environment are presented in Section 11.5 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.</p> <p>TDC/EPS comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with TDC on this matter.</p>	<p>Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position.</p> <p>EPS: A 'spot check' of the Draft Heritage Baseline Report was carried out by Place Services which raised questions and concerns regarding the robustness of the methodology. These comments were submitted to NG in a</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
			letter dated 6 th March 2025 (Built Heritage, May 2025)	
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.7.9	Embedded mitigation	Embedded mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Historic Environment effects, are set out in Section 11.6 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
3.7.10	Standard mitigation	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential effects during construction are summarised in Section 11.6 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES and set out in the Outline CoCP [document reference X.X]. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
3.7.11	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 11.6 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
EIA – Assessment Conclusions				
3.7.12	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 11.7 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
3.7.13	Operational (and	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 11.7 of Chapter	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion

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	maintenance) effects	11 (Historic Environment) of the ES. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.		
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.7.14	Outline CoCP	<p>The Outline CoCP includes all relevant construction mitigation measures specified in Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.</p> <p>Meeting held on 9th October 2024 to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP. A further meeting was held on 29th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders.</p> <p>Meeting held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the Outline CoCP.</p> <p>A further iteration of the Outline CoCP was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.</p>	<p>Comments have been submitted to National Grid and this is still under discussion.</p> <p>The structure of the CoCP is agreed but the contents are not. Comments were provided to NG in a letter dated 24th February 2025 (EPS - Built Heritage, May 2025).</p>	Under discussion
Other matters as required				
3.7.15	Written Scheme of Investigations (WSIs) for pre-consent geophysical surveys and archaeological trial trenching.	<p>The scope and methodology of WSIs for geophysical surveys and archaeological trial trenching is considered appropriate and proportionate to the level of impact anticipated.</p> <p>This would include defining priority areas on the basis of potential impact from construction works to focus the geophysical survey and trial trenching approach and inform the programme for these works.</p>	EPS Response unavailable	Under discussion
3.7.16	Draft Mitigation Strategy and Outline WSI	The contents of the Draft Mitigation Strategy and Outline WSI is considered appropriate and proportionate to the level of impact anticipated.	EPS response: The first draft of the mitigation strategy and OWSI was submitted in Late April with comments provided in May. In general, the	Under discussion

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		National Grid issued the Draft Outline Mitigation Strategy and draft Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for post-consent stage of the project in April 2025.	structure is fine, however, a lot more detail is still required. One major omission was the lack of outreach identified in the document.	
3.7.17	Programme for completion of archaeological fieldwork	The programme for archaeological fieldwork is considered appropriate and proportionate to the level of impact anticipated.	Unknown – need to see EPS position	Under discussion

3.8 Landscape and Visual

Table 3.8 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Landscape and Visual

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.8.1	Policy and legislation	<p>The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Landscape and Visual assessment is presented in Chapter 2 (Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context) and Section 13.2 Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES.</p> <p>All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.</p> <p>TDC/EPS comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with TDC on this matter.</p>	<p>Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position.</p> <p>EPS response:</p> <p>Reference is also needed to the DEFRA guidance note (2024) in relation to the enhanced duty for National Landscapes under LURA (2023). Likely material.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-protected-landscapes-duty/guidance-for-relevant-authorities-on-seeking-to-further-the-purposes-of-protected-landscapes</p> <p>Add reference to Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1)</p>	Under Discussion

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			Para 4.3.4 in relation to compensation for significant negative impacts 'To consider the potential effects, including benefits, of a proposal for a project, the applicant must set out information on the likely significant environmental, social and economic effects of the development, and show how any likely significant negative effects would be avoided, reduced, mitigated or compensated for, following the mitigation hierarchy'.	

