

Dear Inspectors

Thank you for visiting Little Venham
Castle.

At the 2 sessions on April 29 at the
Public enquiry the inspectors asked National
Grid to reply in writing to my husband
Andrew Buxton's talk. They have not yet
done this.

The view of the proposed 9 pylons from
the Castle roof-top is on an elevated ridge line
above the cable route. Thus more visible.

Pylon 27 is 49m AOD above ordnance datum.
Point in compound where cable undergrounds is
47 metres AOD. Therefore T pylons are less
intrusive. (without the fragile trees we can see the CSC).

We can already easily see Braintree &
Twinstead line which is 3 km away.

2025 pylon route suggested by NG is 1 km

Away and

Pylon J 27 is an angle tower, & should be avoided (Holford Rules).

Ancient Monuments + Archaeological Areas Act 1979 specifically says exceptionally high degree of care is required to a scheduled monument especially visual intrusion + how the asset is experienced + appreciated. It is protected under National Planning Policies NPPF + local plans.

(Section 16.1) para 199

Savills land agents suggested route is north of Brimlin Wood (avoiding J 27 angle tower) + would move line to 2 km away, with careful planning of pylons.

Raydon works with CSE to go north for safety reasons.

National Grid says they have to do things as cheaply as acceptable

- Also it is NOT acceptable for a Scheduled Monument of National importance & open to the public for future generations.

The 2025 CSE proposal at Raydon cuts off part of my field with underground cable a few metres South. This makes drainage never the same & difficult. Also it makes the small bit of field (k.w. of cable route) (that does not have a cable) impossible to farm. Can the cable be laid to the edge of the existing field? The location of the route would make it impossible for me to use this field for housing development in the future (if needed for enabling to protect the historic buildings.)

With best wishes,

[Redacted signature]



It takes a ~~LINE~~ direction to north of Vauxhall Farm and then continues NEE for 1075 metres crossing private drive to the Birches. This drive running south from the Street in the vicinity of Charity Farm.

It runs broadly parallel with the Street eastwards to Chattisham crossing Chattisham Road before joining the current pylon route 440 metres farther on.

One question is whether this indicative route can exist without creating a conflict with the Water Main.

The Water Company will have a protective corridor around its main but there are plenty of examples where surface conduits run close. At this point the electricity supply will be above ground anyway so it's a matter of focusing on where the pylons are to be constructed. Temporary traffic running on the surface should not

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letter to me
about their
proposed route
to avoid J.27

For Info.

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constructed. Temporary traffic running on the surface should not be a problem..

I know that you are of the view that if necessary the cable could go through Brimlin Wood...and there are examples of this happening.

However for poor reasons often inspectors and acquiring authorities consider woods a no go area.

Its not as valuable as the Castle I know but I fear it's a fact.

Thus seeking to persude them on the original route we submitted is I believe preferable.

You asked us for some height measurements.

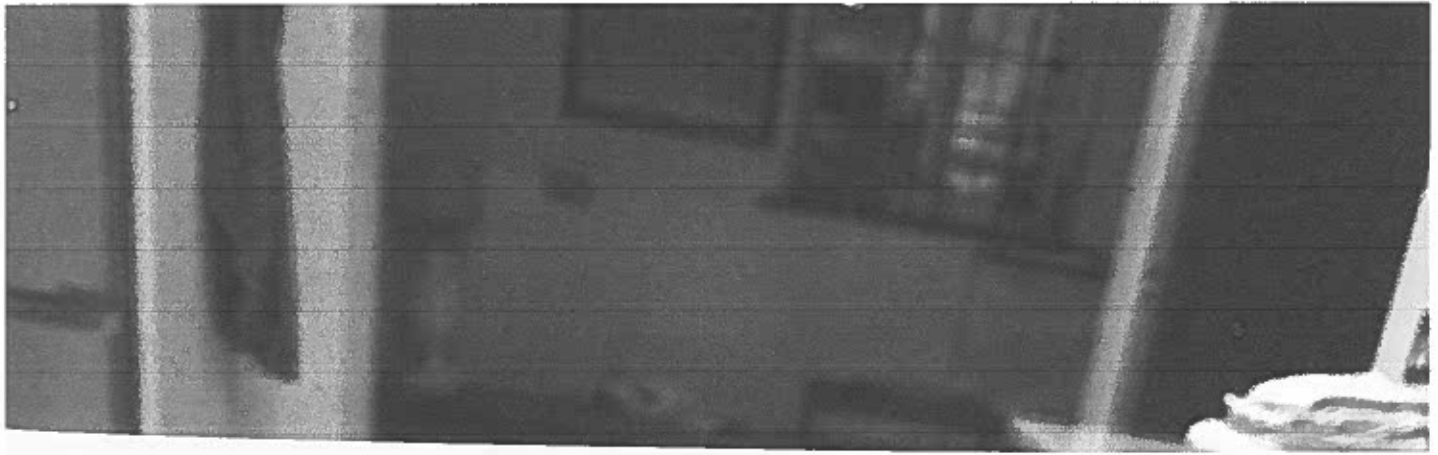
Pylon 27-49m AOD...above ordnance datum

Point in Compound where cable undergrounds ...47m.

