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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 Chelmsford City Council (CCC). Chelmsford City 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 Chelmsford City 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 CCC. The applicable matters considered within this SoCG apply to CCC'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

Chelmsford City 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 Chelmsford City 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 CCC
 - **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 CCC 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 CCC.
- 2.2.2 It is agreed that the below is an accurate record of the key meetings and consultation undertaken between National Grid and Chelmsford City Council in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

Table 2.1 Summary of Key Engagement between National Grid and Chelmsford City Council

Date	Format	Topic/Description
General		
June 2022	Meeting	Informal project catch-up and consultation feedback with CCC.
September 2022	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
October 2022	Meeting	Informal project catch up with CCC
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.
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 Teams calls.
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.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
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	Consultation plan discussion with CCC.
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 Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Outline LEMP) and Outline CoCP.
November 2024	Meeting	Meeting to discuss approach to targeted consultations
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 issued the 2 nd iteration draft versions of the Outline CoCP and Outline LEMP to all host authorities for comment.
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
May 2025	Meeting	Meeting to discuss targeted consultation feedback
May 2025	Meeting	Meeting to discuss draft Statement of Common Ground
May 2025	Email correspondence	National Grid issued an updated iteration of the draft Outline Code of Construction Practice (oCoCP)

Date	Format	Topic/Description
May 2025	Email correspondence	National Grid issued a new appendix to the draft oCoCP - Appendix H, Draft Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy
May 2025	Email correspondence	National Grid issued the Long List of Other Developments
June 2025	Meeting	Meeting to discuss draft Statement of Common Ground
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 CCC and other authorities.
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.
September 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP)
October 2024	Meeting	National Grid hosted a meeting to discuss comments from stakeholders on draft versions of the Outline LEMP and Outline CoCP.
January 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the Protected Species Proposed Mitigation Measures to stakeholders including CCC
January 2025	Meeting	National Grid hosted a meeting to discuss comments from stakeholders on proposed mitigation for species outside the remit of Natural England.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
January 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy.
January 2025	Meeting	National Grid hosted a meeting to discuss comments received on the draft Biodiversity Net Gain Report.
January 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the second iteration of the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP)
January 2025	Meeting	National Grid hosted a meeting to discuss comments from stakeholders on the second iteration of the Outline LEMP and Outline CoCP.
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.
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 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), including guidance, study area, scope, and assessment methodology.
October 2023	Email Correspondence	Chelmsford City Council requested that Wales Health Impact Assessment Support Unit (WHIASU) guidance and vulnerable groups checklist is included within the assessment.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
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 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.
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.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
March 2024	Technical Note	National Grid shared the updated Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for Geophysical Surveys with the Archaeology Working Group Members.
March 2024	Email Correspondence	Project response to Stakeholder feedback on Heritage Viewpoints.
May 2024	Meeting	Optional Statutory Consultation Thematic Group call.
February 2025	Meeting	Historic Environment Thematic Group meeting to further discuss the Historic Environment Viewpoints.
February 2025	Technical note	National Grid shared the Draft Heritage Baseline Report with Annex C and D.
February 2025	Meeting	Historic Environment Thematic Group meeting to discuss the Heritage Baseline report.
March 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued updated the Historic Environment Viewpoints information to stakeholders including CCC.
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	National Grid held a Landscape and Visual Thematic Group Meeting to discuss proposed viewpoint locations in Essex. National Grid sought agreement on the viewpoint locations to include in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and the ES.
April 2023	Meeting	National Grid held a meeting to discuss stakeholder's feedback on EIA viewpoints previously shared.
May 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).

Date	Format	Topic/Description
		Stakeholders provided feedback on updated and additional viewpoint locations at the meeting and in subsequent correspondence.
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.
May 2024	Meeting	Optional Statutory Consultation Thematic Group call.
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 with CCC and other stakeholders 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 and Visual Thematic Group Meeting – LVIA Viewpoints within Essex South.
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

Date	Format	Topic/Description
October 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared updated viewpoint information data following from the landscape thematic workshops
November 2024	Meeting	Thematic group meeting to discuss viewpoints and methodology.
March 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued an update on LVIA Viewpoints and Methodology.
Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism		
July 2022	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the assessment methodology to stakeholders for review ahead of the Thematic Group Meeting in July 2022.
July 2022	Meeting	National Grid held a Socio-economic, Recreation and Tourism Thematic Group Meeting to seek feedback on the proposed approach to the Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism assessment prior to formal submission of the Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate. This meeting was attended by several stakeholders, including CCC.
June 2023	Technical Note	National Grid issued a Technical Note setting out the study area and methodology for assessing businesses where visual impacts are a potential operational consideration, and Public Right of Way (PRoW) during construction and operation.
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.
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.
September 2024	Technical Note	National Grid shared the Socio-economic, Recreation and Tourism technical note with stakeholders.
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 Chelmsford City 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 CCC. 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 wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties.
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 3.3 to Table 3.11 provides 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	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
Strategic options/needs case				
3.2.1	Needs case	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. Norwich to Tilbury is listed as a key project in Appendix 2 of the NESO Clean Power 2030 Report.	<p>CCC's response is set out in its response to the Targeted Consultation dated 8th April 2025 and Statutory Consultation dated June 2024. Additional comments are provided within CCC's Adequacy of Consultation Milestone dated 8th May 2025. Further comments will be provided within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p> <p>In summary, CCC recognise the rapidly growing need for electricity as the climate emergency requires us to help support the replacement of fossil fuels such as oil and gas as soon as possible. However, this does not mean that all proposals which may assist in reducing climate change should be approved at any cost. CCC maintains an objection in principle to the use of onshore pylons and power lines.</p> <p>The preferred strategic option for Norwich to Tilbury remains an integrated offshore technology that minimises onshore transmission infrastructure and does not include overhead lines and pylons.</p> <p>CCC recognises that this option would need to be delivered at pace and without</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
			<p>risk to national net zero, renewable energy and decarbonisation targets, and energy security.</p> <p>CCC consider that the presence of overhead lines and 30 – 50 m high pylons would be visually harmful and would result in unnecessary harm to heritage, landscape, ecology and residential amenity across the Chelmsford area.</p>	
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 delay to the project timing as being between £2.7 and £2.8 billion.</p>	<p>CCC's response is set out in its response to the Targeted Consultation dated 8th April 2025 and Statutory Consultation dated June 2024. Additional comments are provided within CCC's Adequacy of Consultation Milestone dated 8th May 2025. Further comments will be provided within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p> <p>In summary, CCC recognise the rapidly growing need for electricity as the climate emergency requires us to help support the replacement of fossil fuels such as oil and gas as soon as possible.</p> <p>However, this does not mean that all proposals which may assist in reducing climate change should be approved at any cost.</p> <p>Although it is acknowledged that the grid capacity offered by the Norwich to Tilbury project is needed, in accordance with the ESO's East Anglia Network Study, there are a multitude of other grid reinforcement options to achieve the same capacity, with potentially with less</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
			<p>significant environmental impacts than the Norwich to Tilbury proposals.</p> <p>CCC reiterates that its preferred strategic option for Norwich to Tilbury remains an integrated offshore technology that minimises onshore transmission infrastructure and does not include overhead lines and pylons.</p> <p>CCC considers that credible alternatives such as an offshore centred approach or High Voltage Direct Current undergrounding, delivered at pace, to minimise onshore infrastructure across Chelmsford and Essex should be explored fully.</p> <p>CCC recognises that these options would need to be delivered in a timely manner, and without risk to national net zero, renewable energy generation and decarbonisation targets and energy security.</p> <p>CCC consider that a further review of the contracted electricity generation is needed ahead of the final submission of the DCO to assess whether the contracted position and readiness of projects to connect as planned is robust, needed and timely.</p> <p>CCC are aware that National Grid (NG) may undertake further changes to the proposal without consultation.</p> <p>CCC considers that the realignment of pylons along the route could lead to</p>	