EIA – Approach and Methods

3.8.2	Study area	The study area for assessing Landscape and Visual was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and the Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate and through subsequent thematic workshops.	The study area for assessing Landscape and Visual was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and the Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate and through subsequent thematic workshops.	Agreed
3.8.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 13.4 of Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES. TDC/EPS comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with TDC on this matter.	TDC and EPS remain unsatisfied with the number of viewpoint assessments proposed generally (Email November 2024). Whilst we welcome the inclusion of criteria against which landscape value will be assessed, we remain unhappy with aspects of the approach to Landscape Value assessment (Email 22.04.2025)	Under discussion
3.8.4	Assessment methodology (including LVIA	The outline methodology for assessing Landscape and Visual was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning	The outline methodology for assessing Landscape and Visual was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
	methodology and viewpoints)	<p>Inspectorate and through subsequent thematic workshops</p> <p>A meeting was held on the 25 September 2024 to seek to agree the detailed methodology. A further meeting was held on 28th November 2024 to follow up any additional changes to the assessment.</p> <p>Viewpoints are still under discussion.</p> <p>National Grid issued an update on LVIA Viewpoints and Methodology in March 2025.</p> <p>TDC/EPS comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with TDC on this matter.</p>	<p>Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate and through subsequent thematic workshops</p> <p>A meeting was held on the 25 September 2024 to seek to agree the detailed methodology. A further meeting was held on 28th November 2024 to follow up any additional changes to the assessment.</p> <p>Viewpoints are still under discussion.</p> <p>EPS response:</p> <p>EPS Email response to proposed viewpoints in Essex North dated 24th October 2024.</p> <p>TDC remain unsatisfied generally with the number of viewpoint assessments proposed.</p> <p>Whilst TDC welcome the inclusion of criteria against which landscape value will be assessed, we remain unhappy with aspects of the approach to Landscape Value (Email 22.04.2025)</p> <p>TDC also have reservations regarding the methodology for assessing the value of views as this appears skewed towards promotional data.</p>	
3.8.5	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Landscape and Visual assessment are summarised in Section 13.4 of Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.	<p>ES not yet available and TDC reserve the right to comment further should the parameters and assumptions change.</p> <p>EPS response:</p> <p>The preliminary key parameters and assumptions are presented at 13.5 in</p>	Under Discussion

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		TDC/EPS comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with TDC on this matter.	relation to LVIA. It is understood 'This information is iterative and will be updated for the ES as the design evolves and relevant changes are accounted for in the assessment'. TDC reserve the right to comment further should the parameters and assumptions change.	

EIA – Baseline Conditions

3.8.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	<p>The baseline conditions and receptors for Landscape and Visual are presented in Section 13.5 of Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.</p> <p>TDC/EPS comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with TDC on this matter.</p>	<p>Final ES not yet available and therefore not possible to pass a position – also echo position set out by EPS.</p> <p>EPS response:</p> <p>An approach to compensation is needed, not just mitigation, e.g. where and how it has been identified and described, how the applicant has sought engagement from the local authority on this issue etc.</p> <p>TDC do not consider the applicants have considered or met either the EIA Regs or National Policy Statement EN-1 requirements in relation to compensation. The likely significant negative landscape and visual effects of the project appear not to be compensated for, over and above offering enhancements at substations and sealing end compounds. We suggest the test of 'as far as possible' has not been met in any reasonable way in relation to the overwhelming</p>	Under Discussion
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			likely permanent negative landscape and visual impacts along the length of the project described by the applicant within the PEIR. TDC have been calling for engagement on this issue since 2023.	

EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures

3.8.7	Embedded mitigation	<p>Embedded mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Landscape and Visual effects, are set out in Section 13.6 of Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.</p> <p>Feedback from various respondents requested the proposed overhead line be replaced by the use of underground cable between the EACN substation and the Great Horkesley underground cable section. This area is not subject to designations that change the presumed general acceptability of overhead lines (as set out in EN-5) although the overhead alignment is relatively close to the Dedham Vale National Landscape (AONB). However, whilst potentially visible from locations within the AONB it is not considered that this would lead to effects that would justify, in policy terms, the very substantial additional costs and environmental effects arising from the installation of underground cable.</p> <p>Additionally, there are various locations (for example the crossing of Ardleigh reservoir and at the Wick Lane and Old Ipswich Road junction) where the adoption of underground cable would present substantial technical</p>	<p>TDC raised at statutory consultation that the undergrounding through the National Landscape fails to address the concerns of the residents of Ardleigh (shared by TDC) about large scale intrusive physical infrastructure running past their community. If the development is to proceed, the Council continues to argue for the section from the EACN onward toward Colchester also being undergrounded – a relatively short stretch of the powerline in the context of its overall length and scale.</p> <p>EPS: The interim LVIA in the PEIR (2024) demonstrates the widespread significant impacts at an operational stage of the EACN and the overhead lines close to Ardleigh. TB001-TB010 parallel the undergrounded cable that connects From North of the National Landscape to the EACN.</p> <p>VP3.11 and VP12 visualisations demonstrate the likely significant impact of the OH lines and EACN south of the project line. More importantly</p>	Under discussion
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		challenges that may not be possible to address without further increased effects. It is therefore considered that the use of 400 kV overhead line is still the most appropriate connection technology in this area.	<p>visualisations show that the operational impacts remain significant from VP3.15 and 3.19, on the edge of the Dedham Vale National Landscape (NL), on either the NL itself or its setting, thus undermining the reason for the undergrounding of the line from north of the NL to the EACN.</p> <p>These visualisations do not show cumulative effects, notably close to Ardleigh itself where North Falls, Five Estuaries and the likely Tarchon proposals will impact.</p> <p>The viewpoint assessments from the National Landscape are also approx. 2 km apart so the visual impact between these points is unknown.</p>	
3.8.8	Standard mitigation	<p>Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential Landscape and Visual effects during construction are summarised in Section 13.6 of Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES and set out in the Outline CoCP [document reference 7.2]. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.</p> <p>TDC/EPS comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with TDC on this matter.</p>	<p>EPS response:</p> <p>Standard mitigation measures do not wholly mitigate substantial significant temporary impacts caused by construction.</p> <p>Final ES not yet available and therefore not possible to pass a position – TDC also echo position set out by EPS.</p>	Under discussion
3.8.9	Additional mitigation	<p>The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 13.6 of Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.</p>	<p>EPS response:</p> <p>Additional mitigation measures do not address significant residual negative impacts from pylons and the overhead cables. We do not agree that the mitigation hierarchy has been</p>	Under discussion

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		TDC/EPS comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with TDC on this matter.	<p>effectively applied as it does not include compensation for the significant residual negative impacts of the overhead lines and pylons.</p> <p>An approach to compensation is required, where and how it will be identified and described, and how the applicant will engage on this topic with the local authority. We do not consider the applicants have considered or met either the EIA Regs or EN-1 requirements in relation to compensation. It appears the likely significant negative landscape and visual effects of the project are generally not to be compensated for which is not acceptable.</p> <p>We suggest the test of 'as far as possible' has not been met in any reasonable way in relation to the likely residual significant permanent negative landscape and visual impacts along the length of the project described by the applicant within the PEIR.</p> <p>Final ES not yet available and therefore not possible to pass a position – TDC also echo position set out by Place Services.</p>	

EIA – Assessment Conclusions

3.8.10	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 13.7 of Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES. The assessment of effects	EPS commented that Statutory Consultation response for Tendring District Council (2024) identified:	Under discussion
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		<p>during construction presented is considered appropriate.</p> <p>TDC/EPS comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with TDC on this matter.</p>	<p>Several instances where we judge the extent of significant impacts on landscape character and receptors would be more widespread than identified in the PEIR.</p> <p>Impacts on landscape of Colne Valley landscape including Open Access Land and Essex Way understated. Project line needs undergrounding or realigning</p> <p>In relation to visual impact, TDC understand that the Visual Receptor Areas are a pragmatic way of organising the data, but fear clarity and detail may have been lost as a result.</p> <p>Suggested changes to siting, alignment, viewpoint assessments and visualisations have not necessarily been addressed.</p>	
3.8.11	Operational (and maintenance) effects	<p>The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 13.7 of Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.</p> <p>TDC/EPS comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with TDC on this matter.</p>	<p>EPS commented that Statutory Consultation response for Tendring District Council (2024) identified:</p> <p>Several instances where we judge the extent of significant impacts on landscape character and receptors would be more widespread than identified in the PEIR.</p> <p>Impacts on landscape of Colne Valley landscape including Open Access Land and Essex Way understated. Project line needs undergrounding or realigning</p> <p>In relation to visual impact, TDC understand that the Visual Receptor Areas are a pragmatic way of</p>	Under discussion

