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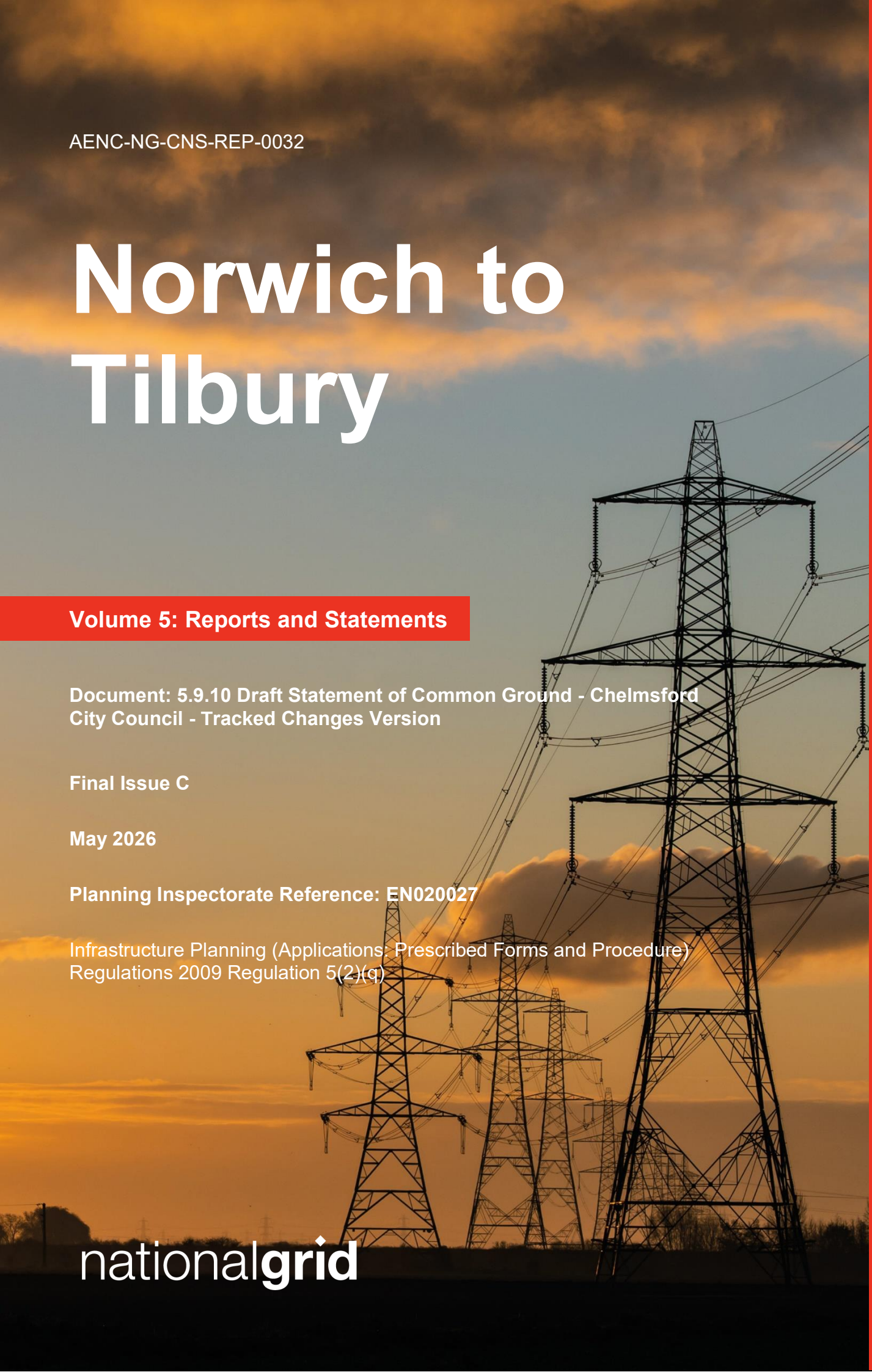

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1. Introduction

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~~the Applicant' within this document). It has been prepared in accordance with the guidance published by the Department of Communities and Local Government (Department for Communities and Local Government, 2015).

1.1.2 This SoCG has been prepared by National Grid as the Applicant and Chelmsford City Council (CCC). Chelmsford City Council is a prescribed consultee under Section 43 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) as a Host Authority.

1.1.3 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the application documents. All documents are available in the deposit locations and /or the Planning Inspectorate website.

1.1.4 This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority (ExA) where agreement has been reached between the parties. It identifies areas of the Project within the Development Consent Order (DCO) application ('the Application'), where matters are agreed, under discussion or not agreed between the parties.

1.1.5 The engagement between the parties across the breadth of matters is ongoing. The SoCG is an evolving document and detailed wording within it is still being discussed between the parties.

1.1.6 This draft SoCG has been prepared ~~at an early stage of the DCO examination process,~~ for deadline ~~1~~4. It is intended to be a live and working document which will be updated as the Project progresses and shared with Chelmsford City Council at key points for discussion.

1.1.7 Future iterations will evolve from this point and all parties reserve the right to supplement the matters identified as we progress the discussions to ensure it is comprehensive. There are many items within it that although not currently agreed have the potential to be resolved. A final SoCG will be prepared ahead of the close of the DCO Examination. Unlike a final SoCG, this draft SoCG has not been officially signed by either party.

1.1.8 The parties will continue to work together, seeking resolution where appropriate to ensure this SoCG is a reliable and up to date document which can inform the examination.

1.1.9 This SoCG has been structured to reflect topics of the Application which are relevant to CCC. The applicable matters considered within this SoCG apply to CCC's statutory remit. The following bullet points present the topics included in this SoCG (they are also presented in Section 3):

- Project development, description and design
- Ecology and Biodiversity

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

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

1.2 Summary of matters under discussion

1.2.1 As requested by the Examining Authority, the below table provides an 'at a glance' summary of matters which are under discussion, together with a deadline by which such matters are expected to be resolved.

SoCG ID	NGET Summary of matter under discussion	CCC Commentary	Deadline for resolution
Project Development, Description and Design			
3.2.5 – Design principles	CCC feels there is an opportunity to be innovative in the approach to design and suggested the Applicant must follow a good design process to ensure that infrastructure remains functional and safe while considering best local design and environmental outcomes,. The primary design requirement for electricity infrastructure is that it must be safe and sure, acknowledging functional constraints. While the overall design is largely fixed, smaller design details, such as the colour of finishes, are agreed upon and documents through the DCO	Discission between the CCC and NGET remain on going in attempt to resolve design concerns and issues, particularly in respect of Great Waltham and Little Waltham and the need for design review	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.

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	process. This position is provided in Section 3.9 of **Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**		
3.2.9 – Great and Little Waltham	In Great Waltham and Little Waltham, CCC considers that the proposal would harmfully impact upon the setting of the Grade I listed Langleys, Langleys Grade II Registered Park and Garden and would lead to significant adverse impacts on Great Waltham and Little Waltham Conservation Areas, together with other designated and non-designated heritage assets.CCCs preferred option is for this section to use underground cables, relocate to the north of The Walthams, or to consider T pylons. The Applicant has considered the alignment in this area in line with NPS EN-5. This position is provided in Section 3.7 of **Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**	The introduction of full height pylons and the omission of one pylon could potentially reduce the level of heritage harm, but CCC maintain its request that the matter is explored further, with visualisations and plans provided for further assessment. Currently CCC has insufficient information to make a final assessment of the acceptability of this change. Discussions are on going to see whether NGET can allay CCC's concerns.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
3.2.12 – 3.2.13 - Consultation	CCC acknowledges that the 2022, 2023 and 2024 consultations were undertaken in accordance with the Consultation Strategy and Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), though query the targeted consultation process completed in 2025. The Applicant undertook consultations in accordance with the respective consultation strategies and SoCC, and responses to feedback are contained within the **Consultation Feedback**	There are differences of opinion regarding whether changes to the project are significant and maternal. The concentration of non material changes may have a bearing on their materiality and how they are experienced by residents.	This matter is unlikely to be agreed

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	Report [APP-066]		
Ecology and Biodiversity			
3.3.6 – Key parameters and assumptions	CCC disagree with the key parameters and assumptions. The Applicant maintains that the key parameters and assumptions are appropriate and relevant for the Project.	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Matter unlikely to be agreed.
3.3.11 – Construction effects 3.3.16 – Outline LEMP	CCC have concerns regarding level of bat survey and construction effects upon bats. The Applicant is working with Natural England to produce a draft project wide bat licence. A letter of support is expected to be issued by Natural England supporting the contents of the draft Project-wide licence during the Examination.	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Resolution likely by Deadline 7
3.3.13 – Residual effects	CCC is concerned about the ecological and biodiversity impacts of the Project, and the absence of post-mitigation license monitoring leads to uncertainty on the success of the proposed mitigation. The Applicant confirms the ecology and biodiversity assessment has been carried out in accordance with CIEEM guidelines, and where potential effects have been identified, appropriate mitigation has been proposed in the Outline LEMP.	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Resolution likely by Deadline 7
3.3.14 – Great Waltham and Little Waltham	CCC is concerned about the proposed removal of trees, including veteran trees, and believe the loss of trees and woodland has not been appropriately justified and mitigated. The Applicant has sought to minimise tree loss as far as	CCC consider that worst case scenarios should be provided to understand the full impact of the proposal. Particularly in the case of Langleys Deer Park and garden which is a national designation. CCC consider the current	Matter unlikely to be agreed.

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	practicable as set out in the Outline CoCP and Outline LEMP, including the commitment for 3:1 replacement planting for individual trees.	proposed mitigation is inadequate and a bespoke tree removal and replanting strategy for the Waltham Gap is required. Awaiting to see if a strategy / mechanism for a strategy can be prepared. Concerns apply to mechanism for veteran trees / ancient woodland.	
3.3.15 – Outline CoCP	CCC remains unconvinced that the Outline CoCP provides adequate guarantees of ECoW competence or capacity. The Applicant maintains that this role will not be undertaken by one individual, but by multiple ecologists with a range of relevant experience and any protected species licences necessary for the specific task to be undertaken. Further details on the number and type of ECoWs required across the Project will be included within the Final Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (post-DCO consent).	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
3.3.16 – Outline LEMP	CCC is concerned on the percentage completion of bat surveys, and the mitigation proposed for bat roosts lost. The Applicant confirms that the methodology for surveying bat roosts has been agreed with Natural England, and that full aerial/emergence bat surveys will be undertaken on trees due to be lost during the detailed design phase of the Project, post-consent.	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Resolution likely by Deadline 7
3.3.17 –	CCC requests the priority of	Awaiting ECC Place Services	Resolution

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Biodiversity Net Gain – onsite and assessment 3.3.18 – Biodiversity Net Gain - offsite	onsite BNG delivery over offsite BNG delivery, with a minimum of 30 years of management. The Applicant has committed to deliver 10% BNG with wider environmental and societal benefits for the Project. The Applicant confirms off-site BNG will be considered for the length of the Project, not for each LPA individually. The Applicant maintains that offsite BNG will be secured by a legal agreement and delivered through collaboration with partners and purchased from commercially registered providers. The Applicant has committed to 30 year monitoring and management at the Environmental Areas.	comments	likely by Deadline 7
3.3.19 – Arboriculture Impact Assessment	CCC is concerned the AIA has not been produced in accordance with BS 5837:2012. The Applicant confirms that the relevant protective principles set out in BS 5837:2012 are to be provided following detailed design and detailed within an Arboricultural Method Statement by the main works contractor. CCC is also concerned about the high-ranking trees proposed to be removed. The Applicant has made a commitment to avoid the loss of trees where possible, as set out in the Outline CoCP and Outline LEMP. CCC is concerned the 15m buffer zones between development and ancient woodlands would not be	Consideration needs to be given to veteran trees and woodland, which are by their very nature irreplaceable. Reference needs to be given to failure rates. Bespoke planting strategy (including replacement / compensation is required for the Waltham gap. Discussions on going with NGET as part of wider tree replacement / compensation planting. See 3.3.20 below.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7

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	possible to adhere to. The Applicant has made a commitment to avoid impacts to ancient woodland and the associated 15 m buffer wherever practicable, but where this is not possible, appropriate mitigation measures have been set out in the Outline LEMP.		
3.3.20 – Tree replacement/ compensation	CCC is working with NGET and other host authorities to explore provision of offsite planting. The Applicant will continue to engage with CCC on the provision of offsite planting and the 3:1 replacement planting for individual trees and individual trees within small groups.	Discussions on going.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7
3.3.21 – Data sources (bats) 3.3.22 – Survey methodology (bats) 3.3.23 – Baseline conditions and receptors (bats) 3.3.24 – Standard mitigation (bats)	CCC to review the survey information from the 2025 season submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in November 2025. The Applicant confirms that the methodology for surveying bat roosts has been agreed with Natural England, and that full aerial/emergence bat surveys will be undertaken on trees due to be lost during the detailed design phase of the Project, post-consent.	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Matter unlikely to be agreed.
	Air Quality		
3.4.5 – Key parameters and assumptions 3.4.10 – Construction effects 3.4.11 - Operational (and maintenance)	CCC have made no comments in their Relevant Representations (RRs) or their Local Impact Report (LIR) regarding policy and legislation, data sources, parameters and assumptions, baseline conditions and receptors, mitigation measures, or assessment of effects which inform the application.	CCC's main concern relates to the impact of the proposal upon the settlements and residents sited in proximity to the proposal. Likely matter will be flagged / kept under review so ExA is aware of CCC's concerns on this matter.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.

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effects 3.4.12 – Residual effects	The Applicant proposes these matters are therefore moved to Agreed		
Noise and Vibration			
3.5.5 – Key parameters and assumptions 3.5.6 – Baseline conditions and receptors 3.5.7 – Embedded mitigation 3.5.8 – Standard mitigation 3.5.9 – Additional mitigation	CCC is concerned about noise levels near to residential properties and urban receptors. CCC would also like clarity on the location and size of generators. The Applicant has assumed that generators are included within temporary construction compounds. The noise and vibration assessment does not identify any adverse significant effects from the operation of temporary construction compounds, including the use of generators.	CCC's main concern relates to the impact of the proposal upon the settlements and residents sited in proximity to the proposal. Likely matter will be flagged / kept under review so ExA is aware of CCC's concerns on this matter. CCC welcomes the clarification regarding the location of generators and other noise sources.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
3.5.10 – Construction effects	CCC is concerned about noise levels near to residential properties and urban receptors, and request further information about weekend working hours and noise levels.	CCC does not accept the hours of working.	Matter unlikely to be agreed.
3.5.13 – Specific Chelmsford related issues 3.5.15 – Hours of Working	CCC is concerned about noise levels near to Windmill House and properties along Chelmsford Road, and consider the proposed hours of working unacceptable.	CCC does not accept the hours of working. Particularly concerned due to proximity of pylon construction next to Windmill House and properties along Chelmsford Road.	Matter unlikely to be agreed.
3.5.11 – Operational (and maintenance) effects 3.5.12 – Residual effects	CCC is concerned about noise levels near to residential properties and urban receptors, and concern that the Limits of Deviation would lead to harm to residential amenities. The Applicant states that Operational noise from	In its response to Ex1 CCC asked for further details on the low noise conductors. CCC's main concern relates to the impact of the proposal upon the settlements and residents sited in proximity to the proposal.	Matter unlikely to be agreed.

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	overhead line was scoped out of the Environmental Statement on the basis that a low noise conductor system is proposed. CCC express concerns about residual effects. The Applicant maintains their position that all effects have been appropriately assessed and mitigation applied.	Likely matter will be flagged / kept under review so ExA is aware of CCC's concerns on this matter.	
3.5.14 – Outline CoCP	CCC is reviewing the mitigation proposed relevant for Noise and Vibration in the Outline CoCP.		Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
Health and Wellbeing			
3.6.6 – Baseline conditions and receptors 3.6.8 – Standard mitigation 3.6.10 – Construction effects	CCC is concerned about the impact upon local properties in regards to visual and noise effects. CCC is also concerned about the proposed construction working hours. The Applicant notes that no further comments have been raised with regards to these matters beyond this so it is likely that these matters will remain not Agreed.	CCC's main concern relates to the impact of the proposal upon the settlements and residents sited in proximity to the proposal. Likely matter will be flagged / kept under review so ExA is aware of CCC's concerns on this matter.	Matters likely to remain Not Agreed.
3.6.7 – Embedded mitigation	CCC noted in their LIR that embedded mitigation was required but provided no further detail beyond what has been set out in the Application documentation. The Applicant therefore proposes that this matter is agreed.	CCC is concerned that the embedded mitigation measures do not sufficiently address the additional noise risks associated with: Flexible Limits of Deviation (LoD) which may bring noisy works closer to receptors than assessed; Extensive proposed working hours, including nights, weekends and bank holidays; The lack of receptor-specific embedded mitigation, such as temporal restrictions at pylon locations, firm commitments on	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.

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		screening, alternative methods or acoustic enclosures. CCC welcomes further discussion on this matter.	
3.6.9 – Additional mitigation	CCC conclude in their LIR that no further additional mitigation is required beyond the embedded mitigation and proposes no health and wellbeing monitoring. The Applicant has no further responses so proposes that this matter is agreed.	CCC's main concern relates to the impact of the proposal upon the settlements and residents sited in proximity to the proposal. CCC is disappointed with the Applicants decision not to enter into a Health and Wellbeing Monitoring Framework.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
3.6.11 – Operational (and maintenance) effects 3.6.15 – Health and wellbeing monitoring framework	CCC is concerned about the impact of the Project on properties within 200 m of the proposed pylons, including the socio-economic characteristics of the communities. CCC recommends consideration of establishing of a Health and Wellbeing Monitoring Framework to promote best practice. The Applicant notes comments raised around the introduction of Health and Wellbeing Monitoring and that there will be continued engagement with local communities throughout the design and construction process. The Applicant notes with regards to impact that appropriate assessments have been conducted in order to mitigate issues that might affected specific communities. The Applicant notes that no further comments have been raised with regards to these matters beyond this so it is likely that these matters will remain not Agreed.	CCC is disappointed with the Applicants decision not to enter into a Health and Wellbeing Monitoring Framework.	Matter unlikely to be agreed during Examination.

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3.6.13 – Specific Chelmsford related issues	CCC is concerned about effects on sensitive receptors, including Windmill House. The Applicant has confirmed that standard lattice pylons are proposed, but further away from Windmill House. The Applicant proposes that this matter will be considered Not Agreed.	In principle, upon amenity grounds relating to Windmill House only, the siting of the pylons further away from Windmill House as shown in the alternative proposal is welcomed. Yet, in relation to Great Waltham and Little Waltham, CCC is concerned that the embedded mitigation measures do not sufficiently address the additional noise risks associated with: Flexible Limits of Deviation (LoD) which may bring noisy works closer to receptors than assessed; Extensive proposed working hours, including nights, weekends and bank holidays; The lack of receptor-specific embedded mitigation, such as temporal restrictions at pylon locations, firm commitments on screening, alternative methods or acoustic enclosures.	Matter unlikely to be agreed during Examination.
3.6.14 – Outline CoCP	CCC is reviewing the Outline CoCP in relation to Health and Wellbeing. The Applicant will continue to liaise with CCC on this matter. No further matters have been raised by CCC on this matter, therefore the Applicant proposes that this matter is moved to agreed.	Under discussion	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
Historic Environment			
3.7.2 – Policy and legislation (archaeology)	CCC have not made any comments in relation to policy and legislation in their Relevant Representations or their LIR. The Applicant therefore proposes that these matters should be moved to	CCC defers to ECC Archaeology. Comments awaited.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.

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	agreed.		
3.7.7 – Data sources (archaeology) – survey data 3.7.11 – Key parameters and assumptions (archaeology)	CCC notes the fieldwork proposed prior to application has not been completed and the impact of this to inform the assessment is under review. ECC maintain they are unable to agree key parameters and assumptions until field work has been completed. The Applicant maintains that sufficient data has been collected to inform assessment, but notes that survey work is ongoing with results likely in August 2026.	CCC defers to ECC Archaeology. Comments awaited.	Matter unlikely to be agreed during Examination.
3.7.25 – Outline CoCP (built heritage) 3.7.26 – Outline CoCP (archaeology)	CCC has requested amendments to commitments H04 and H06 of the Outline CoCP. The Applicant has confirmed commitment H04 has been updated in line with CCC's recommendation. In relation to H06, the Applicant notes that the Outline LEMP includes measures to retain and reinstate historic landscape features including protected lanes and Outline CoCP has been updated in line with CCC's recommendation.	The matter remains under discussion whilst final comments are being obtained regarding protected lanes.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
3.7.29 - Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline WSI	CCC requests the Outline AMS-WSI is amended to clarify the extent of further evaluation required The Applicant confirms that an updated Outline AMS-WSI is being prepared and will be submitted at Deadline 5.	CCC defers to ECC Archaeology. Comments awaited.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
Landscape and Visual			
3.8.1 – Policy and legislation	CCC requests further consideration of compensation. CCC to review **8.8.2 Applicant's**. CCC note	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Resolution likely by Deadline 7

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	that new consideration should be taken to the updated EN-1 policy requirements, otherwise no further comments have been raised in the CCC LIR. The applicant is satisfied these measures have been picked up as part of the application and propose this matter is moved to Agreed.		
3.8.3 – Study area (viewpoints)	CCC note in their LIR that certain visual assessment needs to extend beyond the 3Km study area. The Applicant has noted that this matter is likely to remain not Agreed as the Study Area is unlikely to move with regards to viewpoints.	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Matter unlikely to be agreed during examination.
3.8.4 – Data sources 3.8.5 – Assessment methodology (including LVIA methodology) 3.8.7 – Baseline conditions and receptors	CCC has concerns about the approach to landscape value assessment and gaps in the viewpoint assessments. The Applicant notes as there is no change in position with regards to Data Sources, Assessment methodology and Baseline Condition and Receptors that these matters are likely to remain not agreed,	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Resolution likely by Deadline 7
3.8.6 – Key parameters and assumptions	CCC is concerned that the landscape value criteria is flawed. CCC to review the Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment.	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Resolution by Deadline 7
3.8.8 – Embedded mitigation	CCC maintains concerns around the adequacy of undergrounding, mitigation and lack of compensation. The Applicant reiterates that the embedded mitigation proposed is considered appropriate.	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Matter unlikely to be agreed during examination.

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3.8.9 – Standard mitigation	CCC is concerned that the standard mitigation measures proposed do not wholly mitigate substantial significant temporary impacts caused by construction. The Applicant states that these measures seek to limit effects through adherence to good site practices and achieving legal compliance, and is considered appropriate.	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Matter unlikely to be agreed during examination.
3.8.10 – Additional mitigation	CCC consider the additional mitigation measures do not address significant residual negative impacts from pylons and the overhead cables. CCC to review **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports.** The Applicant reiterates mitigation hierarchy is being utilised and that the additional mitigation proposed is considered appropriate.	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Matter unlikely to be agreed during examination.
3.8.11 – Construction effects	CCC is concerned about long distance visual affects at the end of the construction phase. The Applicant has responded to concerns raised regarding the extent of construction effects in **Appendix H of 8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].**	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Resolution likely to Deadline 7
3.8.12 – Operational (and maintenance) effects	CCC's position is that at the operational (and maintenance) stage impacts are likely to still be major significant rather than moderate significant beyond 0.5 km. The Applicant maintains the position that the assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Matter unlikely to be agreed during examination.
3.8.13 –	CCC has comments on	Awaiting ECC Place Services	Matter

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Residual effects	residual effects on certain LCAs and visual receptor areas. The Applicant provides further detail on LCAs mentioned by CCC and retains that the summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate. Acknowledges that viewpoint details at Chelmer Valley have been amended in the errata.	comments	unlikely to be agreed during examination.
3.8.14 – Great Waltham and Little Waltham	CCC is concerned about the historical landscape setting associated with Langleys. The residual landscape and visual effects in the vicinity of Great and Little Waltham are presented in ES Chapter 13 - Landscape and Visual. The Applicant maintains that the summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate.	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments CCC disagrees. Unlikely to reach agreement.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7
3.8.15 – Outline CoCP	CCC is reviewing the oCoCP in relation to landscape and visual and will provide the Applicant with an update once complete.	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
3.8.16 – Outline LEMP	ECC is reviewing the oLEMP in relation to landscape and visual and will provide the Applicant with an update once complete.	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
3.8.17 – Cumulative impacts	CCC is concerned about the cumulative effect of multiple pylons. The Applicant confirms that the cumulative assessment will be updated and published at Deadline 4 to include Five Estuaries, North Falls, the Tarchon Interconnector Project and any other newly identified schemes in the area and along the rest	Awaiting ECC Place Services comments	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.

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	of the Project.		
Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism			
3.9.4 – Assessment methodology 3.9.13 – Specific Chelmsford related issues	CCC is concerned about the effect of the Project on sports pitches, Hylands Estate and the Scout Jamboree. The Applicant has confirmed an assessment of these assets are set out in ES Chapter 15. The Applicant proposes that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to agreed.	Discussions on going and further assessment of Scout Jamborree site required. CCC awaits conclusion of the Applicants discussions with Essex International Scouts and Guides Jamboree CCC is aware of discussions regarding the impact of the proposal upon the operation of the Cow Watering Campus at Writtle College. CCC awaits conclusion of these discussions. In the event that discussions cannot be concluded, CCC recommends that a requirement relating to the operation and use of the access through the College is submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA in consultation with the highway authority. These arrangements should be shared with ARU Writtle prior to submission of the requirement.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7
3.9.7 – Embedded mitigation 3.9.8 – Standard mitigation	CCC requests community liaison to address local concerns, with appropriate compensation. The Applicant notes that mitigation is set out in the Outline CoCP and details of community engagement in the Outline CoCP Appendix E – Community Engagement and Public Information. The Applicant proposes that	CCC remains concerned about hours of working. CCC suggest appointment of Community Liaison Officer in common with other NSIPS.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7

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	through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to agreed		
3.9.9 – Additional mitigation 3.9.10 – Construction effects 3.9.12 – Residual effects 3.9.16 – Skills and Employment Plan and Skills Fund	CCC requests the preparation of a Local Skills and Employment Plan and is concerned about the proposed construction working hours. The Applicant will prepare and submit an Employment and Skills Plan into the Examination at Deadline 5. The Applicant proposes that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to agreed	Awaiting Employment and Skills Plan. Discussions on going.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7
3.9.14 – Outline CoCP	ECC is reviewing the oCoCP in relation to Socio Economics, Recreation and Tourism and will provide the Applicant with an update once complete.	ECC comments awaited.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
3.9.15 – Public Rights of Way	CCC seek further information on PRoWs and states the importance of these features in providing access for recreational opportunities, and notes the importance of bank holiday and Sunday working hours on the use of PROW. The Applicant refers CCC to the Outline PRoW Management Plan.	ECC comments awaited.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
Cumulative Effects			
3.11.4 – Assessment methodology 3.11.5 – Key parameters and assumptions 3.11.6 – Baseline conditions and	CCC note that there are a number of interproject effects for Landscape and Visual, Archaeology, Noise and Vibration and Health and Wellbeing. The Applicant confirms that consideration of intra-project effects in regard to agriculture and soil, ecology and biodiversity, historic	Awaiting comments from ECC. Will review SoCG by deadline 7.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.

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receptors 3.11.7 – Embedded mitigation 3.11.10 –Construction effects - Intra-project cumulative effects	environment, traffic and transport, noise, Health and Wellbeing and landscape and visual, has been undertaken.		
3.11.8 – Standard mitigation 3.11.9 – Additional mitigation	CCC note that comments on standard and additional mitigation for all other topics are relevant as part of the cumulative effects. The Applicant notes that the approach to Standard and Additional Mitigation are considered appropriate and adequate.	Awaiting comments from ECC. Will review SoCG by deadline 7.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
3.11.10 (a to e) – Construction effects 3.11.11 (a to e) – Operational (and maintenance) effects 3.11.12 (a to e) – Residual effects	CCC set out concerns relating to ecology, landscape and visual, archaeology, health and wellbeing, and other impacts, such as businesses. The Applicant confirms that the cumulative effects assessment has been undertaken in accordance with the Scoping Report. Scoping Opinion is presented in ES Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects. These assessments are considered adequate and appropriate.	Awaiting comments from ECC. Will review SoCG by deadline 7.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
3.11.13 – Specific Chelmsford related issues	CCC state that the impacts of the Project on all other existing NSIPS and strategic sites need to be considered. The Applicant confirms that an updated cumulative effects assessment, will be submitted during examination.	Awaiting comments from ECC. Will review SoCG by deadline 7.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
3.11.14 – Outline CoCP	CCC is reviewing the updated **7.2 Outline Code of**	Awaiting comments from ECC. Will review SoCG by	Resolution likely by

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	Construction Practice [REP3-025] and will provide the Applicant with an update once complete.	deadline 7.	Deadline 7.
Development Consent Order			
3.12.1 – DCO requirements – Additional requirements	CCC considers that the DCO drafting should explicitly refer to horizontal limits of deviation and seeks a requirement to publicise any decision to implement the alternative scheme. The Applicant considers that the limits of deviation and parameters set out in the Draft DCO and Works Plans provide sufficient flexibility, and that no further approval or notification is required. The Applicant will continue to liaise with CCC on this matter.	CCC disagrees with this stance and the matter is unlikely to be agreed. Currently discussions remain open in attempt to seek further resolution / refinement.	Matter unlikely to be agreed during examination.
3.12.2 – Additional requirements - Height and location of lower height pylons	CCC considers that an additional requirement or mechanism is needed to secure consultation and notification of changes to pylon height and location within the Limits of Deviation. The Applicant considers that the Limits of Deviation are clearly described, and that no further approval or notification is required.	CCC disagrees with this stance and the matter is unlikely to be agreed. Currently discussions remain open in attempt to seek further resolution / refinement.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
3.12.3 – Additional requirements - BNG and ecological mitigation	CCC considers that a BNG delivery plan and ecological mitigation measures should be secured through a DCO Requirement. The Applicant proposes to secure at least 10% BNG through a unilateral undertaking and does not consider additional Requirements necessary. The Applicant will continue to liaise with CCC on this matter.	Currently discussions remain open in attempt to seek further resolution / refinement. ECC Place Services comments awaited.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.

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3.12.4 – DCO requirements-Archaeological post-excavation assessments	CCC considers that Requirement 5 should explicitly provide for a separate evaluation stage, include post-consent archaeological trenching, and secure timescales for post-excavation assessments. The Applicant considers that these matters are already secured through Requirement 5 and the Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation.	ECC archaeology comments awaited.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
3.12.5 – DCO requirements - Archaeology requirement wording	CCC considers that Requirement 5 should be amended to include more explicit provisions for written schemes of investigation, post-excavation assessment, publication, and archive deposition. The Applicant considers that these matters are already secured through Requirement 5 and the Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation.	ECC archaeology comments awaited.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.
3.12.9 – DCO requirements - Fees	CCC considers the proposed fee insufficient and seeks alignment with national planning fees. The Applicant has amended the Draft DCO to align fees with the national schedule for discharge of conditions.	Provision should be made to account for yearly fee rises in accordance with standard discharging procedures.	Resolution likely by Deadline 4.
3.12.10 – DCO requirements - Post-consent programme of ecological mitigation	CCC considers that a post-consent ecological mitigation programme and BNG delivery plan should be secured through a DCO Requirement. The Applicant considers that these matters are secured	Currently discussions remain open in attempt to seek further resolution / refinement. ECC Place Services comments awaited.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.

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	through the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan and Outline Code of Construction Practice.		
3.12.11 - DCO Wording	Discussions are ongoing in relation to detailed drafting points on: Control documents; Limits of deviation; Trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders; Draft protective provisions.	Noted.	Resolution likely by Deadline 7.

1.3 ~~1.2~~ Project Description

1.3.1 ~~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.

1.3.2 ~~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).

1.3.3 ~~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.

1.3.4 ~~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.

1.4 ~~1.3~~ Format and Structure of this Document

1.4.1 ~~1.3.1~~ This SoCG is structured as follows:

- **Section 2** provides a summary of the key engagement undertaken to date with CCC
- **Section 3** summarises the key matters and captures the status of each issue / matter
- **Section 4** includes the sign off sheet

2. Record of Key Engagement

2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has engaged with CCC on the Project throughout the pre-application process. This has included:

- Non-statutory consultation in Spring 2022 and Summer 2023
- Statutory consultation in Spring 2024
- Targeted consultations in Spring 2025
- Regular meetings with lead officers about the Project as a whole
- Regular 'Thematic Group' meetings bringing together host authorities to discuss specific topics
- One to one / small group technical meetings on specific detailed matters
- Sharing of papers and draft documentation at key stages

2.1.2 Further details on ~~National Grid's~~the Applicant's engagement with stakeholders is provided in the Consultation Report and the Environmental Statement.

2.2 Summary of Key Engagement

2.2.1 ~~Table A.1~~Appendix B provides an overview of the key engagement that has taken place between ~~National Grid~~the Applicant and CCC.

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

3. Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under discussion

3.1 Overview

3.1.1 This chapter details the matters relevant to Chelmsford City Council which have been agreed, not agreed or are under discussion between the parties. Matters are arranged by topic (using broad headings, or EIA chapter headings where appropriate) and each matter is given a unique reference number to aid identification.