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
			<p>localised harm to heritage, landscape, ecology and residential amenity.</p> <p>CCC regret the decision not to reconsult and consider that as a minimum, the Host Authorities and other relevant stakeholders should be consulted on any further changes to the proposal that fall outside of the scope of the Targeted and Statutory consultations prior to submission of the Development Consent Order (DCO).</p> <p>This is so that CCC can assess whether any changes are acceptable in principle in planning terms, and to enable the consideration of alternative options / the development of mitigation as necessary prior to the submission of the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO).</p>	
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>Updated Strategic Options and Backcheck Review documents</p> <p>published at each consultation compare the environmental, technical, socioeconomic and financial implications for alternative routes, including offshore alternatives.</p>	<p>CCC's response is set out in its response to the Targeted Consultation dated 8th April 2025 and Statutory Consultation dated June 2024. Additional comments are provided within CCC's Adequacy of Consultation Milestone dated 8th May 2025. Further comments will be provided within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p> <p>In summary, CCC maintains an objection in principle to the use of onshore pylons and power lines.</p> <p>CCC consider that the preferred strategic option for Norwich to Tilbury remains an integrated offshore technology that minimises onshore transmission</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
			<p>infrastructure and does not include overhead lines and pylons.</p> <p>CCC recognises that this option would need to be delivered at pace and without risk to national net zero, renewable energy and decarbonisation targets, and energy security.</p> <p>CCC consider that the presence of overhead lines and 30 - 50m high pylons would be visually harmful and would result in unnecessary harm to heritage, landscape, ecology and residential amenity across the Chelmsford area.</p> <p>CCC considers that credible alternatives such as an offshore centred approach or High Voltage Direct Current undergrounding, delivered at pace, to minimise onshore infrastructure across Chelmsford and Essex should be explored fully.</p> <p>CCC recognises that these options would need to be delivered in a timely manner, and without risk to national net zero, renewable energy generation and decarbonisation targets and energy security.</p>	
3.2.4	Predominantly overhead line route	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.	CCC's response is set out in its response to the Targeted Consultation dated 8 th April 2025 and Statutory Consultation dated June 2024. Additional comments are provided within CCC's Adequacy of Consultation Milestone dated 8 th May	Under discussion

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		<p>Updated Strategic Options and Backcheck Review documents 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 would be the most suitable option as all costs ultimately go onto domestic energy bills.</p>	<p>2025. Further comments will be provided within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p> <p>CCC maintains an objection in principle to the use of onshore pylons and power lines.</p> <p>The preferred strategic option for Norwich to Tilbury remains an integrated offshore technology that minimises onshore transmission infrastructure and does not include overhead lines and pylons.</p> <p>CCC recognises that this option would need to be delivered at pace and without risk to national net zero, renewable energy and decarbonisation targets, and energy security.</p> <p>CCC consider that the presence of overhead lines and 30 - 50m high pylons would be visually harmful and would result in unnecessary harm to heritage, landscape, ecology and residential amenity across the Chelmsford area.</p> <p>CCC considers that credible alternatives such as an offshore centred approach or High Voltage Direct Current undergrounding, delivered at pace, to minimise onshore infrastructure across Chelmsford and Essex should be explored fully. CCC refers to its comments regarding the design of the development to both its Statutory Consultation response and its Targeted Consultation response.</p>	

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			<p>CCC consider that localised design responses involving undergrounding and /or alternate pylon design as part of the application of the mitigation hierarchy, should not be discounted by NG. This approach would not be contrary to national policy statements and would be consistent with Holford Rule 7 where it states projects should be routed to minimise as far as possible effects on development.</p> <p>CCC has raised significant and material concerns relating to the proposal in relation to Great and Little Waltham.</p> <p>These concerns need to be bottomed out and addressed prior to submission of the application for a Development Consent Order.</p>	

