

The Great Grid Upgrade

Norwich to Tilbury

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Targeted consultation

Location reference: [Essex 8](#)

12 noon 25 February 2025 to 11:59 pm 27 March 2025

Norwich to Tilbury is a proposal for a new electricity transmission connection. It will play an important part in connecting low carbon, more affordable electricity from where it is generated to where it is needed.

From 10 April to 26 July 2024, we held a statutory consultation, inviting local communities, land owners and stakeholders to share their views on our proposals.

Since then, we have been carefully reviewing all the feedback we received as well as considering the findings of ongoing assessment work.

This has identified some places where there is potential to make a change to the proposals we published at our statutory consultation. These potential changes do not

materially change the effects or fundamentally change the project as a whole.

We intend to submit our application for development consent in summer 2025. Before we make any decisions, we want to give nearby residents and local communities the opportunity to provide feedback on proposed changes near to them.

We are consulting on the proposed changes described below and overleaf between 25 February and 27 March 2025 and we welcome your feedback.

What we are proposing to change in your area and why

We are proposing to change the alignment of pylons between Great Waltham and Little Waltham. In the same area, we are also proposing to change the pylon design from full height lattice pylons to lower height lattice pylons. You can see the alignment we presented at our statutory consultation in summer 2024 as well as our proposed changes, including the lower height pylons, on the maps overleaf. There is an illustrative image of a low-height lattice pylon below for reference.

This change is being proposed following feedback received at our statutory consultation in summer 2024, which asked us to consider reducing the visual impact of the pylons on conservation areas.

The proposed use of low height pylons is expected to remove or reduce the visibility of pylons from within the Great Waltham and Little Waltham conservation areas, and Langleys and associated park and garden.

While the new pylons would be shorter, they are also wider, potentially increasing the visual impact to properties within the immediate area.

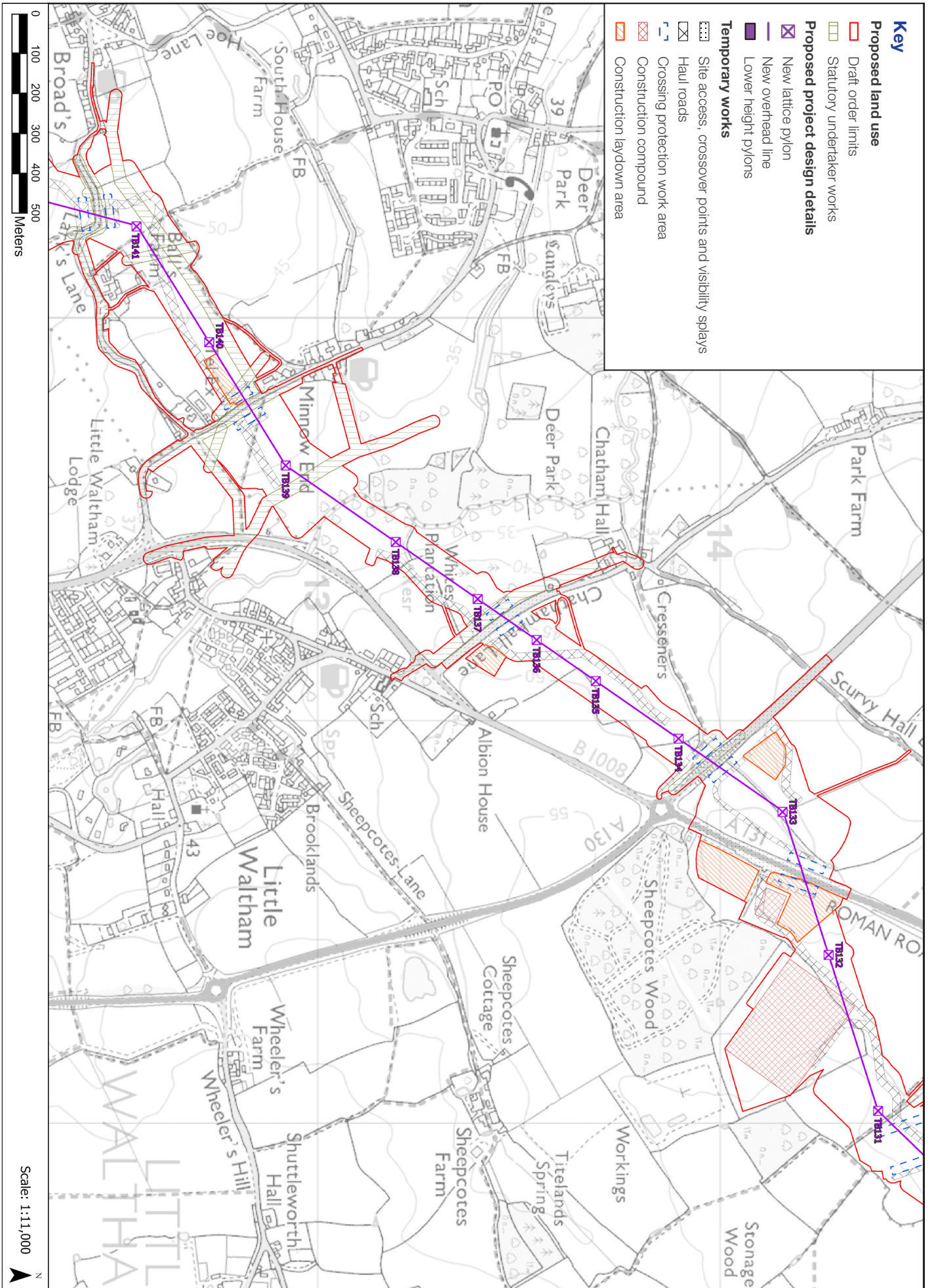
We are also proposing adjustments to the alignment that was presented at our statutory consultation in summer 2024. This includes repositioning pylons between TB135 and TB142 (previously presented during statutory consultation as TB133 to TB140) to avoid veteran trees and protected species. This follows feedback received on the proposed positioning of the pylon to the south of the River Chelmer.

