

The full length of low height pylons numbered TB136 to TB142 between Little Waltham and Great Waltham, Essex, should not be altered.

I am a resident of Little Waltham who would be seriously and very negatively affected by the proposed route of pylons. As I have previously explained, I strongly object to the proposed cables and pylons across East Anglia and am in favour of upgrading to more efficient cables on existing pylons, an undersea route or under grounding.

However, the lower height pylons proposed by National Grid, including ALL the pylons numbered TB136 to TB142 would, in my opinion, certainly be preferable to full height 50 metre pylons.

Unfortunately there has been a complication caused by some requests to move one low height pylon away from the road, between the two villages.

It appears that National Grid may have overreacted to this and may have taken the opportunity to propose to reinstate three full height pylons, in the area, in response to this request.

I can understand that a few people may have objected to having a low height pylon close to the road. However, I doubt whether they expected that National Grid might take the opportunity to reinstate three very dominating and intrusive full height pylons in place of the much more preferable lower height pylons proposed for the area.

I would much prefer the original plan for all the low height pylons and not to have three much higher pylons, even though one low height pylon may be rather close to the road.

On checking currently available maps of the pylon route that I can find, there is no indication of the possible change back to full height pylons at three locations between the villages. As no change is shown I wish to claim strongly that any change to the originally proposed low height pylons should not therefore go ahead. Lower pylons would very significantly reduce the impact on the area compared with full height pylons.

As they are not shown on the maps currently available, I hope National Grid has decided against the requested change and that there will be no further complications.

If on the other hand, the above change is planned, there should be publicity about it and a consultation. I only found out about it by questioning someone who made a statement in our parish magazine about a pylon being moved without mentioning the likely consequences of three full height pylons. I have discovered the full situation only just in time for commenting by the deadline and I suggest other potentially affected people would not have been aware of it especially as the maps I (and very likely they) can find do not show the changes that may be proposed.