3.1.2 The red, amber, green status shows the level of agreement with CCC. Descriptions of the different levels are summarised in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 Agreement Status for Matters presented in Section 3

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

3.1.3 Engagement will continue as the Project develops and progresses through the various stages of the DCO process.

3.1.4 Table 3.2 to Table 3.12 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

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Strategic options/needs case				
3.2.1	Needs case	Norwich to Tilbury is being proposed because the existing network in East Anglia does not have sufficient capacity to manage the expected (and in some cases, contracted) increase in offshore wind farms (and interconnectors) needing to connect to the grid as part of the Government's target of reaching net zero by 2050. The project sits alongside other work to reinforce and upgrade the existing network in East Anglia. Norwich to Tilbury is listed as a key project in Appendix 2 of the NESO Clean Power 2030 Report. For The Applicant's position on needs case, please refer to Section 3.2 'Needs Case and Timing' in 8.8.2 **Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** ~~**Updated position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~The Applicant considers it is unlikely that the two parties will find a mutually agreed position, and therefore suggest this matter is moved to Not Agreed	CCC Objects to the Project. Our objection is based on the following grounds: The preferred strategic option for Norwich to Tilbury remains an integrated offshore technology that minimises onshore transmission infrastructure and does not include overhead lines and pylons. CCC recognises that this option would need to be delivered at pace and without risk to national net zero, renewable energy and decarbonisation targets, and energy security. CCC consider that the presence of overhead lines and 40 – 50 m high pylons would be visually harmful and would result in unnecessary harm to heritage, landscape, ecology and residential amenity across the Chelmsford area. CCC accept that the network reinforcement offered by the project is needed to accommodate the additional planned electricity generation in the East Anglia region. It would also assist in the decarbonisation of the UK's energy supply and help deliver the Government targets of	~~Under discussion~~ Not agreed

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			net-zero by 2050. CCC recognise the rapidly growing need for electricity as the climate emergency requires us to help support the replacement of fossil fuels such as oil and gas as soon as possible and accept that the network reinforcement is needed to accommodate the expected growth in demand for electricity and the additional contracted/planned electricity generation in East Anglia. However, this does not mean that all proposals which may assist in reducing climate change should be approved at any cost. In general, CCC does not agree that the Applicant has adequately demonstrated the need case for the Norwich to Tilbury project at this time. The Applicant has confirmed that no further evidence will be provided to justify the timing or scale of reinforcement required, despite significant uncertainty around the contracted generation assumed in the need case and the likelihood that many of these projects will connect by 2030. We note that the Applicant has not addressed the findings of the Hiorns Report, which concludes that contracted generation volumes are unlikely to materialise as assumed and that reinforcement could potentially be deferred without constraining offshore wind delivery. In the absence of updated sensitivity testing, transparency on the status of	

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			contracted connections, or further justification on timing, we cannot yet support the asserted urgency or necessity of this specific reinforcement proposal Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1153) and comments to the first Written QuestionsREP3 - 075 CCC agree it is unlikely that the two parties will find a mutually agreed position, and therefore agree this matter is moved to Not Agreed	
3.2.2	Project timing	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~~The Applicant 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. Appendix 2 of the NESO Clean Power 2030 Report shows that the constraint costs associated with a delay to the project timing as being between £2.7 and £2.8 billion. ~~**Updated position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~	CCC recognise the timing for the project is driven by the need for capacity in the transmission system by 2030 and acknowledge NGETs contractual and license obligations. Yet it is CCC's view that such benefit should not and cannot be secured at the expense of Chelmsford's local communities, landscapes and environments that would be affected by the proposal. CCC previously raised concerns in responses to consultation regarding the uncertainties surrounding the timeframes for planned future connections stated by the National Grid Electricity Transmission	~~Under discussion~~ Not agreed

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		For the Applicant's position on project timing, please refer to Section 3.2 'Needs Case and Timing' in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].** The Applicant considers it is unlikely that the two parties will find a mutually agreed position, and therefore suggest this matter is moved to Not Agreed	(NGET). The Hiorns Report (2023, jointly commissioned by Essex County Council, Suffolk County Council and Norfolk County Council) concluded that the case for the Norwich to Tilbury proposal focused solely on the contracted energy generation position to identify the maximum requirement for additional transmission capacity in East Anglia. The report identified that it is extremely unlikely that all of the contracted energy generation projects would come forward and/or connect at the volumes stated or dates contracted. As a result, the report concluded that there was scope for further analysis of potential options, including a potential offshore High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) link, and it could not be concluded that the NGET proposal was the best option. If the timing for the network reinforcement is less acute as suggested in the Hiorns report, CCC considers that alternative schemes to the proposed lattice pylons scheme, such as off-shore and High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) undergrounding, should be explored in more detail to ascertain whether they would achieve better environmental outcomes overall than the current submitted scheme. CCC does not agree that the Applicant has demonstrated a sufficiently robust or	

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			transparent basis for the asserted 2030 delivery deadline. While we recognise National Grid's licence obligations, we are concerned that the contracted connection dates underpinning the timing case have not been tested against the real world readiness of those generation projects. Evidence referenced in the Examination, particularly the findings of the Hiorns Report, indicates significant uncertainty in whether generators will connect at the volume and pace assumed. This could materially affect both the urgency of reinforcement and the viability of alternative solutions. We maintain that a further review of the contracted generation position and connection readiness is required in order to properly substantiate the timescale for Norwich to Tilbury. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1 - 153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3 – 075 CCC agree it is unlikely that the two parties will find a mutually agreed position, and therefore agree this matter is moved to Not Agreed	

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3.2.3	Onshore route	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. ~~Updated Strategic Options and Backcheck Review documents~~ Updated Strategic Options and Backcheck Review documents published at each consultation compare the environmental, technical, socioeconomic and financial implications for alternative routes, including offshore alternatives. ~~**Updated position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ For the Applicant's position on the onshore route, please refer to Section 3.3 'Alternatives – Offshore Alternatives' in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].** The Applicant considers it is unlikely that the two parties will find a mutually agreed position, and therefore suggest this matter is moved to Not Agreed	CCC objects to the proposal. CCC consider that the preferred strategic option for Norwich to Tilbury remains an integrated offshore technology that minimises onshore transmission infrastructure and does not include overhead lines and pylons. CCC recognises that this option would need to be delivered at pace and without risk to national net zero, renewable energy and decarbonisation targets, and energy security. CCC consider that the presence of overhead lines and 40 - 50m high pylons would be visually harmful and would result in unnecessary harm to heritage, landscape, ecology and residential amenity across the Chelmsford area. CCC considers that credible alternatives such as an offshore centred approach or High Voltage Direct Current undergrounding, delivered at pace, to minimise onshore infrastructure across Chelmsford and Essex should be explored fully. CCC recognises that these options would need to be delivered in a timely manner, and without risk to national net zero, renewable energy generation and decarbonisation targets and energy security. CCC does not agree that the submitted	~~Under discussion~~ Not agreed

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			overhead line route represents the only, or the least harm, strategic option. We consider that credible alternative should be fully explored, particularly if updated analysis shows that the contracted generation and delivery timescales are less acute than currently asserted. Evidence presented in the Examination, including the Hiorns Report, indicates significant uncertainty in the readiness and timing of contracted generation projects. If reinforcement is not required as urgently as the Applicant claims, this could materially improve the feasibility of alternatives that would substantially reduce the scale of onshore infrastructure across Chelmsford and wider Essex. We maintain that a transparent reassessment of route strategy is required before the onshore overhead line can be justified. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075 CCC agree it is unlikely that the two parties will find a mutually agreed position, and therefore agree this matter is moved to Not	

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3.2.4	Predominantly overhead line route	Norwich to Tilbury has been designed in line with policy statement EN-5 (which covers the development of new energy infrastructure) which concludes that in most cases, the government expects that overhead lines will be appropriate and should be used as standard to reinforce the grid. ~~Updated Strategic Options and Backcheck Review documents~~Updated Strategic Options and Backcheck Review documents published at each consultation compare the environmental, technical, socioeconomic and financial implications for alternative routes, including underground alternatives. The work undertaken shows that undergrounding, including using HVDC cables, would be significantly more expensive and have environmental impacts and present engineering challenges. Due to the higher price that would be involved in an underground alternative, we do not believe that this would be the most suitable option as all costs ultimately go onto domestic energy bills. ~~**Updated position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ For the Applicant's position on the predominantly overhead line route, please refer to Section 3.4 'Technology Choice – Overhead Line and Underground Cables' in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].**The Applicant considers it is unlikely	CCC Objects to the proposal. The preferred strategic option for Norwich to Tilbury remains an integrated offshore technology that minimises onshore transmission infrastructure and does not include overhead lines and pylons. CCC recognises that this option would need to be delivered at pace and without risk to national net zero, renewable energy and decarbonisation targets, and energy security. CCC consider that the presence of overhead lines and 40 - 50m high pylons would be visually harmful and would result in unnecessary harm to heritage, landscape, ecology and residential amenity across the Chelmsford area. CCC considers that credible alternatives such as an offshore centred approach or High Voltage Direct Current undergrounding, delivered at pace, to minimise onshore infrastructure across Chelmsford and Essex should be explored fully. CCC refers to its comments regarding the design of the development to both its Statutory Consultation response and its Targeted Consultation response. CCC consider that localised design responses involving undergrounding and /or alternate pylon design as part of the application of the mitigation hierarchy,	Under discussion Not agreed

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		that the two parties will find a mutually agreed position, and therefore suggest this matter is moved to Not Agreed	should not be discounted by NG. This approach would not be contrary to national policy statements and would be consistent with Holford Rule 7 where it states projects should be routed to minimise as far as possible effects on development. CCC has raised significant and material concerns relating to the proposal in relation to Great and Little Waltham. CCC maintains these concerns and has been unable to resolve them prior to the submission of the application for a Development Consent Order. CCC does not agree that a predominantly overhead line route has been justified or that the Applicant has demonstrated that an overhead HVAC solution represents the least-harm or most appropriate option for this project. The presumption of overhead lines set out in EN-5 is not absolute, and EN-5 requires applicants to evidence that all feasible alternatives, including undergrounding and offshore options, have been robustly assessed in environmental, technical and cost terms. CCC maintains that offshore-centred approaches and HVDC undergrounding remain credible strategic options, particularly given the significant and permanent landscape, visual, ecological, heritage and arboricultural impacts of the	

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			proposed overhead line within Chelmsford. Uncertainty around the project's timing and contracted generation (as highlighted in the Hiorns Report) may materially affect the feasibility and deliverability of non overhead alternatives. CCC considers that the Applicant must undertake a more transparent and robust comparative assessment, including updated need case sensitivity testing, before the overhead line route can be justified as the most appropriate option Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075 CCC agree it is unlikely that the two parties will find a mutually agreed position, and therefore agree this matter is moved to Not Agreed	
Project development process – Design				
3.2.5	Design Principles	The primary design requirement for electricity infrastructure is that it must be safe and secure. These functional constraints, particularly around safety and operational reliability, can significantly limit ~~National Grid's~~the Applicant's ability to adapt the aesthetic appearance of its infrastructure.	CCC notes that the Planning Act 2008 requires the Secretary of State to have regard in determining applications for development consent to the desirability of good design. Advice in NPS EN1 Section 4.6 is for applicants to consider the criteria	Under discussion

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		Good design, even with the functional restrictions, is nonetheless achieved through careful consideration of the Holford Rules (relating to the connection routeing and siting), the Horlock Rules (relating to the siting of substations and similar cable sealing end compounds and line entries) and the environmental impact assessment process. These demonstrate the importance of balancing the inherent form and function of electricity transmission infrastructure with technical, economic and environmental considerations to reach reasonably practicable development proposals. While the overall design is largely fixed by necessity, smaller design details, such as the colour of finishes, are agreed upon and documented through the Development Consent Order process. Furthermore, NPS EN-1 encourages developers "Applying good design to energy projects should produce sustainable infrastructure sensitive to place, including impacts on heritage, efficient in the use of natural resources, including land-use, and energy used in their construction and operation, matched by an appearance that demonstrates good aesthetic as far as possible" within the bounds of functional and safety constraints. The Planning Inspectorate Good Design advice advises that 'Good design is not primarily about how infrastructure looks, although these considerations (the aesthetics) are important'. EN-1 refers to the importance of process and addressing sustainability are essential elements of good design. The emphasis placed on the importance of	for good design at an early stage when applying projects. Achieving good design requires a holistic approach to deliver high quality, sustainable infrastructure that responds in place and takes account of often complex environments. CCC draws on the Planning Inspectorates Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Good Design which has been prepared based on good practice and applicants are encouraged to follow the recommendations set out. CCC consider there is an opportunity to be innovative in securing the approach to design whilst ensuring the infrastructure remains safe and secure. NG must follow a good design process to ensure that the infrastructure proposed remains functional whilst realising the best local outcomes. CCC consider that insufficient effort has been provided to mitigate the impact of the Project (particularly on heritage and landscape assets) and introduce good design within the proposal. CCC has significant concerns regarding the approach to Great and Little Waltham which are set out below at ID3.2 9 CCC considers that the Applicant has not demonstrated that the design process has adequately responded to local character, place specific sensitivities, or the	

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		process through the projects evolution and delivering sustainability is set out in ~~the~~**7.15 Design and Access Statement** ~~(document reference 7.15)~~**[REP2-020]**. ~~**Updated position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~For the Applicant's position on Design principles, please refer to Section 3.9 'Good Design' in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**	opportunities for innovative mitigation required by EN 1 and the Planning Inspectorate's Advice on Good Design. The proposed lattice pylon design and 50m overhead line solution would result in extensive, permanent and unavoidable landscape, visual and heritage harm, which indicates that the design process has not achieved a locally responsive outcome. The Applicant has relied too heavily on the Holford and Horlock Rules without adequately addressing their limitations, particularly that they do not reflect modern landscape guidance, local distinctiveness, or updated national policy objectives. Good design for a project of this scale requires robust exploration of alternative technologies and forms, including, undergrounding, HVDC options, T pylons and design led solutions to minimise harm. Given the magnitude of local impacts, CCC considers that a more ambitious and locally responsive design approach is both possible and necessary to meet the expectations of EN 1 and the Planning Inspectorate's design advice. CCC considers that design review should be undertaken for the Project especially within the Great and Little Waltham gap. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27	

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			November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.2.6	Green belt	The Applicant considers that the new overhead lines and pylons would amount to an engineering operation and are not inappropriate development provided that they preserve the openness of the Green Belt and do not conflict with the purposes of including land within it. Notwithstanding the above, even if the overhead lines were considered to be inappropriate development (which is not accepted by the Applicant as set out in **5.6 Planning Statement [APP-085]**), it is nevertheless considered that there are very special circumstances which justify their acceptability. Paragraphs 7.3.497 to 7.3.537 of the **5.6 Planning Statement [APP-085]** consider the Project's compliance with Green Belt policy. The assessment concludes that the overhead line infrastructure should be considered to be an engineering operation and as such should not be regarded as inappropriate development in the Green Belt. The **5.6 Planning Statement [APP-085]** details the Very Special Circumstances applicable in this instance to justify inappropriate development. In addition, paragraph 4.2.17 of National Policy	The proposal would conflict with the purposes of including land within the Green Belt and would lead to loss of openness The proposal, as inappropriate development (as per para 5.11.36 of NPS EN-1), would by definition be harmful to the Green Belt. It would result in encroachment and moderate harm to the openness of the Green Belt in both visual and spatial terms. The proposed development would conflict with national and local planning policies. The very special circumstances put forward by NGET would need to be considered alongside any other identified harm arising from the scheme, acknowledging that the proposal is inappropriate development. CCC disagrees with the Applicants position that the lines are pylons are not inappropriate within the Green Belt. In its Planning Statement, the Applicant makes the case that the proposed overhead lines (both new and existing as modified and reconductored) would	~~Under discussion~~ Not agreed

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		Statement EN-1[1] also confirms that '…the Secretary of State will take as a starting point that critical national priority infrastructure will meet the following, non-exhaustive, list of tests: ~~•~~ Where development within a Green Belt requires very special circumstances to justify development'. For the Applicant's position on Green belt, please refer to Section 3.14 'Land use – Green Belt' in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].**	comprise an engineering operation which benefits from the exception in NPPF para 154, meaning that the works would not constitute inappropriate development in the sense of NPPF para 153. CCC considers that the overhead lines and pylons comprise structures that do not fall within the categories listed within para 153. Therefore, they are inappropriate development which is harmful by definition and Very Special Circumstances (VSC) will be needed to clearly outweigh the harm by definition and any other harm identified. In Chelmsford, there would be approximately 32 pylons sited within the Green Belt which is not insignificant. As stated within CCC's Local Impact Report (REP1-153), from a spatial element, the Project would introduce substantial development into the area in terms of ground cover and built form that would diminish the openness of the Green Belt spatially. The proposed new pylons would introduce very sizeable new structures into the landscape. Whilst the steel lattice design of the pylons would allow views through the structures, their presence collectively and in linear layout would nonetheless result in prominent new features in the landscape.	

[1] ~~Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (2024) *Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1)*~~

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			Visually, the landscapes that would be affected by the Project are often undeveloped, rural landscapes where intervisibility can be quite high due to being either large scale flat or gently undulating landscapes or where the scale and height of the pylons and overhead wires mean the effect is an industrialisation of the countryside. Even where existing landscape features or proposed planting may be capable of reducing the effect on Green Belt openness from a visual perspective, CCC considers there can be no doubt that by their very presence, the considerable number of new pylons would have a substantial spatial effect which would undermine openness. The Project would conflict with the purposes of including land within the Green Belt. In terms of encroachment, the Project would place a large number of pylons (32) and associated infrastructure within an extensive number of fields within the countryside. Although maintaining som e separation between them, the pylons and associated infrastructure would fundamentally alter the appearance of the fields and landscape that they would be sited within it. These would alter from a sequence of open green spaces to spaces accommodating large, industrialised development that would result	

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			in encroachment, in contradiction of a Green Belt purpose. There would be adverse effects on openness as a result of the temporary construction works associated with the Proposed Development. The Project would have an adverse effect on Green Belt openness and would conflict with the purpose of the Green Belt to safeguard the countryside from encroachment. As a consequence, the Proposed Development would be inappropriate development in the London Green Belt. Inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt. In accordance with NPS EN-1 and the NPPF, inappropriate development should not be approved except in very special circumstances. This approach was taken with regard to the consideration of the Yorkshire Green pylon proposal EN020024 which confirmed that the presence of overhead lines and pylons comprised inappropriate development. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact	

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			Report~~.~~ (REP1) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.2.7	Rural Areas	Transmission infrastructure (including overhead lines) is found throughout rural landscapes across England. This includes existing overhead lines which fall within the LVIA study area, as illustrated on **6.13.F4 Environmental Statement Figure 13.4 - Settlements and Infrastructure [APP-240]**~~.~~ There are also a high number of nationally designated landscapes, valued for their natural beauty, which have historically been designated despite the presence of transmission infrastructure. The rural landscape will remain in place beneath and around the proposed overhead line, albeit there will be some significant effects on landscape character and visual amenity as reported in the LVIA **6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 - Landscape and Visual [APP-226].**	CCC consider that proposals within the rural area should protect the identified character, beauty and appearance of the countryside. The proposal would introduce lattice pylons ranging from 40 - 50 (approx.) metres in height, overhead lines and associated infrastructure in the countryside. The proposal would lead to a harmful change in the identified character and appearance of the landscape, which would lead to a change in the character and quality of the landscape. It would lead to harmful visual intrusion, through the siting of high large-scale industrialised features that cannot be fully mitigated against. The proposal would lead to the harmful loss of the character and beauty of the countryside. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Not agreed
3.2.8	Green Wedge	The Applicant notes the position of the Green Wedge designation and the multi-functional	The Green Wedge is a unique designation in Chelmsford and has a multi-functional	Not agreed

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		purpose of this policy and its role in providing important open green networks and preventing urban sprawl. The Adopted (and emerging) Chelmsford Local Plan illustrate the location of the Green Wedge. In the context of proximity to the Project, areas identified as Green Wedge are located to the east of Broomfield extending north of Little Waltham to Braintree Road / Main Road (B1008) and its junction with the Essex Regiment Way (A131). In addition, an area of land to the east of Writtle extending to the main urban area of Chelmsford also includes Green Wedge land. The Project does not physically encroach into either of these areas identified as Green Wedge. Construction vehicles will use Roxwell Road, the A414 and the B1008 as primarily access roads. No permanent access routes are required to pylons to facilitate future maintenance. As described in **6.4 Environmental Statement Chapter 4- Project Description [APP-130]** there would be no physical woks associated with these permanent access roads. They are proposed rights of access only to allow for any maintenance or refurbishment required.	role providing opportunities for cycling and walking as well as being a wildlife corridor. It overlays both the Green Belt and the Rural Area meaning that policies relating to both the Green Belt and the countryside apply. Within the Green Wedge, the installation of permanent access routes is a symptom of industrialisation and incursion of the development within sensitive designated areas of the countryside. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.2.9	Great and Little Waltham	In line with the strong starting presumption set out in NPS EN-5, the proposed design technology is neither within a nationally designated landscape, nor is it within the setting of a nationally designated landscape. In line with NPS EN-5 we have also considered whether widespread and significant adverse	There is a heritage and landscape hotspot in Great Waltham and Little Waltham. In Great Waltham and Little Waltham, CCC consider that the proposal would harmfully impact upon the setting of the Grade I listed Langleys, Langleys Grade II Registered Park and Garden and would	Under discussion

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		landscape and/or visual impacts in non-designated landscape locations such as this may also justify the use of undergrounding. ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has worked to minimise potential impacts on the historic environment through strategic routeing and siting measures, and consideration of the results of archaeological fieldwork and heritage assessments throughout the design process. ~~The~~**6.11 Environmental Statement ~~(ES),~~ Chapter 11~~:~~ - Historic Environment ~~(document reference 6.11)~~[AS-068]**, provides a detailed assessment of potential effects on both designated and non-designated heritage assets, including those of archaeological interest. We have taken into account the Secretary of State's decision making criteria set out in the relevant NPSs and do not consider that in this case the level of effects justify the level of cost. Other forms of lattice designs as a form of mitigation (such as standard low heights) are considered as well as the T-pylon. ~~Appendix C of the Design Development Report (April, 2024)~~**Appendix C of 5.15 Design Development Report [APP-122]** sets out the construction, operation and maintenance requirements of T-pylons including a technical appraisal for Chelmsford. For the Applicant's position on Great and Little Waltham, please refer to Section 3.7 'Alternatives – Great and Little Waltham' in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**	lead to significant adverse impacts on Great Waltham and Little Waltham Conservation Areas, together with other designated and non-designated heritage assets. In landscape and visual impact terms, there are concerns regarding the wider impact of the pylons and overhead line on the historical landscape setting associated with Langleys. The introduction of pylons would likely degrade the setting by forming a backdrop of pylons behind the building within the wider landscape. The proposal would be introduced into a location where views are otherwise absent of overhead lines resulting in a major and significant adverse effects by the introduction of industrialised features. The siting of the pylons and overhead lines within the gap between the two Defined Settlements of Great Waltham and Little Waltham would lead to the introduction of high industrialised features that would be at odds with the rural character and appearance of the area CCC's preferred option is that alternative mitigation in the form of underground cabling should be used for this section. Alternatively, different alignment should be chosen with further consideration being given to relocating the route to the north of Great Waltham and Little Waltham.	

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			Finally, upon exhausting the above options, regard should be given to the introduction of T pylons along this part of the route. To address CCC's concerns, NGET have proposed siting lower height pylons between Great Waltham and Little Waltham. The proposed lower height pylons (TB136 to TB142) would reduce the extent of visibility from Grade I listed Langley's house and its immediate gardens. ~~CCC is concerned that the wider stance and heavier frame of the lower height pylons would have a greater visual presence in the context of the southern part of Great Waltham Conservation Area and the designated and non-designated heritage assets in this area.~~ ~~Cumulatively the greater harm to the other heritage assets and on landscape mean that the proposed mitigation strategy is inadequate.~~ ~~The siting of pylon TB141 adjacent to Windmill House would have a harmful and unacceptable impact upon the occupant's amenities, both visually and spatially, and in respect of Corona Discharge.~~ ~~CCC request that the pylon is relocated away from the boundary with Windmill House as~~. part of a comprehensive package of mitigation measures. The Limits of Deviation include flexibility for	

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			three of the low (c.40m) height pylons at TB140-TB142 to be increased to full ~~heigt~~height pylons. This flexibility offers the opportunity to reduce the three pylons to two full height pylons, moving pylon TB141 further away from the edge of Great Waltham Conservation Area and the non-designated heritage asset Windmill House. The introduction of full height pylons and the omission of one pylon could potentially reduce the level of heritage harm ~~and~~, but CCC maintain its request that that the matter is explored further, with visualisations and plans provided for further assessment. Currently CCC has insufficient information to make a final assessment of the acceptability of this change. Cumulatively the greater harm to the other heritage assets and on landscape mean that the proposed mitigation strategy is inadequate A bespoke tree removal and replanting strategy for the Waltham Gap is required including any changes to pylons TB140 – 142, which should be accompanied by a comprehensive integrated mitigated package. CCC object to the proposal due to lack of sufficient mitigation and appropriate compensation in relation to the harm to the historic environment, the sensitive landscape, ecology and residents.	

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			Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075 CCC consider it's unlikely that the two parties will find a mutually agreed position, and this matter is moved to Not Agreed In spite of this, discussions remain ongoing regarding the Waltham gap and the matter is kept under discussion for now	
Project development process – Consultation				
3.2.10	2022 non-statutory consultation	Non-statutory consultation took place between 21 April 2022 – 16 June 2022. Details of this consultation are outlined in ~~the Consultation Strategy,~~section 2 of the **5.1 Consultation Report - Appendix B: 2022 non-statutory consultation [APP-068]** and responses to feedback received during consultation are included in the ~~Feedback Report~~Feedback Report. The non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published ~~Consultation Strategy.~~section 2 of the **5.1 Consultation Report - Appendix B: 2022 non-statutory consultation [APP-068]**	CCC can confirm that the non-statutory Consultation was held within the prescribed dates. CCC refers to its full response given within its Adequacy of Consultation response dated 15th September 2025.	~~Under discussion~~Agreed
3.2.11	2023 non-statutory	Non-statutory consultation took place between 27 June 2023 – 21 August 2023. Details of this consultation are outlined in ~~the Consultation~~	CCC can confirm that the non-statutory Consultation was held within the prescribed dates.	~~Under discussion~~Agreed

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	consultation	~~Strategy,~~section 2 of the **5.1 Consultation Report - Appendix C: 2023 non-statutory consultation [APP-069]** and responses to feedback received during consultation are included in the ~~Feedback Report~~**5.1 Consultation Report - Appendix C: 2023 non-statutory consultation [APP-069]**. The non-statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published Consultation Strategy.	CCC refers to its full response given within its Adequacy of Consultation response dated 15th September 2025.	
3.2.12	2024 statutory consultation	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 ~~Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).~~**5.1 Consultation Report - Appendix E:Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). [APP-071]** Responses to feedback received during statutory consultation are contained within the **5.1 Consultation Report [APP-066]**~~.~~ The statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the published SoCC.	CCC can confirm that the statutory Consultation was held within the prescribed dates. CCC refers to its full response given within its Adequacy of Consultation response dated 15th September 2025.	Under discussion
3.2.13	2025 targeted consultation	Targeted consultations for Essex took place from 25 February 2025 – 27 March 2025. Details of these consultations are outlined in the ~~Targeted Consultation Strategy~~Targeted Consultation Strategy section 10 of the **5.1 Consultation Report [APP-066]** and associated targeted consultation leaflets and environmental implications of change documents. Responses to feedback received during targeted consultation are contained within the **5.1 Consultation Report [APP-066]**~~.~~	CCC can confirm that the ~~non-statutory~~targeted Consultation was held within the prescribed dates. CCC refers to its full response given within its Adequacy of Consultation response dated 15th September 2025. While NG considered that some changes to the Project may not be the most significant and not material, CCC considers	Under discussion

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		The targeted consultations were undertaken in accordance with the published Targeted Consultation Strategy. 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).	that to those residents who may reside closer to them, their significance may be greater and they should be given an opportunity to comment on them through the targeted consultation carried out. The concentration of non-material changes may have a bearing on their materiality and how they are experienced by residents.	
Other matters as required				

3.3 Ecology and Biodiversity

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

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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 **6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 ~~(~~- Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context~~)~~ [APP-126]** and Section 8.2 of **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 ~~(~~- Ecology and Biodiversity~~)~~ ~~of the ES~~ [AS-026].** All relevant legislation, policy and guidance ~~has~~have been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.	CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Agreed

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		~~**Updated position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~		
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.3.2	Study area	The study area was agreed through the ~~EIA~~**6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 – APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** 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 **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 ~~(~~-Ecology and Biodiversity~~) of the ES [APP-158 [S-026]~~**. Further survey information from the 2025 season ~~has been~~was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in November 2025, achieving coverage of 97% of the Order Limits. ~~**Updated position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~	This matter is considered agreed for all areas apart from in relation to bat survey data which requires further information and is noted in section 3.3.19. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Agreed
3.3.4	Assessment Methodology	The assessment methodology was agreed through the ~~EIA~~**6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 – APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The assessment methodology was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Agreed
3.3.5	Survey Methodology	~~National Grid~~The Applicant issued a technical note in May 2024 outlining survey methods and the scope of surveys for species outside the remit of Natural	The intended survey methods have been broadly acceptable, but final analysis will depend on the actual survey methods that	Agreed

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		England for agreement / comment. All methodologies for surveying licensable species, including water voles have been agreed with Natural England. Detail on habitat suitability assessment and any survey limitations was provided within the water vole technical report, 6.8.A13 Environmental Statement **Appendix 8.13 - Otter and Water Vole Report – Redacted [AS-040]**. ~~**Updated position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~	were executed. The ecological impact assessments have a heavy reliance on either the quality execution of surveys to be completed post DCO consent and/or the proper implementation of mitigation measures across a very large construction works area and throughout an extended construction period. This matter is considered agreed for all areas apart from in relation to survey methodology for bats which requires further information as detailed in ID3.3.20. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
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 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 ~~(~~- Ecology and Biodiversity~~)~~ of the ~~ES~~ [AS-026]**. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate. The Applicant ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~ has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations~~	This matter is still under further review. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the	Under discussion

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		~~process (document reference 8.4.1)~~**in 8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the Local Imapct Report.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	first Written Questions REP3-075	
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**~~**6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 ~~(~~- Ecology and Biodiversity~~) of the ES~~ [AS-026]**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate. Further survey information from the 2025 season ~~has been~~was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in November 2025, achieving coverage of 97% of the **Order Limits [AS-026** to **AS-045].** ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~	This matter is considered agreed for all areas apart from in relation to baseline conditions and receptors for bats which requires further information (see ID3.3.21). CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions.REP3-075	Agreed
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 **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 ~~(~~- Ecology**	This matter is considered agreed. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27	Agreed

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		and Biodiversity~~) of the ES~~ [AS-026]. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~	November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.3.9	Standard mitigation	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential Ecology and Biodiversity effects during construction are summarised in **Section 8.6** of **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 ~~(-~~ Ecology and Biodiversity~~) of the ES~~ [AS-026]** and set out in the **7.2 Outline ~~CoCP [APP-300~~Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~National Grid~~The Applicant issued the 'Summary of Proposed Protected Species Mitigation' document on 16 January 2025. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~	This matter is considered agreed for all areas apart from in relation to standard mitigation for bats which can be found in ID3.3.22. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Agreed
3.3.10	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures is presented in Section 8.6 of **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 ~~(-~~ Ecology and Biodiversity~~) of the ES~~ [AS-026]**. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	~~T this~~This matter is considered agreed. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact~~	Agreed

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		~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~	~~Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects				
3.3.11	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 8.7 of **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 (~~-~~ Ecology and Biodiversity~~)~~ ~~of the ES~~ [AS-026]**. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~Table~~Tables 8.23 and 8.24 within **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 (~~-~~ Ecology and Biodiversity)~~ ~~of the ES~~ [AS-026]** do not restate a specific timeframe for residual effects because the duration of impacts has already been assessed and defined within the magnitude assessment using the agreed categories of short term (up to 1 year), medium term (1–10 years) and long term (greater than 10 years). Duration, along with other magnitude components, is fully considered and described in the earlier stages of the assessment, where it informs the evaluation of unmitigated effects. This approach reflects standard EIA practice, in which the residual effects section presents the final significance outcome, with the underlying factors—such as duration—embedded within the earlier magnitude assessment rather than restated. The survey approach to bat roost surveys has been agreed with Natural England (the statutory	The residual impact assessments would be made more transparent by providing assessments of predicted impacts in the short – medium terms and not just long term. The completion of only GLTAs is a significant constraint to the roosting bats impact assessment. Impacts on protected species need to be assessed with reasonable confidence and the proposed mitigation considered appropriate, prior to determination to support a lawful decision. ES sections 8.5.80 - 8.5.89 describe that there are, within the 87.5% of the Order Limits where GLTAs have been completed, 287 PRF-M trees and 1,773 FAR trees; for the unsurveyed 12.5% of the Order Limits, there are an estimated 314 PRF-M/FAR trees. There is no transparency of how many non-minor bat roosts could be lost, the highest significances of roosts that could be lost, and the extent to which the different Essex bat species may be affected. The potential impact without any mitigation measures being applied is described in the	Under discussion