Im unsure why you wanted the dats for the boundary of the Dedham Vale

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to me,

Elevated
RIDGE LINE.



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camilla macada

orwich to Tilbury enquiry

Tue, Mar 10, 2026 at 6:32

Hi Camilla,

The report they have referred to says:

"The south of Babergh District forms part of the setting of Dedham Vale Natural Landscape (an AONB) and is unlikely to be suitable for T-pylons due to potential intervisibility from its elevated northern enclosing ridgeline."

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And it concludes:

"Although the T-pylons may offer the opportunity to mitigate potential landscape and visual effects when compared with other technologies it is not likely that, for the Project, the overall net benefits of T-pylon (when considering their own disadvantages) would produce an overall favourable alternative to traditional lattice pylons considering all factors that National Grid is required to take into account under its statutory duties."

Kind regards,

Please what does this mean?

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Little wenham

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To: camilla macadam

Mon, May 4, 2026 at 10:02 AM

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From: camilla macadam
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 2026 at 15:58
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Little wenham
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From: Contact Norwich to Tilbury <contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 2026 at 14:05
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Little wenham
To:

Dear Mrs Macadam

As promised, we're following up with the answers to your additional questions regarding the proposed route of the Project and the use of T-Pylons.

We looked at a wide range of options in this area, including to the north of Brimlin Wood. However, when we looked at this, the design would bring the route much closer to other homes, for example between Charit Farm and The Birches, where there is only a narrow gap between properties. It would also mean the line would need to angle around the north of the woodland, rather than running in a straight line into the proposed cable sealing end compound.

You also asked about using a mix of T-pylons and traditional lattice pylons. National Grid has used a combination of pylon types on other projects, such as the Hinkley Connection. However, T-pylons are more expensive, and under Ofgem's funding rules we are required to use the lowest-cost option that is acceptable. They are also less flexible across different types of land, often needing more complex design and access arrangements.

We also need to think carefully about where different pylon types would change along the route. Because the need for alternative design measures depends on the surrounding area, any visual break or change in pylon style would need to be carefully justified and positioned. Our assessments show that, where overhead lines remain the appropriate solution, lattice pylons are consistent with planning policy along the route.

You can see examples for some locations where the use of T-pylons was considered (see Appendix A of [5.15 Design Development Report \[APP-122\]](#)). In these instances, they were seen as unnecessary as the effects from lattice pylons weren't found to be unacceptable. On this and the above basis, T-pylons are not proposed for the Project.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely
Community Relations Team
Norwich to Tilbury
nationalgrid

This is NOT Acceptable for a
Scheduled Monument.

A view of 9 pylons 1 km away.
on elevated land (2 metres higher)

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From: camilla macadam [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 March 2026 18:21
To: Contact Norwich to Tilbury <contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Little wenham

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Many thanks Alexandra macadam