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			<p>organising the data, but fear clarity and detail may have been lost as a result.</p> <p>Visual Receptor Areas B4, B5 and B6 do not appear to be labelled on Figure 13.7 Pages 3 or 4.</p> <p>Suggested changes to siting, alignment, viewpoint assessments and visualisations have not necessarily been addressed.</p>	

Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring

3.8.12	Outline CoCP	<p>The Outline CoCP includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified in Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.</p> <p>Meeting held on 9th October 2024 to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP. A further meeting was held on 29th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders.</p> <p>Meeting held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the Outline CoCP.</p> <p>A further iteration of the Outline CoCP was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.</p>	<p>The latest CoCP was only provided to TDC end of May 2025. The 1st and 2nd Iterations were rough outline drafts. TDC is currently engaging with the latest CoCP and will be providing comments in due course - it is unreasonable to expect TDC to provide comment on the CoCP which is a very large document with a considerable number of appendixes, in a turnaround time of less than 7 days, moreover the ES is not available</p>	Under discussion
3.8.13	Outline LEMP	<p>The LEMP includes all relevant operational related mitigation measures specified in Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES and is appropriate.</p> <p>Meeting held on 9th October to agree on the structure for the Outline LEMP. A further meeting was held on 29th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders.</p>	<p>TDC is currently engaging with the latest Outline LEMP and will be providing comments in due course. Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position.</p>	Under discussion

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		Meeting held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the Outline LEMP. A further iteration of the Outline LEMP was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.		
Other matters as required				

3.9 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism

Table 3.9 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Socioeconomics, Recreation and Tourism assessment is presented in Chapter 2 (Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context) and Section 15.2 of Chapter 15 (Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism) of the ES.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
EIA – Approach and Methods				
	Study area	The Scoping Opinion stated <i>“The Applicant should seek to agree the study area with the relevant local authorities”</i> . A meeting was held on 12 September 2024 to seek to agree this point in the Scoping Opinion. During the Thematic Group meeting in November 2024, it was agreed that the study area for businesses	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion

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		would be increased from 1km to 3km to account for visual effects on businesses. A 3 rd Technical Note is currently being prepared to seek to agree the study area and methodology.		
	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 15.4 of Chapter 15 (Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism) of the ES.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
	Assessment methodology	The Scoping Opinion stated “ <i>The ES should detail the criteria used to identify businesses likely to be affected and the Applicant should seek to agree these with relevant local authorities</i> ”. A meeting was held on 14th November 2024 to seek to agree the points raised in the Scoping Opinion. Technical Notes were shared in June 2023 and April 2024. A 3 rd Technical Note is currently being prepared to seek to agree the study area and methodology.	No comments received to date on the Technical Notes. A 3 rd Technical Note is currently being prepared to seek to agree the study area and methodology.	Under discussion
	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism assessment are summarised in Section 15.4 of Chapter 15 (Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism) of the ES. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism are presented in Section 15.5 of Chapter 15 (Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism) of the ES. The baseline	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion

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		conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.		
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
	Embedded mitigation	Embedded mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism effects, are set out in Section 15.6 of Chapter 15 (Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism) of the ES. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
	Standard mitigation	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism effects during construction are summarised in Section 15.6 of Chapter 15 (Socioeconomics, Recreation and Tourism) of the ES and set out in the Outline CoCP [document reference 7.2]. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 15.6 of Chapter 15 (Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism) of the ES. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
EIA – Assessment Conclusions				
	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 15.7 of Chapter 15 (Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism) of the ES. The	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion

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		assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.		
	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 15.7 of Chapter 15 (Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism) of the ES. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.	Latest ES not yet available, cannot confirm position	Under discussion
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
	Outline CoCP	<p>The Outline CoCP includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified in Chapter 15 (Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism) of the ES, and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.</p> <p>Meeting held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP.</p> <p>Meeting held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the Outline CoCP.</p> <p>A further iteration of the Outline CoCP was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.</p>	The latest CoCP was only provided to TDC end of May 2025. The 1 st and 2 nd iterations were rough outline drafts. TDC is currently engaging with the latest CoCP and will be providing comments in due course - it is unreasonable to expect TDC to provide comment on the CoCP which is a very large document with a considerable number of appendixes, in a turnaround time of less than 7 days, moreover the ES is not available	Under discussion
Other matters as required				