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		responsible body for bats) and is considered a pragmatic approach to a project of this scale. Full aerial/emergence surveys will be undertaken on trees due to be lost during detailed design. Any roost affected will be covered under a Natural England licence following pre-agreed mitigation measures. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and at Deadline 2 in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2–032]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant considers that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to Agreed.	ES Table 8.23: "*In the absence of mitigation, the direct loss of roost features and disturbance to roosting bats would have a permanent medium negative effect (large negative in the event of a loss of a maternity roost – mortality) that would be irreversible (in the event of mortality) or reversible in the medium-term if bats are not present at the time of removal. Bats are known to frequently change roost locations and may seek alternative, retained roosting resources within the Order Limits. Effects would be considered significant*." However, the residual impact assessment assumes that, whatever the number and significance of the bat roosts that end up being destroyed, doing so under derogation licence(s) (i.e. the expected delivering of two compensation bat boxes per roost lost, as stated in ES Table 8.23) will inevitably result in a cumulative negligible impact on all affected bat species/populations. Given our concerns stated in ID 3.3.9, this is not considered to be a reasonably supported assessment. What is being proposed is a quasi District Level Licence-type approach for roosting bats (i.e. getting DCO without first completing surveys), when ECC is not aware of any such DLL method for bats having been trialled and approved. This matter is still under discussion, and that further clarification is sought around	

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			timeframes. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.3.12	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 8.7 of **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 ~~(~~- Ecology and Biodiversity~~) of the ES~~ [AS-026]**. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~	This matter is considered agreed. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-0153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Agreed
3.3.13	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 8.7 of **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 ~~(~~- Ecology and Biodiversity~~) of the ES~~ [AS-026]**. The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ A detailed ecological impact assessment has been undertaken which covers designated sites, habitats and protected species, this is presented within **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 ~~(~~- Ecology**	CCC's main concern is that the proposal minimises the ecological and biodiversity impacts of the development. CCC's position is that impacts on protected species need to be assessed with reasonable confidence and the proposed mitigation considered appropriate, prior to determination to support a lawful decision. The absence of effective post-mitigation licence monitoring makes it highly uncertain to reasonably anticipate when a	Under discussion

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		and Biodiversity~~) of the ES~~ [AS-026]. This assessment has been undertaken in accordance with CIEEM guidelines. Where potential effects as a result of the Project are unavoidable, appropriate mitigation has been provided within the 7.4 **Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan ~~(LEMP)~~ [~~AS-046~~REP3-030].** Monitoring has been included for replacement planting and within Environmental Areas as detailed within the **7.4 Outline ~~LEMP~~Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-030].** Where monitoring of any protected species measures under licence are required, this will be outlined within the draft licensing documents agreed with Natural England. ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~**in 8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	mitigation proposal is likely to succeed. For long-term assessments, the assessment of impacts as temporary habitat loss is not unreasonable in principle. Yet, the potential short-medium term impacts on local fauna species populations are under-emphasised. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
Specific Chelmsford Related Issues				
3.3.14	Great Waltham and Little Waltham	~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~	The proposal would lead to a considerable removal of trees, hedgerows and planting and has potential to impact upon Veteran trees which are irreplaceable habits. There is deep concern regarding the amount of	Under discussion

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		The Applicant has responded to the matter of replacement tree planting within Section 3.12 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].** The Project has sought to minimise tree removal as far as practicable and to retain existing trees and woodlands wherever possible in accordance with paragraph 5.11.27 of NPS EN-1 (2024), tree loss will however result. A strategy for ancient woodland and veteran trees is provided within **7.4 Outline Landscape and Ecological and Management Plan Appendix B – Ancient Woodland and Veteran Tree Strategy [REP3-032].** **7.4 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-030]** contains a commitment to 3:1 replacement planting for individual trees and small groups of individual trees which will be secured within Requirement 4 of **3.1 Draft DCO [REP3-004]].** All other tree habitat is assessed and mitigated through the BNG metric and captured in **7.1 Biodiversity Net Gain Report [APP-299]**. While every effort has been made to deliver the commitment to 10% BNG through replacement planting and habitat creation/enhancement on site within the Order Limits, this commitment is not fully achievable on-site and therefore the deficit will be delivered through off-site habitat creation. The final veteran tree mitigation measures, remediation works and long-term monitoring are to be agreed at detailed design stage with the Project arboriculturist and the relevant landowners on a case-by-case basis. This detail will be contained within the final LEMP which will be subject to approval	vegetation proposed for removal. Pylons TB139 and TB140 would be sited close to the Conservation Area, which contains valued trees which could be removed should the proposal be granted. The proposal would represent increased and harmful pressures on woodlands, trees, hedgerows and Local Wildlife Site(s) and sufficient mitigations and buffers would need to be provided. Where harm is unavoidable arboricultural compensatory measures should be delivered to offset harm. Loss to trees and woodland that has not been appropriately justified or mitigated at this stage in time. There is no appropriate mitigation for the loss of irreplaceable habitats. CCC consider that worst case scenarios should be provided to understand the full impact of the proposal. Particularly in the case of Langleys Deer Park and garden which is a national designation. CCC consider the current proposed mitigation is inadequate and a bespoke tree removal and replanting strategy for the Waltham Gap is required. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be~~	

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		by the relevant planning authorities under Requirement 4 of **3.1 Draft DCO [REP3-004]** ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~**7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]** includes commitments to seek to retain trees as far as practicable, a commitment which will be adhered to during detailed design and construction of the Project.	~~provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-0153 and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.3.15	Outline CoCP	The **7.2 Outline** ~~CoCP [APP-300~~**Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025].]** includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified in **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8** ~~(~~**- Ecology and Biodiversity**~~) of the ES~~ **[AS-026]** and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project. Section 1 of the **7.4 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-030]** states that it should be read alongside the mitigation measures described in the **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025].** ~~A meeting was held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the Outline CoCP [APP-300].~~ ~~A meeting was held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the Outline CoCP [APP-300].~~ ~~A further iteration of the Outline CoCP [APP-300] was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ Full details of the ECoW's qualifications / experience will be provided within the Final CoCP which is to be agreed with the relevant Planning Authority. As stated	CCC's response to the 2nd iteration of the draft oCOCP stated 'The CoCP and LEMP need to be fully consistent and not provide contractors with conflicting prescriptions. The Outline CoCP and Outline LEMP need to cross-reference the other document if the other document is the more comprehensive of the two documents on any particular ecological mitigation aspect.' Given the critical importance of the ECoW oversight and influence throughout the construction stage of the project, CCC would welcome a commitment as to the minimum qualifications/experience levels of the ECoWs to be used for specific tasks. ECC would also advise a clarification of ECoW decision capability and hierarchy, assuming that there will be multiple ECoWs (of varying levels) employed on the project. B10 - Potential Roost Features (PRFs) should be identified by a Natural England	Under discussion

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		within the management plans the ECoW will be supported by a range of species specialists as required, this will include a bat licenced surveyor. Further details on the ECoW can be found in the Applicant's response to BIO 1.26 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074]**.	bat survey class licensed (level 2+ if endoscoping required) ecologist or ECoW. This is advised to clarify who should be accepted as a "competent" person for PRF classification. B16 – see comments for ID 3.3.9. This matter is still under discussion, and that further clarification is sought around Ecological Clerk of Works. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 final Local Impact Report (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.3.16	Outline LEMP	The **7.4 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-030]** includes all relevant operational related mitigation measures specified in **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 - Ecology and Biodiversity [AS-026]** and is appropriate. Section 1 of **7.4 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-030]** states that it should be read alongside the mitigation measures described in the **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025].** ~~The Outline LEMP [AS-026] includes all relevant operational related mitigation measures specified in **Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity)** of the **ES [AS-026]** and is appropriate.~~ ~~A meeting was held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the Outline LEMP [AS-026].~~	CCC's response to the 2nd iteration of the draft oCOCP stated 'The CoCP and Outline LEMP need to be fully consistent and not provide contractors with conflicting prescriptions. The Outline CoCP and Outline LEMP need to cross-reference the other document if the other document is the more comprehensive of the two documents on any particular ecological mitigation aspect.' With respect to paragraph 6.1.8, clarity regarding the criteria used for defining a tree's bat hibernation potential is sought? Given that there appear to be fewer trees with hibernation potential than the totals for PRF-I and PRF-M, how does the	Under discussion

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		~~A meeting was held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the Outline LEMP [AS-026].~~ ~~A further iteration of the Outline LEMP [AS-026] was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ Natural England (the statutory responsible body for bats) have approved the method to classify potential roost features which are in line with standard guidelines. A risk-based approach has been taken when assessing trees for their hibernation potential for bats. While some features assessed as PRF-I or PRF-M may allow individual bats to hibernate for very short periods of time, only tree features where the PRF is highly likely to provide constant cool, stable and humid conditions, and therefore a higher likelihood of being used for longer periods of time, have been highlighted as having hibernation potential. For a project of such a large scale, to assume hibernation for all trees with any PRF is not reasonable and not realistic to apply appropriate and effective mitigation while ensuring project feasibility. The approach to mitigation involves all trees with PRFs that will be unavoidably impacted will undergo an updated GLTA survey and aerial / emergence surveys, during which time the potential of each feature can be re-assessed for its suitability for hibernation using the same assessment as outlined above.	hibernation criteria exclude certain PRF-I and PRF-M features? Further clarification is sought around bat hibernation. CCC defers to ECC Place Services.	
Other matters as required				
3.3.17	Biodiversity Net	~~National Grid~~The Applicant issued the 'Biodiversity	CCC wishes to emphasise the importance	Under

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	Gain (BNG) - Onsite and assessment	Net Gain Assessment Strategy' document on 17 January 2025. Comments received from Essex Place Services (EPS) on the 'Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Strategy' document –on 6 February 2025. These comments will be were taken on board for the BNG assessment in **7.1 Biodiversity Net Gain Report [APP-299]**. National GridThe Applicant is committed to delivering 10 % BNG with wider environmental and societal benefits on its construction projects. **Updated Position (February 2026):** While every effort has been made to deliver the required biodiversity units on-site through replacement planting and on-site mitigation in the form of habitat creation and enhancement, given the scale and nature of the Project, this 10% net gain is not fully achievable on-site. Off-site biodiversity units are therefore proposed to make up this deficit. Offsite BNG will be delivered through collaboration with partners and purchased from commercially registered providers. Biodiversity is not bound by Local Authority area and therefore off-site Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) will be considered across the length of the Project. However as detailed within the 7.1 Biodiversity Net Gain Report **[APP-299]**, the aim is to deliver a biodiversity legacy ideally in each of the three counties crossed by the Project (Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex). Off-site BNG sites will be selected based on a range of factors including proximity to the Project, geographical location, local nature recovery strategies, habitat type, habitat condition, cost and timings amongst others.	of BNG being delivered on-site wherever possible. Where this is not possible, off-site but local BNG should be delivered, with biodiversity credits only purchased when on-site and off-site delivery options have been exhausted to the satisfaction of the Council. BNG has a narrow focus on habitats, and designing BNG habitat unit creation that also provides improvements for targeted species groups would require focused planning. Assurance is sought that BNG habitats created or enhanced would have a minimum of 30 years secured for management Tt this matter is still under discussion, and that further clarification is sought around On/Offsite BNG. CCC defers to ECC Place Services.	discussion

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		~~The Biodiversity Net Gain Report [APP-299] also sets out a commitment to 30 year monitoring and management at the Environmental Areas.~~Further details on the long-term monitoring and management of BNG is provided in response to BIO 1.45 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074].**		
3.3.18	Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) - Offsite	~~National Grid~~The Applicant will deliver at least 10 % BNG with wider environmental and societal benefits on its construction projects. Offsite BNG will be delivered through collaboration with partners and purchased from commercially registered providers. ~~National Grid shared the Biodiversity Net Gain strategy with stakeholders in January 2025.~~ ~~No comments received to date on the BNG strategy from ECC.~~ ~~See response to ID 3.3.15.~~Biodiversity is not bound by Local Authority area and therefore off-site Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) will be considered across the length of the Project. However as detailed within **7.1 Biodiversity Net Gain Report [APP-299]**, the aim is to deliver a biodiversity legacy ideally in each of the three counties crossed by the Project (Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex). Off-site BNG sites will be selected based on a range of factors including proximity to the Project, geographical location, local nature recovery strategies, habitat type, habitat condition, cost and timings amongst others. Full details of the offsite solution would be provided to the Local Planning Authorities post-consent. The Applicant has committed to 30 year monitoring and management at the Environmental Areas. **7.1 Biodiversity Net Gain**	~~this~~This matter is still under discussion, and that further clarification is sought around Offsite BNG. CCC defers to ECC Place Services.	Under discussion

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		Report [APP-299] details the Applicant's approach and further details regarding the provision of off-site BNG are provided in response to BIO 1.47 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074].**		
3.3.19	~~Draft~~ Arboriculture Impact Assessment (AIA)	~~National Grid issued the draft AIA in March 2025.~~ **~~Updated Position (February 2026):~~** The Applicant has committed to a 3:1 replacement for individual trees and individual trees within small groups. The tree planting strategy would prioritise replanting within the Order Limits, although off-site provision may be required. ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ The AIA has been prepared in accordance with Appendix J of **6.19 Scoping Report - including appendices B to K [APP-296]** and is considered appropriate for this stage of the project. The accompanying plans have been updated to include tree labelling to match the tree schedule thus allowing a full assessment of the impacts to surveyed trees, see **Figure A13.6.1 - Arboricultural Impact Assessment [REP1-065].** Design has given consideration to the two veteran trees T908 and T909. Impacts are avoided for T908 and working areas adjusted to minimise encroachment to T909. At detailed design the Limits of Deviation may encroach on buffer zones, however these two veteran trees are assessed as retained with no loss to irreplaceable habitat.	The Arboricultural Impact Assessment is not in accordance with BS:5837:2012. There are omissions within the report and contradictory or limited references between the report and the accompanying plans, such that a full assessment of the impacts of the proposal cannot be carried out. CCC is concerned that the Ancient Woodland and Veteran Tree Strategy identifies a number of high ranking trees and features within category A that would be removed, together with a large loss of high priority habitats. It is understood that two veteran trees next to Langleys in Great Waltham may be removed. The reason for the removal of these trees is unclear, and the loss of irreplaceable habitat and the mitigation has not been adequately justified. A draft Arboricultural Method Statement should be produced to demonstrate what mitigation is required to appropriately protect retained trees. CCC is not convinced that NGET would be able to adhere to the standing advice from Natural England and Forestry Commission which proposes 15m buffer zones on	Under discussion

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		To protect retained trees, relevant protective principles as set out in BS 5837:2012 are to be provided following detailed design and detailed within an Arboricultural Method Statement by the main works contractor, see LV05 of **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]** ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant has made a commitment to avoid impacts to ancient woodland and the associated 15 m buffer wherever practicable, within the **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**In the rare occasion where complete avoidance of ancient woodland or the associated 15 m buffer has not been possible, appropriate mitigation has been proposed to ensure no residual effects. Full details on specific ancient woodland parcels present within range of the Project, the potential impacts (both within the woodland and within the 15m buffer) and the proposed mitigation measures are clearly set out within **7.4 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan Appendix B - Ancient Woodland and Veteran Tree Strategy [REP3-032].**	distance between development and ancient woodlands. It is acknowledged that NGET is committed to replacement planting on a 3:1 ratio using stock of native species, yet there are concerns that this would not be appropriate to apply to all trees. Consideration needs to be given to veteran trees and woodland, which are by their very nature irreplaceable Reference needs to be given to failure rates. Bespoke planting strategy (including replacement / compensation is required for the Waltham gap. CCC is working with NGET and other Host Authorities to explore the provision of offsite planting within the Chelmsford administrative area and will report back to the ExA once further information becomes available. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.3.20	Tree replacement/	The Applicant has committed to a 3:1 replacement for individual trees and individual trees within small	CCC is working with NGET and other Host Authorities to explore the provision of	Under discussion

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	compensation	groups. The tree planting strategy would prioritise replanting within the Order Limits, although off-site provision may be required. The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC and other host authorities in relation to this matter.	offsite planting within the Chelmsford administrative area and will report back to the ExA once further information becomes available.	
3.3.21	Data sources (bats)	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 8.4 of **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 ~~(~~- Ecology and Biodiversity~~) of the ES~~ [AS-026]**. **~~Updated Position (February 2026):~~** Further survey information from the 2025 season ~~has been~~was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in November 2025, achieving coverage of 97% of the Order Limits. ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through ~~the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**.~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~	As for the survey data, circa 12.5% of the Order Limits are still undergoing ecological survey. There are also certain protected species surveys where the results are more incomplete (for otter and water vole only 65% reported; see also ES Chapter 8, Table 8.4). CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussion
3.3.22	Survey Methodology (Bats)	~~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 have been agreed with Natural England as evidenced within **5.9.13 Draft Statement of Common Ground – Natural England [REP1-034]**.	Of specific concern is the approach undertaken in respect of the tree bat roost surveys. The level of tree roost survey was undertaken at only 12 discrete locations, which covers only a fraction of the overall potential for bat roost tree impacts. This creates a survey deficit which appears to be justified by the supposition that: ~~•~~ Barbastelle are a more important	Under discussion

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		~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ The Applicant has provided further details regarding the approach to bat tree roost surveys in response to BIO 1.5 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074].** The bat roost survey scope was agreed with Natural England, as evidenced within **5.9.13 Draft Statement of Common Ground - Natural England [REP1-034]**, as the primary statutory advisor and competent authority on roosting bats. The Applicant disagrees with comments that insufficient bat surveys have been undertaken. Ground level tree assessments to identify potential bat roosting features have been undertaken on 97% of the land within the Order Limits, giving a detailed understanding of the natural potential roost resource. **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 - Ecology and Biodiversity [AS-026]** includes a reasonable worst-case assessment of impacts on potential roost features. The survey approach to bat roost surveys has been agreed with Natural England and is considered a pragmatic approach to a project of this scale. Full aerial/emergence surveys will be undertaken on trees due to be lost during detailed design. Any roost affected will be covered under a Natural England licence following pre-agreed mitigation measures. The Applicant has provided further details regarding the approach to bat tree roost surveys in response to BIO 1.5 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074].** ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter~~	conservation concern than other bat species (despite the roosts of other species having equivalent legal protection); and ~~•~~ The Natural England bat mitigation licensing process would ultimately and inevitably result in a neutral or positive impact outcome. This approach is considered flawed because it lacks the appropriate evidence to support it. The impacts on all protected bat species need to be assessed with reasonable confidence and the proposed mitigation considered appropriate, prior to determination, to support a lawful decision. Supposing that a greater level of roost tree survey is not feasible pre DCO, it is advised that an evidence based, worst-case scenario estimation of the bat tree roost impact, and the design of a more confidently proportionate bat tree roost mitigation/compensation scheme. Whilst bat roost climbing inspections for every PRF-M and FAR tree at risk of impact is perhaps not a practical expectation, ECC believes further survey effort prior to DCO consent is feasible. Enough at-height inspection surveys should be possible to facilitate a data-based estimation of the percentage of the PRF-M and FAR trees that will support non-minor bat roosting and will be lost to	

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		~~at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant considers that through the ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be proposed to be moved to Agreed	the project. This would lead to a better supported estimation of impact and the design of a more confidently proportionate mitigation/compensation scheme. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.3.23	Baseline conditions and receptors (Bats)	The baseline conditions and receptors for Ecology and Biodiversity are presented in Section 8.5 of **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 (~~-~~ Ecology and Biodiversity~~)~~ ~~of the ES~~ [AS-026]**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ The survey approach to bat roost surveys has been agreed with Natural England and is considered a pragmatic approach to a project of this scale as evidenced within **5.9.13 Draft Statement of Common Ground – Natural England [REP1-034]**. Full aerial/emergence surveys will be undertaken on trees due to be lost during detailed design. Any roost affected will be covered under a Natural England licence following pre-agreed mitigation measures.	The baseline conditions and receptors for roosting bats requires further information and review. CCC defers to ECC Place Services.	Under Discussion
3.3.24	Standard mitigation (Bats)	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential Ecology and Biodiversity effects during construction	Measure B16's assumption that any action requiring a Natural England derogation	Under discussion

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		are summarised in Section 8.6 of **6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 (- Ecology and Biodiversity)** ~~of the ES~~ **[AS-026]** and set out in the **7.2 Outline** ~~CoCP~~ **[APP-300Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ The mitigation approach to bat roost surveys has been agreed with Natural England and is considered a pragmatic approach to a project of this scale as evidenced within **5.9.13 Draft Statement of Common Ground – Natural England [REP1-034]**. Full aerial/emergence surveys will be undertaken on trees due to be lost during detailed design. Any roost affected will be covered under a Natural England licence following pre-agreed mitigation measures.	licence can be "*reasonably anticipated to maintain the favourable conservation status of a species or provide a conservation benefit*" is considered unsound. ECC considers that the widespread lack of effective post mitigation licence monitoring does not allow for reliable 'reasonable anticipation' of success in situations where derogation licensing is covering non-minor impacts. This is particularly relevant to the concerns stated for ID3.3.11. ~~T the~~The standard mitigation for bats requires further information and review. CCC defers to ECC Place Services.	

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	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.4.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Air Quality assessment is presented in **6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 (- Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context)** **[APP-126]** and Section 7.2 of **6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 (-**	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact	~~Under discussion~~Agreed

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		Air Quality~~) of the ES~~ [APP-147]. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment. The Applicant **~~Updated Position (February 2026):~~** ~~National Grid~~ has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the ~~relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].** . ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~	Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.4.2	Study area	The study area was agreed through ~~the EIA~~**6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 – APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** 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 **6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 (~~-~~ Air Quality~~) of the ES~~ [APP-147]**. **~~Updated Position (February 2026):~~** ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the ~~relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].**~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~	Please see CCC's full response set out in ~~its~~ Please see CCC's Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-0153) and comments to the first Written Questions rEP3-075	~~Under discussion~~Agreed

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3.4.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessing Air Quality was agreed through the ~~EIA~~**6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 – APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** 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 **6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 ~~(~~- Air Quality~~)~~ ~~of the ES~~ [APP-147]**. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].**~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~	CCC's main concern relates to the impact of the proposal upon the settlements and residents sited in proximity to the proposal. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP) and comments to the first Written Questions	~~Under discussion~~Area of concern
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 **6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 ~~(~~- Air Quality~~)~~ ~~of the ES~~ [APP-147]**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate. The Applicant ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~ has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].**~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within~~	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	~~Under discussion~~Agreed

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		~~the LIR.~~		
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 **6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 ~~(~~- Air Quality~~)~~ ~~of the ES~~ [APP-147]**. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. The Applicant ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~ has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	~~Under discussion~~Agreed
3.4.8	Standard mitigation	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential effects during construction are summarised in Section 7.6 of **6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 ~~(~~- Air Quality~~)~~ ~~of the ES~~ [APP-147]** and set out in the **7.2 Outline ~~CoCP~~ ~~[APP-300~~Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	~~Under discussion~~Agreed

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		The Applicant **Updated Position (February 2026):** National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.		
3.4.9	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 7.6 of **6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 (- Air Quality) of the ES [APP-147]**. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. **Updated Position (February 2026):** National GridThe Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and provided further comment in relation to additional mitigation in Table 4.8 of Section 4.5 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].** Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation	Please see CCC's full response set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's final Local Impact Report. (REP1-0153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussionAgreed

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		to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.		
EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects				
3.4.10	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 7.7 of **6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 (- Air Quality) of the ES [APP-147]**. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate. **Updated Position (February 2026):** National GridThe Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	Please see CCC's full response set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's final Local Impact Report. (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussionArea of concern
3.4.11	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 7.7 of **6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 (- Air Quality) of the ES [APP-147].** The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate. **Updated Position (February 2026):** National GridThe Applicant has provided a response	Please see CCC's full response set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's final Local Impact Report. (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussionArea of concern

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		to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.		
3.4.12	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 7.7 of **6.7 Environmental Statement Chapter 7 (~~-~~ Air Quality~~) of the ES~~ [APP-147].** The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	~~Under discussion~~Area of concern
Specific Chelmsford Related Issues				
3.4.13	Specific	The Applicant acknowledges this error and it has	There appears to be a mistake within the	Agreed

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	Chelmsford Related Issues	been amended within the **8.1 Errata List [~~Revision A~~REP1-071]**.	air quality documents. CCC believes that the monitoring station CM1 that is referred to is our Chignal St James monitoring station and not Thurrock Council's. CCC welcomes this clarification.	
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.4.14	Outline CoCP	Dust management plans will be prepared prior to the construction of each planned work package for the Project and the final version will be submitted for approval in accordance with Requirement 4 of the **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-004]**. As set out in **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]]**, dust monitoring locations will be agreed with the local planning authority. ~~The **Outline CoCP [APP-300]** includes all relevant mitigation measures specified in **Chapter 7 (Air Quality**) of the **ES [APP-147]** and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project.~~ ~~A meeting was held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]**.~~ ~~A meeting was held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300].**~~ ~~A further iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]** was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~CCC comments are noted, and National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~The Applicant considers that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to Agreed	The Outline Dust Management Plan is set out in accordance with IAQM guidance. As such, the proposed methodology for working in relation to dust is broadly acceptable. This document is generic in form and it should be noted that there are no location specific assessments yet supplied for identifying and managing dust emissions at sensitive receptor locations. CCC welcomes the provision of phased Dust Management Plans and would request that these are area specific. CCC is content to move this matter to agreed, subject to on-going engagement with the Applicant.	~~Under discussion~~Agreed

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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	Chelmsford City 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 **6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 (- Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context) [APP-126]** and Section 14.2 of **6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 (- Noise and Vibration) of the ES [APP-256]**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment. **Updated Position (February 2026):** National GridThe Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1). in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].**Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.	Please see CCC's full response set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's final Local Impact Report. (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussionAgreed
EIA – Approach and Methods				

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
3.5.2	Study area	The study area was agreed through the ~~EIA~~**6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 – APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** 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 **6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 ~~(~~- Noise and Vibration~~) of the ES~~ [APP-256]**. The Applicant ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~ has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].**~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	~~Under discussion~~Agreed
3.5.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessing Noise and Vibration was agreed through the ~~EIA~~**6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 – APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	The methodology for assessing Noise and Vibration was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate.	Agreed
3.5.5	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with Noise and Vibration are summarised in Section 14.4 of **6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 ~~(~~- Noise and Vibration~~) of the ES~~ [APP-256]**. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~	CCC's view is that there is a need for noise levels to be lower where the proposal is sited close to residential properties and urban receptors. ~~It is unclear where generators will be located. Figure 7.7 needs to be updated to clearly identify where generators are to be housed. There is no information relating to the potential size of generators.~~ Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in~~	Under discussion

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		~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].** It is assumed that generators are included within temporary construction compounds. The assessment in **6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 – Noise and Vibration [APP-256]** does not identify any potential significant effects from the operation of temporary construction compounds, including the use of generators. Generators, along with other noise sources within construction compounds, would be subject to additional detailed noise and vibration assessments by the Main Works Contractor(s). Following these assessments, specific mitigation measures would be identified and incorporated where required.	~~its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-0153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075 CCC welcomes the clarification regarding the location of generators and other noise sources.	
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 **6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 ~~(~~- Noise and Vibration~~) of the ES~~ [APP-256]**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate. The Applicant ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~ has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of~~	There are a number of residential properties and other sensitive receptors sited within 200 metres of the proposed pylons, overhead lines and construction areas. CCC's view is that there is a need for noise levels to be lower where the project is sited close to residential properties and urban receptors. At weekends, where overall noise levels are generally lower, there could be a perception that weekend working noise levels could appear higher.	Under discussion

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		~~the information within the LIR.~~Section 3.18 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** and the response to DCO 1.S10 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Response to First Written Questions [REP3-074]** provides a further response to concerns on the proposed construction working hours.	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075 Further discussion is required on this matter.	
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**~~**6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 ~~(~~- Noise and Vibration**~~) of the ES~~ [APP-256]. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].** ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~	It is noted only embedded mitigation is proposed. There are a number of residential properties and other sensitive receptors sited within 200 metres of the proposed pylons, overhead lines and construction areas. CCC is concerned about the impact of the proposal upon those properties. CCC is concerned that the embedded mitigation measures do not sufficiently address the additional noise risks associated with: • Flexible Limits of Deviation (LoD) which may bring noisy works closer to receptors than assessed; • Extensive proposed working hours, including nights, weekends and bank holidays;	Under discussion

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			• The lack of receptor specific embedded = mitigation, such as temporal restrictions at pylon locations, firm commitments on screening, alternative methods or acoustic enclosures. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-0153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.5.8	Standard mitigation	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential effects during construction are summarised in **Section 14.6** of **6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 ~~(~~- Noise and Vibration~~) of the ES [APP-256]** and set out in ~~the~~**7.2 Outline ~~CoCP [APP-300~~Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025].** The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].**~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~	It is noted only embedded and standard mitigation is proposed. There are a number of residential properties and other sensitive receptors sited within 200 metres of the proposed pylons, overhead lines and construction areas. CCC is concerned about the impact of the proposal upon those properties. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussion
3.5.9	Additional	The consideration of additional mitigation measures	It is noted only embedded and standard	Under

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	mitigation	is presented in Section 14.6 of **6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 (- Noise and Vibration) of the ES [APP-256]**. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. **Updated Position (February 2026):** National GridThe Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1) in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.Operational noise from the overhead line was scoped out of the Environmental Statement on the basis that a low noise conductor system is proposed. Based on the proposed conductor system, adverse effects are not expected, even directly underneath the line. Although scoped out, further information on noise from the proposed overhead line is provided in **6.14.A5 Environmental Statement Appendix 14.5 – Operational Noise from Overhead Lines (Informative) [APP-261]**.	mitigation is proposed. There are a number of residential properties and other sensitive receptors sited within 200 metres of the proposed pylons, overhead lines and construction areas. CCC is concerned about the impact of the proposal upon those properties. consider that additional mitigation (such as landscaping) may be needed to mitigate any low frequency hum known as "Corona discharge" that may arise, particularly during damp weather conditions. Given the uncertainties in the noise assessment methodology, the lack of secured receptor specific mitigation, and the risks associated with flexible working hours and Limits of Deviation, CCC is concerned that additional mitigation will be required in practice. CCC notes that although adverse effects are not expected, CCC asks what would happen if effects are found to occur upon operation and how could these be mitigated? CCC queries what mechanisms exist to safeguard against adverse effects if / where these are found? Please see CCC's full response set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15	discussion

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			~~January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects				
3.5.10	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 14.7 of **6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 (~~-~~ Noise and Vibration~~) of the ES~~ [APP-256]. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate. The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in relation to Windmill House in ID 8.158 of Table 4.20 of Section 4.11 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. Section 3.18 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** and the response to DCO 1.S10 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Response to First Written Questions [REP3-074]** responds to concerns on the proposed construction working hours. The Applicant considers that the proposed approach presents a balance between providing the appropriate levels of flexibility to maintain programme whilst retaining safeguards through DCO controls to manage impacts included in **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**, including controls on nuisance generating activities (GG17), traffic impacts (GG33), dust (AQ01), lighting (GG26), monitoring and compliance (GG09, GG01), applications for prior consent under Section 61 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 (NV03) and advance	There are a number of residential properties and other sensitive receptors sited within 200 metres of the proposed pylons, overhead lines and construction areas. CCC is concerned about the impact of the proposal upon those properties. The proposed hours of 07:00 to 19:00 Monday – Fridays and 07:00 am to 17:00 over weekends/holiday raise concern due to the lack of respite from noise for residents. These hours of working are not accepted by CCC. Currently it is not clear how noise levels would be affected, should the pylons be relocated in accordance with the Limits of Deviation. This is particularly concerning, with regard to the installation of lower height pylons at Great Waltham and Little Waltham, where the LOD allow for the movement and installation of full height pylons close to Windmill House and properties sited along Chelmsford Road. CCC considers that the working hours proposed—07:00–19:00 Monday to Friday and 07:00–17:00 on Saturdays, Sundays,	Under discussion

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		community notification (GG30). ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	Bank Holidays and Public Holidays, plus up to an additional hour either side for start-up and close-down—are excessive and offer insufficient respite for Noise Sensitive Receptors (NSRs). Requirement 7 of the draft DCO, when combined with Requirement 7(5) start-up/close-down provisions and Requirement 7(4) allowances for activities outside core hours, creates a 16-hour daily operational envelope with no enforceable upper noise limit during those periods. This substantially increases the likelihood of material adverse effects on residential amenity, health and wellbeing. Please see CCC's Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 final Local Impact Report (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075 CCC welcomes further engagement upon this matter.	
3.5.11	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 14.7 of **6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 ~~(~~- Noise and Vibration~~) of the ES~~ [APP-256]**. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant~~	There are a number of residential properties and other sensitive receptors sited within 200 metres of the proposed pylons, overhead lines and construction areas. CCC is concerned about the impact of the proposal upon those properties. Post noise impacts will be long standing and permanent and may not be perceived	Under discussion

