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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 Brentwood Borough Council (BBC). Brentwood Borough 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 Brentwood Borough 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 BBC. The applicable matters considered within this SoCG apply to BBC'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

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

Table 2.1 Summary of Key Engagement between National Grid and Brentwood Borough Council

Date	Format	Topic/Description
General		
August 2022	Meeting	Informal project catch-up and consultation feedback with BBC.
September 2022	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
October 2022	Meeting	Informal project catch up with BBC
November 2022	Meeting	Briefings on issued response to questions from OffSET with all host authorities.
November 2022	Meeting	All host authority workshop.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
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 meetings.
November 2023	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
December 2023	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) to all host authorities for comment.
January 2024	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
February 2024	Meeting	Statutory consultation preferred alignment briefing to all host authorities.
March 2024	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
March 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the SoCC to all host authorities for statutory consultation.
May 2024	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
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 consultation
November 2024	Meeting	All host authority workshop
January 2025	Meeting	Meeting to provide project and design update
January 2025	Meeting	All host authority workshop
January 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the 2 nd iteration draft versions of the Outline CoCP and Outline LEMP to all host authorities for comment.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
January 2025	Meeting	National Grid held a meeting to discuss comments from stakeholders on the 2 nd iteration draft versions of the Outline LEMP and Outline CoCP.
March 2025	Meeting	All host authority workshop
May 2025	Meeting	All host authority workshop
May 2025	Email correspondence	National Grid issued an updated iteration of the draft Outline Code of Construction Practice (oCoCP)
May 2025	Email correspondence	National Grid issued a new appendix to the draft Outline Code of Construction Practice (oCoCP) - Appendix H, Draft Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy
May 2025	Email correspondence	National Grid issued the Long List of Other Developments
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 BBC 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 BBC.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
January 2025	Meeting	National Grid hosted a meeting to discuss comments from stakeholders on proposed mitigation for species outside the remit of Natural England.
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	Meeting	National Grid hosted a meeting to discuss comments from stakeholders on the second iteration of the Outline LEMP and CoCP.
January 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared second iteration of the Outline LEMP.
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.
September 2024	Meeting	National Grid held a meeting to discuss and agree the proposed assessment scope and methodology for the Health and Wellbeing chapter of the ES.
October 2024	Technical note	National Grid issued a refreshed Health and Wellbeing technical note on the proposed approach to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), including guidance, study area, scope, and assessment methodology.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
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.
March 2024	Technical Note	National Grid shared the updated Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for Geophysical Surveys with the Archaeology Working Group Members.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
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 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	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 BBC.
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). 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

Date	Format	Topic/Description
		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 BBC 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 and Thurrock
October 2024	Meeting	National Grid held a meeting to discuss on the draft versions of the Outline LEMP and CoCP.
October 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the Draft mitigation drawings with stakeholders
October 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the National landscape setting study with stakeholders
October 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared updated view point information data following from the landscape thematic workshops
November 2024	Meeting	Thematic group meeting to discuss viewpoints and methodology.
March 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued an update on LVIA Viewpoints and Methodology.

Date	Format	Topic/Description
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 BBC.
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 Brentwood Borough 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 BBC. Descriptions of the different levels are summarised in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 Agreement status for matters presented in Section 3

