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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am the Chairman of Little Horkesley Parish Council and am writing following Issue Specific Hearing 4. Our parish borders the AONB of Dedham Vale and, inter alia, the Colne Valley.

The National Grid has recognised the significance of the AONB of Dedham Vale and the proposed pylon network will be going underground when it goes through this parish. We believe that the Colne Valley is equally deserving of having the network going underground as it shares many features of the Dedham Vale. Our council share the views set out in the two independent Landscape assessments in respect of the Colne Valley.

It is unspoilt with stunning views over a lowland valley. There are many old houses of historic interest and there are 2 grade 1 listed churches. It is largely agricultural and having a pylon network which would be very visible across the vale would completely destroy the natural beauty of the location. In addition, the proposed sealing end compound at Little Horkesley is far too close to the Dedham Vale.

Colne Valley, Dedham Vale and the Stour valley should really be considered to be one large area of similar characteristics and beauty. Destroying one part of it will impact the rest and per the requirements of NPS-EN5 this area should be "avoided altogether" in order to protect the whole.

National Grid have " offered" some " opportunities but in our opinion these do not begin to mitigate the damage caused by having an overhead pylon network. Planting hedgerows so that the pylons are obscured is a bizarre solution as they will also remove the beautiful views which are such a feature of the valley.

In summary, this Council strongly believes that any network which goes through the Colne valley should go underground.

Yours faithfully

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Chairman, Little Horkesley Parish Council
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