We are also proposing other minor amendments to the order limits.

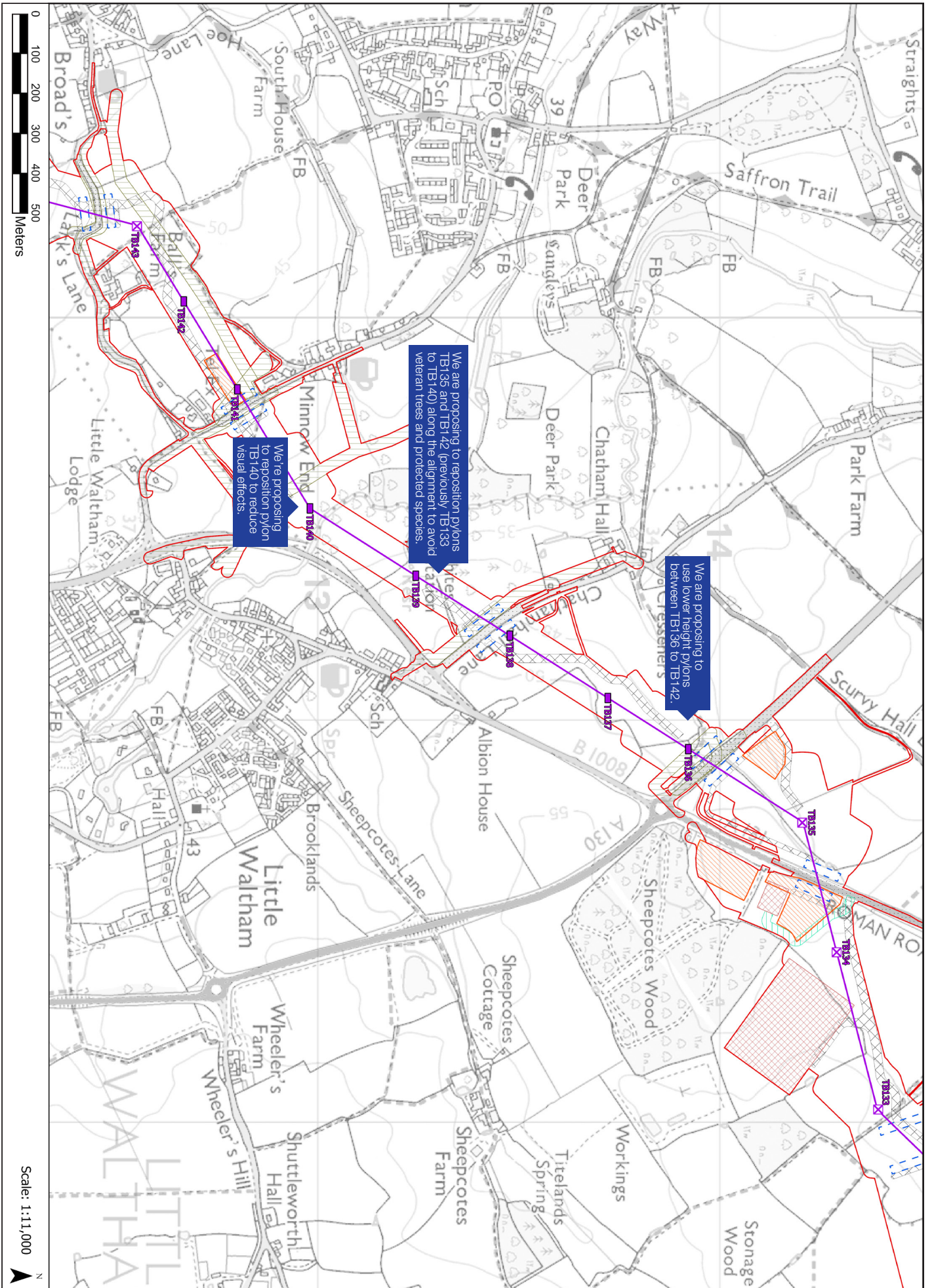
What are the environmental implications of the proposed changes?