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

- 3.1.3 Engagement will continue as the Project develops and progresses through the various stages of the DCO process.
- 3.1.4 Sections that remain highlighted in yellow within these tables show points where both parties will seek to discuss and where possible agree a position in due course. The parties have been unable to do so at this stage because the relevant information is still being authored ahead of submission of the DCO application. These points will be the subject of ongoing discussion with stakeholders once the Environmental Statement and other relevant documentation is published.
- 3.1.5 Table 3.3 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	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
Strategic options/needs case				
3.2.1	Needs case	<p>Norwich to Tilbury is being proposed because the existing network in East Anglia doesn't have sufficient capacity to manage the expected (and in some cases, contracted) increase in offshore wind farms (and interconnectors) needing to connect to the grid as part of the Government's target of reaching net zero by 2050. The project sits alongside other work to reinforce and upgrade the existing network in East Anglia.</p> <p>Norwich to Tilbury is listed as a key project in Appendix 2 of the NESO Clean Power 2030 Report.</p>	<p>BBC Response to Targeted Consultations (March 2025):</p> <p>BBC recognises, that whilst development of infrastructure to enable the decarbonization of energy supply by 2030 is supported in principle, there remain fundamental shortcomings within the Norwich to Tilbury proposal which have not been adequately addressed.</p> <p>BBC's preferred strategic option remains that of securing an integrated offshore technology that minimises onshore transmission infrastructure and does not include overhead lines (OHL's) and pylons along its entire length.</p>	Under discussion
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</p>	<p>BBC Response to Targeted Consultations (March 2025):</p> <p>BBC acknowledge that the grid capacity offered by the Norwich to Tilbury project is needed by the timescales proposed, noting NESO's Clean Power Action Plan.</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
		associated with a delay to the project timing as being between £2.7 and £2.8 billion.		
3.2.3	Onshore route	<p>An onshore route allows for greater energy capacity and connectivity to feed into the grid. In assessing offshore options to deliver the same capacity as an onshore overhead line, we would need to build three subsea cables and associated infrastructure, which would add significant cost and not meet the needs case for Norwich to Tilbury.</p> <p><u>Updated Strategic Options and Backcheck Review documents</u></p> <p>published at each consultation compare the environmental, technical, socioeconomic and financial implications for alternative routes, including offshore alternatives.</p>	<p>BBC Response to Targeted Consultations (March 2025):</p> <p>BBC believe credible alternatives to overhead transmission lines, such as an offshore centered approach or High Voltage Direct Current Undergrounding, delivered at pace, to minimise onshore infrastructure should be explored fully. This it is considered, would deliver the best outcome in the interests of safeguarding the amenities of communities and the environment.</p>	Under discussion
3.2.4	Predominantly overhead line route	<p>Norwich to Tilbury has been designed in line with policy statement EN-5 (which covers the development of new energy infrastructure) which concludes that in most cases, the government expects that overhead lines will be appropriate and should be used as standard to reinforce the grid.</p> <p><u>Updated Strategic Options and Backcheck Review documents</u> published at each consultation compare the environmental, technical, socioeconomic and financial implications for alternative routes, including underground alternatives.</p> <p>The work undertaken shows that undergrounding, including using HVDC cables, would be significantly more expensive and have environmental impacts and present</p>	<p>BBC Response to Targeted Consultations (March 2025):</p> <p>BBC believe credible alternatives to overhead transmission lines, such as an offshore centered approach or High Voltage Direct Current Undergrounding, delivered at pace, to minimise onshore infrastructure should be explored fully. 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. BBC consider such an approach would not be contrary to national policy statements and would actually be consistent with Holford Rule 7 where it states projects should be routed to</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
		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>minimise as far as possible effects on development.</p> <p>BBC contends that insufficient weight has been given to the effects of development on existing and / or planned development (specifically at Dunton Hills Garden Village) as well as broader strategic objectives to deliver new homes, to inform more appropriate localised design responses.</p>	
Project development process - Design				
3.2.5	Haverings Grove	National Grid has taken into account the potential effect of its proposals when developing the route alignment. We have considered several alternatives in this area to move the alignment further west from Haverings Grove. We are proposing to underground part of the 132 kV overhead line in this area which therefore facilitates the change to the alignment slightly further to the west. The residual effects in the area around Haverings Grove will be reported in the Environmental Statement supporting the DCO.	<p>BBC Response to Targeted Consultations (March 2025):</p> <p>Insufficient assessment undertaken to consider alternatives to the proposed overhead line routing around Haverings Grove, with a view to reducing the detrimental impacts to the host community in this locality.</p> <p>The Council has concerns the access routes proposed around Haverings Grove have the potential to harm local operations to an unacceptable degree.</p>	Under discussion