Project development process – Design

3.2.5	Design Principles	<p>The primary design requirement for electricity infrastructure is that it must be safe and secure. These functional constraints, particularly around safety and operational reliability, can significantly limit National Grid's ability to adapt the aesthetic appearance of its infrastructure.</p> <p>Good design, even with the functional restrictions, is nonetheless achieved through careful consideration of the Holford Rules (relating to the connection routeing and siting), the Horlock Rules (relating to the siting of substations and similar cable sealing end compounds and line entries) and the environmental impact assessment process.</p>	<p>CCC's response is set out in its response to the Targeted Consultation dated 8th April 2025 and Statutory Consultation dated June 2024. Additional comments are provided within CCC's Adequacy of Consultation Milestone dated 8th May 2025. Further comments will be provided within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p> <p>CCC notes that the Planning Act 2008 requires the Secretary of State to have regard in determining applications for development consent to the desirability of good design. Advice in NPS EN1 Section 4.6 is for applicants to consider the</p>	Under discussion
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		<p>These demonstrate the importance of balancing the inherent form and function of electricity transmission infrastructure with technical, economic and environmental considerations to reach reasonably practicable development proposals.</p> <p>While the overall design is largely fixed by necessity, smaller design details, such as the colour of finishes, are agreed upon and documented through the Development Consent Order process.</p> <p>Furthermore, NPS EN-1 encourages developers "Applying good design to energy projects should produce sustainable infrastructure sensitive to place, including impacts on heritage, efficient in the use of natural resources, including land-use, and energy used in their construction and operation, matched by an appearance that demonstrates good aesthetic as far as possible" within the bounds of functional and safety constraints.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate Good Design advice advises that 'Good design is not primarily about how infrastructure looks, although these considerations (the aesthetics) are important'. EN-1 refers to the importance of process and addressing sustainability are essential elements of good design. The emphasis placed on the importance of process through the projects evolution and delivering sustainability is set out in the Design and Access Statement (document reference 7.15).</p>	<p>criteria for good design at an early stage when applying projects.</p> <p>Achieving good design requires a holistic approach to deliver high quality, sustainable infrastructure that responds in place and takes account of often complex environments.</p> <p>CCC draws on the Planning Inspectorates Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Good Design which has been prepared based on good practice and applicants are encouraged to follow the recommendations set out.</p> <p>CCC consider there is an opportunity to be innovative in securing the approach to design whilst ensuring the infrastructure remains safe and secure. NG must follow a good design process to ensure that the infrastructure proposed remains functional whilst realising the best local outcomes.</p> <p>CCC consider that insufficient effort has been provided to mitigate the impact of the Project (particularly on heritage assets) and introduce good design within the proposal.</p> <p>In particular, CCC has significant concerns regarding the approach to Great and Little Waltham which are set out below.</p>	
3.2.6	Great and Little Waltham	In line with the strong starting presumption set out in NPS EN-5, the proposed design	CCC's response is set out in its response to the Targeted Consultation dated 8 th	Under discussion

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		<p>technology is neither within a nationally designated landscape, nor is it within the setting of a nationally designated landscape.</p> <p>In line with NPS EN-5 we have also considered whether widespread and significant adverse landscape and/or visual impacts in non-designated landscape locations such as this may also justify the use of undergrounding.</p> <p>National Grid has worked to minimise potential impacts on the historic environment through strategic routeing and siting measures, and consideration of the results of archaeological fieldwork and heritage assessments throughout the design process. The Environmental Statement (ES), Chapter 11: Historic Environment (document reference 6.11), provides a detailed assessment of potential effects on both designated and non-designated heritage assets, including those of archaeological interest.</p> <p>We have taken into account the Secretary of State's decision making criteria set out in the relevant NPSs and do not consider that in this case the level of effects justify the level of cost.</p> <p>Other forms of lattice designs as a form of mitigation (such as standard low heights) are considered as well as the T-pylon. Appendix C of the Design Development Report (April, 2024) sets out the construction, operation and maintenance requirements of T-pylons including a technical appraisal for Chelmsford.</p> <p>Further discussion around assessments and mitigation will be discussed in appropriate</p>	<p>April 2025 and Statutory Consultation dated June 2024. Additional comments are provided within CCC's Adequacy of Consultation Milestone dated 8th May 2025. Further comments will be provided within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p> <p>CCC has not received a copy of the draft Environmental Statement in relation to Great and Little Waltham and understands that this will not be provided until after the submission of the application for a Development Consent Order.</p> <p>As stated in CCC's Adequacy of Consultation Response milestone dated 8th May 2025, CCC appreciate the information that has been shared by NG since the Statutory Consultation period. However, CCC has consistently requested additional information / amendments to the proposal in relation to the ES which has not been forthcoming.</p> <p>The lack of information makes it difficult for CCC to reach an informed position on various aspects of the project as the key evidence base informing the ES is still under development. This affects the ability of CCC to inform and have meaningful discussions in attempt to resolve outstanding issues relating to the ES. This includes, but is not limited to, full identification of the level of harm that may or may not be caused by the proposal in ES terms and the need for</p>	

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		thematic group meetings and will be presented in the Environmental Statement.	<p>mitigation and its effect on harm. This is particularly important in relation to Great Waltham and Little Waltham.</p> <p>In Great Waltham and Little Waltham, CCC consider that the proposal would harmfully impact upon the setting of the Grade I listed Langleys, Langleys Grade II Registered Park and Garden and would lead to significant adverse impacts on Great Waltham and Little Waltham Conservation Areas, together with other designated and non-designated heritage assets.</p> <p>CCC's preferred option is that alternative mitigation in the form of underground cabling should be used for this section.</p> <p>Alternatively, different alignment should be chosen with further consideration being given to relocating the route to the north of Great Waltham and Little Waltham.</p> <p>Finally, upon exhausting the above options, regard should be given to the introduction of T pylons along this part of the route.</p> <p>There is insufficient information to demonstrate that the proposal would be beneficial in historic environment terms and that the identified harm created by the introduction of lower height pylons would outweigh the identified harm proposed by standard 50 metre height pylons.</p>	

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			<p>The impact of proposing full or lower height pylons has not been adequately assessed to come to a view on the impact on the historic environment.</p> <p>CCC understands that feedback has been given to the use of T pylons in the 2024 Design Development Report dated April 2024. This concludes at paragraph 3.2.14 that careful consideration is needed regarding the use of T pylons. No further mention is given in the Report regarding the acceptability of using T Pylons within the locality, and a detailed technical appraisal is missing.</p> <p>It is clear that an in-depth review and balancing exercise needs to be undertaken, and the two options needs to be appropriately weighted.</p> <p>Further review of the type, spacing and nature of the pylons is also required. Where harm is unavoidable, mitigation and heritage compensatory measures including funding should be delivered.</p> <p>CCC is seeking to work together with NG to understand and where possible resolve these concerns before the application is submitted for examination. It is clear that more meaningful and responsive engagement with CCC, residents and stakeholders, together with the submission of detailed technical appraisal responding to the above is needed to address these concerns.</p>	