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		~~representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. With regards to construction noise from pylon construction, the Main Works Contractor(s) will undertake detailed construction noise and vibration assessments based on their specific methodologies and the specific pylon locations within the Limits of Deviation, as per commitment NV05 within the **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**. Based on the outcome of these assessments, specific mitigation measures would be identified and implemented such that significant adverse effects are avoided and adverse effects are reduced. These measures would be documented in the Noise and Vibration Management Plan (NVMP). ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~Operational noise from the overhead line was scoped out of the Environmental Statement on the basis that a low noise conductor system is proposed. Based on the proposed conductor system, adverse effects are not expected, even directly underneath the line. Although scoped out, further information on noise from the proposed overhead line is provided in **6.14.A5 Environmental Statement Appendix 14.5 – Operational Noise from Overhead Lines (Informative) [APP-261]**.	by those living close to the pylons as acceptable. The Limits of Deviation enable the movement of pylons along the Overhead Line. Noise receptors should be reassessed for any movement along the Overhead Line to ensure that they do not lead to harm to residents amenities. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153-) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.5.12	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 14.7 of **6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 (~~-~~ Noise and Vibration~~) of the ES~~ [APP-256]**. The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15~~	Under discussion

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		considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].**~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~	~~January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
Specific Chelmsford Related Issues				
3.5.13	Specific Chelmsford Related Issues	~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in relation to Windmill House in ID 8.158 of Table 4.20 of Section 4.11 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. As noted above, Section 3.18 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** and the response to DCO 1.S10 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Response to First Written Questions [REP3-074]** responds to concerns on the proposed construction working hours. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter	There are a number of residential properties and other sensitive receptors sited within 200 metres of the proposed pylons, overhead lines and construction areas. CCC is concerned about the impact of the proposal upon those properties, particularly Windmill House in Great Waltham. The Limits of Deviation enable the movement of pylons along the Overhead Line. Noise receptors should be reassessed for any movement along the Overhead Line to ensure that they do not lead to harm to residents' amenities. The proposed hours of 07:00 to 19:00 Monday – Fridays and 07:00 am to 17:00 over weekends/holiday raise concern due to the lack of respite from noise for residents. These hours of working are not accepted by CCC. In Chelmsford normal working hours are	Under discussion

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		as 'not agreed'.	08:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays, with no working on Sundays or bank holidays. CCC is concerned that the embedded mitigation measures do not sufficiently address the additional noise risks associated with: • Flexible Limits of Deviation (LoD) which may bring noisy works closer to receptors than assessed; • Extensive proposed working hours, including nights, weekends and bank holidays; • The lack of receptor specific embedded mitigation, such as temporal restrictions at pylon locations, firm commitments on screening, alternative methods or acoustic enclosures. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.5.14	Outline CoCP	~~The~~**7.2 Outline ~~CoCP [APP-300~~Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]** includes all relevant mitigation measures specified in **6.14 Environmental Statement Chapter 14 ~~(~~- Noise and Vibration~~) of the ES~~ [APP-256]** and is appropriate	~~this~~This matter was still under discussion pending further review of the Outline CoCP Please see CCC's Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025	Under discussion

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		for managing construction impacts from the Project. ~~A meeting was held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]**.~~ ~~A meeting was held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]**.~~ ~~A further iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]** was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following CCC review of the Outline CoCP.~~	final Local Impact Report (REP1-075) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075 CCC is concerned that the CoOP does not address / incorporate matters including the following: Flexible Limits of Deviation (LoD) which may bring noisy works closer to receptors than assessed; Extensive proposed working hours, including nights, weekends and bank holidays; The lack of receptor specific embedded mitigation, such as temporal restrictions at pylon locations, firm commitments on screening, alternative methods or acoustic enclosures.	
Other matters as required				
3.5.15	Hours of working	As noted above, Section 3.18 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** and the response to DCO 1.S10 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Response to First Written Questions [REP3-074]** responds to concerns on the proposed construction working hours. ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective	The proposed working hours of 07:00 to 17:00 across weekends and holidays is not considered acceptable. In Chelmsford normal working hours are 08:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays, with no working on Sundays or bank holidays. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-0153) and comments to the	~~Under discussion~~ Not agreed

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		positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	first Written Questions REP3-075	

3.6 Health and Wellbeing

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

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.6.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Health and Wellbeing assessment is presented in **6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 ~~(~~- Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context~~)~~ [APP-126] and Section 10.2 of 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 ~~(~~- Health and Wellbeing~~) of the ES~~ [APP-192]**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment. This includes the Chelmsford Local Plan 2013 to 2036 (adopted 2020) as referenced in **6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 ~~of the ES~~- Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context [APP-126]**. **~~Updated Position (February 2026):~~** ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant**	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	~~Under discussion~~Agreed

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		Representations [REP2-023]. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~		
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. The study area was agreed through **6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 – APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** received from the Planning Inspectorate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	~~Under discussion~~Agreed
3.6.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 10.4 of **6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 (~~-~~ Health and Wellbeing~~)~~ ~~of the ES~~ [APP-192]**. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].** ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	~~Under discussion~~Not agreed
3.6.4	Assessment	~~A meeting was held on 24 September 2024 to agree the assessment methodology of the~~WHIASU	CCC requested that reference to WHIASU guidance and vulnerable groups checklist is	~~Under discussion~~A

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	methodology	guidance has been used in relation to the identification of vulnerable groups in **6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 -** **Health and Wellbeing** ~~**ES chapter**~~ **[APP-192]**. ~~The Methodology was also agreed through the Health and Wellbeing Refreshed Approach – Technical Note issued in October 2024.~~ ~~Chelmsford City Council requested that reference to WHIASU guidance and vulnerable groups checklist is included within the assessment. National Grid confirmed that the ES chapter will use WHIASU guidance to identify vulnerable groups.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~	included within the assessment which was agreed by National Grid. ~~Please see CCC's full response set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's final Local Impact Report.~~ CCC welcomes the inclusion of this guidance	greed
3.6.5	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with Health and Wellbeing are summarised in Section 10.4 of **6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 (~~-~~ Health and Wellbeing~~) of the ES~~ [APP-192]**. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].**~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within~~	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	~~Under discussion~~Agreed

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		~~the LIR.~~		
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.6.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Health and Wellbeing are presented in Section 10.5 of **6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 ~~(~~- Health and Wellbeing~~) of the ES~~ [APP-192]**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate. **~~Updated Position (February 2026):~~** ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in ID 8.154 and 11.12 and 8.158 of Table 4.20 of Section 4.11 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. **6.13.A4 Environmental Statement Appendix 13.4 - Residential Visual Amenity Assessment [APP-233 and APP-234]** (RVAA), contains an assessment of the impacts on visual amenity for properties within 200m of the Project centreline. This recognises that a number of properties within the RVAA study area would experience a high magnitude of visual change as a result of the Project, but determined that the Residential Visual Amenity Threshold (RVAT) would not be breached at any of these locations. Section 3.18 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** and the response to DCO 1.S10 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Response to First Written Questions [REP3-074]** responds to	There are a number of residential properties and other sensitive receptors sited within 200 metres of the proposed pylons, overhead lines and construction areas. CCC is concerned about the impact of the proposal upon those properties, Visually, the siting of pylons close to residential properties would have a harmful and unacceptable impact upon the occupant's amenities, both visually and spatially, where the pylons would have an overbearing and dominant impact upon the properties. It is noted that a number of properties are sited less than 200 metres away from the proposed pylons and overhead lines and would be noticeable and potentially overbearing. The Limits of Deviation enable the movement of pylons along the Overhead Line. Noise receptors should be reassessed for any movement along the Overhead Line to ensure that they do not lead to harm to residents amenities. The proposed hours of 07:00 to 19:00 Monday – Fridays and 07:00 am to 17:00 over weekends/holiday raise concern due to the lack of respite from noise for residents. These hours of working are not	Under discussion

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		concerns on the proposed construction working hours. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	accepted by CCC. In Chelmsford normal working hours are 08:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays, with no working on Sundays or bank holidays. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075 CCC welcomes further discussion of this matter	
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.6.7	Embedded mitigation	Embedded mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Health and Wellbeing effects, are set out in Section 10.6 of **6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 ~~(~~- Health and Wellbeing~~) of the ES~~ [APP-192]**. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant	It is noted that only embedded mitigation is proposed. CCC is concerned that the embedded mitigation measures do not sufficiently address the additional noise risks associated with: • Flexible Limits of Deviation (LoD) which may bring noisy works closer to receptors than assessed; • Extensive proposed working hours, including nights, weekends and bank holidays; • The lack of receptor specific embedded mitigation, such as temporal restrictions at pylon locations, firm commitments on	Under discussion

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		welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	screening, alternative methods or acoustic enclosures. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075 CCC welcomes further discussion of this matter	
3.6.8	Standard mitigation	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential effects during construction are summarised in Section 10.6 of **6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 ~~(~~- Health and Wellbeing~~)~~ of the ~~ES~~ [APP-192]** and set out in the **7.2 Outline ~~CoCP [APP-300~~Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025].** The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in ID 8.154 and 11.12 and 8.158 of Table 4.20 of Section 4.11 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant	CCC notes that no mitigation is proposed beyond embedded measures. There are a number of residential properties and other sensitive receptors sited within 200 metres of the proposed pylons, overhead lines and construction areas. CCC is concerned about the impact of the proposal upon those properties. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussion

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		welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.		
3.6.9	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 10.6 of **6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 ~~(~~- Health and Wellbeing~~) of the ES~~ [APP-192]**. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in ID 8.154 and 11.12 and 8.158 of Table 4.20 of Section 4.11 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. In regard to comments made relating to a Health and Wellbeing Monitoring Framework, the Applicant has addressed these within Table 4.14 of Section 4.8 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. There is no requirement for monitoring measures for health and wellbeing because no significant effects have been identified in the assessment undertaken in **6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 – Health and Wellbeing [APP-192]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant	The ES concludes that no additional mitigation is required beyond embedded measures and proposes no health and wellbeing monitoring. There are a number of residential properties and other sensitive receptors sited within 200 metres of the proposed pylons, overhead lines and construction areas. CCC is concerned about the impact of the proposal upon those properties. Given the scale and duration of construction and the socio-economic characteristics of affected communities, CCC recommends consideration of establishing of a Health and Wellbeing Monitoring Framework to promote best practice. This Framework should include baseline data on active travel, access to green space, amenity satisfaction and mental wellbeing; define clear indicators and reporting intervals; and be co-developed with local communities. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15~~	Under discussion

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		welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	~~January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075 CCC is disappointed with the Applicants decision not to enter into a Health and Wellbeing Monitoring Framework. Just because an effect is not deemed to be significant, does not mean that it will not be felt by affected residents. The use of a Health and Wellbeing Framework as a means of good practice, would show a clear commitment from the Applicant that they are genuinely engaged in the health and welfare of affected residents and other affected receptors.	
EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects				
3.6.10	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 10.7 of **6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 ~~(~~- Health and Wellbeing~~) of the ES~~ [APP-192]**. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate. **~~Updated Position (February 2026):~~** ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in ID 8.154 and 11.12 and 8.158 of Table 4.20 of Section 4.11 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**.	There are a number of residential properties and other sensitive receptors sited within 200 metres of the proposed pylons, overhead lines and construction areas. CCC is concerned about the impact of the proposal upon those properties. The proposed hours of 07:00 to 19:00 Monday – Fridays and 07:00 am to 17:00 over weekends/holiday raise concern due to the lack of respite from noise for residents. These hours of working are not accepted by CCC CCC is concerned that the embedded	Under discussion

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		Section 3.18 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** and the response to DCO 1.S10 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Response to First Written Questions [REP3-074]** responds to concerns on the proposed construction working hours. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	mitigation measures do not sufficiently address the additional noise risks associated with: • Flexible Limits of Deviation (LoD) which may bring noisy works closer to receptors than assessed; • Extensive proposed working hours, including nights, weekends and bank holidays; The lack of receptor specific embedded mitigation, such as temporal restrictions at pylon locations, firm commitments on screening, alternative methods or acoustic enclosures. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.6.11	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 10.7 of **6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 (~~-~~ Health and Wellbeing~~) of the ES~~ [APP-192].** The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate. **~~Updated Position (February 2026):~~** ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant~~	There are a number of residential properties and other sensitive receptors sited within 200 metres of the proposed pylons, overhead lines and construction areas. CCC is concerned about the impact of the proposal upon those properties. The ES concludes that no additional mitigation is required beyond embedded	Under discussion

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		~~representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in ID 8.154 and 11.12 and 8.158 of Table 4.20 of **Section 4.11** of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. In regard to comments made relating to a Health and Wellbeing Monitoring Framework, the Applicant has addressed these within Table 4.14 of Section 4.8 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. There is no requirement for monitoring measures for health and wellbeing because no significant effects have been identified in the assessment undertaken in **6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 – Health and Wellbeing [APP-192]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	measures and proposes no health and wellbeing monitoring. CCC recommends consideration of establishing of a **Health and Wellbeing Monitoring Framework to promote best practice.** This Framework should include baseline data on active travel, access to green space, amenity satisfaction and mental wellbeing; define clear indicators and reporting intervals; and be co-developed with local communities. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP-075 CCC is disappointed with the Applicants decision not to enter into a Health and Wellbeing Monitoring Framework. Just because an effect is not deemed to be significant, does not mean that it will not be felt by affected residents. The use of a Health and Wellbeing Framework as a means of good practice, would show a clear commitment from the Applicant that they are genuinely engaged in the health and welfare of affected residents and other affected receptors.	
3.6.12	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 10.7 of	The effect and impact of Electro Magnetic	~~Under~~

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		6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 (- Health and Wellbeing) of the ES [APP-192]. The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate. The **7.8 Electric and Magnetic Field Compliance Report [APP-330]** details the electric and magnetic field (EMF) assessment for the Project, demonstrating compliance with the requirements of National Policy Statement EN-5 in line with the requirements of the government's Code of Practice Power Lines: Demonstrating compliance with EMF public exposure guidelines. This demonstrates that when directly under the overhead lines or directly above the underground cables the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection exposure limits are not exceeded. Any offset from the overhead line or cables reduced the EMF levels significantly ensuring compliance at any distance from the assets. The Applicant considers that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to Agreed	Field (EMF-) are material to the consideration of the proposal; which should not be granted unless the ExA is satisfied that the proposal is compliant with all relevant legislation.	discussionAgreed to defer to ExA
Specific Chelmsford related issues				
3.6.13	Specific Chelmsford related issues	**Updated Position (February 2026):** National GridThe Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in ID 8.158 of Table 4.20 of Section 4.11 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**.	There are a number of residential properties and other sensitive receptors sited within 200 metres of the proposed pylons, overhead lines and construction areas. These include Windmill House within Great Waltham. CCC is concerned about the impact of the proposal upon those properties.	Under discussion

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		After consideration of feedback during consultations in 2025, the three low height pylons which were proposed closest to Windmill House have been changed to two standard lattice pylons and will be moved further away from the house. The increased span between the pylons and distance from the house would reduce expected effects on visual amenity at this property. Effects on Windmill House are assessed on page 94 of Table A13.4.3 and on page 167 of Table A13.4.42 within **6.13.A4 Environmental Statement Appendix 13.4 - Residential Visual Amenity Assessment - Part 1 of 2 [APP-233]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP) and comments to the first Written Questions. In principle, upon amenity grounds relating to Windmill House only, the siting of the pylons further away from Windmill House as shown in the alternative proposal is welcomed. Yet, in relation to Great Waltham and Little Waltham, CCC is concerned that the embedded mitigation measures do not sufficiently address the additional noise risks associated with: • Flexible Limits of Deviation (LoD) which may bring noisy works closer to receptors than assessed; • Extensive proposed working hours, including nights, weekends and bank holidays; • The lack of receptor specific embedded mitigation, such as temporal restrictions at pylon locations, firm commitments on screening, alternative methods or acoustic enclosures.	
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				

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3.6.14	Outline CoCP	The **7.2 Outline ~~CoCP [APP-300~~Code of Construction Practice [REP3-0254]** includes all relevant mitigation measures specified in **6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 ~~(~~- Health and Wellbeing~~) of the ES~~ [APP-192]** and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project. ~~A meeting was held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the **Outline CoCP [APP-300].**~~ ~~A meeting was held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300].**~~ ~~A further iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]** was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~	Under discussion.	Under discussion
Other matters as required				
3.6.15	Health and wellbeing monitoring framework	In regard to comments made relating to a Health and Wellbeing Monitoring Framework, the Applicant has addressed these within Table 4.14 of Section 4.8 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. There is no requirement for monitoring measures for health and wellbeing because no significant effects have been identified in the assessment undertaken in **6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 – Health and Wellbeing [APP-192]**. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~	The ES concludes that no additional mitigation is required beyond embedded measures and proposes no health and wellbeing monitoring. Given the scale and duration of construction and the socio economic characteristics of affected communities, CCC recommends consideration of establishing of a Health and Wellbeing Monitoring Framework to promote best practice. This Framework should include baseline data on active travel, access to green space, amenity satisfaction and mental wellbeing; define clear indicators and reporting intervals; and	Under discussion

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		~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	be co-developed with local communities. CCC is disappointed with the Applicants decision not to enter into a Health and Wellbeing Monitoring Framework. ~~Please see CCC's full response set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's final Local Impact Report.~~Just because an effect is not deemed to be significant, does not mean that it will not be felt by affected residents. The use of a Health and Wellbeing Framework as a means of good practice, would show a clear commitment from the Applicant that they are genuinely engaged in the health and welfare of affected residents and other affected receptors.	

3.7 Historic Environment

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

ID	Matter	National Grid's Position	Chelmsford City Council's Position	Status
EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.7.1	Policy and legislation (Built Heritage)	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Historic Environment assessment is presented in **6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 ~~(~~- Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context~~)~~**	Agreed	Agreed

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		[APP126] and Section 11.2 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 (- Historic Environment) of the ES [APP-208 [AS-068]**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment.		
3.7.2	Policy and legislation (Archaeology)	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Historic Environment assessment is presented in **6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 (- Key [APP126] - Legislation and Planning Policy Context)** **[APP-126]** and Section 11.2 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 (- Historic Environment) of the ES [APP-208 [AS-068]**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment. **Updated Position (February 2026):** Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.The Applicant considers that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to Agreed	ECC (Archaeology) is currently reviewing the relevant documentation. The ES Chapter 11.2 looks to contain all relevant legislation, policy and guidance. Further information will be included in the LIR. CCC defers to ECC Archaeology.	Under discussion
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.7.3	Study area	The study area was agreed through the EIA**6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 – APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** received from the Planning Inspectorate. The study area was also agreed through subsequent thematic group meetings where further comments were addressed.	The study area was agreed through the EIA Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion received from the Planning Inspectorate. The study area was also agreed through subsequent thematic group meetings where further comments were addressed.	Agreed

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3.7.4	Data sources Designated Heritage Assets (DHAS)	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 11.4 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 (- Historic Environment) of the ES [APP-208] [AS-068]**. **Updated Position (February 2026):** National GridThe Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1). in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.	Agreed. CCC's full response is set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided withinAs set out in CCC's final Local Impact Report. REP1 – 153 and responses to Written Questions REP3-075	Agreed
3.7.5	Data sources Non Designated Heritage Assets (NDHASNDHAs)	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 11.4 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 (- Historic Environment) of the ES [APP-208] [AS-068]**. **Updated Position (February 2026):** National GridThe Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023] and t**he Applicant's position has been set out in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.	CCC are still awaiting revisions following its statutory consultation response – to include built non-designated heritage assets, protected lanes and designed landscapes. To date this information has not been provided. The data source is inadequate for built non designated heritage assets and non designated landscape including (Coptfold Hall). CCC's full response is set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's final Local Impact ReportLIR REP1-153 and response to written questions REP3-075 This is a	Under discussion Not agreed

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			matter of disagreement.	
3.7.6	Data sources (archaeology) - Desktop	Sufficient desktop data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 11.4 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 ~~(~~-Historic Environment~~) of the ES [APP-208]~~ [AS-068]**.	ECC has reviewed the relevant documentation and confirms that sufficient desktop data has been collected (agreement confirmed during meeting January 2026.)	Agreed
3.7.7	Data sources (archaeology) – survey data	Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 11.4 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 ~~(~~-Historic Environment~~) of the ES [APP-208~~ - [AS-068]**. The archaeological evaluation work (geophysics and trial trenching) has continued since the submission of the application for development consent, continuing the Applicant's commitment to the historic environment potentially affected by the Project. The results of the fieldwork up to the end of December 2025 were submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in January 2026 as **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 - Historic Environment [AS-068]** to **6.11.F6 Environmental Statement Figure 11.6 - Phase 2 Geophysical Survey Preliminary Results [AS-083],** of which the historic environment stakeholders are aware. At this stage approximately 3,000 trial trenches and 1,650 ha of geophysical survey have been completed. This information included further priority geophysical survey and trial trenching results, and preliminary results of part of the Phase 2 geophysical survey. The Phase 2 stage of the geophysical survey and trial trenching will continue throughout 2026, and all the results of this work will be shared with the Local	ECC notes the fieldwork proposed prior to application has not been completed and the impact of this to inform the assessment is under review. This matter remains under discussion	Under discussion

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		Planning Authority Archaeological Advisors for approval as discussed at monthly meetings and set out in **7.5 Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation [APP 328]**. The Applicant considers that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to agreed.		
3.7.8	Assessment methodology (Built Heritage)	The methodology for assessing Historic Environment was agreed through the **6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 – APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** received from the Planning Inspectorate. ~~The scoping opinion stated: '*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.*'~~ ~~The assessment methodology has been discussed at a number of Historic Environment Thematic Group Meetings held between July 2022 and November 2024.~~ ~~CCC raised at statutory consultation that that 'Non designated heritage assets have not been adequately considered in the assessment work to date.'~~ 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. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference~~	The assessment methodology has been discussed at a number of Historic Environment Thematic Group Meetings held between July 2022 and November 2024. All relevant designated heritage assets within the 2km and 3km zones are identified. The methodology for assessment is supported. In spite of this, the proposal underestimates the impacts on many designated heritage assets, with additional impacts identified by CCC~~.~~ in its LIR REP1-153 and response to written questions REP3-075~~Non designated heritage assets have not been adequately considered in the assessment work: see comments in 3.7.3 and the method is still under discussion.~~ ~~CCC note that the approach to setting assessment to low and negligible value needs further consideration~~ ~~CCC's full response is set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact~~	N ot agreed

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		~~8.4.1)~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant considers that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to agreed.	~~Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's final Local Impact Report.~~	
3.7.9	Assessment methodology (Archaeology)	The methodology for assessing Historic Environment was agreed through the ~~EIA~~**6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 – APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** received from the Planning Inspectorate.	ECC on behalf of CCC is in agreement with this matter.	Agreed
3.7.10	Key parameters and assumptions (Built Heritage)	Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Historic Environment assessment are summarised in Section 11.4 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 ~~(~~- Historic Environment~~) of the ES [APP-208~~ - **[AS-068]**. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate. ~~In March 2025, National Grid issued an updated version of the Historic Environment (HE) Viewpoints information.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant considers it is unlikely that the two parties will find a mutually agreed position, and therefore suggest this matter is moved to Not Agreed	CCC does not agree with the methodology for assessing non-designated heritage assets. CCC's full response ~~is set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within~~arewithin CCC's final Local Impact Report~~.~~ REP1-153 and response to written questions REP3-075	~~Update discussion~~ Not agreed

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3.7.11	Key parameters and assumptions (Archaeology)	Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Historic Environment assessment are summarised in Section 11.4 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 ~~(~~- Historic Environment~~) of the ES [APP-208~~ - [AS-068]**. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate. ~~February 2025, National Grid issued Historic Environments (HE) Viewpoints information and held a thematic group meeting on the topic.~~ The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].** The assessment presented in **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11- Historic Environment [APP-208]** and **6.11.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 11.2 - Historic Environment Assessment Tables [APP-210]** has taken a precautionary approach and assessed non-designated heritage assets where there is potential for archaeology, even if this had not been confirmed by field evaluation. This situation is common for all types of development. There are measures in place through Requirement 5 of **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-004]** and **7.5 Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation [APP-328]** to secure agreement of any further evaluation and/or mitigation prior to the start of works, which provides protection for currently unknown archaeology. ~~March 2025, National Grid issued an updated version of the Historic Environment (HE) Viewpoints~~	ECC (Archaeology) is currently reviewing the ES Chapter. Until the completion of intrusive field evaluation there is not agreement with the statement under 11.4.33 that "The information obtained to date provides sufficient detail to characterise the likely nature and extent of any currently unrecorded remains."	Under discussion

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		~~information.~~The archaeological evaluation work (geophysics and trial trenching) has continued since the submission of the application for development consent, continuing the Applicant's commitment to the historic environment potentially affected by the Project. The results of the fieldwork up to the end of December 2025 were submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in January 2026 as **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 - Historic Environment [AS-068]** to **6.11.F6 Environmental Statement Figure 11.6 - Phase 2 Geophysical Survey Preliminary Results [AS-083]**, of which the historic environment stakeholders are aware. Further details can be found in response to ID 4.13.25 and 8.238 in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**.		
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.7.12	Baseline conditions and receptors (Built Heritage)	The baseline conditions and receptors for Historic Environment are presented in Section 11.5 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 ~~(~~- Historic Environment~~)~~ of the ~~ES [APP-208~~ - [AS-068]**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. The Applicant has undertaken a detailed assessment	CCC disagrees with the methodology for selecting and assessing non-designated heritage assets. Further assessment is required. Protected lanes are identified, but their settings are not considered. This is particularly important at Larks Lane, Paulk Hall and Goodmans Lane. Some locally listed buildings are included, but ~~designated~~designed landscapes and other buildings and features of sufficient interest to be considered as non-designated heritage assets are not comprehensively identified and should fully inform the assessment baseline. These	~~Ongoing discussion~~ Not agreed

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		of the historic environment which considers the potential for impact on designated and non-designated heritage assets, including locally listed buildings, protected lanes, designed and historic landscapes, and other features of heritage interest. As a low value asset, the setting of the Protected Lane was not considered. Please refer to ID 8.204 in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** for further details. As a low value asset, the setting of the Coptfold Hall designed landscape would not have been considered. Please refer to ID 8.207 in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** for further details. The **6.11.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 11.1 - Historic Environment Baseline Report [APP-209]** treats the seven WWII pillboxes and the General Headquarters Defence Line as a single medium value heritage asset and assesses its setting. ~~Further discussion will be held following review of the information within the Local Impact Report.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	include the following: • Coptfold Hall locally designated landscape ~~• WWII GHQ defence line (pillboxes)The evidence base requires inclusion of built non-designated heritage assets, protected lanes and designed landscapes, as per public consultation response.~~ ~~CCC's~~Built heritageCCC's full response is set out in its ~~Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ REP1-153 and response to written questions REP3-075	
3.7.13	Baseline conditions and receptors (Archaeology)	The baseline conditions and receptors for Historic Environment are presented in Section 11.5 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 (- Historic Environment~~) of the ES [APP-208~~ - [AS-068]**. The	ECC on behalf of CCC agreed this matter during call in January 2026.	Agreed

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		baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.		
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.7.14	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 **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 (- Historic Environment)** ~~of the ES [APP-208~~**[AS-068]**. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~Statutory response received from CCC – NG will consider this feedback as the assessment progresses and more detail will be provided in the ES.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. Embedded and standard mitigation proposals for listed buildings and conservation areas are set out in **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]** and **7.4 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-030].** The Project's mitigation strategy has been developed in consultation with heritage stakeholders, including the Council and Historic England. Mitigation follows the	CCC Considers the embedded mitigation is insufficient. 'Mitigation generally should ensure that land take is sufficient to allow for a range of mitigation options, for instance landscaping - potentially from closing up gaps in hedges to large scale woodland planting where necessary. Where harm is unavoidable heritage compensatory measures should also be delivered, for instance repair of listed buildings and/or associated built and landscape features to offset harm to setting. The Project includes no heritage mitigation. Embedded mitigation should be provided at all affected heritage assets Where significant harm has been identified further mitigation measures should be employed to reduced or limit or offset the level of harm. In most cases this will involve positioning the Order Limits, associated access roads and pylons further away from heritage assets to limit the impact on the rural surroundings and how assets are experienced. Mitigation would be essential at Grade 1 listed Langleys, where there are a number of structures and features within the	~~Under discussion~~ Not agreed

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		mitigation hierarchy and measures include the avoidance of heritage assets where possible, sensitive siting and design, retention and reinstatement of landscape features (including hedgerows, earthworks, and boundaries), and archaeological investigation and recording. In addition to embedded and standard mitigation measures screening planting was considered for the historic environment and the conclusion reached that further planting would alter the existing setting of designated heritage assets, likely introducing harmful change, as set out in **6.11.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 11.2 - Historic Environment Assessment Tables [AS-070]**. Given the assessment concludes at worst, less than substantial harm, and the mitigation hierarchy has been followed, NPS EN-1 (2024) does not require the Applicant to take any further measures. Please refer to response to ID 3.7.23 and 3.7.24 regarding the impact of specific heritage assets. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant considers it is unlikely that the two parties will find a mutually agreed position, and therefore suggest this matter is moved to Not Agreed	Registered Park and Garden, as well as the outbuildings and the house, which could have funded repairs to offset the acknowledged harm to the setting.' There is ~~ia~~a heritage hotspot at Great Waltham and Little Waltham. CCC has concern in relation to the choice of the design approach for the proposed for the area. CCC would reiterate its preference for a alternative design to be used in this location. Further information in relation to CCC's view on design principles can be found in Section 3.2.5. CCC's full response is set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and ~~draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~s final Local Impact Report REP1-153 and response to written questions REP3-075.	
3.7.15	Standard mitigation (Built Heritage)	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential effects during construction are summarised in Section 11.6 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 ~~(~~- Historic Environment~~) of the ES [APP-208~~ **[AS-068]**and set out in the **7.2 Outline ~~CoCP[APP-300~~Code of Construction Practice**	CCC Considers the mitigation is insufficient. 'Mitigation generally should ensure that land take is sufficient to allow for a range of mitigation options, for instance landscaping - potentially from closing up gaps in hedges	~~Under discussion~~ Not agreed

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		[REP3-025]. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. Embedded and standard mitigation proposals for listed buildings and conservation areas are set out in **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]** and **7.4 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-030].** The Project's mitigation strategy has been developed in consultation with heritage stakeholders, including the Council and Historic England. Mitigation follows the mitigation hierarchy and measures include the avoidance of heritage assets where possible, sensitive siting and design, retention and reinstatement of landscape features (including hedgerows, earthworks, and boundaries), and archaeological investigation and recording. In addition to embedded and standard mitigation measures screening planting was considered for the historic environment and the conclusion reached that further planting would alter the existing setting of designated heritage assets, likely introducing harmful change, as set out in **6.11.A2 Environmental**	to large scale woodland planting where necessary. Where harm is unavoidable heritage compensatory measures should also be delivered, for instance repair of listed buildings and/or associated built and landscape features to offset harm to setting. The Project includes no heritage mitigation. Mitigation should be provided at all affected heritage assets Where significant harm has been identified further mitigation measures should be employed to reduced or limit or offset the level of harm. In most cases this will involve positioning the Order Limits, associated access roads and pylons further away from heritage assets to limit the impact on the rural surroundings and how assets are experienced. Mitigation would be essential at Grade 1 listed Langleys, where there are a number of structures and features within the Registered Park and Garden, as well as the outbuildings and the house, which could have funded repairs to offset the acknowledged harm to the setting.' There is a heritage hotspot at Great Waltham and Little Waltham. CCC has concern in relation to the choice of the design approach for the proposed for the area. CCC would reiterate its preference for a	

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		Statement Appendix 11.2 - Historic Environment Assessment Tables [AS-070]. Given the assessment concludes at worst, less than substantial harm, and the mitigation hierarchy has been followed, NPS EN-1 (2024) does not require the Applicant to take any further measures. Please refer to response to ID 3.7.23 and 3.7.24 regarding the impact of specific heritage assets. ~~Further discussion will be held following review of the information within the Local Impact Report.~~The Applicant considers it is unlikely that the two parties will find a mutually agreed position, and therefore suggest this matter is moved to Not Agreed	alternative design to be used in this location. Further information in relation to CCC's view on design principles can be found in Section 3.2.5. CCC's full response is set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and ~~draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ REP1-153 and response to written questions REP3-075	
3.7.16	Standard mitigation (Archaeology)	Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential effects during construction are summarised in Section 11.6 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 (~~-~~ Historic Environment~~) of the ES [APP-208~~ **[AS-068]** and set out in ~~the~~**7.2 Outline ~~CoCP [APP-300~~Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	ECC (Archaeology) on behalf of CCC agreed this matter during call held January 2026.	Agreed
3.7.17	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures is presented in Section 11.6 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 (~~-~~ Historic Environment~~) of the ES~~ **AS-068]**. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response	CCC Considers the mitigation is insufficient. 'Mitigation generally should ensure that land take is sufficient to allow for a range of mitigation options, for instance landscaping - potentially from closing up gaps in hedges to large scale woodland planting where necessary. Where harm is unavoidable	~~Under discussion~~ Not agreed

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		to this matter at Deadline 1 ~~through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. Embedded and standard mitigation proposals for listed buildings and conservation areas are set out in **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]** and **7.4 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-030]**. The Project's mitigation strategy has been developed in consultation with heritage stakeholders, including the Council and Historic England. Mitigation follows the mitigation hierarchy and measures include the avoidance of heritage assets where possible, sensitive siting and design, retention and reinstatement of landscape features (including hedgerows, earthworks, and boundaries), and archaeological investigation and recording. In addition to embedded and standard mitigation measures screening planting was considered for the historic environment and the conclusion reached that further planting would alter the existing setting of designated heritage assets, likely introducing harmful change, as set out in **6.11.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 11.2 - Historic Environment Assessment Tables [AS-070].** Given the assessment concludes at worst, less than substantial harm, and the mitigation hierarchy has been followed, NPS EN-1 (2024) does not require the Applicant to take any further measures. Please refer to response to ID 3.7.23 and 3.7.24	heritage compensatory measures should also be delivered, for instance repair of listed buildings and/or associated built and landscape features to offset harm to setting. The Project includes no heritage mitigation. Mitigation should be provided at all affected heritage assets. Where significant harm has been identified further mitigation measures should be employed to reduced or limit or offset the level of harm. In most cases this will involve positioning the Order Limits, associated access roads and pylons further away from heritage assets to limit the impact on the rural surroundings and how assets are experienced. Mitigation would be essential at Grade 1 listed Langleys, where there are a number of structures and features within the Registered Park and Garden, as well as the outbuildings and the house, which could have funded repairs to offset the acknowledged harm to the setting.' There is a heritage hotspot at Great Waltham and Little Waltham. CCC has concern in relation to the choice of the design approach for the proposed for the area. CCC would reiterate its preference for a alternative design to be used in this location.	