3.2.6	Dunton Hills Garden Village	<p>National Grid has taken into account the potential effect of its proposals when developing the route alignment. In this location we have to work within the context of the planning status of other projects, including the Dunton Hills Garden Village proposals.</p> <p>National Grid has developed its proposal in this area in line with EN-1 and EN-5, the starting assumption being overhead line as the</p>	<p>BBC Response to Targeted Consultations (March 2025):</p> <p>Insufficient baseline assessment undertaken by NGET in relation to the visual, heritage, amenity and land value impacts of overhead line and pylon technology at Dunton Hills Garden Village (DHGV) and the lack of application of the mitigation hierarchy, including</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
		<p>area is not subject to a landscape designation (or within its setting) which would lead to a change in technology (underground cable) in line with EN-5. We do not consider the level of effects meets the threshold for undergrounding elsewhere as set out in 2.9.23 of EN-5.</p> <p>The 2024 Design Development Report identified that there would be a direct loss of development footprint by the use of underground cable. The current proposed overhead line alignment follows the corridor created by the safety zone of an existing gas pipeline, which in combination with detailed master planning, would substantially mitigate potential effects on developable land and indirect effects.</p>	<p>compensation to the likely significant effects from those impacts to the principles of the Garden Village and viability of this strategic housing allocation, including its supporting infrastructure.</p> <p>Given the current housing need within Brentwood and across the region, the importance of this development in terms of numbers and infrastructure being delivered, this situation is not acceptable to BBC.</p> <p>The positioning of pylon TB226 will profoundly impede upon the intentional view corridor as specified in the DHGV SPD.</p> <p>BBC is seeking alternative design solutions and / or mitigation along this section of the proposed route to avoid any impact on housing numbers, infrastructure, and delivery.</p>	
	Sensitivity of land east of Ingatestone	<p>National Grid has taken into account the potential effect of its proposals when developing the route alignment.</p> <p>National Grid has developed its proposal in this area in line with EN-1 and EN-5, the starting assumption being overhead line as the area is not subject to a landscape designation (or within its setting) which would lead to a change in technology (underground cable) in line with EN-5. We do not consider the level of effects meets the threshold for undergrounding elsewhere as set out in 2.9.23 of EN-5.</p> <p>The ES includes relevant assessments, including Heritage Impact Assessment and</p>	<p>BBC Response to Statutory Consultation (July 2024).</p> <p>There remains concern that despite the change in the route alignment there is a continued risk of significant adverse heritage, landscape and visual effects in this location, highlighting the need for serious consideration of re-routing or undergrounding in this area of particular sensitivity.</p>	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
		Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) which have been undertaken to assess the level of effects from the Project. On the basis of the assessments, no change to the technology in this location is proposed. These assessments will be presented in the Environmental Statement (ES) and will identify any need for additional mitigation.		
Project development process - Consultation				
3.2.7	2022 non-statutory consultation	<p>Non-statutory consultation took place between 27 June 2023 – 21 August 2023. Details of this consultation are outlined in the <u>Consultation Strategy</u>, and responses to feedback received during consultation are included in the <u>Feedback Report</u>.</p> <p>The non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published Consultation Strategy.</p>	<p>BBC acknowledges the non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Consultation Strategy.</p> <p>BBC refers to its response to this consultation dated in August 2023 and awaits sight of the Consultation Report to assess the consultation responses that were received</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 <u>Consultation Strategy</u>, and responses to feedback received during consultation are included in the <u>Feedback Report</u>.</p> <p>The non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published Consultation Strategy.</p>	<p>BBC acknowledges the non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Consultation Strategy.</p> <p>BBC refers to its response to this consultation dated in August 2023 and awaits sight of the Consultation Report to assess the consultation responses that were received.</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 to the general election.) Details of this consultation are outlined in the <u>Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)</u>. Responses</p>	<p>BBC acknowledges the statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Statement of Community Consultation.</p> <p>BBC refers to its response to this consultation in July 2024 and awaits sight</p>	Under discussion