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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 Consultation Strategy, and responses to feedback received during consultation are included in the Feedback Report.</p> <p>The non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published Consultation Strategy.</p>	<p>CCC has provided NG with comments to the Adequacy of Consultation milestone. A full response will be provided as part of CCC's Adequacy of Consultation response.</p> <p>CCC acknowledges the non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Consultation Strategy</p> <p>CCC refers to its response to the Adequacy of Consultation milestone dated 8th May 2025 and awaits sight of the Consultation Report to enable further consideration of the matter.</p>	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 Consultation Strategy, and responses to feedback received during consultation are included in the Feedback Report.</p> <p>The non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published Consultation Strategy.</p>	<p>CCC has provided NG with comments to the Adequacy of Consultation milestone. A full response will be provided as part of CCC's Adequacy of Consultation response.</p> <p>CCC acknowledges the non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Consultation Strategy</p> <p>CCC refers to its response to the Adequacy of Consultation milestone dated 8th May 2025 and awaits sight of the Consultation Report to enable further consideration of the matter.</p>	Under discussion
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</p>	<p>CCC has provided NG with comments to the Adequacy of Consultation milestone. A full response will be provided as part of</p>	Under discussion

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		<p>to the general election.) Details of this consultation are outlined in the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). 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>	<p>CCC's Adequacy of Consultation response.</p> <p>CCC acknowledges the statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Consultation Strategy</p> <p>CCC refers to its response to the Adequacy of Consultation milestone dated 8th May 2025 and awaits sight of the Consultation Report to enable further consideration of the matter.</p>	
3.2.10	2025 targeted consultation	<p>Targeted consultations for Essex took place from 25 February 2025 – 27 March 2025. Details of these consultations are outlined in the Targeted Consultation Strategy 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>	<p>CCC has provided NG with comments to the Adequacy of Consultation milestone. A full response will be provided as part of CCC's Adequacy of Consultation response.</p> <p>CCC acknowledges the Targeted Consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Consultation Strategy</p> <p>CCC refers to its response to the Adequacy of Consultation milestone dated 8th May 2025 and awaits sight of the Consultation Report to enable further consideration of the matter.</p> <p>CCC highlighted in its response to the targeted consultation and AoCM a number of areas where the consultation process, including the lack of feedback to the statutory consultation undertaken in summer 2024 and which informed the scope of the targeted consultation, was</p>	Under discussion

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			<p>considered harmful to the transparency and legitimacy of the process.</p> <p>CCC is aware that NG are seeking to undertake further changes to the proposal without consultation. It is understood this is because some changes are considered by NG to be of a minor nature such that they would have no material impact on the proposal.</p> <p>It is important that residents and stakeholders understand how their comments have informed the design review of the process.</p> <p>Although a change may appear to be of a minor nature to NG, a resident / stakeholder may take a differing view, and the significance of these changes may be perceived by them to be greater. For example, the movement of a pylon closer / further along the proposed alignment could materially affect a resident's perception of outlook and living conditions. Should the DCO be granted, residents/stakeholders residing near to the pylons would have to live with them in perpetuity. It is critical that residents and stakeholders are given the opportunity to comment on all changes affecting them and for their concerns to be considered, before moving onto the next step of the process.</p> <p>CCC is concerned that a high amount of non-material changes could lead to a cumulative change in the nature of the</p>	

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			<p>proposal; such that the proposal submitted for examination is materially different to the proposal presented at Statutory Consultation stage. Should this be the case, it is likely that additional Statutory Consultation may be required before the examination can commence. Officers have previously and repeatedly requested a list of non-material changes, but these have not been forthcoming.</p>	
Other matters as required				
3.2.11	Community Benefits	<p>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.</p>	<p>CCC's full response is set out in its response to the Targeted Consultation dated 8th April 2025 and Statutory Consultation dated June 2024. Additional comments are provided within CCC's Adequacy of Consultation Milestone dated 8th May 2025. Further comments will be provided within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p> <p>In CCCs response to the Targeted Consultations (08/04/2025) CCC stated Following the publication of the Community Funds for Transmission Infrastructure (March 2025) by the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero, which applies to projects that have not yet commenced construction, it is expected that the proposal provides community funding in accordance with the guidance and that this is funded separately to the delivery fund.</p>	Under discussion

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			It is understood that the community funds outlined within the above guidance document are separate from and not a material consideration for planning authorities, yet it is expected that National Grid will have regard to this guidance and will explain how they intend to respond to it as part of their supporting information to the DCO application. It is already commonplace for other large-scale infrastructure to deliver community funds.	

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	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.3.1	Policy and legislation	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. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	CCC/EPS have not received Chapter 8 of the ES to review, but based on the PEIR content, this is likely to be agreed. A full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
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	Agreed

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			Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	
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.	CCC/EPS have not received Chapter 8 of the ES to review, but based on the PEIR, but it is expected that sufficient desktop data has been collected. Cannot comment on the sufficiency of survey data since that information has not yet been shared. A full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.3.4	Assessment Methodology	The assessment methodology was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The assessment methodology 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. All methodologies for surveying licensable species, including water voles have been agreed with Natural England. Further detail on habitat suitability assessment and any survey limitations will be provided within the water vole technical report, an appendix to the biodiversity chapter.	CCC/EPS refer to the PEIR and Tech Note comments issued previously. The intended survey methods have been broadly acceptable, but final analysis will depend on the actual survey methods that were executed. Presumably this will be detailed in Chapter 8 of the ES, which has not yet been issued. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
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	CCC/EPS consider that the key parameters and assumptions associated with the Ecology and Biodiversity assessment are not explicitly	Under discussion

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		parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.	summarised in the PEIR, and have not received Chapter 8 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.3.7	Baseline conditions and receptors	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.	CCC/EPS have not received Chapter 8 of the ES to review but based on the PEIR are content this is agreed with respect to the determination of receptors. Cannot comment on baseline condition coverage and survey adequacy. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	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.	CCC/EPS have reviewed and commented on the Outline CoCP, Outline LEMP, and the Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Strategy. CCC have not received Chapter 8 of the ES to review and are not comfortable with confirming the adequacy of mitigation measures without having had sight of the ecology survey data and of any impact assessments. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will	Under discussion