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		regarding the impact of specific heritage assets. ~~Further discussion will be held following review of the information within the Local Impact Report.~~The Applicant considers it is unlikely that the two parties will find a mutually agreed position, and therefore suggest this matter is moved to Not Agreed	Further information in relation to CCC's view on design principles can be found in Section 3.2.5. Additional mitigation should be provided at all affected designated heritage assets including Church of St Mary, Buttsbury, Margaretting Hall, White Tyrells Farmhouse, South Woods Farm and Balls Farm. CCC's full response is set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and ~~draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ REP1-153 and response to written questions REP3-075	
EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects				
3.7.18	Construction effects (Built Heritage)	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 11.7 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 (~~-~~ Historic Environment~~)~~ ~~of the ES [APP-208~~ ~~-~~ [AS-068]**. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~CCC comments are noted and National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter..~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through ~~the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~**8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant**	CCC has a number of concerns relating to the construction of the proposal and its effect on the built heritage. CCC is particularly concerned regarding the effect upon the Ingatestone Bridge and Grade 1 listed Langleys. CCC's full response is set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and ~~draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ REP1-153 and response to written	~~Under discussion~~ Not agreed

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		Representations [REP2-023] and in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. ~~Further discussion will be held following review of the information within the Local Impact Report.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	questions REP3-075	
3.7.19	Construction effects (archaeology)	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 11.7 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 ~~(~~- Historic Environment~~) of the ES [APP-208~~ [AS-068]. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate.	Following review of the ES, ECC confirmed agreement on this matter during call in January 2026.	Agreed
3.7.20	Operational (and maintenance) effects (Built Heritage)	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 11.7 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 ~~(~~- Historic Environment~~) of the ES [APP-208~~ [AS-068]. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~CCC comments are noted, and National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through ~~the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~**8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in ID 8.199 in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact**	CCC has significant concern regarding the impacts on designated and non-designated heritage assets at Little Waltham and Great Waltham, where the route passes between the two historic villages.' Concerns also raised regarding other locations and lack of mitigation proposed. CCC consider that landscape planting should be introduced within affected areas to help screen the pylons from affected assets. ~~A full response will be given within CCC's LIR.~~ CCC's full response is set out in its	~~Under discussion~~ Not agreed

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		Reports [REP2-030]. In addition to embedded and standard mitigation measures screening planting was considered for the historic environment and the conclusion reached that further planting would alter the existing setting of designated heritage assets, likely introducing harmful change, as set out in **6.11.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 11.2 - Historic Environment Assessment Tables [AS-070].** ~~Further discussion will be held following review of the information within the Local Impact Report.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and ~~draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ REP1-153 and response to written questions REP3-075	
3.7.21	Operational (and maintenance) effects (archaeology)	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 11.7 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 (- Historic Environment) of the ES [APP-208]. [AS-068]**The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate.	Requests have been made for the area at the Walthams to be treated as a priority for further archaeological assessment once the undergrounding sections (regarded by National Grid as Priority areas) have been completed. Following review of the ES, ECC on behalf of CCC confirmed agreement on this matter during call in January 2026.	Agreed
3.7.22	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 11.7 of **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 (- Historic Environment) of the ES [APP-208 [AS-068].** The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate. **~~Updated Position (February 2026):~~**	Much of the detailed heritage assessment, including the levels of significance and impacts are concurred with. There are some areas where the findings are not agreed or the evidence base is not complete.	~~Update discussed~~ Not agreed

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		~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through ~~the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].**~~Further discussion will be held following review of the information within the Local Impact Report.~~	CCC's full response is set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and ~~draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ REP1-153 and response to written questions REP3-075	
Specific Chelmsford related issues				
3.7.23	Great Waltham and Little Waltham	~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through ~~the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~**8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in ID 8.201 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. The impact of the Project on the setting of these assets was assessed in accordance with the methodology set out in **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 - Historic Environment [AS-068]** and in accordance with professional heritage sector guidance. **6.11.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 11.1 - Historic Environment Baseline Report [APP-209]** describes the setting of the assets with which the council appears to agree. The Applicant disagrees with the council's conclusion of assessment and considers that the assessment of permanent minor adverse significance of effect (not significant) (**6.11.A2 Environmental Statement**	CCC has concerns around heritage throughout the breadth of the project area. There are numerous affected areas. There is a hotspot between Great Waltham and Little Waltham. From a heritage perspective, the most sensitive area on the route is that between the villages of Great Waltham and Little Waltham, where the route would pass between two Conservation Areas, Langleys Registered Park and Garden and the setting of the Grade I listed house Langleys, the Ash Tree Corner Scheduled Monument, the Church of St Mary and St Lawrence (Grade I) and 65 Grade II listed and two Grade II* buildings within 1km, also numerous non-designated heritage assets including pillboxes associated with the GHQ defence line and various vernacular buildings. Most of these heritage assets have a rural setting which	~~Under discussion~~ Not agreed

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		Appendix 11.2 - Historic Environment Assessment Tables [AS-070]) and Lower Less Than Substantial Harm (**6.11.A7 Environmental Statement Appendix 11.7 - Assessment of Harm to Designated Heritage Assets [APP-215]**) is appropriate as the rural landscape will remain in place beneath and around the proposed overhead line. The assessment in **6.11.A7 Environmental Statement Appendix 11.7 - Assessment of Harm to Designated Heritage Assets [APP-215]** concluded lower less than substantial harm for Great Waltham and Little Waltham conservation areas during construction and operation phases of the Project. The Applicant still considers this assessment to be appropriate for the reasons set out in the assessment. The assessment concluded mid less than substantial harm during construction and operation to Langleys Registered Park and Garden (RPG). The proposed use of lower height pylons secures a position where heritage effects will result in less than substantial harm at the Grade I Langleys and RPG. Please refer to ID 8.199 in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** for further details. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	contributes to their significance. Non-significant impacts are identified to many listed buildings within the setting of Little Waltham and Great Waltham. The proposal would impact upon a number of non-designated heritage assets within the routes vicinity. CCC assess the impacts to Great Waltham (CA55) and Little Waltham (CA56) as moderate and thus significant. Langleys Registered Park and Garden (1000241) is the only RPG where there are agreed moderate and thus significant effects. The pylons would irreversibly destroy the unique and irreplaceable historic environment of the setting of the Langleys leading to significant adverse heritage impacts that are not adequately mitigated. Proposed lower height pylons (TB136 and TB142) are proposed as lower height pylons by NG. Whilst the lower height limit their visibility above trees when seen in the context of tree belts, they would have a similar or greater visual presence in exposed locations due to their wider stance and thicker structural sections. This would be the case from Grade I listed Langleys's House. CCC welcome the introduction of the Alternative Scheme but need further information to understand the heritage impacts of the proposal in this location.	

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			The cumulative impact of identified low level harm on the historic environment within Great Waltham and Little Waltham would be extensive. CCC's full response is set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments ~~will be~~are provided within CCC's final Local Impact Report~~.~~ REP1-153 and response to written questions REP3-075	
3.7.24	Alternative pylon route to west of Great Waltham	~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through ~~the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)~~**8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. The Applicant notes Chelmsford City Council's preference but is required to develop proposals in line with national policy and its regulatory requirement. The **5.15 Design Development Report [APP-122]** considered around Great and Little Waltham: alternative route alignments (from paragraph 9.2.2); other pylon types (from paragraph 9.2.8); and the use of underground cable (from paragraph 9.2.17). Alternative routes were considered less preferred (fifth bullet paragraph 9.2.4), the use of a number of low height lattice pylons was beneficial (paragraph 9.2.16) but the costs and effects of underground cable are not justified (paragraph 9.2.23).	CCC would reiterate its preference for the route of the pylons to be sited to the west of Great Waltham and Little Waltham. That proposal would have less heritage impacts ~~that~~than the proposed Project. CCC's full response is set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and ~~draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report. REP1-153 and response to written questions REP3-075	Not agreed

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		~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant considers it is unlikely that the two parties will find a mutually agreed position, and therefore suggest this matter is moved to Not Agreed.		
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.7.25	Outline CoCP (Built Heritage)	The **7.2 Outline ~~CoCP [APP-300~~Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]** includes all relevant construction mitigation measures specified in 6.11 **Environmental Statement Chapter 11 ~~(~~- Historic Environment~~) of the ES [APP-208~~ [AS-068]** and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project. The Applicant has provided a response to this matter in ID 8.281-2.282 in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].** **7.4 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-030]** includes measures to retain and reinstate historic landscape features including protected lanes, in addition to the commitment set out in H06 of **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**. Commitment H06 in **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]** issued at Deadline 2 was updated to: 'Where practicable, maintain elements within the landscape such as vegetation, hedgerows, walls and earthworks (such as boundary banks or ditches). To support this approach, a topographic survey will be undertaken in advance of works/impacts to each Protected Lane (Essex) and Historic Lane (Suffolk)	Under discussion. Mitigation for Protected Lanes is included under H06. In order to protect the historic features of the protected lane a permanent record should be completed prior to any changes which would allow more accurate re-instatement. The requirement for this should be included under H06 and the mode and mechanism for this process included in the final Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP). See also response to written questions REP3-075 (protected lanes)	Under discussion

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		within the Order Limits, where likely to be affected by physical works. The survey will include mapping of any historic earthwork features associated with the Protected / Historic Lane, including associated banks and ditches. During construction, the contractor will seek to limit the working area at the narrower sections of impacted lanes, to that which is practicable for the works to be delivered. Any historic features associated with the lane will be reinstated at the end of construction activities to the pre-work condition, including the reinstatement of hedgerow margins and historic earthworks. Where such features cannot be retained, compensatory design elements will be provided as appropriate (including hedgerows, fences, walls and earthworks).' ~~A meeting was held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]**.~~ ~~A meeting was held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]**.~~ ~~A further iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]** was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~CCC comments are noted, and National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~The Applicant considers that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to Agreed		
3.7.26	Outline CoCP (Archaeology)	~~The~~**7.2 Outline** ~~CoCP [APP-300~~**Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]** includes all	Historic Environment (archaeology) is covered under H01 to H05 and are agreed	Under discussion

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		relevant construction mitigation measures specified in **6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 ~~(~~- Historic Environment~~)~~ of the ~~ES [APP-208~~ [AS-068]** and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project. Commitment H04 in **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]** was updated at Deadline 2 to include the following: 'The Principal Contractor(s) will be responsible for making sure staff are aware of what to do in the event of an unexpected heritage asset. This should include toolbox talks within site inductions.' ~~A meeting was held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]**.~~ ~~A meeting was held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]**.~~ ~~A further iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]** was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~CCC comments are noted, and National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant considers that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to Agreed	as appropriate. H04 should add "The Principal Contractor(s) will be responsible for making sure staff are aware of what to do in the event of an unexpected heritage asset. This should include toolbox talks within site inductions." This section is currently under review (ECC Archaeology). ~~Further comments will be included within the LIR which require action.~~ . CCC defers to ECC archaeology.	
Other matters as required				
3.7.27	Overarching Written Scheme of Investigation (WSIs) for	~~National Grid~~The Applicant shared overarching WSIs in March – June 2024 and December 2024. The scope and methodology of the overarching WSI	The scope and methodology of the overarching WSI for pre-consent geophysical surveys and archaeological trial trenching is considered appropriate	Agreed

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	pre-consent geophysical surveys and archaeological trial trenching.	for pre-consent geophysical surveys and archaeological trial trenching is considered appropriate and proportionate to the level of evaluation required.	and proportionate to the level of evaluation required.	
3.7.28	Site specific Written Schemes of Investigation (WSIs) for pre-consent archaeological trial trenching.	The scope and methodology of WSIs for archaeological trial trenching is considered appropriate and proportionate to the level of evaluation required. There are still addenda to site specific WSIs forthcoming that have yet to be issued.	The scope and methodology of WSIs for archaeological trial trenching is considered appropriate and proportionate to the level of evaluation required.	Agreed
3.7.29	Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline WSI.	The contents of the **7.5 Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline ~~WSI (AMS-OWSI)~~Written Scheme of Investigation [APP-328]** is considered appropriate and proportionate to the level of evaluation required. ~~National Grid~~The Applicant issued the **7.5 Outline ~~AMS-OWSI~~Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation [APP-328]** for the post-consent stage of the project in April 2025. The Applicant is currently preparing an updated version of **7.5 Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation [APP-328]** scheduled for submission at Deadline 5. Prior to this, the updated document will be shared with the relevant stakeholders for their review. . The update and scope of the document will be informed by the findings of the ongoing fieldwork and the document will identify areas of Phase 2	An Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (OAMS) and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (OWSI) has been submitted (APP-328 Document:7.5). The document needs to clarify the scope and extent of further evaluation required prior to any agreed mitigation. This would include further geophysical survey, archaeological trial trenching and geoarchaeological investigation. This will allow all parties to be clear about the scope and level of evaluation that may be required should the DCO be granted. It has been agreed, with the archaeological representatives for National Grid, that detailed comments be provided separately in combination with other County Officers in order to come to agreement on the content of the Outline AMS/WSI.	Under discussion

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		evaluation and areas where mitigation will be required. However, the fieldwork undertaken to date comprises a more comprehensive approach to evaluation than many other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects have completed, and has been considered sufficient to determine consent by the Planning Inspectorate and the Secretary of State. The approach set out in **7.5 Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation [APP-328]** already includes provision for further evaluation and a range of mitigation strategies, including preservation in situ should highly significant remains be identified.	CCC defers to ECC Archaeology.	
3.7.30	Programme for completion of archaeological fieldwork	A summary of the progress to date and future programme for the archaeological evaluation fieldwork for the Project was presented in the technical note: 'Summary of Archaeological Fieldwork - Progress and Programme', issued on the 27 June 2025. A phased approach to archaeological evaluation is being undertaken. The Project has defined 'priority areas' on the basis of the likely scale of impact on archaeological remains, flexibility in design and construction programme. A proportion of the evaluation of 'priority areas' was complete at submission with the rest proposed to be completed pre examination. Evaluation of 'non priority areas' is proposed to be undertaken following completion of 'priority areas'. The programme for archaeological fieldwork is considered appropriate and proportionate to the level of evaluation required.	The programme for archaeological fieldwork is considered appropriate and proportionate to the level of evaluation required.	Agreed

3.8 Landscape and Visual

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

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EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.8.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Landscape and Visual ~~assessment~~Impact Assessment is presented in **6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 ~~(~~- Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context~~)~~ [APP-126]** and Section 13.2 of **6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 ~~(~~- Landscape and Visual~~) of the ES [~~ APP-226]**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance ~~has~~have been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment. The Applicant's position on landscape mitigation and compensation is set out in Section 3.10 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid note that following a meeting to discuss the Statement of Common Ground on 29 January 2026 that this Landscape and Visual Matter requires additional consideration and further discussion. Elements to discuss include National Landscapes and furthering the purpose and landscape mitigation/compensation.~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations~~	CCC suggest that reference be made to Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) Para 4.3.4 in relation to compensation for significant negative impacts 'To consider the potential effects, including benefits, of a proposal for a project, the applicant must set out information on the likely significant environmental, social and economic effects of the development, and show how any likely significant negative effects would be avoided, reduced, mitigated or compensated for, following the mitigation hierarchy'. This matter is considered under discussion. Further consideration is to be considered around compensation as is identified in National Policy. It is noted that this approach is not justified where there are significant visual impacts across the scheme. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be~~	Under discussion

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		~~process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~Section 3.11 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** also sets out the Applicant's approach to the duty under section 85(1) of the CRoW Act.	~~provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075 CCC defers to ECC Place Services.	
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.8.2	Study area	The study area for assessing Landscape and Visual was agreed through the ~~EIA~~**6.19 Scoping Report** ~~and the~~**[APP-288 – APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** 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	Study area (Viewpoints)	The locations of viewpoints are shown on 6.13.F7 **Environmental Statement Figure 13.7 - Visual Receptors and Viewpoints [REP1-066]** and associated baseline views are presented in **6.13.A3 Environmental Statement Appendix 13.3 - Visual Baseline and Assessment – Parts 1 to 4 of 4 [APP-229 to APP-232]**. ~~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 Applicant has provided responses to concerns raised regarding viewpoints in Appendix H of **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023])** and also in Table 4.20 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].**	CCC confirmed in meeting regarding the Statement of Common Ground on ~~29th~~29 January 2026 that this matter is considered under discussion CCC defers to ECC Place Services.	Under discussion

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3.8.4	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data (excluding viewpoints) has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 13.4 of **6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 ~~(~~- Landscape and Visual~~)~~ ~~of the ES~~ [APP-226].** ~~National Grid issued an update on LVIA Viewpoints and Methodology in March 2025.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	CCC remain unsatisfied with the number of viewpoint assessments proposed generally (Email November 2024). Whilst CCC welcome the inclusion of criteria against which landscape value will be assessed, they remain unhappy with aspects of the approach to Landscape Value assessment (Email 22.04.2025) ~~A full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report.~~ ~~T that~~ this matter is considered under discussion with no change in position identified. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075 CCC defers to ECC Place Services.	Under discussion
3.8.5	Assessment methodology (including LVIA methodology ~~and viewpoints~~)	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. A meeting was held on the 25 September 2024 to seek to agree the detailed methodology. A further meeting was held on 28 November 2024 to follow up any additional changes ~~to the assessment.~~	Whilst CCC welcome the inclusion of criteria against which landscape value will be assessed, we remain unhappy with aspects of the approach to Landscape Value (Email 22.04.2025). There is concern that the value assessment has been carried out just at a character area level rather than looking at the details of the landscape value within the Order Limits	Under discussion

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		. ~~Viewpoints are still under discussion.~~ At Statutory Consultation, CCC requested the inclusion of a Valued Landscape Assessment. ~~National Grid propose~~The Applicant proposed to consider valued landscape qualities in the LVIA but ~~do~~did not propose to undertake a separate valued landscape assessment. The assessment methodology is set out in 6.13.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 13.1 - Landscape and Visual Methodology [APP-227]. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~The Applicant has provided responses to concerns raised in Appendix H of 8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations **[REP2-023]and also in Table 4.20 of 8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].**	and their setting. This could result in the downplaying of specific qualities and value related to the development corridor itself. With regard to the landscape value assessments, there are concerns that the detailed assessments identified in Annex A to Appendix 13.2: Landscape Baseline and Assessment appear to undervalue factors, particularly in relation to 'Distinctiveness', 'Perceptual' and 'Functional' criteria. It does not appear as though the effects of the proposal on national or regional landscape character have been assessed. Generally the viewpoint assessments are welcomed by CCC, but there are still considerable gaps in the provision including VRA F9 Edney Common (Longer distance) and VRA F6 Chelmsford North-West (Longer distance) The shortfall is particularly noticeable from beyond 1.5 Kms and is in danger of undervaluing the significance of the effects on the PRoW network in particular. CCC considers that the visual assessment should more explicitly extend into sensitive areas beyond the 3Km line in order to demonstrate the effects are not significant. It is not agreed that the value of the view should be judged substantially on identified viewpoints and promoted views in tourist-focussed documents and that in lieu of local landscape designation and district-wide Valued Landscape	

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			Assessments. The value of the view should be judged by how it relates to the LCA. It is considered the sensitivity of receptors and significance of the effects has been downplayed as a result of the approach taken. CCC also have reservations regarding the methodology for assessing the value of views as this appears skewed towards published data. At that this matter is considered under discussion. Noted that there was concern around the use of the Holford Rules as an out of date metric in relation to landscape values, which has led to a potential issue when considering the design especially around river valleys. Further consideration is highlighted in the design and principles section 3.2. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.8.6	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Landscape and Visual ~~assessment~~Impact Assessment are summarised in paragraph 13.4.20 of Section 13.4 of **6.13 Environmental Statement**	The preliminary key parameters and assumptions are presented at 13.5 in relation to LVIA. It is understood 'This information is iterative and will be updated	Under discussion

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		Chapter 13 (- Landscape and Visual) of the ES [APP-226]. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate. **Updated Position (February 2026):** National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1). Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR. National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.	for the ES as the design evolves and relevant changes are accounted for in the assessment'. CCC/ reserve the right to comment further should the parameters and assumptions change. Paragraph 13.2.9 of Document 6.13.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 13.2 Landscape Baseline and Assessment states, there are no locally designated landscapes within the 3 km Study Area', without reference to the fact that the districts through which the Project line passes no longer designate landscapes locally, in keeping with National policy from the late 1990s and 2000s. The lack of local landscape designation does not imply lack of landscape qualities or value. The current Holford Rules advise where possible choose routes which minimise the effect on Special Landscape Areas, areas of Great Landscape Value and other similar designations of County, District or Local value.' There is concern that the landscape value criteria evaluation is flawed. The baseline evaluation and judgements appear to be made solely at a district and not a site/setting level, they do not necessarily address the value of the key characteristics of the landscapes in the study area that are directly affected. The landscape value assessment was not made available until the submission of the	

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			ES and so has not, to our knowledge, informed the alignment in any meaningful way. It is considered the proposed alignment needs to be looked at again in light of this data. This matter is considered under discussion. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.8.7	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Landscape and Visual are presented in Section 13.5 of **6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 ~~(~~- Landscape and Visual~~) of the ES~~ [APP-226]**. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~The Applicant has provided responses to concerns raised in Appendix H of **8.4.1 Applicant's**	CCC remain unsatisfied generally with the number of viewpoint assessments proposed as previously outlined. CCC/welcome the inclusion of criteria against which landscape value will be assessed but remain unhappy with aspects of the approach to Landscape Value (Email 22.04.2025) and therefore the outcome in terms of the baseline. CCC also have reservations regarding the methodology for assessing the value of views. An approach to compensation not just mitigation needs to be identified to meet the EIA Regs and EN-1 requirements and	Under discussion

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		Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023] and also in Table 4.20 of 8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].	to meet the test of 'as far as possible'. CCC have been calling for engagement on this issue since 2023. Further comments will be made upon receipt of the ES and a full response will be given within CCC's Local Impact Report. This matter is considered under discussion. Noted concerns around scale of visual receptor areas. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.8.8	Embedded mitigation	Embedded ~~mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project relevant to Landscape and Visual effects, are set out~~measures are those that are intrinsic to and built into the design of the Project, which are presented in Table 4.2 in **6.4 Environmental Statement Chapter 4 - Project Description [APP-130]** and also Paragraphs 13.6.2 to 13.6.4 in Section 13.6 of **6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 ~~(~~- Landscape and Visual~~) of the ES~~ [APP-226]**. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.	Landscape – adequacy of undergrounding, mitigation and lack of compensation are all still under discussion. CCC concerns regarding the setting of Grade II 'Langleys' Registered Park and Garden and both Great Waltham and Little Waltham Conservation Areas remain unresolved. Although the repositioning of 3no. pylons (TB136, TB142 and TB140) and the use of 'lower height pylons' for 7no locations (TB136 to TB142) is considered to have comparable overall effects, the use	Under discussion

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			~~its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.8.9	Standard mitigation	Standard mitigation measures comprise management activities and techniques which would be implemented during construction of the Project to limit effects through adherence to good site practices and achieving legal compliance. Standard mitigation measures to reduce potential Landscape and Visual effects during construction are summarised in Section 13.6 of **6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 (- Landscape and Visual) of the ES [APP-226]** and ~~set out in~~ the **7.2 Outline CoCP [APP-300Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025].** The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~	~~CCCconsider~~CCC consider the standard mitigation measures do not wholly mitigate substantial significant temporary impacts caused by construction. This matter is considered under discussion and further review is to be undertaken by CCC CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussion
3.8.10	Additional mitigation	Additional mitigation comprises measures over and above any embedded and standard mitigation	CCC consider the additional mitigation measures do not address significant	Under discussion

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		measures. The consideration of additional mitigation measures ~~is~~are presented in Section 13.6 of **6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 ~~(~~- Landscape and Visual~~) of the ES~~ [APP-226]. ~~Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects.~~ Section 2.5 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** sets out the Applicant's approach to the mitigation hierarchy for the Project. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~The Applicant's position on landscape mitigation is also set out in **Section 3.10 of 8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**.	residual negative impacts from pylons and the overhead cables. We do not agree that the mitigation hierarchy has been effectively applied as it does not include compensation for the significant residual negative impacts of the overhead lines and pylons. An approach to compensation is required, where and how it will be identified and described, and how the applicant will engage on this topic with the local authority. We do not consider the applicants have considered or met either the EIA Regs or EN-1 requirements in relation to compensation. It appears the likely significant negative landscape and visual effects of the project are generally not to be compensated for which is not acceptable. CCC suggest the test of 'as far as possible' has not been met in any reasonable way in relation to the likely significant permanent negative landscape and visual impacts along the length of the project described by the applicant within the PEIR. The planting has been identified as Landscape Compensation within 7.4 Landscape and Ecological Management Plan. Whilst the inclusion of this element of compensation within the LEMP is to be welcomed, it is not considered to be 'compensation' in Landscape and Visual Impact terms, judging it to be at best	

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			reinstatement for existing mature and semi-mature vegetation that is to be removed during construction. This matter is considered under discussion but likely to be considered not agreed leading into final review. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects				
3.8.11	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 13.7 of **6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 (~~-~~ Landscape and Visual~~)~~ ~~of the ES~~ [APP-226]**. The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~ The Applicant has responded to concerns raised regarding the extent of construction effects in Appendix H of **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on**	The Statutory Consultation response for Chelmsford City Council (2024) identified: *The PEIR acknowledges that the proposals will have a significant negative landscape and visual impact at both construction and operational stages over the length of the Project. This is identified as up to 1 Km from the Project line in many situations.* CCC generally accept the judgement that during the construction stage, significant effects occur generally within 1.5 Km of the Project. However, towards the end of the construction period it is considered that the adverse effects, especially visual, could extend beyond this distance, especially in	Under discussion

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		Relevant Representations [REP2-023].	open landscapes as multiple pylons and overhead line runs become visible. ~~T~~ this matter is considered under discussion. Noted that to further discussions that tree and hedgerow removal needs to be quantified and provided. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.8.12	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is summarised in Section 13.7 of **6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 ~~(~~- Landscape and Visual~~) of the ES~~ [APP-226]**. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~	The Statutory Consultation response for Chelmsford City Council (2024) identified: The PEIR acknowledges that the proposals will have a significant negative landscape and visual impact at both construction and operational stages over the length of the Project. This is identified as up to 1 Km from the Project line in many situations. CCC's position is that at the operational stage impacts are likely to still be major significant rather than moderate significant beyond 0.5Kms, particularly where there are multiple pylons 50m high visible in sequence couple with the overhead line and often in landscapes where invisibility is high. CCC consider that based on the	Under discussion

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			information supplied, that significant negative impacts could occur at a distance greater than 1 Km from the Project, including on intangible landscape assets at the operational stage. Where negative effects are judged not to be significant the experience of receptors is still likely to be negatively affected over a wide area, reducing aesthetic enjoyment, the sense of place, history and identity, and inspiration for learning. In order to reduce significant landscape and visual impacts at the operational stage over the length of the Project, more use of undergrounding is required to protect valued local landscapes, long-distant rights of way and rural amenity sites. ~~T his~~This matter is considered under discussion and requires further review. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions. REP3-075	
3.8.13	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 13.7 of **6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 ~~(~~- Landscape and Visual~~) of the ES~~ [APP-226]**. The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the	LCA B1: Central Essex Farmlands: CCC generally agree with the judgements in Table A13.2.50 (construction and operational).	Under discussion

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		Project is considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process ~~(document reference 8.4.1).~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].** A further detailed response regarding visual receptor areas is provided in Table 4.20 of Section 4.11 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].** ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~With regard to LCA C5: Chelmer Valley: paragraph 13.3.707 of **6.13.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 13.2 - Landscape Baseline and Assessment [APP-228]** should state: '*The magnitude of the landscape change would be high within 0.5 km of the Order Limits, medium between 0.5 km and 1.5 km, and low elsewhere'* This will be addressed in the Errata.	LCA C5: Chelmer Valley: CCC agree that the judgements in Table A13.2.52 (construction and operational) are agreed with in regards to this LCA, yet query the magnitude at 0.5-1.5km (construction) which has been judged to be medium in the table but high in para 13.3.707. LCA D2: Brentwood Hills: CCC generally agree with the individual judgements made for within 0.5km, between 0.5-1.5 km and beyond 1.5 km, which confirm no reduction in effects from construction. LCA G2: Chelmsford and Environs: CCC agree with the judgements in Table A13.2.53 (construction and operational). **Visual receptor areas:** The following visual receptors were highlighted in the LIR: • F1 Great Leighs: • F2 Peverel's Farm • F5 Chignall Smealy • F4 Great Waltham • F5 Little Waltham • F6 Chelmsford North-West • F7 Roxwell • F8 Writtle and Chelmsford West • F9 Edney Common • F10 Hylands Park • F11 Margaretting and Stock	

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			This matter is considered under discussion and requires further review. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
Specific Chelmsford related issues				
3.8.14	Great Waltham and Little Waltham	~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ The residual landscape and visual effects in the vicinity of Great and Little Waltham are presented in Section 13.7 of **6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 - Landscape and Visual [APP-226]**. The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate. The Applicant has also provided responses to the concerns raised, in the following documents: • Appendix H of 8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations **[REP2-023]** • Section 3.7 of 8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports **[REP2-030].**	In landscape and visual impact terms, there are concerns regarding the wider impact of the pylons and overhead line on the historical landscape setting associated with Langleys. The introduction of pylons would likely degrade the setting by forming a backdrop of pylons behind the building within the wider landscape. There would be an introduction of overhead lines into a location where views are otherwise absent of industrialised features. There would be close and sometimes open views of the proposal from local receptors, from residential properties, PRoW and from scattered properties where pylons would appear very prominent. Pylons would appear stacked behind each other in some views. The scale of change would be large, and	Under discussion

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		• ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~ Table 4.20 of 8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports **[REP2-030].**	the effect would be major and significant (adverse), reducing to moderate and significant (adverse) within Little Waltham. The cumulative effect of multiple pylons and the continuous overhead linear nature of the project, means that the collective impacts would create an overall significant adverse effect at both construction and operation. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.8.15	Outline CoCP	~~The~~**7.2 Outline ~~CoCP [APP-300~~Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]** includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified in **6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13 (~~-~~ Landscape and Visual~~) of the ES~~ [APP-226]** and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project. ~~A meeting was held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]**.~~ ~~A meeting was held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]**.~~ ~~A further iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]**	~~T this~~This matter is considered under discussion and requires further review of the Outline CoCP. CCC defers to ECC Place Services.	Under discussion

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		~~was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~		
3.8.16	Outline LEMP	~~The~~**7.4 Outline** ~~LEMP [AS-046~~**Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-030]** includes all relevant operational related mitigation measures specified in **6.13 Environmental Statement Chapter 13** ~~(~~**- Landscape and Visual**~~) of the ES~~ **[APP-226]** and is appropriate. ~~A meeting was held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the **Outline LEMP [AS-046]**.~~ ~~A meeting was held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the **Outline LEMP [AS-046]**.~~ ~~A further iteration of the **Outline LEMP [AS-046]** was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.~~ Comments received from EPS ~~will be taken on board and addressed in the next iteration of the **Outline LEMP [AS-046]**.~~ were considered.~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~	This this matter is considered under discussion and requires further review of the Outline LEMP. CCC defers to ECC Place Services.	Under discussion
Other matters as required				
3.8.17	Cumulative Impacts	The cumulative effects of the Project have been assessed and are presented in **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects [APP-281]**.~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter~~	Likely Cumulative Landscape and Visual Impacts with VE, NFOW, EACN. CCC consider that the cumulative effect of multiple pylons and the continuous overhead linear character of the project,	Under discussion

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		~~at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~The cumulative assessment will be updated and published at Deadline 4 to include Five Estuaries, North Falls, the Tarchon Interconnector Project and any other newly identified schemes in the area.	mean that the collective effects create an overall significant adverse effect within the VRA at both construction and operation. CCC defers to ECC Place Services. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	

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

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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 **6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 ~~(~~- Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context~~)~~ [APP-126]** and **~~Section 15.2 of~~6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 ~~(~~- Socio-economics~~,~~ Recreation and Tourism~~) of the ES~~ [APP-265].**	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	~~Under discussion~~ Agreed

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		All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (~~document reference 8.4.1)~~**8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant has reviewed and responded to the LIR accordingly in Deadline 2 in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**.		
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.9.2	Study area	~~The Scoping Opinion stated: *"The Applicant should seek to agree the study area with the relevant local authorities".*~~ ~~A meeting was held on 14 November 2024 to seek to agree this point in the Scoping Opinion. Technical Notes were shared in June 2023 and April 2024.~~ ~~Following the meeting held on 14 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.~~ ~~The 3rd Technical Note was issued in March 2025 to seek agreement on the study area and methodology.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this~~	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	~~Under discussion~~ Agreed

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		~~matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The study area was agreed through **6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 – APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** received from the Planning Inspectorate.		
3.9.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Section 15.4 of **6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 ~~(~~- Socio-economics~~,~~ Recreation and Tourism~~)~~ ~~of the ES~~ [APP-265]**. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (~~document reference 8.4.1)~~**8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant has reviewed and responded to the LIR accordingly in Deadline 2 in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**.	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	~~Under discussion~~ Agreed.
3.9.4	Assessment methodology	An assessment on sports pitches and courts as recreational and tourism assets has been undertaken in **6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 - Socio-economics Recreation and Tourism [APP-265]**, Table 15.22 and Table 15.28, and **6.15.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix**	The Project should consider sports pitches and courts as well as Hylands Estate as recreation and tourism assets. The effect upon the Scout Jamboree site at Hylands Park should also be considered. Assessment upon the Hylands Estate is	Under discussion

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		15.1 - Built and Other Assets within the 3 km Study Area [APP-266]. ~~The Scoping Opinion stated *"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".*~~ ~~A meeting was held on 14 November 2024 to seek to agree this point in the Scoping Opinion.~~ ~~A 3rd Technical Note is currently being prepared to seek to agree the study area and methodology.~~ ~~CCC commented in July 2022 that the Project should consider sports pitches and courts as well as Hylands Estate as recreation and tourism assets.~~ The assessment of potential effects on Hylands House Country Estate is detailed in the **6.15.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 15.1 - Built and Other Assets within the 3 km Study Area [APP-266]**. The assessment concludes that a temporary, short-term, negligible and not significant residual effect is anticipated during construction, and a permanent, long-term, negligible and not significant residual effect is anticipated during operation (and maintenance). The potential effects on Essex International Jamboree during construction and operation has been assessed under the **6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 - Socio-economics Recreation and Tourism [APP-265]**, Table 15.22 and Table 15.28. The assessment concludes that a temporary, short-term, major adverse and significant residual effect is anticipated during construction, and a permanent, long-term, major	welcomed. There is a need to ensure effects are appropriately mitigated through Requirement. Assessment of Sports pitches and Courts is welcomed. There is no reference to the Scout Jamboree site and this should be included within the assessment. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075 Further discussion on this matter is needed before I can be moved to agreed.	