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		<p>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>of the Consultation Report to assess the consultation responses that were received.</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 <u>Targeted Consultation Strategy</u> and associated targeted consultation leaflets and environmental implications of change documents. Responses to feedback received during targeted consultation will be made available at DCO submission within the Consultation Feedback Report.</p> <p>The targeted consultations were undertaken in accordance with the published Targeted Consultation Strategy.</p> <p>The approach to targeted consultation was undertaken in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning Act 2008 and associated guidance: Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (April 2024).</p>	<p>BBC acknowledges the targeted consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Consultation Strategy.</p> <p>BBC refers to its response to this consultation in March 2025 and awaits sight of the Consultation Report to assess the consultation responses that were received.</p> <p>BBC 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 considered harmful to the transparency and legitimacy of the process.</p>	Under discussion
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</p>	<p>BBC Response to Targeted Consultations (March 2025):</p> <p>BBC strongly encourage NGET to positively respond to the issue of social value and community benefits as set out in our response to the statutory consultation in 2024 particularly having regard to the</p>	Under discussion

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		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.	Governments recently published Community Funds for Transmission Infrastructure.	

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	Brentwood Borough 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.		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 Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Agreed
3.3.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 8.4 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES.		
3.3.4	Assessment Methodology	The assessment methodology was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping	The assessment methodology was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and	Agreed

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
		Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	
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.	National Grid issued a Technical Note in May 2024 outlining survey methods and the scope of surveys for species outside the remit of Natural England for agreement / comment. No comments received on the Technical Note from BBC to date, therefore it is assumed that the survey methodology is agreed.	Agreed
3.3.6	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Ecology and Biodiversity assessment are summarised in Section 8.4 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.		Under discussion
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.		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		Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
		terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.		
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). 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>NG will take on board the comments received from Essex Place Services (EPS) when further developing the mitigation outlined in the ES.</p>	<p>Comments received from EPS on the 'Summary of Proposed Protected Species Mitigation' document – 6th February 2025.</p> <p>Comments related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • badger pre-construction surveys and further precautionary work • potential for objections to reptile mitigation work • consideration of mitigation for any newly created haul road sections • further clarification of the mitigation measures to be employed where hedgehog and brown hare are encountered 	Under discussion
3.3.10	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 8.6 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES . Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.		Under discussion
EIA – Assessment Conclusions				
3.3.11	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 8.7 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of the ES . The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.		Under discussion
3.3.12	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 8.7 of Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) of		Under discussion

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		the ES. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.		
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 on 9th October to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP. A further meeting was held on 29th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders.</p>	No comments received from BBC on the CoCP relating to Ecology and Biodiversity at the time of writing. It is therefore assumed that the structure is agreed but the content is still under discussion.	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 on 9th October to agree on the structure for the Outline LEMP. A further meeting was held on 29th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders.</p>	No comments received on the structure of the Outline LEMP (1 st and 2 nd Iterations) regarding Ecology and Biodiversity at the time of writing. It is therefore assumed that the structure of the Outline LEMP is agreed. The content is still under discussion.	Under discussion
Other matters as required				
3.3.15	Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)	<p>National Grid issued the 'Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Strategy' document on 17th January 2025. Comments received from EPS on the 'Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Strategy' document – 6th February 2025. These comments will be taken on board for the BNG assessment.</p> <p>National Grid will deliver at least 10 % BNG with wider environmental and societal benefits</p>	<p>Comments received from EPS on the 'Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Strategy' document – 6th February 2025.</p> <p>The main comment raised was the commitment to a 5-year management and monitoring programme for all new hedgerow and tree planting within the DCO. NE suggested that a 10-year</p>	Under discussion

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		on its construction projects. Offsite BNG will be delivered through collaboration with partners and purchased from commercially registered providers.	management and monitoring programme is likely to be a more effective approach.	