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			be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	
3.3.9	Standard mitigation	<p>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).</p> <p>The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.</p> <p>National Grid issued the 'Summary of Proposed Protected Species Mitigation' document on 16th January 2025.</p>	<p>CCC/EPS have reviewed the Outline CoCP, Outline LEMP, and the Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Strategy.</p> <p>CCC have not received Chapter 8 of the ES to review. We are not comfortable with confirming the adequacy of mitigation measures without having had sight of the ecology survey data and of any impact assessments.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion
3.3.10	Additional mitigation	<p>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.</p>	<p>CCC/EPS have not received Chapter 8 of the ES to review. We cannot comment on the adequacy of additional mitigation measures without having had sight of the ecology survey data and of any impact assessments.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion
EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects				
<p>Latest version of ES required for consideration. Under discussion. Have not received Chapter 8 of the ES to review. Cannot comment on the assessment of likely impacts and effects as have not have sight of them. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report. Under discussion.</p>				
3.3.11	Construction effects	<p>The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 8.7 of Chapter 8 (Ecology</p>	<p>CCC/EPS cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 8 of the ES to</p>	Under discussion

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		and Biodiversity) of the ES. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.	review and have had no sight of any survey-based impact assessments. Further comments will be made upon receipt of Chapter 8 of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	
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.	Have not received Chapter 8 of the ES to review. Cannot comment on the on the assessment of likely impacts and effects as have not have sight of them. Further comments will be made upon receipt of Chapter 8 of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.3.13	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 8.7 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES. The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate.	Latest version of ES required for consideration. Under discussion Have not received Chapter 8 of the ES to review. Cannot comment on the on the assessment of likely impacts and effects as have not have sight of them Further comments will be made upon receipt of Chapter 8 of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
	Specific Chelmsford Related Issues?		CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 8 of the ES to review and have had no sight of any survey-based impact assessments. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will	Under discussion

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			be given within CCC's Local Impact Report. Under discussion.	
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>CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	<p>CCC's response to the 2nd iteration of the draft oCOCP stated 'The CoCP and LEMP need to be fully consistent and not provide contractors with conflicting prescriptions.</p> <p>The Outline CoCP and Outline LEMP need to effectively cross-reference the other document if the other document is the more comprehensive of the two documents on any particular ecological mitigation aspect.'</p> <p>CCC/EPS cannot comment whether the Outline CoCP includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified in Chapter 8 of the ES as we have not received that document.</p>	Under discussion
3.3.14	Outline LEMP	<p>The Outline 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>CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	<p>CCC's response to the 2nd iteration of the draft oCOCP stated 'The CoCP and Outline LEMP need to be fully consistent and not provide contractors with conflicting prescriptions.</p> <p>The Outline CoCP and Outline LEMP need to effectively cross-reference the other document if the other document is the more comprehensive of the two documents on any particular ecological mitigation aspect.'</p> <p>CCC/EPS cannot comment whether the Outline LEMP includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures</p>	Under discussion

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			specified in Chapter 8 of the ES as we have not received that document.	
Other matters as required				
3.3.15	Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)	National Grid issued the 'Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Strategy' document on 17 th January 2025. Comments received from Essex Place Services (EPS) on the 'Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Strategy' document – 6 th February 2025. These comments will be taken on board for the BNG assessment. 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.	Comments received from EPS on the 'Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Strategy' document – 6 th February 2025. CCC/EPS have no new comments. A full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.3.15	Draft Arboriculture Impact Assessment (AIA)	National Grid issued the draft AIA in March 2025.		Under discussion

3.4 Air Quality

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

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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	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 2 and Chapter 7 of the ES to review.	Under discussion

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		<p>Legislation and Planning Policy Context) and Section 7.2 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES.</p> <p>All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.</p>	Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	

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 Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Agreed
3.4.3	Data sources	<p>Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 7.4 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES.</p>	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 7 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	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	<p>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.</p>	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 7 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion

EIA – Baseline Conditions

3.4.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	<p>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</p>	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 7 of the ES to review.	Under discussion
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		and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	

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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 7 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	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 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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 7 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 7 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion

EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects

CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 7 of the ES to review and have had no sight of any survey-based impact assessments. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report

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	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 7 of the ES to review.	Under discussion
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		during construction presented is considered appropriate.	Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	
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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 7 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.9.12	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 7.7 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES. The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 7 of the ES to review and have had no sight of any survey-based impact assessments Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
	Specific Chelmsford Related Issues		CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 8 of the ES to review and have had no sight of any survey-based impact assessments. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report. Under discussion.	Under discussion
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.4.13	Outline CoCP	The Outline CoCP includes all relevant mitigation measures specified in Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of	A full review and further comments will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion

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		<p>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 Outline Dust Management Plan is set out in accordance with IAQM guidance. As such, the proposed methodology for working in relation to dust is broadly acceptable. This document is generic in form and it should be noted that there are no location specific assessments yet supplied for identifying and managing dust emissions at sensitive receptor locations.</p> <p>A full review and further comments will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	

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	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.5.1	Policy and legislation	<p>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.</p> <p>All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.</p>	<p>CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 2 and Chapter 14 of the ES to review.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
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
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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 14 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.5.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessing Noise and Vibration was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The methodology for assessing Noise and Vibration was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 14 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 14 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
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 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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 14 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 14 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 14 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects				
CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 14 of the ES to review and have had no sight of any survey-based impact assessments. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report				
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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 14 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
			be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	
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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 14 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.5.12	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 14.7 of Chapter 14 (Noise and Vibration) of the ES. The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 14 of the ES to review and have had no sight of any survey-based impact assessments. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
	Specific Chelmsford Related Issues		CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 14 of the ES to review and have had no sight of any survey-based impact assessments. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report. Under discussion. Under discussion	Under discussion
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.5.13	Outline CoCP	The Outline CoCP includes all relevant mitigation measures specified in Chapter 14 (Noise and Vibration) of the ES and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.	No comments received on the structure of the Outline CoCP (1 st and 2 nd Iterations) at the time of writing.	Under discussion