The proposed change would not materially change the conclusions that were reported within the Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) published as part of our summer 2024 consultation.

Alignment presented at the 2024 statutory consultation



Area of proposed change February 2025



Example 3D visualisation of current landscape west of the B1008 (Coordinates: 51.790659, 0.472568)



3D visualisation as presented at our statutory consultation in summer 2024



3D visualisation of lower height lattice pylons

Pylon TB140 is 125 m closer to the viewpoint than TB139 in the above image.



For more information on environmental implications, please see the Environmental Implications of Change document (EIC) with location reference **Essex 8**, where information on the environmental implications of the proposed change is provided and can be read alongside the information contained here.

If you received this leaflet in the post, the EIC will be enclosed. Alternatively, you can view the EIC on our website at nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury.

If, following careful consideration of any feedback we receive, we decide to make this change, baseline information, environmental surveys and assessments associated with this change will be provided in the Environmental Statement (ES) that will form part of our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

If you would like to see how the changes we are proposing at this location may look in the landscape, you can book a session with the community relations team to view our 3D model at **Great Waltham Village Hall on Friday 14 March between 6 pm and 8:30 pm**, and **Little Waltham Primary School on Saturday 15 March between 10 am and 2 pm**.

You can book by contacting us on any of the methods listed below.

Have your say

Our targeted consultation on the proposed changes at this location runs from **12 noon 25 February 2025 to 27 March 2025**.

If you have any comments regarding this proposed change, you can provide feedback by using the location reference **Essex 8**.

Feedback can be provided by:



Completing an online feedback questionnaire: nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury



Filling out a paper feedback questionnaire and sending it to the Freepost address below – if you haven't been sent one, please call us on: **0800 915 2497** and we will post one to you



Sending us an email: contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com



Writing to us (no stamp required) at: **FREEPOST N TO T**

Attend a webinar

To give people an opportunity to ask the project team questions, we are holding three webinars via Microsoft Teams.

The webinars which will cover this change will be held on **17 March 2025 at 6:00 pm** and **18 March 2025 at 12 noon**.

You can sign up for a webinar on our website: nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury

- Essex – 17 March 2025 at 6:00 pm
- Essex and Thurrock – 18 March 2025 at 12 noon
- Thurrock – 18 March 2025 at 6:00 pm

You can also call us on: **0800 915 2497** if you have any questions.

Visit our website

nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury where you will find maps, consultation materials, and our online feedback questionnaire.

The deadline for feedback is 11:59 pm on 27 March 2025.

Contact us

If you would like to contact the community relations team, please get in touch via:

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