3.4 Air Quality

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

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.4.1	Policy and legislation	<p>The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Air Quality assessment is presented in Chapter 2 (Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context) and Section 7.2 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES.</p> <p>All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.</p>		Under discussion
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.4.2	Study area	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Agreed
3.4.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 7.4 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES.		Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
3.4.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessing Air Quality was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The methodology for assessing Air Quality was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Agreed
3.4.5	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with Air Quality are summarised in Section 7.4 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES . The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.		Under discussion
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.4.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Air Quality are presented in Section 7.5 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES . The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.		Under discussion
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.		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		Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
		adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.		
3.4.9	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 7.6 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES . Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.		Under discussion
EIA – Assessment Conclusions				
3.4.10	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 7.7 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES . The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.		Under discussion
3.4.11	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 7.7 of Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES . The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.		Under discussion
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.4.12	Outline CoCP	<p>The Outline CoCP includes all relevant mitigation measures specified in Chapter 7 (Air Quality) of the ES and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.</p> <p>Meeting held on 9th October to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP. A further meeting was held on 29th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders.</p>	No comments received on the structure of the Outline CoCP (1st and 2nd Iterations) regarding Air Quality at the time of writing. It is therefore assumed that the structure of the Outline CoCP is agreed. The content is still under discussion.	Under discussion

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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	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.5.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Noise and Vibration assessment is presented in Chapter 2 (Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context) and Section 14.2 of Chapter 14 (Noise and Vibration) of the ES . All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.		Under discussion
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.5.2	Study area	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Agreed
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 .		Under discussion
3.5.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessing Noise and Vibration was agreed through the EIA Scoping	The methodology for assessing Noise and Vibration was agreed through the EIA	Agreed

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
		Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	
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.		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.		Under discussion
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.5.7	Embedded mitigation	Embedded mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Noise and 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.		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.		Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
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.		Under discussion
EIA – Assessment Conclusions				
3.5.10	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 14.7 of Chapter 14 (Noise and Vibration) of the ES . The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.		Under discussion
3.5.11	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 14.7 of Chapter 14 (Noise and Vibration) of the ES . The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.		Under discussion
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.5.12	Outline CoCP	<p>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.</p> <p>Meeting held on 9th October to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP. A further meeting was held on 29th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders.</p>	<p>No comments received on the structure of the Outline CoCP (1st and 2nd Iterations) regarding Noise and Vibration at the time of writing. It is therefore assumed that the structure of the Outline CoCP is agreed.</p> <p>The content is still under discussion.</p>	Under discussion

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Other matters as required				

3.6 Health and Wellbeing

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

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough 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>		Under discussion
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.	<p>The study area was agreed through the Health and Wellbeing Refreshed Approach – Technical Note issued in October 2024.</p> <p>No comments received from BBC on the Health and Wellbeing Refreshed Approach – Technical Note to date. It is therefore assumed that the study area is agreed.</p>	Agreed
3.6.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within		Under discussion

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		Section 10.4 of Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES.		
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>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>There were no comments, correspondence or objections from BBC following the meeting on 24 September, therefore it is assumed that the assessment methodology is agreed.</p>	Agreed
3.6.5	Key parameters and assumptions	<p>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.</p>		Under discussion
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.6.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	<p>The baseline conditions and receptors for Health and Wellbeing are presented in Section 10.5 of Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES.</p> <p>The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.</p>		Under discussion
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.6.7	Embedded mitigation	<p>Embedded mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Health and Wellbeing effects, are set out in Section</p>		Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
		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.		
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. NG acknowledges the comments from BBC and will continue to engage with BBC regarding Health and Wellbeing matters.	BBC response to Scoping Report: BBC wishes to highlight the continued need for engagement with the council as the application progresses, to identify opportunities for positive health impacts and potential negative impacts and how they might be mitigated. This will include understanding the effect on the health of the local population as a result of the Project.	Under discussion
3.6.9	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 10.6 of Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.		Under discussion
EIA – Assessment Conclusions				
3.6.10	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 10.7 of Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.		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		Under discussion