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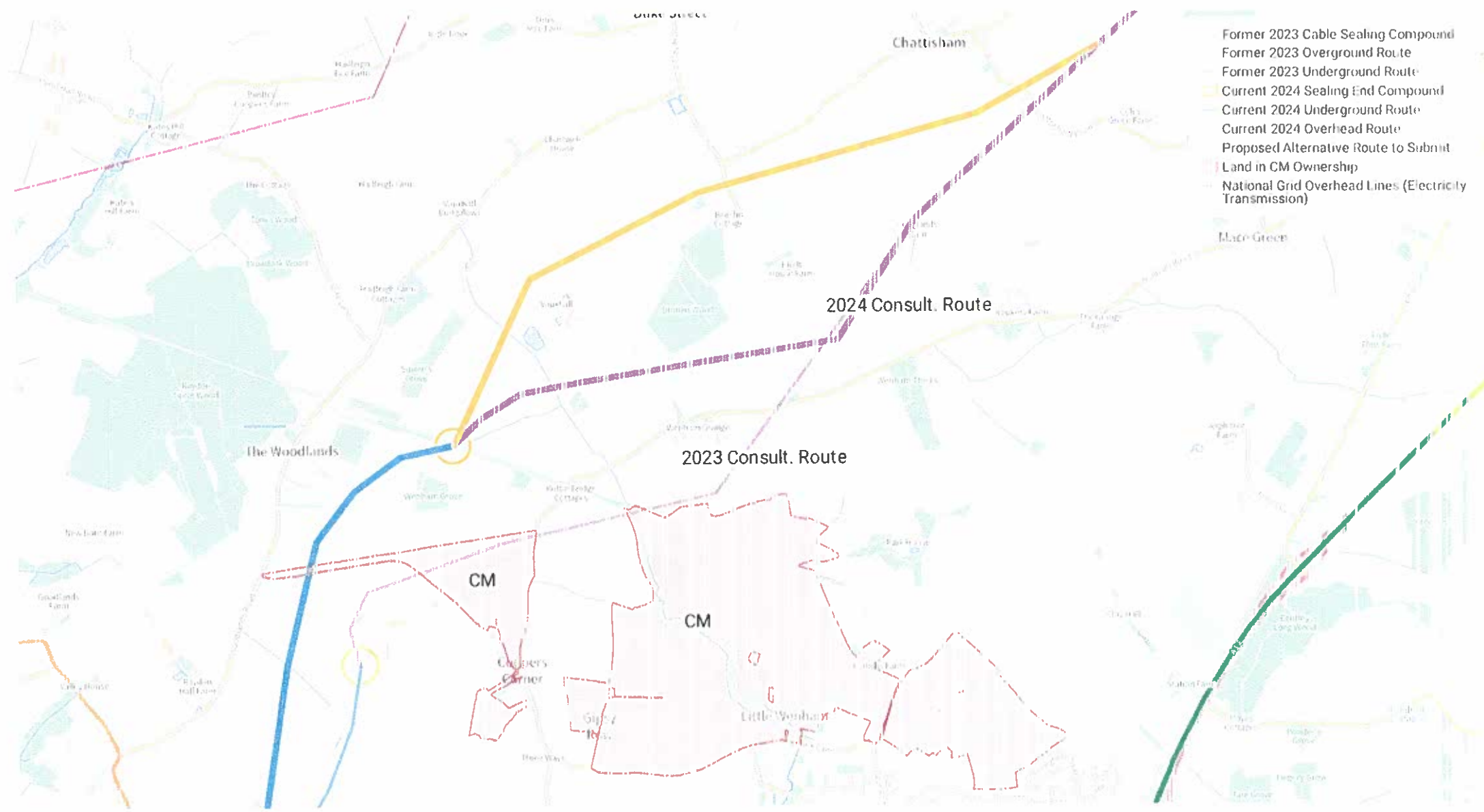
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Choice of Route

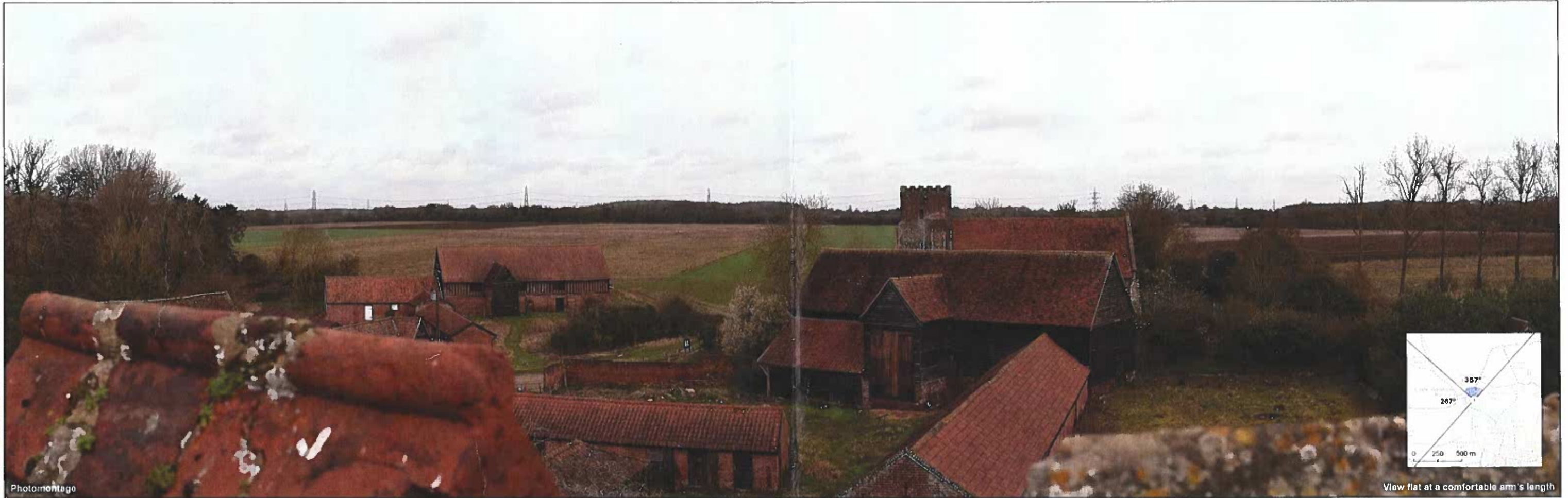




Cable proposed.

