

National Grid should choose routes that minimise the effects on the setting of areas of architectural, historical and archaeological interest

The deviation in the route to the west through Burgate and Gislingham before resuming its north-south path will harm important architectural, historical and archaeological features.

Little Green Burgate is an ancient common and is designated by Mid Suffolk Council as a Special Landscape Area. It is essentially the same landscape that our ancestors look out at. It is part of our heritage. If National Grid's plans go ahead this visually important open space will be framed by giant pylons when looking from west to east across the common; and the jungle of pylons to the west will ruin the beautiful approach to the common from Gislingham.

What can be seen from a Special Landscape Area needs to be protected as much as the land itself. Standing on the common and seeing 50m high pylons harms this ancient landscape.

The proposed pylons will also have a harmful visual impact on historic buildings. The pylons will run within 400m around two-sides of St Mary's Church Burgate, a Grade 1 listed medieval building. At least nine other listed buildings in Burgate will also be affected (see below with Historic England's designation numbers).

- St Mary's Church Burgate, Grade 1 (1032797)
- Hall Farm (1032798)
- Hall Farm House (1352234)
- Hill House (1352238)
- The Old Rectory (1181701)
- Glebe Farm (103280)
- Gibson Farm, Little Green (1181694)
- Green Farm House, Little Green (1181676)
- Green Farm Cottage, Little Green (1032803)
- Willow Cottage, Little Green (1352237)

Burgate Wood is a medieval wood designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. It links Little Green to Great Green to form Burgate and is only 800m from the proposed route. In addition to providing a habitat for rare plants and animals it is the site of ancient earthworks and remains of an old manor house. This SSSI is of national importance and should be protected from harm.