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		<p>Meeting held in on 9th 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 content of the Outline CoCP is still under discussion.</p> <p>A full review of the CoCP and further comments will be provided as part of CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	
Other matters as required				
To be confirmed				

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	Chelmsford City 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>CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 2 and Chapter 10 of the ES to review.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City 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.	CCC had no comments on the Health and Wellbeing Refreshed Approach – Technical Note issued in October 2024. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 10 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.6.4	Assessment methodology	<p>A meeting was held on 24 September 2024 to agree the assessment methodology of the Health and Wellbeing ES chapter.</p> <p>The Methodology was also agreed through the Health and Wellbeing Refreshed Approach – Technical Note issued in October 2024.</p> <p>Chelmsford City Council requested that reference to WHIASU guidance and vulnerable groups checklist is included within the assessment. National Grid confirmed that the ES chapter will use WHIASU guidance to identify vulnerable groups.</p>	<p>A meeting was held on 24 September 2024 to agree the assessment methodology of the Health and Wellbeing ES chapter.</p> <p>The Methodology was also agreed through the Health and Wellbeing Refreshed Approach – Technical Note issued in October 2024.</p> <p>CCC requested that reference to WHIASU guidance and vulnerable groups checklist is included within the assessment which was agreed by National Grid.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 10 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 10 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 10 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 10 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 10 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion

EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects

CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 10 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.

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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 10 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 10 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.9.12	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 10.7 of Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES. The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 10 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
Specific Chelmsford related issues				
			CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 10 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.6.13	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>	A full review of the Outline CoCP and further comments will be provided as part of CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
Other matters as required				
	To be confirmed			Under discussion

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	Chelmsford City 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>All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.</p>	Agreed	Agreed
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	<p>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> <p>CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	<p>CCC are still awaiting revisions following its statutory consultation response – to include built non-designated heritage assets, protected lanes and designed landscapes. To date this information has not been provided,</p> <p>CCC/EPS need an updated status on accuracy of Aerial Photo rectification. Information recently provided by EPS includes Palaeolithic potential to be</p>	Under discussion

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			<p>included in Palaeolithic/geoarchaeology background.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	
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 November 2024.</p> <p>CCC raised at statutory consultation that that 'Non designated heritage assets have not been adequately considered in the assessment work to date.'</p> <p>It is considered that the assessment methodology has been agreed, with the exception of non-designated heritage assets, where the method is still under discussion.</p>	<p>The assessment methodology has been discussed at a number of Historic Environment Thematic Group Meetings held between July 2022 and November 2024.</p> <p>CCC raised at statutory consultation that that 'Non designated heritage assets have not been adequately considered in the assessment work to date.'</p> <p>It is considered that the assessment methodology has been agreed, with the exception of non-designated heritage assets, where the method is still under discussion.</p> <p>With regard to the non-designated heritage assets a programme of geophysics and trial trenching is underway within the undergrounding sections of the route none of which are within Chelmsford District, 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</p>	Under discussion

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			assets is understood in these areas also (May 2025). Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	
3.7.5	Key parameters and assumptions	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. In March 2025, National Grid issued an updated version of the Historic Environment (HE) Viewpoints information.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 11 of the ES for consideration. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion. Further information awaited.
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.7.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 11 of the ES for consideration. The evidence base requires inclusion of built non-designated heritage assets, protected lanes and designed landscapes, as per public consultation response. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion. Further information awaited.

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.7.7	Embedded mitigation	<p>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.</p> <p>Statutory response received from CCC – NG will consider this feedback as the assessment progresses and more detail will be provided in the ES.</p>	<p>CCC refers to its comments set out in the Statutory Consultation response and Targeted Consulted response.</p> <p>Statutory Consultation response stated: 'Mitigation generally should ensure that land take is sufficient to allow for a range of mitigation options, for instance landscaping - potentially from closing up gaps in hedges to large scale woodland planting where necessary. Where harm is unavoidable heritage compensatory measures should also be delivered, for instance repair of listed buildings and/or associated built and landscape features to offset harm to setting. This would be essential at Langleys, where there are a number of structures and features within the Registered Park and Garden, as well as the outbuildings and the house, which could have funded repairs to offset the acknowledged harm to the setting.'</p> <p>CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 11 of the ES for consideration.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion
3.7.8	Standard mitigation	<p>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</p>	<p>CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 11 of the ES for consideration.</p>	Under discussion. Further

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		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.	The latest version of ES is required for consideration. Mitigation currently inadequate where significant effects identified. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	information awaited.
3.7.9	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 11 of the ES for consideration. The latest version of the ES is required for consideration. Mitigation currently inadequate where significant effects identified. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion. Further information awaited.

EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects

CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 10 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.

3.7.10	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. CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.	Statutory Consultation response stated: 'There is significant concern regarding the impacts on designated and non-designated heritage assets at Little Waltham and Great Waltham, where the route passes between the two historic villages.' Concerns also raised regarding other locations and lack of mitigation.	Under discussion
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			<p>CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 11 of the ES for consideration.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	
3.7.11	Operational (and maintenance) effects	<p>The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 11.7 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.</p> <p>CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	<p>Statutory Consultation response stated: 'There is significant concern regarding the impacts on designated and non-designated heritage assets at Little Waltham and Great Waltham, where the route passes between the two historic villages.' Concerns also raised regarding other locations and lack of mitigation.</p> <p>Requests have been made for the area at the Walthams to be treated as a priority for further archaeological assessment once the undergrounding sections (regarded by National Grid as Priority areas) have been completed</p> <p>CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 11 of the ES for consideration.</p>	Under discussion
3.7.12	Residual effects	<p>The residual effects are presented in Section 11.7 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES. The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate.</p>	<p>CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 11 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report</p>	Under discussion