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		adverse and significant residual effect is anticipated during operation (and maintenance). The Applicant has responded specifically to concerns regarding the Essex International Scouts and Guides Jamboree in SET 1.14.2 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074]**. The Applicant remains committed to continued engagement with the Essex International Scouts and Guides Jamboree with the aim of resolving outstanding matters where reasonably practicable and progressing the **8.3.7 Draft Statement of Common Ground - Essex International Jamboree [REP1-078]** as discussions continue. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant considers that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to Agreed		
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 **6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 (~~-~~ Socio-economics~~,~~ Recreation and Tourism~~) of the ES~~ [APP-265]. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate.	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first	~~Under discussion~~ Agreed

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		~~Updated Position (February 2026):~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (~~**document reference 8.4.1).Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.**~~**8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].** The Applicant has reviewed and responded to the LIR accordingly in Deadline 2 in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**.	Written Questions REP3-075	
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 **6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 (~~-~~ Socio-economics~~,~~ Recreation and Tourism~~) of the ES~~ [APP-265]. The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (~~document reference 8.4.1).Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR~~**8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. The Applicant has reviewed and responded to the LIR accordingly in Deadline 2 in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports REP2-030)**.	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	~~Under discussion~~ Agreed

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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 **6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 ~~(~~- Socio-economics~~,~~ Recreation and Tourism~~) of the ES~~ [APP-265]**. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. **~~Updated Position (February 2026):~~** ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (~~document reference 8.4.1~~)**8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. In relation to community liaison, **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice Appendix E - Community Engagement and Public Information [APP-305]** confirms that a community relations team will be appointed to engage with local residents and provide dedicated community relations and external communications support. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~Additional mitigation measures are set out in **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**. No significant adverse residual effect has been identified on receptors located within Margaretting, including Hyland House, and Writtle.	During the construction of the development, community liaison would be critical to mitigate and address local concerns; with appropriate compensation paid to those whose concerns cannot be mitigated. The construction effects would be particularly noticeable around Margaretting and Writtle, whose communities experience a high number of events including national events hosted at Hylands House. Detrimental effects on access to events and local businesses, however temporary, would be unacceptable. A Community Liaison Officer(S) should be appointed in common with other NSIPS's, with the role and appointment being secured by a requirement. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussion

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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 **6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 ~~(~~- Socio-economics~~,~~ Recreation and Tourism~~) of the ES~~ [APP-265]** and set out in the **7.2 Outline ~~CoCP [APP-300~~Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. **~~Updated Position (February 2026):~~** ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (~~document reference 8.4.1).Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~**8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. In relation to community liaison, **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice Appendix E - Community Engagement and Public Information [APP-305]** confirms that a community relations team will be appointed to engage with local residents and provide dedicated community relations and external communications support. Additional mitigation measures are set out in **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**. No significant adverse residual effect has been identified on receptors located within	During the construction of the development, community liaison would be critical to mitigate and address local concerns; with appropriate compensation paid to those whose concerns cannot be mitigated. The construction effects would be particularly noticeable around Margaretting and Writtle, whose communities experience a high number of events including national events hosted at Hylands House. Detrimental effects on access to events and local businesses, however temporary, would be unacceptable. A Community Liaison Officer(S) should be appointed in common with other NSIPS's, with the role and appointment being secured by a requirement. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussion

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		Margaretting, including Hyland House, and Writtle.		
3.9.9	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 15.6 of **6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 (- Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism) of the ES [APP-265]**. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. **Updated Position (February 2026):** National GridThe Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.**8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**) and in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**. In relation to community liaison, **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice Appendix E - Community Engagement and Public Information [APP-305]** confirms that a community relations team will be appointed to engage with local residents and provide dedicated community relations and external communications support. Additional mitigation measures are set out in **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**. No significant adverse residual effect has been identified on receptors located within Margaretting, including Hyland House, and Writtle. The Applicant has provided a response to the Employment and Skills Plan in Section 3.16 of	During the construction of the development, community liaison would be critical to mitigate and address local concerns; with appropriate compensation paid to those whose concerns cannot be mitigated. The construction effects would be particularly noticeable around Margaretting and Writtle, whose communities experience a high number of events including national events hosted at Hylands House. Detrimental effects on access to events and local businesses, however temporary, would be unacceptable. A local skills and employment plan is absent from the projects. This should be secured to help maximise the benefits to the local economy and create localised training opportunities and jobs. Appropriate training should be provided to enable the local workforce to continue to fulfil future projects and provide operational support to the pylons and overhead lines should the DCO be granted. CCC is concerned about the inclusion of Sunday and Bank Holidays to the core working hours in relation to socio- economic industry and enjoyment of the countryside. The proposed working hours raise concern due to their extended nature, in particular at weekends and bank holidays where residents and users of the countryside would ordinarily expect respite from operations	Under discussion

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		8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030] and in response to question SET 1.15 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074]**. The Applicant will prepare and submit an Employment and Skills Plan into the Examination at Deadline 5. This document is intended to provide transparency and clarity regarding the approach that the Applicant and its delivery partner, The Great Grid Partnership, will take to employment, skills, training and supply chain engagement during construction of the Project. The Applicant will engage with host authorities to inform the content of the Employment and Skills Plan in advance of its submission into the examination. Section 3.18 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** and the response to DCO 1.S10 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Response to First Written Questions [REP3-074]** responds to concerns on the proposed construction working hours. The Applicant considers that the proposed approach presents a balance between providing the appropriate levels of flexibility to maintain programme whilst retaining safeguards through DCO controls to manage impacts included in **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**, including controls on nuisance generating activities (GG17), traffic impacts (GG33), dust (AQ01), lighting (GG26), monitoring and compliance (GG09, GG01), applications for prior consent under Section 61 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 (NV03) and advance community notification	during the weekend. A Community Liaison Officer(S) should be appointed in common with other NSIPS's, with the role and appointment being secured by a requirement. CCC welcomes further clarification and consideration of the Employment and Skills Plan. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	

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		(GG30).		
EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects				
3.9.10	Construction effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in Section 15.7 of **6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 (- Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism) of the ES [APP-265].** The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate. **Updated Position (February 2026):** In relation to community liaison, **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice Appendix E - Community Engagement and Public Information [APP-305]** confirms that a community relations team will be appointed to engage with local residents and provide dedicated community relations and external communications support. Additional mitigation measures are set out in **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**. No significant adverse residual effect has been identified on receptors located within Margaretting, including Hyland House, and Writtle. The Applicant has provided a response to the Employment and Skills Plan in Section 3.16 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** and in response to question SET 1.15 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074]**. National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).Further discussion will take place following	During the construction of the development, community liaison would be critical to mitigate and address local concerns; with appropriate compensation paid to those whose concerns cannot be mitigated. The construction effects would be particularly noticeable around Margaretting and Writtle, whose communities experience a high number of events including national events hosted at Hylands House. Detrimental effects on access to events and local businesses, however temporary, would be unacceptable. A local skills and employment plan is absent from the projects. This should be secured to help maximise the benefits to the local economy and create localised training opportunities and jobs. Appropriate training should be provided to enable the local workforce to continue to fulfil future projects and provide operational support to the pylons and overhead lines should the DCO be granted. Regard would need to be had to the impact of the project upon recreation and tourism, through ensuing that Chelmsford's valued rural landscape remains open and accessible. CCC is concerned about the inclusion of Sunday and Bank Holidays to the core	Under discussion

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		~~review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant will prepare and submit an Employment and Skills Plan into the Examination at Deadline 5. This document is intended to provide transparency and clarity regarding the approach that the Applicant and its delivery partner, The Great Grid Partnership, will take to employment, skills, training and supply chain engagement during construction of the Project. The Applicant will engage with host authorities to inform the content of the Employment and Skills Plan in advance of its submission into the examination.	working hours in relation to socio- economic industry and enjoyment of the countryside. The proposed working hours raise concern due to their extended nature, in particular at weekends and bank holidays where residents and users of the countryside would ordinarily expect respite from operations during the weekend. A Community Liaison Officer(S) should be appointed in common with other NSIPS's, with the role and appointment being secured by a requirement. CCC welcomes further consideration of the Employment and Skills Plan. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-0153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.9.11	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 15.7 of **6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 ~~(~~-Socio-economics~~,~~ Recreation and Tourism~~) of the ES~~ [APP-265].** The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the	Further consideration is needed regarding the Essex Scout Jamboree and Writtle College Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~	~~Under discussion~~ Agreed *

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		relevant representations process (~~document reference 8.4.1)~~**8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant has reviewed and responded to the LIR accordingly in Deadline 2 in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].**	(REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.9.12	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 15.7 of **6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 ~~(~~- Socio-economics~~,~~ Recreation and Tourism~~) of the ES~~ [APP-265].** The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~The Applicant has provided a response to the Employment and Skills Plan in Section 3.16 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** and in response to question SET 1.15 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074]**. The Applicant will prepare and submit an Employment and Skills Plan into the Examination at Deadline 5. This document is intended to provide transparency and clarity regarding the approach that the Applicant and its delivery partner, The Great Grid Partnership, will	A local skills and employment plan is absent from the projects. This should be secured to help maximise the benefits to the local economy and create localised training opportunities and jobs. Appropriate training should be provided to enable the local workforce to continue to fulfil future projects and provide operational support to the pylons and overhead lines should the DCO be granted. CCC welcomes further consideration of the Skills and Employment Plan. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussion

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		take to employment, skills, training and supply chain engagement during construction of the Project. The Applicant will engage with host authorities to inform the content of the Employment and Skills Plan in advance of its submission into the examination.		
Specific Chelmsford related issues				
3.9.13	Specific Chelmsford related issues	The potential effects on Essex International Jamboree during construction and operation has been assessed under the ~~ES~~**6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15~~:~~ - Socio-economics~~,~~ Recreation and Tourism [APP-265]**, Table 15.22 and Table 15.28. The Applicant has responded specifically to concerns regarding the Essex International Scouts and Guides Jamboree in SET 1.14.2 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074]**. The Applicant remains committed to continued engagement with the Essex International Scouts and Guides Jamboree with the aim of resolving outstanding matters where reasonably practicable and progressing the **8.3.7 Draft Statement of Common Ground - Essex International Jamboree [REP1-078]** as discussions continue. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review~~	CCC noted in their review of the Statement of Common Ground on 28 January 2026 to consider the Scout Jamboree Location CCC awaits conclusion of the Applicants discussions with Essex International Scouts and Guides Jamboree CCC is aware of discussions regarding the impact of the proposal upon the operation of the Cow Watering Campus at Writtle College. CCC awaits conclusion of these discussions. In the event that discussions cannot be concluded, CCC recommends that a requirement relating to the operation and use of the access through the College is submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA in consultation with the highway authority. These arrangements should be shared with ARU Writtle prior to submission of the requirement. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on~~	Under discussion

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		~~of the information within the LIR.~~The Applicant considers that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to Agreed	~~15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.9.14	Outline CoCP	~~The~~**7.2 Outline ~~CoCP [APP-300~~Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]** includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified in **6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 ~~(~~- Socio-economics~~,~~ Recreation and Tourism~~) of the ES~~ [APP-265]~~.~~ and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project. A number of meetings have been held with Chelmsford City Council regarding the structure and subsequent drafting of **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]**. The latest version was updated and submitted at Deadline 3.~~A meeting was held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]**.~~ ~~A meeting was held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]**.~~ ~~A further iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]** was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~	Under discussion. Further information and discussion is required on this matter, particularly in relation to Writtle College In the event that discussions can not be concluded CCC recommends that a requirement relating to the operation and use of the access through the College is submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA in consultation with the highway authority. These arrangements should be shared with ARU Writtle prior to submission of the requirement. See response to written questions REP3-075	Under discussion
Other matters as required				
3.9.15	Public Rights of	~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~	There are several Public Rights of Way	Under

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	Way	**7.6 Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [APP-329]** has been submitted as part of the DCO application. It sets out the mitigation measures for PRoW and other recreational routes that fall within the Order Limit. In regard to Chelmsford, the affected PRoW are proposed to be diverted or closure with managed access. Therefore, access to the PRoW and recreational access to the countryside will be maintained during construction. ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process ~~(document reference 8.4.1)~~**8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~The Applicant has reviewed and responded to the LIR accordingly in Deadline 2 in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]**.	(PRoW) within and abutting the Order Limits and CCC defers to Essex County Council PRoW team regarding the impact of the proposal upon these. The PRoW are an important feature in providing access and recreational opportunities within the countryside and contribute to the recreational and tourism value of the proposal. The PRoW would need to remain open during the construction of the development to maintain recreational access to the countryside. CCC defers to ECC Highways. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Discussion
3.9.16	Skills and Employment Plan and Skills Fund	The Applicant has provided a response to this matter in Section 3.16 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** and in response to question SET 1.15 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074]**. ~~Updated Position (February 2026):~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this~~	The proposal would create temporary benefits on local employment generation and the local economy during the construction of the development. Yet a local skills and employment plan is absent from the proposals. This should be secured to help maximise the benefits to the local economy and create localised training opportunities and jobs. Appropriate training should be provided to enable the local workforce to	Under discussion

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		~~matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~The Applicant will prepare and submit an Employment and Skills Plan into the Examination at Deadline 5. This document is intended to provide transparency and clarity regarding the approach that the Applicant and its delivery partner, The Great Grid Partnership, will take to employment, skills, training and supply chain engagement during construction of the Project. The Applicant will engage with host authorities to inform the content of the Employment and Skills Plan in advance of its submission into the examination. The Applicant considers that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to Agreed	continue to fulfil future projects and provide operational support to the pylons and overhead lines should the DCO be granted. The Skills and Employment Plan should include: • Clear delivery plans for apprenticeships, work placements, school engagement and training programmes, • Commitments to local job creation and use of local contractors where feasible, • Evidence-based interventions informed by community engagement and local labour market data, • A sustainability and legacy framework to ensure initiatives continue from construction through to operation. A Skills Fund, proportionate to the scale and impact of the development, should be prepared and used to: • Invest in local further education facilities and provision • Support employment and skills programmes • Enhance careers education and school engagement • Fund Officer resource for consultation and monitoring of the employment and skills strategy Please see CCC's full response set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27	

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			November 2025 and ~~draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within~~ CCC's final Local Impact Report. REP1-153 and response to written questions REP3-075. CCC welcomes the submission of and Employment and Skills Plan and awaits	

3.10 Traffic and transport (including Public Rights of Way)

3.10.1 Chelmsford City Council defers its' position relating to traffic and transport, and public rights of way, to Essex County Council as the relevant highways authority. The following table outlines Chelmsford specific issues related to this topic.

Table 3.10 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under discussion in relation to traffic and transport

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3.10.1	Public Rights of Way (PRoW)	~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ The overall PRoW strategy, as set out in the **7.6 Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [APP-329]**, is to maintain access along Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) at all times throughout the construction period, either through managed	The main concern is the impact of the proposal upon the local highway network and Public Rights of Way (PRoW). It is understood the proposal would harmfully impact upon the local highway network and Public Rights of Way (PRoW). The effects would be particularly noticeable during the construction of the development and from the on-going maintenance and operation of the pylons, overhead lines and associated equipment. CCC defers to ECC highways authority on	Under discussion

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		access along the PRoW on its existing alignment, or through provision of appropriate diversions. As such there are no PRoWs within Chelmsford that would be subject to closure without diversion and there would be no severance of the overall network as a result of the Project. Potential impacts on the local highway network have been assessed as part of 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 - Traffic and Transport **[APP-271]**, alongside junction modelling that was undertaken as part of **7.11 Transport Assessment [APP-333]** to assess the likely impact the increase in traffic as a result of the Project would have in combination with committed developments at key junctions on or connecting to the Primary Access Routes. The Applicant has also developed an **7.3 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [REP3-028],** the purpose of which is to monitor, mitigate and manage the impacts around construction traffic. Where required, suitable mitigation measures have been proposed or are under discussion with Essex County Council and National Highways to reduce the impact on journey times through junctions as presented within the **7.11 Transport Assessment [APP-333].** The Applicant has responded further to the impacts of construction on PRoWs in Section 4.14 Traffic and Transport of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** and in Section	this matter.	

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		14 of **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074]** (see response to PRoW 1.3). ~~National Grid~~The Applicant will continue to engage with ~~CCC on this matter~~Essex County Council as the relevant Local Highway Authority.		
3.10.2	A1060 Roxwell Road	**7.3 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [REP3-028]** details the monitoring and management principles for construction traffic. Within the monitoring principles is the development and provision of the driver information pack. The driver information pack will highlight areas of the network where pedestrians and cyclists may be using the network and other known potential hazard locations, e.g. where there are collision clusters along the highway network. Within the **7.11 Transport Assessment [APP-333]** it was found that the A1060 Rainsford Road / A1060 Roxwell Road Primary Access Route (Link PAR 51) recorded 10 collisions in the period between 2021–2023, which is comparable to the national average for Personal Injury Collisions p.a. per billion vehicle km. **7.3 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [REP3-028]** highlights the existing absence of a footway or footpath on the A1060 Roxwell Road (Link PAR 51) to access the bus stop. The Project's embedded mitigation includes the driver information pack that will identify this location and other locations where pedestrians may be walking in the verge. Within **7.11 Transport Assessment [APP-333]** it	It is noted that the A1060 Roxwell Road is the subject of a potential new road safety scheme involving average speed cameras. The scheme is being worked up as part of Essex County Council's Vision Zero approach to road safety with the aspiration of eliminating all road deaths and serious injuries in Essex by 2040. There are concerns that with the extra number of construction vehicles and large vehicle types using the link as part of the designated construction route that there will be an additional impact on safety. Further discussions are needed on areas of the network where accidents have been identified along the construction routes. The construction of the development would give rise to a wide range of public health impacts, resulting in harm to the local communities that the proposal would sit. Matters including construction routes, hours of operation, the formation of vehicular accesses, traffic management and associated safety operations would need to be fully considered and mitigated as part of the proposals, with appropriate mitigation	Under discussion

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		is proposed to monitor the operation of the A1060 Roxwell Road / Lordship Road junction (site 69). Additional mitigation identified through 6.16 **Environmental Statement Chapter 16 - Traffic and Transport [APP-271]** has been highlighted for the A1060 Rainsford Road / A1060 Roxwell Road Primary Access Route (Link PAR 51), including the maintenance of adjacent vegetation to allow suitable visibility. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~Note also that the Applicant is having further discussions with ECC on road safety matters.	provided. CCC defers to ECC highways authority on this matter.	
3.10.3	Cumulative Impacts	The **7.3 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [REP3-028]** details the process the Applicant is committing to for engagement with other projects in the region. As part of the **7.11 Transport Assessment [APP-333]** junction modelling was undertaken to assess the likely impact the increase in traffic as a result of the Project would have in combination with committed developments at key junctions on or connecting to the Primary Access Routes. Where required, suitable mitigation measures have been proposed or are under discussion with Essex	Cumulatively, the impacts of the proposal on all other existing NSIPS and strategic sites need to be considered with further consideration given to the following: • Essex residents and businesses; • Mitigation of traffic impacts at sensitive junction locations on the wider network; • Mitigation of construction routes on sensitive receptors; • Measures to reduce localised impacts associated with construction workers and construction traffic; • The design and monitoring of the traffic management in the relatively long-term situations.	Under discussion

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		County Council and National Highways. **6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 - Traffic and Transport [APP-271]** assessed the likely impact along those roads forming the Primary Access Routes, where there would be an increase in traffic as a result of the construction of the Project in combination with committed developments. Where required, mitigation measures have been proposed to reduce significant environmental effects on sensitive receptors. The Applicant has developed the **7.3 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan – Appendix B – Outline Construction Worker Travel Plan [APP-311]** which includes potential measures which can be used to reduce the impact of the construction workforce from the Project on the highway network. The **7.3 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [REP3-028]** includes mitigation and monitoring measures for construction traffic. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~Note also that the Applicant is having further discussions with ECC as the Local Highway Authority.	CCC defers to ECC highways authority on this matter.	

3.11 Cumulative Effects

Table 3.11 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under discussion in relation to Cumulative Effects

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EIA – Regulatory, Planning Policy Context and Guidance				
3.11.1	Policy and legislation	The policy context, legislation and guidance considered when undertaking the Cumulative Effects assessment is presented in **6.2 Environmental Statement Chapter 2 ~~(~~- Key Legislation and Planning Policy Context~~)~~ [APP-126]** and Section 17.2 of **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 ~~(~~- Cumulative Effects~~) of the ES~~ [APP-281]**. All relevant legislation, policy and guidance has been identified and appropriately considered to inform the assessment. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process ~~(document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].**~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	~~Under discussion~~Agreed
EIA – Approach and Methods				
3.11.2	Study area	The study area was agreed through the ~~EIA~~**6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 – APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** received from the	~~There are several developments within the area that may be affected by the projects. These include, but are not limited to, the~~	~~Under discussion~~Agreed

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		Planning Inspectorate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ Cumulative effects of the Project have been assessed and are presented in **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects [APP-281]**. The assessment includes Longfield Solar Farm, Beaulieu Park and Lower Thames Crossing. The Applicant has been undertaking monthly reviews of local authority planning registers and is monitoring the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Project website for newly added nearby NSIPs. If changes to the conclusions of the inter-project cumulative effects assessment are identified as a result of additional applications and / or proposed allocations, these changes will be submitted into the examination. If further projects are added to the Applicant's inter-project cumulative effects assessment short list during the examination, the Applicant will update the **8.4.3 Report on Interrelationship with Other Infrastructure Projects [REP1-134]** accordingly. ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~The Applicant considers that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to Agreed	~~Longfield Solar Farm Development Consent Order – new solar array creating 500 MW of energy, the Countryside zest (Beaulieu Park) LLP – Garden Community and the Lower Thames Crossing Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). The greatest effects would be felt during the construction of the development.~~ Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	

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3.11.3	Data sources	Sufficient desktop and survey data has been collected to inform the assessment as presented within Sections 17.4 and 17. 5 of **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 (- Cumulative Effects) of the ES [APP-281]**. Updated Position (February 2026): An assessment of Cumulative Effects that includes consideration of intra-project effects in regards to agriculture and soil, ecology and biodiversity, historic environment, traffic and transport, noise, and landscape and visual, has been undertaken in accordance with the **6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 to APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** and is presented in **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects [APP-281]**. National GridThe Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1)in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**. Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR. National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.The Applicant considers that through ongoing engagement between the parties, this matter can be moved to Agreed	The project has potential to give rise to intra-project cumulative effects, and these will need to be considered for all receptors, especially with regard to agriculture and soil, ecology and historic receptors which have not been considered further. Other receptors include ecology, highways, landscape and visual and noise for example. The effects raised regarding data sources from other ES topics will be applicable here. Please see CCC's full response set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's final Local Impact Report. (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussionAgreed
3.11.4	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessing Cumulative Effects was agreed through the EIA**6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 to APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** received from the Planning	The project has potential to give rise to intra-project cumulative effects, and these will need to be considered for all receptors, especially with regard to agriculture and soil,	Under discussion

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		Inspectorate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~See response to ID 3.10.3.~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process ~~(document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**.~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~	ecology and historic receptors which have not been considered further. Other receptors include ecology, highways, landscape and visual and noise for example. The effects raised regarding assessment methodology from other ES topics will be applicable here. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.11.5	Key parameters and assumptions	Key parameters and assumptions associated with the Cumulative Effects assessment are summarised in Sections 17.5 and 17.6 of **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 (~~-~~ Cumulative Effects~~) of the ES~~ [APP-281]**. The key parameters and assumptions presented are considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~See response to ID 3.10.3.~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process ~~(document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].**~~Further discussion~~	The project has potential to give rise to intra-project cumulative effects, and these will need to be considered for all receptors, especially with regard to agriculture and soil, ecology and historic receptors which have not been considered further. Other receptors include ecology, highways, landscape and visual and noise for example. The effects raised regarding key parameters and assumptions will be applicable here. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be~~	Under discussion

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		~~will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~	~~provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
EIA – Baseline Conditions				
3.11.6	Baseline conditions and receptors	The baseline conditions and receptors for Cumulative Effects are presented within the environmental topic chapters ~~of the ES. (Chapters 6 – 16 of the ES)~~**6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 - Agriculture and Soils [APP-138] to 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 - Traffic and Transport [APP-271]** . The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~See response to ID 3.10.3.~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process ~~(document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].**~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~	The project has potential to give rise to intra-project cumulative effects, and these will need to be considered for all receptors, especially with regard to agriculture and soil, ecology and historic receptors which have not been considered further. Other receptors include ecology, highways, landscape and visual and noise for example. The baseline conditions and receptors from other ES topics will be applicable here. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussion
EIA – Embedded, Standard and Additional Mitigation Measures				
3.11.7	Embedded mitigation	The assessment of cumulative effects considers the residual effects identified during construction and operation (and maintenance) within the	The project has potential to give rise to intra-project cumulative effects, and these will need to be considered for all receptors,	Under discussion

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		environmental topic chapters ~~(Chapters 6 – 16 of the ES)~~**6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 - Agriculture and Soils [APP-138] to 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 - Traffic and Transport [APP-271]**. Embedded mitigation measures, designed as an inherent part of the Project are therefore set out in the environmental topic chapters of the ~~**ES**~~Environmental Statement. Embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~See response to ID 3.10.3~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process ~~(document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].**~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~	especially with regard to agriculture and soil, ecology and historic receptors which have not been considered further. Other receptors include ecology, highways, landscape and visual and noise for example. The effects raised regarding embedded mitigation from other ES topics will be applicable here. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.11.8	Standard mitigation	The assessment of cumulative effects considers the residual effects identified during construction and operation (and maintenance) within the environmental topic chapters ~~(Chapters 6 – 16 of the ES)~~**6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 - Agriculture and Soils [APP-138] to 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 - Traffic and Transport [APP-271]**. Standard mitigation measures during construction are summarised in	The effects raised regarding standard mitigation from other ES topics will be applicable here. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be~~	Under discussion

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		the environmental topic chapters ~~(**Chapters 6 – 16)** of the **ES**~~**6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 - Agriculture and Soils [APP-138] to 6.16 Environmental Statement Chapter 16 - Traffic and Transport [APP-271]** and set out in the **7.2 Outline ~~CoCP [APP-300~~Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025 0252]**. The standard mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process ~~(document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023].**~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~	~~provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.11.9	Additional mitigation	The consideration of additional mitigation measures are presented in Section 17.4 and 17.5 of **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 (~~-~~ Cumulative Effects~~) of the ES~~ [APP-281]**. Additional mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of its nature and scale, to address potential effects. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the	The effects raised regarding additional mitigation from other ES topics will be applicable here. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first	Under discussion

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		relevant representations process ~~(document reference 8.4.1).~~ in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]**.~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~	Written Questions REP3-075	
EIA – Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects				
3.11.10	Construction effects – Intra-project cumulative effects	The assessment of effects during construction is presented in ~~Section~~Sections 17.4 and 17.5 of **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 ~~(~~- Cumulative Effects~~) of the ES~~ [APP-281].** The assessment of effects during construction presented is considered appropriate. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process ~~(document reference~~in **8.4.1**~~).~~ **Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and has provided a further response in Table 4.28 pages 811-815 of Section 4.15 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].** ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within~~The cumulative effects assessment follows Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 17 'Cumulative Effects Assessment' and is presented in **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects [APP-281]**. The	The project has potential to give rise to intra-project cumulative effects, and these will need to be considered for all receptors, especially with regard to agriculture and soil, ecology and historic receptors which have not been considered further. Other receptors include ecology, highways, landscape and visual and noise for example. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussion

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		Cumulative Effects chapter has assessed the potential intra-project cumulative effects and inter-project cumulative effects. Section 17.4 of **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects [APP-281]** explains the ~~LIR.~~approach~~The project has potential to give rise~~ to intra-project cumulative effects~~,~~ and ~~these will need to~~the detailed assessment of intra-project cumulative effects can be ~~considered for all receptors, especially with regard to agriculture and soil, ecology and historic receptors which have not been considered further~~found in **6.17.A1 Appendix 17.1 – Intra-Project Cumulative Effects [APP-282]**. The assessment of clusters of other developments on common receptors can be found in **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects [APP-281]**. ~~Other receptors include~~ Details on ecology, ~~highways~~archaeology, landscape and visual, noise, health and ~~noise for example.~~ wellbeing and other matters raised by CCC are set out in the rows below. ~~**Ecology**~~ ~~it was determined that inter-project cumulative effects on ecology and biodiversity receptors within the areas surrounding the Project would be not significant during both construction and operation (and maintenance). This is either due to the distance of the project to other development, or due to a lack of notable ecological receptors/lack of connectivity for any protected species to reach the Project, or because of different habitats being~~		

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		affected within the Zone of Influence of other developments. It is considered that the embedded mitigation of the project route has very largely avoided a potential for significant impacts on any designated sites. The construction phase is expected to have primarily temporary impacts. After the construction of the pylons, overhead lines, and underground cable sections, those areas are anticipated to be restored back to similar, if not equivalent, natural habitats (although bearing in mind a currently limited habitat establishment commitment and on-going vegetation height management requirements). The operational stage of the project has very few and limited potential ecological impact pathways. The Norwich to Tilbury project as a whole has significant ecological impact potential owing to its scale – a 180km electricity transmission route plus compounds and construction infrastructure. However, where a lesser component section of the project may share a zone of influence with another development project, that section alone would be expected to have a much lower impact potential. **Landscape and Visual** A large number of significant Intra project landscape and visual effects associated with the Project have been identified, as reported in Chapter 13: Landscape and Visual (document reference 6.13). Based on the data available on the other developments, the assessment identified 47 shortlisted other		

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		~~development with the potential to contribute to significant inter-project effects on landscape and visual receptors during construction, and 34 during operation (and maintenance).~~ ~~These other developments have the potential to contribute to major and significant inter-project effects on Landscape Character Types (LCT) or Visual Receptors Areas (VRA). Despite this, para 17.5.58 states 'No additional mitigation measures beyond those proposed in Chapter 13: Landscape and Visual (Ref 6.13) have been identified'. Whilst it is agreed that it is not practicable to mitigate these due to scale of the works and the height of the pylons, significant compensation should be secured to mitigate against this impact.~~ ~~The project would lead to a large number of significant landscape and visual effects during both construction and operation. Whilst it may not be practicable to mitigate these due to scale of the works and the height of the pylons, significant compensation in the form of a funding package should be secured under a side agreement in partnership with the relevant authorities and environmental partners should be provided.~~ ~~Significant cumulative effects at the construction stage are identified on Pedestrians, Cyclists and Horse Riders in many Visual Receptor Areas (VRAs) and yet paragraph 17.4.21 identifies '… no additional mitigation measures were identified in addition to those already identified within the environmental topic assessments' (Our underlining). The decision-making assumptions~~		

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		~~that gave rise to these conclusions need clarifying.~~ ~~Paragraph 17.4.18 identifies that 'No effects on common receptors during the operation (and maintenance) phase of the Project have been identified which could give rise to intra-project cumulative effects and are therefore not considered further.' This is queried~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to ~~Agricultural and soil receptors, Landscape, Ecology and Historic receptors~~this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.		
3.11.10a	Construction effects – Ecology	An assessment of Cumulative Effects in respect to ecology has been undertaken in accordance with the **6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 to APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** is presented in **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects [APP-281].** Further detail on the ecology and biodiversity intra-project cumulative effects can be found in **6.17.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 17.1 - Intra-Project Cumulative Effects [APP-282]**.	**Ecology** It was determined that inter-project cumulative effects on ecology and biodiversity receptors within the areas surrounding the Project would be not significant during both construction and operation (and maintenance). This is either due to the distance of the project to other development, or due to a lack of notable ecological receptors/lack of connectivity for any protected species to reach the Project, or because of different habitats being affected within the Zone of Influence of other developments. It is considered that the embedded mitigation of the project route has very largely avoided a potential for significant	Under discussion

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			impacts on any designated sites. The construction phase is expected to have primarily temporary impacts. After the construction of the pylons, overhead lines, and underground cable sections, those areas are anticipated to be restored back to similar, if not equivalent, natural habitats (although bearing in mind a currently limited habitat establishment commitment and on-going vegetation height management requirements). The operational stage of the project has very few and limited potential ecological impact pathways. The Norwich to Tilbury project as a whole has significant ecological impact potential owing to its scale – a 180km electricity transmission route plus compounds and construction infrastructure. However, where a lesser component section of the project may share a zone of influence with another development project, that section alone would be expected to have a much lower impact potential. CCC defers to ECC Place Services.	
3.11.10b	Construction effects – Landscape and Visual	An assessment of Cumulative Effects in respect to landscape and visual has been undertaken in accordance with the **6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 to APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** is presented in **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects**	**Landscape and Visual** A large number of significant Intra project landscape and visual effects associated with the Project have been identified, as reported in Chapter 13: Landscape and Visual	Under discussion

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		[APP-281]. Further detail on the landscape and visual intra-project cumulative effects can be found in **6.17.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 17.1 - Intra-Project Cumulative Effects [APP-282]**.	(document reference 6.13). Based on the data available on the other developments, the assessment identified 47 shortlisted other development with the potential to contribute to significant inter-project effects on landscape and visual receptors during construction, and 34 during operation (and maintenance). These other developments have the potential to contribute to major and significant inter-project effects on Landscape Character Types (LCT) or Visual Receptors Areas (VRA). Despite this, para 17.5.58 states No additional mitigation measures beyond those proposed in Chapter 13: Landscape and Visual (Ref 6.13) have been identified'. Whilst it is agreed that it is not practicable to mitigate these due to scale of the works and the height of the pylons, significant compensation should be secured to mitigate against this impact. The project would lead to a large number of significant landscape and visual effects during both construction and operation. Whilst it may not be practicable to mitigate these due to scale of the works and the height of the pylons, significant compensation in the form of a funding package should be secured under a side agreement in partnership with the relevant authorities and environmental partners should be provided.	

