

The NW and SW Chelmsford Parishes Group suggest site inspections at the locations highlighted in Section 2.3 of the Landscape Review by Alison Farmer Associates. The Review indicates that these locations are the most sensitive and where the greatest level of harm will be occur. They are:

1. Great and Little Waltham - focusing on the impact on heritage settings, particularly the 2 conservation areas and the registered Langleys Park and Gardens.
2. West of Broomfield - focusing on the impacts on the designated Valued Landscape west of Church Green; the identified remoteness and tranquillity of the Pleshey Farmland Plateau (identified in the Essex Landscape Character Assessment and Broomfield Neighbourhood Plan); and the visual impact of pylons on the edge of this elevated land.
3. Land west of Writtle and southwest of Hylands Park - focusing on the impact on listed buildings; and the north/south OHL on the east/west grain of the landscape and receptor routes.
4. The Wid Valley - focusing on the impact of the Preferred Route on a part of the valley noted for its scenic quality and tranquillity.

As far as we are aware, all these locations can be viewed from public rights of way and/or the highway.

Finally, by way of comparison, the Inspectors may also find it helpful to visit the Boreham Interchange. From here, it is possible to appreciate the topography of the alternative route around Chelmsford proposed by the Group - in particular the opportunity to site pylons/OHL on lower land with a wooded backdrop; broadly following the A12 corridor; close paralleled with the existing 440kv OHL (with the existing 132kv line undergrounded where necessary to facilitate this).