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Specific Chelmsford related issues				
3.7.13			There is significant concern regarding the impacts on designated and non-designated heritage assets at Little Waltham and Great Waltham, where the route passes between the two historic villages. Concerns also raised regarding the other locations and lack of mitigation. CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 11 of the ES for consideration. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
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 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>CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	<p>A full review of the Outline CoCP and further comments will be provided as part of CCC's Local Impact Report.</p> <p>The response to the second iteration of the draft oCoCP stated 'The CoCP still does not acknowledge the potential impacts to built heritage during the construction phase and makes reference only to the how the project may affect the historic environment through disturbing known and unknown archaeology and the removal of historic landscape features.'</p> <p>CCC/EPS have submitted comments to National Grid and these are still under discussion.</p>	Under discussion

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Other matters as required				
3.7.15	Written Scheme of Investigations (WSIs) for pre-consent geophysical surveys and archaeological trial trenching.	National Grid shared WSIs in March – June 2024 and December 2024. The scope and methodology of WSIs for geophysical surveys and archaeological trial trenching is considered appropriate and proportionate to the level of impact anticipated.	CCC defers to EPS and further comments will be provided as part of CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.7.16	Draft Mitigation Strategy and Outline WSI	<p>The contents of the Draft Mitigation Strategy and Outline WSI is considered appropriate and proportionate to the level of impact anticipated.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	CCC/EPS advise that the first draft of the mitigation strategy and OWSI was submitted in Late April with comments provided in May. In general, the structure is fine, however, a lot more detail is still required. One major omission was the lack of outreach identified in the document.	Under discussion
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.	CCC defer to EPS and further comments will be provided as part of CCC's Local Impact Report	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	Chelmsford City 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>CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	<p>CCC/EPS suggest that reference be made to Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) 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'.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion
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	CCC/EPS remain unsatisfied with the number of viewpoint assessments	Under discussion

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		<p>within Section 13.4 of Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES.</p> <p>National Grid issued an update on LVIA Viewpoints and Methodology in March 2025. CCC/EPS comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	<p>proposed generally (Email November 2024).</p> <p>Whilst CCC/EPS welcome the inclusion of criteria against which landscape value will be assessed, they remain unhappy with aspects of the approach to Landscape Value assessment (Email 22.04.2025)</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	
3.8.4	Assessment methodology (including LVIA methodology and viewpoints)	<p>The outline methodology for assessing Landscape and Visual was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and 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>At Statutory Consultation, CCC requested the inclusion of a Valued Landscape Assessment. National Grid propose to consider valued landscape qualities in the LVIA but do not propose to undertake a separate valued landscape assessment.</p> <p>CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	<p>Whilst CCC/EPS 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>CCC/EPS remain unsatisfied generally with the number of viewpoint assessments proposed.</p> <p>CCC/EPS also have reservations regarding the methodology for assessing the value of views as this appears skewed towards published data.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion
3.8.5	Key parameters	<p>Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Landscape and Visual assessment are summarised in Section 13.4 of Chapter 13</p>	<p>The preliminary key parameters and assumptions are presented at 13.5 in relation to LVIA. It is understood 'This</p>	Under discussion

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	and assumptions	(Landscape and Visual) of the ES. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.	<p>information is iterative and will be updated for the ES as the design evolves and relevant changes are accounted for in the assessment'. CCC/EPS reserve the right to comment further should the parameters and assumptions change.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	

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>CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	<p>CCC/EPS remain unsatisfied generally with the number of viewpoint assessments proposed as previously outlined.</p> <p>CCC/EPS welcome the inclusion of criteria against which landscape value will be assessed but remain unhappy with aspects of the approach to Landscape Value (Email 22.04.2025) and therefore the outcome in terms of the baseline.</p> <p>CCC also have reservations regarding the methodology for assessing the value of views.</p> <p>An approach to compensation not just mitigation needs to be identified to meet the EIA Regs and EN-1 requirements and to meet the test of 'as far as possible'.</p> <p>CCC have been calling for engagement on this issue since 2023.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion
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ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
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>CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	<p>EPS email 5th Nov 2024 – Landscape – adequacy of undergrounding, mitigation and lack of compensation are all still under discussion.</p> <p>CCC/EPS concerns regarding the setting of Grade II 'Langleys' Registered Park and Garden and both Great Waltham and Little Waltham Conservation Areas remain unresolved. Although the repositioning of 3no. pylons (TB136, TB142 and TB140) and the use of 'lower height pylons' for 7no locations (TB136 to TB142) is considered to have comparable overall effects, the use of alternative design has been requested.</p> <p>Alternative routing has been discussed.</p> <p>The Holford Rules are out of date on the issue of locally designated landscapes and do not capture the concept of valued landscapes. These haven't been reviewed since the 1990s. Since then, landscape characterisation has become the tool for understanding landscape and guidance on valued landscape assessment outside designated landscapes introduced.</p> <p>Even if 'policy statement EN-5 (which covers the development of new energy infrastructure) ... concludes that in most cases, the government expects that overhead lines will be appropriate and should be used as standard to reinforce the grid' it doesn't follow that there are no</p>	Under discussion

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			<p>significant residual negative effects and that further undergrounding or compensation might be required. the PEIR states that significant landscape and visual impacts will occur along the length of the project.</p> <p>An approach to compensation is required. CCC have been calling for engagement on this issue since 2023.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</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>CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	<p>CCC/EPS consider the standard mitigation measures do not wholly mitigate substantial significant temporary impacts caused by construction.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</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>CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	<p>CCC/EPS consider the 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 effectively applied as it does not include compensation for the significant residual negative impacts of the overhead lines and pylons.</p>	Under discussion

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			<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.</p> <p>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>CCC suggest the test of 'as far as possible' has not been met in any reasonable way in relation to the likely significant permanent negative landscape and visual impacts along the length of the project described by the applicant within the PEIR.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	

EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects

Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.