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			Significant cumulative effects at the construction stage are identified on Pedestrians, Cyclists and Horse Riders in many Visual Receptor Areas (VRAs) and yet paragraph 17.4.21 identifies '… no additional mitigation measures were identified in addition to those already identified within the environmental topic assessments' (Our underlining). The decision-making assumptions that gave rise to these conclusions need clarifying. Paragraph 17.4.18 identifies that 'No effects on common receptors during the operation (and maintenance) phase of the Project have been identified which could give rise to intra-project cumulative effects and are therefore not considered further.' This is queried in relation to Agricultural and soil receptors, Landscape, Ecology and Historic receptors. CCC defers to ECC Place Services.	
3.11.10c	Construction effects – Archaeology	An assessment of Cumulative Effects in respect to archaeology has been undertaken in accordance with the **6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 to APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** is presented in **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects [APP-281].** The Applicant has provided a response to this matter in Table 4.28 pages 811-815 of **Section 4.15** of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].**	**Archaeology** There are a number of developments which are proposed, or under construction across Essex (in particular, within the Tendring Peninsula, Thurrock and other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) schemes dependant on Norwich to Tilbury) which have potential to have cumulative effects on archaeology due to the scale and nature of the development.	Under discussion

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		Potential for intra-project cumulative effects was considered for all heritage assets, including archaeology, as set out in Table A17.1.1 of **6.17.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 17.1 – Intra-Project Cumulative Effects [APP-282]**.	Cumulative effects of the development are split by the application into two categories: intra-project and inter-project. Archaeological remains are not considered potential receptors to give rise to intra-project cumulative effects. Inter-project cumulative effects are those which are resultant of the combination of the Norwich to Tilbury project and other existing projects. Effects to non-designated heritage assets/archaeological remains have been identified for the Project and separately for other developments and are listed in Table A17.3.1 in **Document 6.17.A3 Environmental Statement Appendix 17.3 - Inter-Project Cumulative Effects [APP 284]**. No significant inter-project cumulative effects have been identified for archaeological remains as part of the assessment. The reasoning for this is expanded in Section 17.5.52 **[APP-281]** which states: "While there would be overlap of the Order Limits for other developments and the Project, effects to archaeology would only occur once by whichever construction would take place first. These effects would be mitigated as appropriate and agreed with the LPA (such as through excavation, recording, and publication). Any affected archaeology would be removed as a result of the mitigation/construction and therefore the inter-project effects for	

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			construction and operation (and maintenance) would be negligible and not significant." This statement is incorrect as the cumulative effects would be derived from the increase in land take across the combined Order Limits of both or more projects and not from overlap. For example, in Tendring District a separate substation is planned to be erected adjacent to the substations required for both Five Estuaries and North Falls Offshore Windfarms and not within the same parcels of land. Similarly, the Lower Thames Crossing within Thurrock District will result in a significant impact on archaeological remains that would be increased by the groundworks required for the construction of a substation for Norwich to Tilbury as well as pylon bases and associated infrastructure. The cumulative impact of the project would be because of the increase in the total area of land take and not overlap, and therefore the scale of potential archaeological remains which could be lost as a result of the mitigation / construction is increased. Archaeological remains are a finite and non-renewable resource. This cumulative impact may not be determined as significant through the process of the assessment but should be considered an adverse effect of the project wherever they are removed. As the nature of the archaeological remains	

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			that may be affected is currently unknown the impact and significance cannot be determined effectively through this form of assessment. While mitigation by record may reduce the cumulative impact in EIA terms, the ability to record evidence of our past should not be a factor in deciding whether such loss should be permitted (NPPF, 2004 Paragraph 218). ~~**Noise, Health and Wellbeing**~~ CCC ~~is particularly concerned regarding the cumulative noise and construction impacts arising from these developments. Cumulatively taken all together~~ defers to ECC archeology	
3.11.10d	Construction Effects – Noise, Health and Wellbeing	An assessment of Cumulative Effects in respect to noise, health and wellbeing has been undertaken in accordance with the **6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 to APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** is presented in **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects [APP-281].** **6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 - Health and Wellbeing [APP-192]** details the assessment of the potential effects of the Project on Health and Wellbeing. The Applicant has undertaken extensive assessments to ensure the matters of construction routes, working hours, formation of vehicular accesses, traffic management and access for blue light vehicles are suitably considered. **7.3 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [REP3-028]** includes	**Noise, Health and Wellbeing** CCC is particularly concerned regarding the cumulative noise and construction impacts arising from these developments. Cumulatively taken all together the project has potential to lead to significant adverse effects. It is crucial that residents get regular breaks, and the proposed development is well managed, controlled and integrated within existing permitted development schemes. Reasonable hours of work and good construction traffic management are one of the key measures to reduce impact. **Under discussion**	Under discussion

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		details of the proposed mitigations for these. The Applicant has provided a response to this matter in Table 4.28 ID 11.51-11.52 of Section 4.15 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].**		
3.11.10e	Construction Effects – Other Impacts	An assessment of Cumulative Effects undertaken in accordance with the **6.19 Scoping Report [APP-288 to APP-296]** and **6.20 Scoping Opinion [APP-297]** is presented in **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects [APP-281]** which includes an assessment with the Lower Thames Crossing project ~~has potential~~. No inter-project cumulative effects have been anticipated in relation to ~~lead to significant adverse effects~~tourism assets during construction or operation. It is ~~crucial that residents get regular breaks, and~~relevant to note the ~~proposed development is well managed~~scale of employment associated with the Project, ~~controlled and integrated within existing permitted development schemes. Reasonable hours~~with a relatively small number of ~~work and good construction traffic management are one of the key measures~~workers compared to ~~reduce impact~~other major construction projects. This factor, combined with the fact that construction activity moves along a linear route and the availability and distribution of accommodation across the Wider Study Area, explains why the effect on visitor accommodation bedspace during the construction period is considered to be negligible.	**Other Impacts** Cumulatively there is concern that should the DCO be granted, it would coincide with the construction of the Lower Thames Crossing. Although the anticipation is that there would be only 10% of local labour, there would be high demand across the area. Subject to season, those staying in local accommodation, could use vital bed space to which CCC is extremely short of. Cumulatively, the impacts of the project on all other existing NSIPS and strategic sites need to be considered with further consideration given to the following: • Essex residents and businesses; • Mitigation of traffic impacts at sensitive junction locations on the wider network; • Mitigation of construction routes on sensitive receptors; • Measures to reduce localised impacts associated with construction workers and construction traffic; • The design and monitoring of the traffic management in the relatively long-term situations.	Under discussion

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		The scale of employment is also important to note. **6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 – Socio economics, Recreation and Tourism [APP-265]** (paragraph 15.7.13) states that the 'level of local employment, based on the assumption of approximately 4,800 construction jobs throughout the four-year construction period, could result in a total job demand of approximately 480 jobs locally'. These 480 jobs would be required within the four-year construction period, across the 180 km Project and 10 Local Planning Authority areas.	Further details of measures to reduce impacts and how these would work operationally are required.	
3.11.11	Operational (and maintenance) effects	The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) is presented in Section 17.4 and 17.5 of **Environmental Statement Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects [APP-281] [APP-281]**. The assessment of effects during operation (and maintenance) presented is considered appropriate. The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and has provided a further response in Table 4.28 pages 811-815 of Section 4.15 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].** Please see rows 3.11.10 to 3.11.10e above.	The project has potential to give rise to intra-project cumulative effects, and these will need to be considered for all receptors, especially with regard to agriculture and soil, ecology and historic receptors which have not been considered further. Other receptors include ecology, highways, landscape and visual and noise for example.	Under discussion
3.11.11a	~~The assessment of effects during operation~~Operational (and	Please see rows 3.11.10 to 3.11.10e above.	**Ecology** it was determined that inter-project cumulative effects on ecology and biodiversity receptors within the areas	Under discussion

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	maintenance) ~~is presented in **Section 17.4 and 17.5 of Chapter 17 (Cumulative Effects) of the ES [APP-281]. The assessment of** effects ~~during operation~~ - Ecology		surrounding the Project would be not significant during both construction and operation (and maintenance). This is either due to the distance of the project to other development, or due to a lack of notable ecological receptors/lack of connectivity for any protected species to reach the Project, or because of different habitats being affected within the Zone of Influence of other developments. It is considered that the embedded mitigation of the project route has very largely avoided a potential for significant impacts on any designated sites. The construction phase is expected to have primarily temporary impacts. After the construction of the pylons, overhead lines, and underground cable sections, those areas are anticipated to be restored back to similar, if not equivalent, natural habitats (although bearing in mind a currently limited habitat establishment commitment and on-going vegetation height management requirements). The operational stage of the project has very few and limited potential ecological impact pathways. The Norwich to Tilbury project as a whole has significant ecological impact potential owing to its scale – a 180km electricity transmission route plus compounds and construction infrastructure. However, where a lesser component section of the project	

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			may share a zone of influence with another development project, that section alone would be expected to have a much lower impact potential. CCC defers to ECC Place Services.	
3.11.11b	Operational (and maintenance) ~~presented is considered appropriate.~~ effects – Landscape and Visual~~Updated Position (February 2026):~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the~~	~~The Norwich to Tilbury project as a whole has significant ecological impact potential owing to its scale – a 180km electricity transmission route plus compounds and construction infrastructure. However, where a lesser component section of the project may share a zone of influence with another development project, that section alone would be expected~~Please see rows 3.11.10 to ~~have a much lower impact potential~~3.11.10e above.	**Landscape and Visual** A large number of significant Intra project landscape and visual effects associated with the Project have been identified, as reported in Chapter 13: Landscape and Visual (document reference 6.13). Based on the data available on the other developments, the assessment identified 47 shortlisted other development with the potential to contribute to significant inter-project effects on landscape and visual receptors during construction, and 34 during operation (and maintenance). These other developments have the potential to contribute to major and significant inter-project effects on Landscape Character Types (LCT) or Visual Receptors Areas (VRA). Despite this, para 17.5.58 states 'No additional mitigation measures beyond those proposed in Chapter 13: Landscape and Visual (Ref 6.13) have been identified'. Whilst it is agreed that it is not practicable to mitigate these due to scale of the works and the height of the pylons, significant compensation should be secured to mitigate against this impact.	Under discussion

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	~~information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~ ~~The project has potential to give rise to intra-project cumulative effects, and these will need to be considered for all receptors, especially with regard to agriculture and soil, ecology and historic receptors which have not been considered further. Other receptors include ecology, highways, landscape and visual and noise for example.~~ ~~**Ecology**~~ ~~it was determined that~~		The project would lead to a large number of significant landscape and visual effects during both construction and operation. Whilst it may not be practicable to mitigate these due to scale of the works and the height of the pylons, significant compensation in the form of a funding package should be secured under a side agreement in partnership with the relevant authorities and environmental partners should be provided. Significant cumulative effects at the construction stage are identified on Pedestrians, Cyclists and Horse Riders in many Visual Receptor Areas (VRAs) and yet paragraph 17.4.21 identifies '… no additional mitigation measures were identified in addition to those already identified within the environmental topic assessments' (Our underlining). The decision-making assumptions that gave rise to these conclusions need clarifying. Paragraph 17.4.18 identifies that 'No effects on common receptors during the operation (and maintenance) phase of the Project have been identified which could give rise to intra-project cumulative effects and are therefore not considered further.' This is queried in relation to Agricultural and soil receptors, Landscape, Ecology and Historic receptors.	

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	~~establishment commitment and on-going vegetation height management requirements).~~ ~~The operational stage of the project has very few and limited potential ecological impact pathways.~~			
3.11.11c	Operational (and maintenance) effects - Archaeology	Please see rows 3.11.10 to 3.11.10e above.	**Archaeology** There are a number of developments which are proposed, or under construction across Essex (in particular, within the Tendring Peninsula, Thurrock and other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) schemes dependant on Norwich to Tilbury) which have potential to have cumulative effects on archaeology due to the scale and nature of the development. Cumulative effects of the development are split by the application into two categories: intra-project and inter-project. Archaeological remains are not considered potential receptors to give rise to intra-project cumulative effects. Inter-project cumulative effects are those which are resultant of the combination of the	Under discussion

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			Norwich to Tilbury project and other existing projects. Effects to non-designated heritage assets/archaeological remains have been identified for the Project and separately for other developments and are listed in Table A17.3.1 in Document **6.17.A3 Environmental Statement Appendix 17.3 - Inter-Project Cumulative Effects [APP 284]**. No significant inter-project cumulative effects have been identified for archaeological remains as part of the assessment. The reasoning for this is expanded in Section 17.5.52 **[APP-281]** which states: "While there would be overlap of the Order Limits for other developments and the Project, effects to archaeology would only occur once by whichever construction would take place first. These effects would be mitigated as appropriate and agreed with the LPA (such as through excavation, recording, and publication). Any affected archaeology would be removed as a result of the mitigation/construction and therefore the inter-project effects for construction and operation (and maintenance) would be negligible and not significant." This statement is incorrect as the cumulative effects would be derived from the increase in land take across the combined Order Limits of both or more projects and not from overlap. For example,	

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			in Tendring District a separate substation is planned to be erected adjacent to the substations required for both Five Estuaries and North Falls Offshore Windfarms and not within the same parcels of land. Similarly, the Lower Thames Crossing within Thurrock District will result in a significant impact on archaeological remains that would be increased by the groundworks required for the construction of a substation for Norwich to Tilbury as well as pylon bases and associated infrastructure. The cumulative impact of the project would be because of the increase in the total area of land take and not overlap, and therefore the scale of potential archaeological remains which could be lost as a result of the mitigation / construction is increased. Archaeological remains are a finite and non-renewable resource. This cumulative impact may not be determined as significant through the process of the assessment but should be considered an adverse effect of the project wherever they are removed. As the nature of the archaeological remains that may be affected is currently unknown the impact and significance cannot be determined effectively through this form of assessment. While mitigation by record may reduce the cumulative impact in EIA terms, the ability to record evidence of our past should not be a factor in deciding whether such loss should be permitted (NPPF, 2004	

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			Paragraph 218). ~~**Noise, Health and Wellbeing**~~ CCC ~~is particularly concerned regarding the cumulative noise and construction impacts arising from these developments. Cumulatively taken all together the project has potential to lead to significant adverse effects. It is crucial that residents get regular breaks, and the proposed development is well managed, controlled and integrated within existing permitted development schemes. Reasonable hours of work and good construction traffic management are one of the key measures~~defers to ~~reduce impact~~ECC Archeology.	
3.11.11d	Operational (and maintenance) effects – Health and Wellbeing	Please see rows 3.11.10 to 3.11.10e above.	**Noise, Health and Wellbeing** CCC is particularly concerned regarding the cumulative noise and construction impacts arising from these developments. Cumulatively taken all together the project has potential to lead to significant adverse effects. It is crucial that residents get regular breaks, and the proposed development is well managed, controlled and integrated within existing permitted development schemes. Reasonable hours of work and good construction traffic management are one of the key measures to reduce impact.	Under discussion
3.11.11e	Operational (and maintenance)	Please see rows 3.11.10 to 3.11.10e above.	**Other Impacts** Cumulatively there is concern that should	Under discussion

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	effects – Other Impacts		the DCO be granted, it would coincide with the construction of the Lower Thames Crossing. Although the anticipation is that there would be only 10% of local labour, there would be high demand across the area. Subject to season, those staying in local accommodation, could use vital bed space to which CCC is extremely short of. Cumulatively, the impacts of the project on all other existing NSIPS and strategic sites need to be considered with further consideration given to the following: • Essex residents and businesses; • Mitigation of traffic impacts at sensitive junction locations on the wider network; • Mitigation of construction routes on sensitive receptors; • Measures to reduce localised impacts associated with construction workers and construction traffic; • The design and monitoring of the traffic management in the relatively long-term situations. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15 January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	

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3.11.12	Residual effects	The residual effects are presented in Section 17.4 and 17.5 of **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 - Cumulative Effects [APP-281]**. The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate. The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and has provided a further response in Table 4.28 pages 811-815 of Section 4.15 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].** Please see rows 3.11.10 to 3.11.10e.	The project has potential to give rise to intra-project cumulative effects, and these will need to be considered for all receptors, especially with regard to agriculture and soil, ecology and historic receptors which have not been considered further. Other receptors include ecology, highways, landscape and visual and noise for example. Please see CCC's Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 final Local Impact Report (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Under discussion
3.11.12a	Residual Effects - Ecology	Please see rows 3.11.10 to 3.11.10e above.	**Ecology** it was determined that inter-project cumulative effects on ecology and biodiversity receptors within the areas surrounding the Project would be not significant during both construction and operation (and maintenance). This is either due to the distance of the project to other development, or due to a lack of notable ecological receptors/lack of connectivity for any protected species to reach the Project, or because of different habitats being affected within the Zone of Influence of other developments. It is considered that the embedded mitigation of the project route has very largely avoided a potential for significant	Under discussion

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3.11.12b	~~The residual effects are presented in **Section 17.4**~~Residual Effects – Landscape and	~~The Norwich to Tilbury project as a whole has significant ecological impact potential owing to its scale – a 180km electricity transmission route plus compounds and construction infrastructure. However, where a lesser component section of the project may share a zone of influence with another development project, that section alone would be~~	**Landscape and Visual** A large number of significant Intra project landscape and visual effects associated with the Project have been identified, as reported in Chapter 13: Landscape and Visual (document reference 6.13). Based on the data available on the other developments,	Under discussion

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	~~**17.5 of Chapter 17 (Cumulative Effects) of the ES [APP-281].** The summary of residual effects arising as a result of the Project is considered appropriate.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~	~~expected~~Please see rows 3.11.10 to ~~have a much lower impact potential~~3.11.10e above.	the assessment identified 47 shortlisted other development with the potential to contribute to significant inter-project effects on landscape and visual receptors during construction, and 34 during operation (and maintenance). These other developments have the potential to contribute to major and significant inter-project effects on Landscape Character Types (LCT) or Visual Receptors Areas (VRA). Despite this, para 17.5.58 states 'No additional mitigation measures beyond those proposed in Chapter 13: Landscape and Visual (Ref 6.13) have been identified'. Whilst it is agreed that it is not practicable to mitigate these due to scale of the works and the height of the pylons, significant compensation should be secured to mitigate against this impact. The project would lead to a large number of significant landscape and visual effects during both construction and operation. Whilst it may not be practicable to mitigate these due to scale of the works and the height of the pylons, significant compensation in the form of a funding package should be secured under a side agreement in partnership with the relevant authorities and environmental partners should be provided. Significant cumulative effects at the construction stage are identified on	

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	~~on-going vegetation height management requirements).~~ ~~The operational stage of the project has very few and limited potential ecological impact pathways.~~ Visual			
3.11.12c	Residual Effects - Archaeology	Please see rows 3.11.10 to 3.11.10e above.	**Archaeology** There are a number of developments which are proposed, or under construction across Essex (in particular, within the Tendring Peninsula, Thurrock and other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) schemes dependant on Norwich to Tilbury) which have potential to have cumulative effects on archaeology due to the scale and nature of the development. Cumulative effects of the development are split by the application into two categories: intra-project and inter-project. Archaeological remains are not considered potential receptors to give rise to intra-project cumulative effects. Inter-project cumulative effects are those which are resultant of the combination of the Norwich to Tilbury project and other existing projects. Effects to non-designated heritage	Under discussion

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			~~associated with construction workers and construction traffic;~~ ~~• The design and monitoring of the traffic management in the relatively long-term situations.~~ ~~Please see CCC's full response set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's final Local Impact Report.~~	
3.11.12d	Residual Effects – Health and Wellbeing	Please see rows 3.11.10 to 3.11.10e above.	**Noise, Health and Wellbeing** CCC is particularly concerned regarding the cumulative noise and construction impacts arising from these developments. Cumulatively taken all together the project has potential to lead to significant adverse effects. It is crucial that residents get regular breaks, and the proposed development is well managed, controlled and integrated within existing permitted development schemes. Reasonable hours of work and good construction traffic management are one of the key measures to reduce impact	Under discussion
3.11.12e	Residual Effects – Other Impacts	Please see rows 3.11.10 to 3.11.10e above.	**Other Impacts** Cumulatively there is concern that should the DCO be granted, it would coincide with the construction of the Lower Thames Crossing. Although the anticipation is that there would be only 10% of local labour, there would be high demand across the	Under discussion

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Specific Chelmsford related issues				
3.11.13	Specific Chelmsford related issues	~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process ~~(document reference 8.4.1).~~in **8.4.1 Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations [REP2-023]** and has provided a further response in Table 4.28	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~	Under discussion

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		pages 811-815 of Section 4.15 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].** ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	(REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
Draft DCO / Outline Management Plans / Mitigation and Monitoring				
3.11.14	Outline CoCP	~~The~~**7.2 Outline ~~CoCP [APP-300~~Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025300REP3-0252]** includes all relevant construction related mitigation measures specified in **6.17 Environmental Statement Chapter 17 ~~(~~- Cumulative Effects~~) of the ES~~ [APP-281]** and is appropriate for managing construction impacts from the Project. ~~A meeting was held in October 2024 to agree on the structure for the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]**.~~ ~~A meeting was held in March 2025 to discuss the second iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]**.~~ ~~A further iteration of the **Outline CoCP [APP-300]** was issued in May 2025 following the meeting and feedback in writing.~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~	Under discussion.	Under discussion

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Other matters as required				

3.12 Development Consent Order

Table 3.12 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under discussion in relation to Development Consent Order

With the exception of Schedule 3 (Requirements) and Schedule 4 (Discharge of Requirements), both of which are addressed below, please refer to Appendix A – Draft Development Consent Order, for matters relating to the **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-004]**.

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~~**DCO General**~~				
3.12.1	DCO Requirements –Additional requirements	The **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-004]** is drafted on the basis that the overhead line can be aligned within the horizontal limits of deviation shown on the **2.3 Works Plans [APP-017 to APP-024]**. The vertical limits of deviation are described in Article 5 of the **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-004]** and the table of parameters at the back of the Works Plans. The proposals in respect of the Walthams are a direct response to stakeholder consultation and have been assessed within the Environmental Impact Assessment. As such, no further approval or notification for heights or alignments which are within the Limits of Deviation and the specified parameters is justified. The Applicant has responded further on this point in Table 3.21, page 144 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports**	CCC understands that full height pylons are proposed between TB140 – 142. Whilst this is welcomed in principle, the proposal and details should be publicised. The following requirement wording is suggested Great Waltham and Little Waltham – Pylons TB140 – 142 (inclusive) 1) No phase of the construction works to pylons TB140 – TB142 (inclusive) may commence until details of— (a) the layout; (b) scale (including height); (c) proposed finished ground levels; (d) external appearance; (e) hard surfacing materials;	Under discussion

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		[REP2-030]. The Applicant will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.	(f) Consultation Report advising of the change to the pylon height and (i) programme for landscaping works, relating to Pylons TB140 – TB142 (inclusive) have been submitted and approved by the relevant planning authority for that phase. 2) The details submitted must accord with the outline design principles 3) The works must be carried out in accordance with the approved details including those set out in the approved construction environmental management plan. 4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), "commence" includes remedial works in respect of any contamination or other adverse ground conditions and site clearance involving vegetation removal. Please see comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.12.2	DCO Requirements – Additional requirements	The Limits of Deviation are clearly described and shown in the application documents and have been assessed within the Environmental Impact Assessment. As such, no further approval or notification for heights or alignments which are within the Limits of Deviation and the specified parameters is justified. The Applicant has responded further on this point in Table 3.21, page 144 of 8.8.2 Applicant's	A Requirement for checking the movement of pylons within the limits of deviation route is needed to ensure that any repositioning of pylons does not cause material harm to affected receptors. It would be prudent, prior to submission that affected receptors within 200 metres of the pylon are notified in writing of such change and a site notice is displayed.	Under discussion

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		Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].	Occupants should be asked to comment on the movement of such pylon and given 21 days to respond. The following wording is proposed: 1) Where a pylon is proposed to be resited within the Limits of Deviation, no phase of the construction works to such pylon may commence until details of— (a) the layout; (b) scale (including height); (c) proposed finished ground levels; (d) external appearance; (e) consultation report containing details of occupants notified and a list of site notices and locations display and (i) programme for landscaping works, relating to that pylon have been submitted and approved by the relevant planning authority for that phase. 2) The details submitted must accord with the outline design principles 3) The works must be carried out in accordance with the approved details including those set out in the approved construction environmental management plan. 4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), "commence" includes remedial works in respect of any contamination or other adverse ground conditions and site clearance involving vegetation removal.	