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		maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.		
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.6.12	Outline CoCP	<p>The Outline CoCP includes all relevant mitigation measures specified in Chapter 10 (Health and Wellbeing) of the ES and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.</p> <p>Meeting held on 9th October to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP. A further meeting was held on 29th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders.</p>	<p>No comments received on the structure of the Outline CoCP (1st and 2nd Iterations) regarding Health and Wellbeing at the time of writing. It is therefore assumed that the structure of the Outline CoCP is agreed. The content is still under discussion.</p>	Under discussion
Other matters as required				

3.7 Historic Environment

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

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough 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>		Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
		All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.		
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.7.2	Study area	<p>The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>The study area was also agreed through subsequent thematic group meetings where further comments were addressed.</p>	<p>The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>The study area was also agreed through subsequent thematic group meetings where further comments were addressed.</p>	Agreed
3.7.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 11.4 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES.		Under discussion
3.7.4	Assessment methodology	<p>The scoping opinion stated: <i>'The Applicant should make effort to discuss and agree relevant non-designated heritage assets for assessment and the detailed assessment methodology with relevant local planning authorities.'</i></p> <p>The assessment methodology has been discussed at a number of Historic Environment Thematic Group Meetings held between July 2022 and November 2024.</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>BBC comments noted and Historic Environment Viewpoints feedback will be taken into account for the assessment.</p>	<p>BBC wishes to highlight the section at Ingatestone Hall within close proximity to Heron Hall as being one of historic sensitivity. The preferred route as proposed will pose a significant impact on the setting of these listed buildings and potentially have a direct impact for significant Ancient Monuments and archaeological deposits. BBC stresses the importance of a full assessment of the impact of the proposal on the historic, architectural, and associative value of these heritage assets (above and below ground) and all other effected heritage assets across the route. On this matter, BBC request NGET seek detailed advice with the regional team at Historic England.</p>	Under discussion

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			Historic Environment Viewpoints feedback received on 4 th March 2025 from EPS.	
3.7.7	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.		Under discussion
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.7.8	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.		Under discussion
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.7.9	Embedded mitigation	Embedded mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Historic Environment effects, are set out in Section 11.6 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES . Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.		Under discussion
3.7.10	Standard mitigation	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential effects during construction are summarised in Section 11.6 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES and set out in the Outline CoCP (document reference 7.2). The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.		Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
3.7.11	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 11.6 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES . Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.		Under discussion
EIA – Assessment Conclusions				
3.7.12	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 11.7 of Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES . The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.		Under discussion
3.7.13	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>NG have considered the positioning of this pylon through the design process and have avoided placing pylons in one of the intentional view corridors from the Grade II listed Church of St Mary and Dunton Hall. However, other constraints have meant it has not been possible to reposition pylons out of all view corridors. Historic England have been consulted on all elements of the Project design, however they have not commented on Grade II listed buildings as this falls under the remit of the Local Planning Authorities. Due to the level of expected harm and in line with current policy, NG are unable to accommodate moving the position of this pylon without creating direct</p>	<p>BBC Statutory Consultation response:</p> <p>The positioning of pylon TB226 will profoundly impede upon intentional view corridors which are specified in the SPD, from the Church of St Mary to the historic Farmstead and onwards to the Church of All Saints. Despite the Council having previously raised this concern during the non-statutory consultation stages, to date this unacceptable impact has not been addressed, nor is the Council aware of any correspondence with Historic England specifically on this issue. The Council recognises and expects that to achieve a satisfactory outcome this will require effective collaboration between NGET, Historic England and the Council.</p>	Under discussion