3.8.10	Construction effects	<p>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 during construction presented is considered appropriate.</p> <p>CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	<p>The Statutory Consultation response for Chelmsford City Council (2024) identified: <i>The PEIR acknowledges that the proposals will have a significant negative landscape and visual impact at both construction and operational stages over the length of the Project. This is identified</i></p>	Under discussion
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			<p>as up to 1 Km from the Project line in many situations.</p> <p>CCC/EPS consider that based on the information supplied, that significant negative impacts could occur at a distance greater than 1 Km from the Project.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</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>CCC comments are noted, and NG will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.</p>	<p>The Statutory Consultation response for Chelmsford City Council (2024) identified: The PEIR acknowledges that the proposals will have a significant negative landscape and visual impact at both construction and operational stages over the length of the Project. This is identified as up to 1 Km from the Project line in many situations.</p> <p>CCC/EPS consider that based on the information supplied, that significant negative impacts could occur at a distance greater than 1 Km from the Project, including on intangible landscape assets at the operational stage.</p> <p>Where negative effects are judged not to be significant the experience of receptors is still likely to be negatively affected over a wide area, reducing aesthetic enjoyment, the sense of place, history and identity, and inspiration for learning. In order to reduce significant landscape and visual impacts at the operational stage</p>	Under discussion

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			<p>over the length of the Project, more use of undergrounding is required to protect valued local landscapes, long-distant rights of way and rural amenity sites. Further comments have been provided within the Targeted Consultation response.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	
3.9.12	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 13.7 of Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES . The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate.	Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
Specific Chelmsford related issues				
			<p>There is significant concern regarding the impacts on landscape and visual impact at Little Waltham and Great Waltham, where the route passes between the two historic villages. Concerns also raised regarding the other locations and lack of mitigation. Please see CCC Statutory and Targeted Consultation Responses. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.8.13	Outline CoCP	The Outline CoCP includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified in Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual)	A full review of the Outline CoCP and further comments will be provided as part of CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion

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		<p>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>		
3.8.14	Outline LEMP	<p>The Outline 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 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>Comments received from EPS will be taken on board and addressed in the next iteration of the Outline LEMP.</p>	<p>E-mail from EPS dated 22nd October 2024 with comments on the structure of the Outline LEMP. No further comments received on the 2nd iteration to date.</p> <p>A full review of the Outline LEMP and further comments will be provided as part of CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion
Other matters as required				
	Cumulative Impacts		<p>Likely Cumulative Landscape and Visual Impacts with VE, NFOW, EACN.</p> <p>To be confirmed</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion

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	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.9.1	Policy and legislation	<p>The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Socio-economics, 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.</p> <p>All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.</p>	<p>CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 2 and Chapter 15 of the ES to review.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.9.2	Study area	<p>The Scoping Opinion stated: <i>"The Applicant should seek to agree the study area with the relevant local authorities"</i>.</p> <p>A meeting was held on 14th November 2024 to seek to agree this point in the Scoping Opinion. Technical Notes were shared in June 2023 and April 2024.</p> <p>Following the meeting held on 14th November, it was agreed that the study area for businesses would be expanded from 1 km to 3 km to take into account potential visual effects on businesses.</p> <p>A 3rd Technical Note is currently being prepared to seek to agree the study area and methodology.</p>	<p>During the Thematic Group meeting in November 2024, it was proposed that the study area for businesses was increased from 1 km to 3 km to account for visual effects on businesses.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
3.9.3	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 .	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 15 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.9.4	Assessment methodology	<p>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>.</p> <p>A meeting was held on 14th November 2024 to seek to agree this point in the Scoping Opinion. A 3rd Technical Note is currently being prepared to seek to agree the study area and methodology.</p> <p>CCC commented in July 2022 that the Project should consider sports pitches and courts as well as Hylands Estate as recreation and tourism assets. National Grid can confirm that these items will be considered within the assessment.</p>	<p>CCC commented in July 2022 that the Project should consider sports pitches and courts as well as Hylands Estate as recreation and tourism assets.</p> <p>CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 15 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion
3.9.5	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 15 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.9.6	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 conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 15 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.9.7	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 15 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.9.8	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 (Socio-economics, 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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 15 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.9.9	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	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 15 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion

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		of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.		
EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects				
CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 15 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.				
3.9.10	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 assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 15 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.9.11	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 15 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.9.12	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 15.7 of Chapter 15 (Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism) of the ES . The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 15 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
Specific Chelmsford related issues				
			CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 15 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion

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Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.9.13	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>	<p>The content of the Outline CoCP is still under discussion.</p> <p>A full review of the Outline CoCP and further comments will be provided as part of CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion
Other matters as required				
			To be confirmed	

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	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.10.1	Policy and legislation	<p>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.</p>	<p>CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 2 and Chapter 17 of the ES to review.</p> <p>Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
		All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.		
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.10.2	Study area	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 17 of the ES to review / confirm. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 17 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 17 of the ES to review/ confirm. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.10.5	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Cumulative Effects assessment are summarised in Section 17.4 of Chapter 17 (Cumulative Effects) of the ES. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 17 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 17 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 17 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 17 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 17 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects				
CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 17 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report..				
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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 17 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	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.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 17 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
3.10.12	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 17.7 of Chapter 17 (Cumulative Effects) of the ES . The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate.	CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 17 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion
Specific Chelmsford related issues				
			CCC cannot comment as we have not received Chapter 17 of the ES to review. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.10.13	Outline CoCP	<p>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.</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 content of the Outline CoCP is still under discussion.</p> <p>A full review of the CoCP and further comments will be provided as part of CCC's Local Impact Report.</p>	Under discussion
Other matters as required				Under discussion

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	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
DCO General				
3.11.1	DCO Requirements – procedure and discharge		Details awaited	Under discussion
3.11.2	DCO Requirements			

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
	– specific requirements			
Other matters as required				
			Details awaited	Under discussion

3.12 Other Matters

4. Confirmation of Agreement

Both parties agree that this SoCG is a draft document and as such has not been signed the parties. The final version of the SoCG will be signed by both parties in due course upon agreement.

The above SoCG is agreed between National Grid and Chelmsford City 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 Chelmsford City 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
CCC	Chelmsford City Council
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
EPS	Essex Place Services
ES	Environmental Statement
GI	Ground Investigation
GW	Gigawatt
LLFA	Lead Local Flood Authority
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
LIR	Local Impact Report
MIIA	Mineral Infrastructure Impact Assessment
MRA	Minerals Resource Assessment
NCR	National Cycle Route
NETS	National Electricity Transmission System
NG	National Grid
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
WFD	Water Framework Directive
WHIASU	Wales Health Impact Assessment Support Unit

Abbreviation	Full Reference
WIIA	Waste Infrastructure Impact Assessment
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation
ZoI	Zone of Influence
ZTV	Zone of Theoretical Visibility

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