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			Please see comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
3.12.3	DCO Requirements – Additional requirements	The Applicant has prepared Heads of Terms regarding a unilateral undertaking to be given by the Applicant to the local planning authorities along the Project route under s.106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, relating to obligations designed to secure at least a 10% biodiversity net gain as part of the Project. As the Applicant intends to secure the BNG commitment via a unilateral undertaking, it is not considered a further commitment within the draft DCO is necessary. Please refer to the Applicant's response to DCO 1.S15 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074].**	A post-consent programme of ecological mitigation measures and a BNG delivery plan will both need to be secured through DCO Requirements. CCC defers to ECC Place Services	Not Agreed
3.12.4	DCO Requirements – Archaeology	Requirement 5 within the **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-004]** already includes provision for evaluation. The post-consent process and techniques in the **7.5 Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation [APP-328]** includes evaluation and this document is secured through Requirement 5. The Applicant has provided further detail on the discharge of requirement 5 in response to HE 1.51 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074]**.	Schedule 3 (Requirements) Archaeology Archaeological mitigation measures are secured through proposed requirement 5 in the Draft DCO. Should the Project be granted based on the current levels of evaluation, any requirement should explicitly allow for a separate evaluation stage of archaeological work, before securing a detailed investigation stage as mitigation. The Requirement wording for Archaeology (Requirement 5) (APP-056) does not currently take into account the post-consent programme of archaeological trenching required, or secure timescales for delivery of the Post-Excavation Assessments. CCC defers to ECC archaeology	Under discussion

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3.12.13.12.5	DCO Requirements – timescalesWording for archaeology	**7.5 Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation [APP-328]** provides detailed information on the reporting and publication process to be undertaken following the completion of fieldwork. This includes interim statements within six weeks of completing fieldwork at each site which will set out a programme of work and schedule for the completion of the Post-Excavation Assessment Report. The preparation of the Project archive, post-excavation assessment and subsequent analysis and publication phases would be undertaken in accordance with the DWSI(s), Historic England guidelines (Historic England, 2016a), and CIfA guidelines (CIfA 2014b; 2020; 2023a-f) and other relevant archaeological standards and national guidelines. The different phases would be completed within a set time frame following completion of fieldwork, as agreed between the Archaeological Contractor(s) and the Applicant in consultation with relevant Local Planning Authority Archaeological Advisors and, if relevant, Historic England. The measures within **7.5 Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation [APP-328]** are secured by Requirement 5 of **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-004]**. The Applicant therefore does not consider it necessary to amend the wording of Requirement 5 to include post-excavation works. **Updated Position (February 2026):** National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant	CCC is particularly keen to ensure that the proposed 'requirements' are both workable, achievable and deliverable. The current requirements propose a timescale of 28 days from first registration to decision. Timeframes set out in the DCO must be sufficient for CCC to consider, engage with stakeholders and respond to such applications submitted to it, as well as affording applicants time to feedback and respond to any further comments made. Further consideration should be given to how the processes and timescales are set out in various parts of the Development Consent Order and their effect on the ability to fully consider and discharge requirements. CCC would request that a minimum of 56 days is given to determine the Requirement. It is suggested that article 5(4) is replaced with the wording below and an additional point, 5(5), is included. This will give clarity for sign-off (our proposed condition 5(4)) and also provide reassurance of a robust mechanism for securing both the field and post-excavation works "5 (4) Intrusive site preparation works must not take place until an archaeological or geoarchaeological written scheme(s) of investigation in accordance with the outline written scheme(s) of investigation as appropriate has been submitted to and	Under discussion

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		~~representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~The Applicant has provided further detail on the discharge of requirement 5 in response to HE 1.51 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074]**.	approved by the discharging authority in consultation with Historic England. The archaeological or geoarchaeological written scheme(s) of investigation required under this sub-paragraph must be implemented as approved. 5 (5) Unless otherwise agreed with the local planning authority. a. No later than one year following the completion of the fieldwork specified in each site-specific written scheme of investigation, a site-specific post excavation assessment (PXA) for that site must be completed in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation and submitted to the local planning authority for approval. b. No later than one year following the approval of the final site-specific post excavation assessment, an archaeological updated Project design for all applicable sites, must be submitted to the local planning authority for approval. The archaeological updated Project design must be produced in general accordance with the detailed Written Scheme of Investigation for each stage, include details of the scope of post-excavation analysis and publication and have regard to the site-specific research agendas set out in the site-specific written schemes of investigation. c. Post-excavation analysis and publication must be carried out in accordance with the approved archaeological updated Project	

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			design and provision made for the full archive to be submitted to the appropriate museum. ~~Please see CCC's full response set out in its Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's final Local Impact Report.~~ CCC defers to ECC archaeology	
~~3.12.2~~3.12.6	DCO Requirements ~~-LoD in Great Waltham and Little Waltham~~Construction hours	~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid~~The Applicant has provided a ~~response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~detailed response regarding the proposed construction hours to DCO 1.S10 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074]**. ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~ Requirement 7 (Construction Hours) of the **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-004]** provides that the proposed core working hours are 07:00–19:00 Monday to Friday and 07:00–17:00 on Saturdays, Sundays, Bank Holidays and other Public Holidays, unless alternative hours are approved by the relevant planning authority. The construction works are largely linear and would not occur along the entire length of the project for the full duration of the construction	~~In Great Waltham and Little Waltham, the Limits of Deviation make provision to increase the height of the lower height pylons TB140 – TB142 to full height pylons. The requirement, as currently worded, enables alteration to the height of these pylons, but is silent on the horizontal limits of deviation which are referred to in the works plans.~~ In relation to construction hours, CCC propose the following requirement, "No construction works shall take place except between the following hours: 07;00 to 19:00 Monday to Friday, and 08:00 to 13:00 Saturday. No construction works shall take place at any time on Sunday or a Bank Holiday." ~~Should the alternative scheme be implemented, the requirement should be worded to refer to the horizontal limits of deviation.~~ CCC maintains its view that there should be	Not agreed

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		programme. Rather there would be periods of higher and lower intensity working in each specific geographical area. Varying shift patterns for workers and construction crews means that downtime would occur at specific locations within the working week. These shift patterns would be rolling, and with workers not undertaking a five-day working week, the days on which downtime may occur would vary from week to week, and working will not take place every weekend or bank holiday. The construction working hours set out in **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-004]** define the maximum permissible envelope within which works may take place and do not indicate that construction would occur continuously or routinely throughout those hours. It is not typical for construction activities to take place across the full duration of the permitted working day, nor on every day within the defined hours. The inclusion of these hours provides flexibility to manage construction sequencing and programme resilience, including accommodating weather related disruption, land access constraints, ground conditions and outage requirements associated with electricity transmission projects, while ensuring that works can be completed or secured safely. All construction activity remains subject to the controls set out in **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-0250252]**. The inclusion of Sundays and bank holidays within the defined core working hours provides flexibility. Importantly, the core working hours permit, but do not require, working on Sundays and bank	no working on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Please see CCC's Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 final Local Impact Report (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075 ~~Should the Alternative scheme be implemented, a new requirement, requiring the applicant to publicise the selection of the Alternative scheme should be provided to enable the Host Authority, interested parties and other stakeholders of the decision to implement the Alternative Scheme.~~	

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		holidays. This flexibility is critical to maintaining programme resilience and avoiding a prolonged overall construction period, which would itself result in longer-term exposure to construction impacts. A blanket prohibition on Sundays / bank holidays would materially harm the deliverability of this critical national priority project.		
~~3.12.3~~3.12.7	DCO Requirements – ~~consultation on LoD~~Applications made under requirements	The Applicant has had regard to feedback received from host authorities both on the duration of the decision period and the consistency of the use of 'days' and 'business days' and (with the exception of the timings in Schedule 16 (protective provisions) which remain under discussion with the relevant stakeholders) has revised its proposed 28 day decision period to instead allow 25 business days. This new decision period was selected to provide a 'business day' equivalent to the 35 day period on the National Grid (Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement) Order 2024, ensuring that decision periods are not curtailed over bank holidays. The Applicant considers that this revised decision period to be adequate, proportionate and appropriate to each of the applications proposed to be made in this case, whilst ensuring that the delivery of the Project, which is of critical importance to the UK government's Net Zero Target of 2030, is not unnecessarily delayed by means outside the control of National Grid. The Applicant's position remains that extending the decision-making period beyond what it proposes would not be proportionate or appropriate given the Project's programme constraints, the nature of the applications proposed to be made, and in the	CCC is particularly keen to ensure that the proposed 'requirements' are both workable, achievable and deliverable. The N2T DCO as drafted only allows for 28 days for a decision to be made on a submitted requirement. The explanatory memorandum explains that the 28-day period is appropriate for a Project of this scale and size to ensure the timely delivery of the Project. This is not acceptable to CCC. A 28 day period is insufficient to assess complex technical matters and cross boundary issues. There are limited numbers of officers with detailed knowledge of the Project, and the cumulative effect of staff leave would render this timeframe even less achievable. The risk of deemed consent after 28 days could result in Requirements being refused or approved without sufficient time to fully assess or resolve outstanding issues. Timeframes set out in the DCO must be sufficient for CCC to consider, engage with stakeholders and respond to such	Not agreed

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		context that Annex 2 of the NESO Clean Power 2030 Report identifies that if the Applicant delivers the Project by the end of 2031 instead of by the end of 2030, the consumer would be exposed to additional constraints costs in excess of £2.5 billion. This equates to £7 million for every day that the energisation of the Project is delayed into 2031. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~Nevertheless, there is scope within paragraph 1(1)(c) of Schedule 4 (Discharge of Requirements) of the **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order REP3-004]** to extend the 25 business day period for the discharge of Requirements by agreement in writing between the undertaker and the relevant authority, and within paragraph 2 for the relevant authority to seek further information from the Applicant and to consult with those required by the terms of the Requirement in question. Please refer to the Applicant's response to DCO 1.A2 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074]**.	applications submitted to it, as well as affording Applicants time to feedback and respond to any further comments made. CCC consider that a minimum of 56 days is given to determine the Requirement. As stated in CCC's response to written questions REP3 – 075 CCC is a Discharging Authority on the Longfield Solar Farm DCO EN010118, which has a discharging timeframe of 10 weeks. CCC is aware that Suffolk County Council have produced a response to this question and defers to their response. Their response indicates that a timeframe of 56 days is necessary. In CCC's experience as a Discharging Authority for Longfield Solar Farm DCO, the areas that take time to process a Requirement include the following: • Requirement validation • Requirement consultation (21 days) • Report writing and consideration of consultation comments. • Reconsultation. CCC reiterates that the need for	

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			reasonable timeframes is not about delaying the Project. It about making sure that CCC has sufficient time to undertake all of the necessary processes and statutory functions. CCC has a good working relationship on Longfield Solar Farm and is happy to provide further examples and best practice on this where required. From experience, complicated technical discharges relating to numerous plans and documents, requiring considerable consultee input, Officer assessment and administration support take time. There is no mechanism for reconsultation within the current NSIP requirement discharge process and CCC is dependent upon the Applicant as to whether they will allow it or not. Should an Applicant refuse re-consultation, the remaining options are to refuse or withdraw the Requirement resulting in untimely delay and further administration. Where additional information is needed, the Applicant needs time to prepare the submission, then CCC needs to receive it, reconsult and await the consultation comments. This takes time and	

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			can impact upon the consideration of the requirement. CCC would prefer to be given appropriate and reasonable time to deal with the requirements, without asking for additional extensions of time requiring further administration. Should this DCO be granted, it is critical that CCC has the appropriate means and time to do so. ~~An additional requirement or appropriate mechanism should be provided to enable consultation and notification of any alteration to the height and location of the lower height pylons.~~CCC considers that the proposed timeframe of 35 days is still insufficient to enable discharge of the requirements.	
~~3.12.4~~3.12.8	DCO Requirements – ~~archaeological mitigation~~Further information	Given the Project's status as a project of critical national importance, the Applicant considers five business days for the relevant discharging authority to request additional information to be proportionate and appropriate. The Applicant has updated **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-004]** to replace the five-day period for the request of further information to five 'business days'. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this~~	CCC considers that a longer period is required (a minimum of 15 business days) to enable consultees to determine whether further information is required in common with Longfield Solar Farm DCO. Where the Council, as discharging authority, is required to consult third parties, an amendment should be made to require the Applicant to serve the relevant documentation on the relevant Requirement consultee at the same time as serving it on the Council. This approach is adopted to	Not agreed

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		~~matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~Paragraph 2(4) of Schedule 4 allows the relevant authority to seek the Applicant's consent to request further information after the five business day period if necessary.	some extent within the Longfield Solar Farm DCO and enables more efficient use of time. ~~CCC refers to ECC archaeology in respect of the wording of the archaeological requirements.~~CCC considers that a five business day timeframe is not proportionate or appropriate. Please see CCC's Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 final Local Impact Report (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	
~~3.12.5~~/ 3.12.9	DCO Requirements - ~~wording for Archaeology (Requirement 5)~~Fees	The Applicant has updated the proposed fee to align with the current national guidance in **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-004]**. The Applicant proposes this matter is agreed.	The fee needs to be updated in line with latest planning fee guidance. ~~CCC refers to ECC archaeology in respect of the wording of the archaeological requirements.~~Noted. Provision should be made to account for yearly fee rises in accordance with standard discharging procedures.	Under discussion
~~3.12.6~~3.12 .10	DCO Requirements – ~~post-consent ecological mitigation and BNG~~Additional requirements	The programme of ecological mitigation is set out within **7.4 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-0303-028]** and commitment GG04 in **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]** secures an ECoW who will monitor that the works proceed in accordance with relevant environmental DCO requirements and adhere to the required good practice and standard mitigation measures. The outline management plans are secured by	A post-consent programme of ecological mitigation measures and a BNG delivery plan will both need to be secured through DCO Requirements. The strength of the DCO Requirements in ensuring the delivery of the mitigation measures and BNG plan will be critical to determining what ecological impact the Norwich to Tilbury project ultimately renders (positive or negative) for Essex local authority districts.	Under discussion

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		Requirement 4 (Construction management plans) of **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-004]**. ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~The Applicant's response to DCO 1.S15 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074]** explains why a specific reference to securing BNG is not contained in the dDCO.	CCC defers to ECC Place Services	
~~3.12.7~~	~~Draft DCO wording~~	~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~ ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~	~~From CCC draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board:~~ ~~For consistency within the dDCO, there are a number of definitions and drafting points to be addressed (such as the use of 'business day,' 'working day' and 'day' interchangeably).~~	~~Under discussion~~
Other matters as required				
~~3.12.8~~ ~~Construction working hours~~ ~~**Updated Position (February 2026):**~~ ~~National Grid has provided a response to this matter at Deadline 1 through the relevant representations process (document reference 8.4.1).~~				

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~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information within the LIR.~~ ~~National Grid will continue to engage with CCC on this matter.~~ ~~In relation to construction hours, CCC propose the following requirement:~~ ~~"No construction works shall take place except between the following hours: 07:00 to 19:00 Monday to Friday, and 08:00 to 13:00 Saturday. No construction works shall take place at any time on Sunday or a Bank Holiday."~~ ~~Under discussion~~				

3.13 Other Matters

Table 3.13 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Other Matters

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Other matters as required				
3.13.1	Agriculture and Soils	The Project has sought to minimise impacts on Best and Most Versatile (BMV) agricultural land as far as practicable and includes mitigation measures to reduce impacts on the soil resource and on agricultural activities (as set out in **6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 - Agriculture and Soils [APP-138]**). ~~Further discussion will take place following review of the information.~~For the Applicant's position on agriculture and soils please refer to Section 4.4 Land Use (Agriculture and Soils) in **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** and the response to LUS 1.9 in **8.9.1 Applicant's Responses to First Written Questions [REP3-074].**	CCC's main concern is the loss of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land and disruption of agricultural activities as a consequence of the loss of agricultural land. Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	Not agreed

3.14 Mitigation and Compensation

Table 3.14 Matters Agreed, Not Agreed or Under Discussion in relation to Other Matters

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Other matters as required				
3.14.1	Mitigation and Compensation	~~Socio-economic impacts on the local economy and the tourism sector are assessed **in 6.15 Environmental Statement Chapter 15 - Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism [APP-265]**. The chapter concludes that there would be no significant impacts on the local economy as a result of the Project.~~ ~~In addition to the ES, the Applicant is committed to providing a coordinated local and regional approach to community benefits. The Government has published its guidance on community funds for transmission infrastructure (DESNZ, 2025). The Applicant is committed to working with Ofgem, industry partners, local communities and their representatives to ensure community benefits are delivered fairly and effectively, driving lasting, positive change for the people and places integral to our developing electricity network.~~ ~~This would be delivered outside the development consent process, since it is not a material consideration in the decision on the Project or a matter to be secured as part of the Development Consent Order (DCO), as per the Community Funds for Transmission Infrastructure: Guidance (DESNZ, 2025) 14.. Therefore, any community benefit or investment would be captured under the~~	The project would have clear and extensive residual impacts arising that would adversely affect the local economy and environment, as well as the health and wellbeing of communities in Chelmsford. These impacts cannot be sufficiently mitigated or compensated through the planning regime. CCC contends that while the Norwich to Tilbury Project will deliver significant benefits at a national level, this will not offset the harm at the local level. This is unacceptable to CCC and CCC objects to the lack of appropriate mitigation and compensation. CCC recognise the timing for the project is driven by the need for capacity in the transmission system by 2030. Yet it is CCC's view that such benefit should not and cannot be secured at the expense of Chelmsford's local communities, landscapes and environments that would be affected by the proposal The proposal would introduce vast incongruous features of industrial character	Under discussion

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		~~National Grid Community Grant Scheme and dealt with separately to the EIA.~~ **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030]** includes the Applicant's position on a number of matters relating to mitigation and compensation, including: • Section 3.10, Landscape and Visual – Landscape Compensation • Section 3.12, Biodiversity, Ecology and Nature Conservation – Replacement Tree Planting • Section 3.12, Biodiversity, Ecology and Nature Conservation – Biodiversity Net Gain • Section 3.15, Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism – Community Benefits • Section 3.15, Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism – Employment, Skills, Training and Local Supply Chain The Applicant proposes to prepare and submit an Employment and Skills Plan into the Examination at Deadline 5. This document is intended to provide transparency and clarity regarding the approach that National Grid and its delivery partner, The Great Grid Partnership, will take to employment, skills, training and supply chain engagement during construction of the Project. The Applicant will engage with host authorities to inform the content of the Employment and Skills Plan. With regards to community benefit funding, the	into a rural landscape, which would have harmfully impact upon the landscape, historic environment and amenities of the communities within which they would sit. The pylons and overhead lines would be visually noticeable and prominent. Many of the effects cannot be mitigated against due to the height and scale of the proposal and would be permanent. CCC consider that reasonable compensation and benefits to the wider area including a, Skills and Employment funds, environmental and landscape enhancement and funding for heritage. Although separate to planning, affected residents should be appropriately compensate and a Community Benefit fund introduced Whilst CCC welcomes and Employment and Skills Plan, details of the content of this are required. Matters relating to other forms of compensation including those relating to heritage, landscape and trees remain outstanding. Separately to planning, CCC notes the need for residential compensation.	

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		Applicant is considering how the funding should be used and notes the suggestions made in the Local Impact Reports. Further details are provided in Section 3.15 of **8.8.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports [REP2-030].** The Applicant welcomes ongoing engagement with CCC in relation to this matter. Should it be considered that respective positions remain unchanged following further discussion, it may be appropriate to record this matter as 'not agreed'.	Please see CCC's ~~full response set out in its~~ Relevant Representations dated 27 November 2025 ~~and draft Local Impact Report shared for Policy Board on 15th January 2026. Further comments will be provided within CCC's~~ final Local Impact Report~~.~~ (REP1-153) and comments to the first Written Questions REP3-075	

4. Confirmation of Agreement

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

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

Signed for and on behalf of National Grid:

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Date:

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Signed for and on behalf of Chelmsford City Council:

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Date:

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~~Abbreviations~~

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

~~Abbreviation~~	~~Full Reference~~
~~WHIASU~~	~~Wales Health Impact Assessment Support Unit~~
~~WIIA~~	~~Waste Infrastructure Impact Assessment~~
~~WSI~~	~~Written Scheme of Investigation~~
~~ZoI~~	~~Zone of Influence~~
~~ZTV~~	~~Zone of Theoretical Visibility~~

Appendix A. Summary of Key Engagement between National Grid and Chelmsford City Council

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Appendix A Draft DCO wording

Table A.1 Comments on draft DCO

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1.	DCO Wording	The Applicant shared a pre-submission version of the **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [Revision C]** with the lead case officers of all host authorities on 3 June 2025 and had regard to all feedback received prior to submission of the application.	Applicants are encouraged to engage in discussions on draft documents ahead of submission, to resolve matters where possible. CCC recognises in line with Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice for Local Authorities as published by Planning Inspectorate on 8 August 2024, (updated 16 December 2024), there is a responsibility on the local authority to "Consider the Applicant's draft Development Consent Order (DCO), including requirements". Despite repeated attempts to engage with NGET regarding the content and form of the draft DCO, regrettably the details of the draft Development Consent Order were not shared with CCC in advance of the submission. NGET offered CCC an opportunity to review some elements of the draft DCO ahead of submission, albeit noting that there were some omissions). CCC, working with Essex County Council (ECC), provided comments to the Applicant detailing a number of concerns. However, no feedback was offered by the Applicant on the comments provided. It appears from the Development Consent Order as submitted (APP-056) that many of the comments provided have not been taken into account, and no explanation has been offered.	Not agreed

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			While CCC will continue to engage with the Applicant regarding the dDCO, there continue to be a number of issues which require resolution before any order can be made. (Paras 10.1-10.4)	
2.	DCO Wording	**7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice Appendix B - Outline Site Waste Management Plan [APP-302]** and **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice Appendix F - Outline Noise and Vibration Management Plan [APP-306]** are provided as appendices of **7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice [Revision B]**. The Outline Code of Construction Practice includes all information that would typically be found within a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), therefore a separate CEMP would not be required. These documents are controlled by Requirement 4 in Schedule 3 to the **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [Revision C]**.	Article 2 "Control Documents" The N2T DCO includes an "outline code of construction practice" but does not include a Construction Environmental Management Plan, Materials and Waste Management Plan. Clarity is required as to which documents will cover the scope of these matters, given their importance in managing the delivery phase of the scheme. (Para 10.5) CCC requests the provision of a separate CEMP in line with general practice.	Not agreed
3.	DCO Wording	Six metres is the same upward deviation as was allowed for in The National Grid (Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement Project) Development Consent Order 2024, and is intended to provide a necessary but proportionate degree of flexibility in the construction of the authorised development and to reduce risk. It allows the addition of two standard pylon sections, each measuring three metres in height. The limits	Article 5 – Limits of Deviation The Limits of Deviation (LoD) are set out on page 10 of the N2T DCO. These allow for longitudinal and lateral deviation (unrestricted) within the Order Limits, as well as vertical deviation. The N2T DCO proposes a vertical deviation of 6m. The explanatory memorandum sets out why flexibility across the scheme in its entirety is necessary to avoid the risk of the scheme becoming incapable of implementation	Not agreed

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		of deviation have been assessed in the Environmental Statement submitted with the application for development consent **[APP-123 to APP-298]** and no re-assessment is required. The **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [Revision C]** is drafted on the basis that the overhead line can be aligned within the horizontal limits of deviation shown on the **2.3 Works Plans [APP-017 to APP-024]**. The vertical limits of deviation are described in Article 5 of the **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [Revision C]** and the table of parameters at the back of the Works Plans. The proposals in respect of the Walthams are a direct response to stakeholder consultation and have been assessed within the Environmental Impact Assessment. As such, no further approval or notification for heights or alignments which are within the Limits of Deviation and the specified parameters is justified.	due to unforeseen ground conditions or engineering considerations. This is accepted in principle by the CCC. Yet the LoD have potentially significant implications for landscape and visual impacts, heritage impacts and noise, as discussed in the relevant chapters of this LIR. CCC consider that a virtual deviation of 6m is too high and unjustified. This should be amended to a maximum of 4m high, to minimise environmental impacts. In Great Waltham and Little Waltham, the Limits of Deviation make provision to increase the height of the lower height pylons TB140 – TB142 to full height pylons. The requirement, as currently worded, enables alteration to the height of these pylons, but is silent on the horizontal limits of deviation which are referred to in the works plans. Should this change be implemented, and full height pylons installed post consent, the requirement as it stands makes no reference to publicise the alteration and inform the Local Planning Authority and the host communities of the change. An additional requirement or appropriate mechanism should be provided to enable consultation and notification of any alteration to the height and location of the lower height pylons. The Limits of Deviation enable the movement of pylons along the Overhead Line without consultation. This is unacceptable as the movement could lead to increased and unacceptable harm. Affected receptors should	

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			be reassessed for any movement along the Overhead Line to ensure that they do not lead to harm. (Para 10.6-10.9) Please see CCC's comments to the first Written Questions.	
4.	DCO Wording	Article 51 (Trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders) within **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [Revision C]**, together with **2.16 Trees and Hedgerows to be Removed and or Managed Plans [APP-048 to APP-055]**, set out controls on the Applicant's powers to fell and lop trees protected by TPOs, both within and outside the Order Limits. These controls are consistent with controls used in several precedent DCOs, including The National Grid (Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement) Order 2024 and The National Grid (Yorkshire Green Enablement Project) Development Consent Order 2024. The use of 'near' is to mirror the wording used in Article 50 (Felling and lopping of trees, etc). A definition of near is not necessary because for the power to be exercised lawfully, the Applicant must consider it necessary to prevent an obstruction or interference with the construction, maintenance or operation of the authorised development and any associated apparatus, or from constituting a	Article 51 – Trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) Due to the special importance of trees subject to TPO's, a definition of "near" is required for the avoidance of doubt. Additional wording should be added to the effect that advance notice of proposed works must be given to the Local Planning Authority and opportunity given for the planning authority to impose reasonable conditions (i.e.as to method of pruning/appropriate timing of tree work). (Para 10.10)	Not agreed

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		danger to persons construction, maintaining, or operating the authorised development. Additionally, Article 51(3) of **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [Revision C]** places a statutory duty on the Applicant not to cause any unnecessary damage to any tree when exercising its powers under this article, a breach of which would be an offence. The Applicant does not propose to include provision for advance notice and consent due to the existence of controls within **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order [Revision C]** and to ensure that the delivery of the Project, which is of critical importance to the UK government's Clean Power Target of 2030, is not unnecessarily delayed by matters outside the control of the Applicant.		

~~Appendix A~~
~~Summary of Key Engagement between National Grid and Chelmsford City Council~~

Appendix B Engagement history

Table ~~A~~B.~~1~~1 Summary of ~~Key Engagement~~key engagement between ~~National Grid and Chelmsford City Council~~the Applicant and CCC

Date	Format	Topic/Description
General		
June 2022	Meeting	Informal project catch-up and consultation feedback with CCC.
September 2022	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
October 2022	Meeting	Informal project catch up with CCC
November 2022	Meeting	Briefings on issued response to questions from OffSET with all host authorities.
November 2022	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
January 2023	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
February 2023	Meeting	Pre-consultation session with all host authorities.
March 2023	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
May 2023	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
June 2023	Meeting	Non-statutory consultation preferred alignment briefing to all host authorities.
July 2023	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
September 2023	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
October 2023 - Ongoing	Meeting	Monthly informal catch-up Teams calls.
November 2023	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
December 2023	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) to all host authorities for comment.

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January 2024	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
February 2024	Meeting	Statutory consultation preferred alignment briefing to all host authorities.
March 2024	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
March 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the SoCC to all host authorities for statutory consultation.
May 2024	Meeting	All host authority workshop.
May 2024	Meeting	Consultation plan discussion with CCC.
September 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the draft Outline Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) to all host authorities for comment.
October 2024	Meeting	National Grid held a meeting to discuss comments from stakeholders on draft versions of the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Outline LEMP) and Outline CoCP.
November 2024	Meeting	Meeting to discuss approach to targeted consultations
November 2024	Meeting	All host authority workshop
January 2025	Meeting	Meeting to provide project and design update
January 2025	Meeting	All host authority workshop
January 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the 2nd iteration draft versions of the Outline CoCP and Outline LEMP to all host authorities for comment.
January 2025	Meeting	National Grid held a meeting to discuss comments from stakeholders on the 2nd iteration draft versions of the Outline LEMP and Outline CoCP.
March 2025	Meeting	All host authority workshop
May 2025	Meeting	Meeting to discuss targeted consultation feedback
May 2025	Meeting	Meeting to discuss draft Statement of Common Ground

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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 oCoCP - Appendix H, Draft Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy
May 2025	Email correspondence	National Grid issued the Long List of Other Developments
June 2025	Meeting	Meeting to discuss draft Statement of Common Ground
June 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued draft DCO, explanatory memorandum and draft requirements
July 2025	Meeting	All host authority workshop
August 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued draft Heads of Terms for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and off-site tree provision
August 2025	Meeting	Meeting to provide project and design update
September 2025	Meeting	All host authority workshop
October 2025	Meeting	An optional thematic group meeting to discuss feedback on the Hydrology and Land Drainage section of the Environmental Statement.
October 2025	Meeting	Meeting to discuss tree replacement management within Chelmsford
November 2025	Meeting	All host authority workshop
January 2026	Meeting	All host authority
January 2026	Meeting	Meeting to discuss the Statement of Common Ground
February 2026	Meeting	Meeting to progress Statement of Common Ground
March 2026	Email	Email to agree approach for Statement of Common Ground deadline 4 submission

Date	Format	Topic/Description
March 2026	Meeting	All host authority workshop
Ecology and Biodiversity		
July 2022	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the Biodiversity Assessment Methodology and Arboriculture Assessment Methodology for review ahead of the Thematic Group meeting.
July 2022	Meeting	Ecology and Biodiversity Thematic Group meeting - National Grid presented on the Biodiversity Assessment Methodology and Arboriculture Assessment Methodology and sought feedback from CCC and other authorities.
September 2023	Meeting	National Grid discussed the potential off-site scheme/initiatives for BNG.
March 2024	Meeting	Biodiversity Thematic Group to discuss the methodology and scope of ecology surveys outside the remit of Natural England.
May 2024	Technical Note	National Grid issued a technical note to all host authorities outlining survey methods and the scope of surveys for species outside the remit of Natural England for agreement / comment.
May 2024	Meeting	Optional Thematic Group call.
September 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP)
October 2024	Meeting	National Grid hosted a meeting to discuss comments from stakeholders on draft versions of the Outline LEMP and Outline CoCP.
January 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the Protected Species Proposed Mitigation Measures to stakeholders including CCC
January 2025	Meeting	National Grid hosted a meeting to discuss comments from stakeholders on proposed mitigation for species outside the remit of Natural England.
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.

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January 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the second iteration of the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP)
January 2025	Meeting	National Grid hosted a meeting to discuss comments from stakeholders on the second iteration of the Outline LEMP and Outline CoCP.
May 2025	Meeting	National Grid hosted a meeting to discuss comments from the updated proposed mitigation for species outside the remit of Natural England.
May 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared a new appendix to the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP) – Appendix D, Outline Landscape Proposals
September 2025	Meeting	Option thematic group meeting to discuss feedback on the ecology section of the Environmental Statement
January 2026	Meeting	Meeting to discuss Statement of Common Ground with Essex Place Services
Air Quality		
September 2022	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the proposed methodology and scope of the Air Quality assessment for review and comment.
Noise and Vibration		
September 2022	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the proposed methodology and scope of the Noise and Vibration assessment for review and comment.
Health and Wellbeing		
September 2022	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the Health and Wellbeing Assessment Methodology to all host authorities.
September 2023	Technical Note	National Grid issued a Health and Wellbeing technical note on the proposed approach to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), including guidance, study area, scope, and assessment methodology.
October 2023	Email Correspondence	Chelmsford City Council requested that Wales Health Impact Assessment Support Unit (WHIASU) guidance and vulnerable groups checklist is included within the assessment.

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September 2024	Meeting	National Grid held a meeting to discuss and agree the proposed assessment scope and methodology for the Health and Wellbeing chapter of the ES.
October 2024	Technical note	National Grid issued a refreshed Health and Wellbeing technical note on the proposed approach to the EIA, including guidance, study area, scope, and assessment methodology.
October 2025	Meeting	Option thematic group meeting to discuss feedback on the Health and Wellbeing section of the Environmental Statement.
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.

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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.
March 2024	Email Correspondence	Project response to Stakeholder feedback on Heritage Viewpoints.
May 2024	Meeting	Optional Statutory Consultation Thematic Group call.
June 2024	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group Meeting.
July 2024	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group Meeting.
August 2024	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group Meeting.
September 2024	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group Meeting.
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January 2025	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group Meeting
February 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued Historic Environment (HE) Viewpoints information
February 2025	Meeting	Historic Environment Thematic Group meeting to further discuss the Historic Environment Viewpoints.
February 2025	Technical note	National Grid shared the Draft Heritage Baseline Report with Annex C and D.
February 2025	Meeting	Historic Environment Thematic Group meeting to discuss the Heritage Baseline report.
February 2025	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group Meeting.
March 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued updated the Historic Environment Viewpoints information to stakeholders including CCC.

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March 2025	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group Meeting
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.
April 2025	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group Meeting
June 2025	Meeting	National Grid shared the Archaeological Fieldwork Summary.
June 2025	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group Meeting
August 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared SSWSIs - Site 013
September 2025	Technical note	National Grid shared Priority Geophys Prelim Grayscales with stakeholders for consideration
October 2025	Meeting	Optional thematic group meeting to discuss feedback on the heritage section of the Environmental Statement.
November 2025	Technical Note	National Grid shared shapefiles of the Phase 2 Geophysical Survey with the priority survey areas
December 2025	Technical Note	National Grid shared the WSI for the Phase 2 Geophysical Survey
January 2026	Meeting	Initial meeting to discuss matters relating to heritage in the Chelmsford Statement of Common Ground
January 2026	Meeting	Meeting to discuss matters relating to Archaeology in the Statements of Common gGround being covered by EPS.
January 2026	Meeting	Meeting to discuss matters relating to built heritage in the Chelmsford Statement of Common Ground
February 2026	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the Supplementary Environmental Information submitted to Planning Inspectorate on the geophysical survey and archaeological trial trenching completed to date with the Archaeology Working Group Stakeholders.
February 2026	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group
March 2026	Meeting	Archaeology Working Group
Landscape and Visual		

Date	Format	Topic/Description
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 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	National Grid shared the shapefiles for the landscape viewpoints and order limits with CCC and other

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	Correspondence	stakeholders following the Landscape Thematic Group Meeting.
September 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the draft Outline LEMP and Sample Mitigation Drawings ahead of the draft Outline LEMP and Outline CoCP discussion.
September 2024	Meeting	Landscape and Visual Thematic Group Meeting – LVIA Viewpoints within Essex South.
October 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the Draft mitigation drawings with stakeholders
October 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared the National landscape setting study with stakeholders
October 2024	Email Correspondence	National Grid shared updated viewpoint information data following from the landscape thematic workshops
November 2024	Meeting	Thematic group meeting to discuss viewpoints and methodology.
March 2025	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued an update on LVIA Viewpoints and Methodology.
January 2026	Meeting	Joint meeting attended by LPA's who are represented by Essex Place service for Landscape to discuss the Statement of Common Ground.
March 2026	Meeting	Joint meeting attended by LPA's who are represented by Essex Place service for Landscape to discuss the Statement of Common Ground.
Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism		
July 2022	Email Correspondence	National Grid issued the assessment methodology to stakeholders for review ahead of the Thematic Group Meeting in July 2022.
July 2022	Meeting	National Grid held a Socio-economic, Recreation and Tourism Thematic Group Meeting to seek feedback on the proposed approach to the Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism assessment prior to formal submission of the Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate. This meeting was attended by several stakeholders, including CCC.
June 2023	Technical Note	National Grid issued a Technical Note setting out the study area and methodology for assessing businesses where visual impacts are a potential operational consideration, and Public Right of Way

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		(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.
September 2025	Meeting	Optional thematic group meeting to discuss feedback on the Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourismsection of the Environmental Statement

Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full Reference
AIL	Abnormal Indivisible Loads
AIS	Air Insulated Switchgear
AOD	Above Ordnance Datum
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
BNG	Biodiversity Net Gain
CCC	Chelmsford City Council
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice
CSE	Cable Sealing End
CTMP	Construction Traffic Management Plan
DCO	Development Consent Order
EACN	East Anglia Connection Node
EHO	Environmental Health Officer
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EPS	Essex Place Services
ES	Environmental Statement
GI	Ground Investigation
GW	Gigawatt
LLFA	Lead Local Flood Authority
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
LIR	Local Impact Report
MIIA	Mineral Infrastructure Impact Assessment
MRA	Minerals Resource Assessment
NCR	National Cycle Route
NETS	National Electricity Transmission System
NG	National Grid
NPSs	National Policy Statements
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
PRoW	Public Right of Way
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation
SPZ	Source Protection Zone
WFD	Water Framework Directive
WHIASU	Wales Health Impact Assessment Support Unit

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

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