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		effects to the development footprint or moving closer to other heritage assets.		
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.7.14	Outline CoCP	<p>The Outline CoCP includes all relevant construction mitigation measures specified in Chapter 11 (Historic Environment) of the ES and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.</p> <p>Meeting held on 9th October to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP. A further meeting was held on 29th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders.</p>	No comments received on the structure of the Outline CoCP (1st and 2nd Iterations) regarding Historic Environment at the time of writing. It is therefore assumed that the structure of the Outline CoCP is agreed. The content is still under discussion.	Under discussion
Other matters as required				
3.7.15	Written Scheme of Investigations (WSIs) for pre-consent geophysical surveys and archaeological trial trenching.	The scope and methodology of WSIs for geophysical surveys and archaeological trial trenching is considered appropriate and proportionate to the level of impact anticipated.		Under discussion
3.7.16	Draft Mitigation Strategy and Outline WSI	The contents of the Draft Mitigation Strategy and Outline WSI is considered appropriate and proportionate to the level of impact anticipated.		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.		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	Brentwood Borough 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>		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 within Section 13.4 of Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES.		Under discussion
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</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	Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
		further meeting was held on 28 th November 2024 to follow up any additional changes to the assessment. Viewpoints are still under discussion.	A meeting was held on the 25 September 2024 to seek to agree the detailed methodology. A further meeting was held on 28 th November 2024 to follow up any additional changes to the assessment. EPS provided comments on the proposed viewpoints in Essex South in an E-mail on 25 th October 2025. Viewpoints are still under discussion.	
3.8.5	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Landscape and Visual assessment are summarised in Section 13.4 of Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES . The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.		Under discussion
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.8.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	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.		Under discussion
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.8.7	Embedded mitigation	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.	BBC Statutory Consultation response: The proposed routing of the overhead line to the northern, western and southern boundary of Haverings Grove serves to create a harmful severing effect, acting as an imposing physical barrier on the landscape between this settlement and Hutton. BBC wish to highlight the unacceptable impacts of overhead lines in	Under discussion

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		It is NG's view that adopting the alignment of the existing 132 kV overhead line (by placing this section of the 132kV underground and using the vacant corridor for the 400kV alignment) from the north of Bushwood Farm and across the A129 would not be appropriate. This alignment, if used for the 400 kV connection, would cross the grounds of a school and require additional tree removal and management to create the necessary cleared corridor for a 400 kV alignment. It is however proposed to replace a 2 km section of the 132 kV overhead line from north of Bushwood Farm to south of Creasey's Farmhouse with underground cable, and modify the 400kV arrangement. The modification occurs southwards from the A129 and changes the angle pylon to a suspension to move the pylons and the alignment further to the south of Havering's Grove to reduce effects.	<p>this location and the need for serious consideration of re-routing or undergrounding of the route around Havering's Grove.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, the Council considers that there are opportunities for the Norwich to Tilbury project to facilitate the removal of the 132kV pylon line, running to the west of Havering's Grove, operated by UK Power Networks (UKPN), to reduce the cumulative visual impact of energy infrastructure in this location and, to some extent, compensating for the additional visual impact of the new Norwich to Tilbury 400kV power lines. The Council recognises, and expects, that this will require effective collaboration between NGET, UKPN and Ofgem.</p>	
3.8.8	Standard mitigation	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.		Under discussion
3.8.9	Additional mitigation	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		Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
		appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.		
EIA – Assessment Conclusions				
3.8.10	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 13.7 of Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES . The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.		Under discussion
3.8.11	Operational (and maintenance) effects	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.		Under discussion
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.8.12	Outline CoCP	<p>The Outline CoCP includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified in Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) of the ES and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.</p> <p>Meeting held on 9th October 2024 to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP. A further meeting was held on 29th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders.</p>	<p>No comments received on the structure of the Outline CoCP (1st and 2nd Iterations) at the time of writing. It is therefore assumed that the structure of the CoCP is agreed.</p> <p>The content of the CoCP is still under discussion.</p>	Under discussion
3.8.13	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 on 9th October to agree on the structure for the Outline LEMP. A further</p>	<p>EPS email on 23rd October 2024 regarding the draft outline LEMP:</p> <p>BBC noted that clarity is needed on the differences between Mitigation Areas, Environmental Areas, Landscape and Visual Mitigation.</p>	Under discussion

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		meeting was held on 29 th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders. Comments received from EPS will be taken on board and addressed in the next iteration of the Outline LEMP.	BBC noted that discussion is needed on how long replacement planting, landscape and visual mitigation and compensatory planting will be cared for. BCC noted that the Councils would want to see an ongoing role/consultation in the monitoring of any replacement, mitigation or compensatory planting to ensure long term success.	

