

The Waltham Gap should be treated to an issue specific hearing as it is the point where the proposed route has the maximum number of listed affects including ecological, heritage, health and population. The adjustments proposed by National Grid do not address the issues raised by Chelmsford Council, the Parish council or any other affected landowners or parties. The proposed solution is not acceptable. In particluar the currently proposed pylon TB 141 is right next to the property Windmill House is almost exactly 35m from the border and 58m from the house itself (nearest corner). The distances claimed by National Grid are factually incorrect at The Waltham Gap, giving false reassurance that the route proposed through the Waltham Gap protects the residents of WIndmill House and the many amenity users who will walk under the pylon route daily. The large width of the short height pylon as currently proposed is over 30m and means that the actual cables on the outside of the widest/lower arm of the pylon will only be 20m from our border and approx. 43m from the house.

Note that we also saw a link which suggested that that pylon may yet be moved back to the original location the other side of Chelmsford Road (i.e. per the original proposal) following the recent PI visit to Langleys but we don't know exactly what that means or if it's definite and now part of the current planning proposal).

As a rough guide when looking at the various maps, the distance from our border to the border of the BT exchange across he field is almost exactly 100m. A question NG have never responded on is why, given how narrow the Waltham gap is in the first place, the route is closer to Windmill House (a dwelling with people living in it) not right in the middle of the gap or even closer to the exchange (with no residents).