3.10 Cumulative Effects

Table 3.10 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Cumulative Effects

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.10.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Cumulative Effects assessment is presented in Chapter 2 (Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context) and Section 17.2 of Chapter 17 (Cumulative Effects) of the ES. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	TDC position pending sight of the ES	Under discussion
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.10.2	Study area	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Agreed
3.10.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 17.4 of Chapter 17 (Cumulative Effects) of the ES.	TDC position pending sight of the ES	Under discussion
3.10.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessing Cumulative Effects was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The methodology for assessing Cumulative Effects was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Agreed
3.10.5	Key parameters	Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Cumulative Effects assessment are summarised in Section 17.4 of Chapter 17	TDC position pending sight of the ES	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
	and assumptions	(Cumulative Effects) of the ES. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.		
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.10.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Cumulative Effects are presented in Section 17.5 of Chapter 17 (Cumulative Effects) of the ES. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	TDC position pending sight of the ES	Under discussion
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.10.7	Embedded mitigation	Embedded mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Cumulative Effects, are set out in Section 17.6 of Chapter 17 (Cumulative Effects) of the ES. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	TDC position pending sight of the ES	Under discussion
3.10.8	Standard mitigation	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential Cumulative Effects during construction are summarised in Section 17.6 of Chapter 17 (Cumulative Effects) of the ES and set out in the Outline CoCP [document reference 7.2]. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	TDC position pending sight of the ES	Under discussion
3.10.9	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 17.6 of Chapter 17 (Cumulative Effects) of the ES. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	TDC position pending sight of the ES	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
EIA – Assessment Conclusions				
3.10.10	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 17.7 of Chapter 17 (Cumulative Effects) of the ES. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.	EPS: Likely cumulative Landscape and Visual impacts. Final ES not yet available and therefore not possible to pass a position – TDC echo position set out by Place Services	Under discussion
3.10.11	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 17.7 of Chapter 17 (Cumulative Effects) of the ES. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.	EPS: Likely cumulative Landscape and Visual impacts. Final ES not yet available and therefore not possible to pass a position – TDC echo position set out by Place Services	Under discussion
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.10.12	Outline CoCP	The Outline CoCP includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified in Chapter 17 (Cumulative Effects) of the ES and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project. Meeting held on 9 th October to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP. A further meeting was held on 29 th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders.	The latest CoCP was only provided to TDC end of May 2025. The 1 st and 2 nd iterations were rough outline drafts. TDC is currently engaging with the latest CoCP and will be providing comments in due course - it is unreasonable to expect TDC to provide comment on the CoCP which is a very large document with a considerable number of appendixes, in a turnaround time of less than 7 days, moreover the ES is not available	Under discussion
Other matters as required				

3.11 Development Consent Order

Table 3.11 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Development Consent Order

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Tendring District Council's Position	Status
3.111.1	DCO Requirements			
	DCO Wording			
	Other matters as required			

3.12 Other Matters

4. Confirmation of Agreement

The above SoCG is agreed between National Grid and Tendring District Council on the date specified below.

Signed for and on behalf of National Grid:

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Date:

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Signed for and on behalf of Tendring District Council:

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Date:

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Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full Reference
AIL	Abnormal Indivisible Loads
AIS	Air Insulated Switchgear
AOD	Above Ordnance Datum
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
BNG	Biodiversity Net Gain
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice
CSE	Cable Sealing End
CTMP	Construction Traffic Management Plan
DCO	Development Consent Order
EACN	East Anglia Connection Node
EHO	Environmental Health Officer
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
GI	Ground Investigation
GW	Gigawatt
LLFA	Lead Local Flood Authority
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
NCR	National Cycle Route
NETS	National Electricity Transmission System
NPSs	National Policy Statements
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
PRoW	Public Right of Way
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation
SPZ	Source Protection Zone
TDC	Tendring District Council
WFD	Water Framework Directive
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation

Abbreviation	Full Reference
Zol	Zone of Influence
ZTV	Zone of Theoretical Visibility

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