Field difficult - drainage with this cable.

Without trees you can easily see the CSE.



Photomontage

View flat at a comfortable arm's length

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OS reference: 600061E 230368N
ADD: 52.7 m
Elevation of view: 35.1°
Nearest pylons: 1.56 km

Horizontal field of view: 90° (cylindrical projection)
Principal distance: 522 mm
Paper size: 841 x 207 mm (Half A1)
Corrected image size: 820 x 200 mm

Camera: NIKON D750
Lens: 50mm f/1.8
Camera height: 1.5 m

Photography Date: 14/03/2024
Photography Time: 10:13

Norwich to Tisbury
Figure: 7.12.F209_HE3a
Viewpoint HE3: Little Wenham Castle

From: camilla macadam
Sent: Tue 07/07/2026 15:19
To: NI Enquiries
Subject: Little Wenham Heritage buildings

Little Wenham Hall is a grade 1 listed building and scheduled monument of national importance ; it is one of the earliest fortified domestic brick buildings in England, built in 1260 , and is open to public free of charge.

The curtilage includes grade 1 listed church and grade 2 star listed medieval tithe barn, in addition a range of grade 2 listed farm buildings .

2.57 The document 6.11.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 11.1 – Historic Environment Baseline Report considers the significance and setting of Little Wenham Castle and the two other highly-graded listed buildings which form part of the historic complex, St Lawrence's parish church and the barn to the north of the Castle. The complex also includes five buildings listed at grade II: Little Wenham Hall Farmhouse (NHLE 1285599), the Garden Wall Approximately 20m Northwest of Little Wenham Castle (NHLE 1033406), the Farm Buildings Complex to West of Barn and Buildings Listed 3/80 Little Wenham Castle (NHLE 1351958), the Farm Buildings Complex Approximately 50 m North of Little Wenham Castle Adjacent to South of the Churchyard (NHLE 1194648) and a monument in the churchyard (Table Tomb and Enclosing Railings Approximately 14 m South of South Wall of Chancel, Church of St Lawrence, NHLE 1194704).

The NPPF governs historic buildings in England ,any changes must preserve the buildings significance. It directs councils to follow rules.

.chapter 16 “Setting Matters”. It protects the setting to historic buildings , setting is the surroundings in which the heritage asset is experienced , and the setting and views ,make a contribution to the significance of the heritage asset and allows the significance to be appreciated.

Para 3.1.23 DDR23 Holford Rules should be adopted for pylon routeing and Horlock rules for the siting of the CSE. ..para 3.1.23 adverse landscape and visual impact , along certain parts of its route , may result in recommendation to use undergrounding. Contrary to the applicant's response in ISH2 to the level of harm , Historic England defines the pylon project MID LEVEL harm to Little Wenham.

para 2.9 .15 state that ES set out details of consideration including applicants rationale for eschewing feasible alternatives and the mitigation cost calculation methodology that this rationale may rely upon

DDR April 2024 LAVI statutory duty schedule 9 of electricity Act 1989 to have regard to visual landscape and to reasonably mitigate possible impacts. para2.9.14”where proposed route of overhead line will likely result in particularly significant landscape and visual impacts ...applicant should demonstrate..including rerouteing underground , that they have given due consideration to the costs and benefits of feasible alternatives to the overhead line

the 2025 proposed pylon route in south Babergh district is on elevated land (2 metres above the cable sealing end at Raydon 47 meters AOD . please why can you not put Tpylons, as they will be less visible on elevated land? please can you send me the difference in costings of lattice and t pylons and also the cost of undergrounding , from Raydon CSE to J20 pylon or to Bramford substation. Why not have the T pylons like at Hinkley connection project they are not all in an AONB? T pylons are far less visible from further away .

The cable sealing end at raydon babergh district , should be moved north of brimlin wood and go directly between charit farm and the birches which is perfectly possible including the water pipe measured by Savills land agent , thereby avoiding j27 angle tower . This also making it safe for raydon wings.

Rep 1-292 The setting of the listed buildings within this hamlet would be severely affected by this proposed line up to at least 3 kilometers away. IF it goes ahead we would clearly see 9 pylons and the Cable sealing end and j27 angle tower , as well as suffer a cable underground which upsets my drainage in the future. . , It would be upsetting to all the general public who come to enjoy the castle in its historic setting and a scandal for National Grid to disregard so many of its its statutory duties.