Other matters as required

3.9 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism

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

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.9.1	Policy and legislation	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 . All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.		Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
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, therefore this area is still under discussion.</p>	<p>No comments received to date on the Technical Notes.</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>	Under discussion
3.9.3	Data sources	<p>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.</p>		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.</p> <p>A 3rd Technical Note is currently being prepared to seek to agree the study area and</p>	<p>No comments from BBC on the technical note shared 19 September 2025.</p>	Under discussion

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		methodology, therefore this area is still 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.		Under discussion
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.		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.		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		Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
		mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.		
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 of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.		Under discussion
EIA – Assessment Conclusions				
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.		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.		Under discussion
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.9.12	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 on 9th October to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP. A further</p>	<p>No comments received on the structure of the Outline CoCP (1st and 2nd Iterations) at the time of writing. It is therefore assumed that the structure of the CoCP is agreed.</p> <p>The content of the CoCP is still under discussion.</p>	Under discussion

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		meeting was held on 29 th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders.		
Other matters as required				

3.10 Cumulative Effects

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

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

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
		<p>Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>National Grid is aware of the Brentwood Southern Growth Corridor and the development sites identified (which include Dunton Hills Garden Village). As part of the DCO process, National Grid will undertake a cumulative effects assessment (CEA) which will be provided in ES Chapter 17: Cumulative Effects.</p>	<p>the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>BBC Statutory Consultation response: <i>Cumulative Effects are an important issue given the number and scale of developments proposed across Brentwood's 'Southern Growth Corridor', and the need for a full assessment of environmental, socio-economic, transport and construction impacts of the cumulative effects of the Norwich to Tilbury in conjunction with those other projects, which includes the build out of DHGV and the Brentwood Enterprise Park, each with associated supporting infrastructure, in addition to works connected with the Lower Thames Crossing.</i></p>	
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.		Under discussion
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.		Under discussion

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
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.		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.		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.		Under discussion
EIA – Assessment Conclusions				
3.10.10	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 17.7 of Chapter 17 (Cumulative Effects) of the ES . The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.		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		Under discussion

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		maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.		
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.10.12	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 on 9th October to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP. A further meeting was held on 29th January 2025 to address comments from stakeholders.</p>	<p>No comments received on the structure of the Outline CoCP (1st and 2nd Iterations) at the time of writing. It is therefore assumed that the structure of the CoCP is agreed.</p> <p>The content of the CoCP is still under discussion.</p>	Under discussion
Other matters as required				

3.11 Development Consent Order

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

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Brentwood Borough Council's Position	Status
3.11.1	DCO Requirements			
	DCO Wording			
Other matters as required				

3.12 Other Matters

4. Confirmation of Agreement

The above SoCG is agreed between National Grid and Brentwood Borough 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 Brentwood Borough 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
BBC	Brentwood Borough Council
BNG	Biodiversity Net Gain
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice
CSE	Cable Sealing End
CTMP	Construction Traffic Management Plan
DCO	Development Consent Order
EACN	East Anglia Connection Node
EHO	Environmental Health Officer
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
GI	Ground Investigation
GW	Gigawatt
LLFA	Lead Local Flood Authority
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
MIIA	Mineral Infrastructure Impact Assessment
MRA	Minerals Resource Assessment
NCR	National Cycle Route
NETS	National Electricity Transmission System
NPSs	National Policy Statements
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
PRoW	Public Right of Way
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation
SPZ	Source Protection Zone
WFD	Water Framework Directive
WHIASU	Wales Health Impact Assessment Support Unit
WIIA	Waste Infrastructure Impact Assessment
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation
ZoI	Zone of Influence

Abbreviation	Full Reference
ZTV	Zone of Theoretical Visibility

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