

The Great Grid Upgrade

Norwich to Tilbury

Environmental Implications of Change – Essex 12

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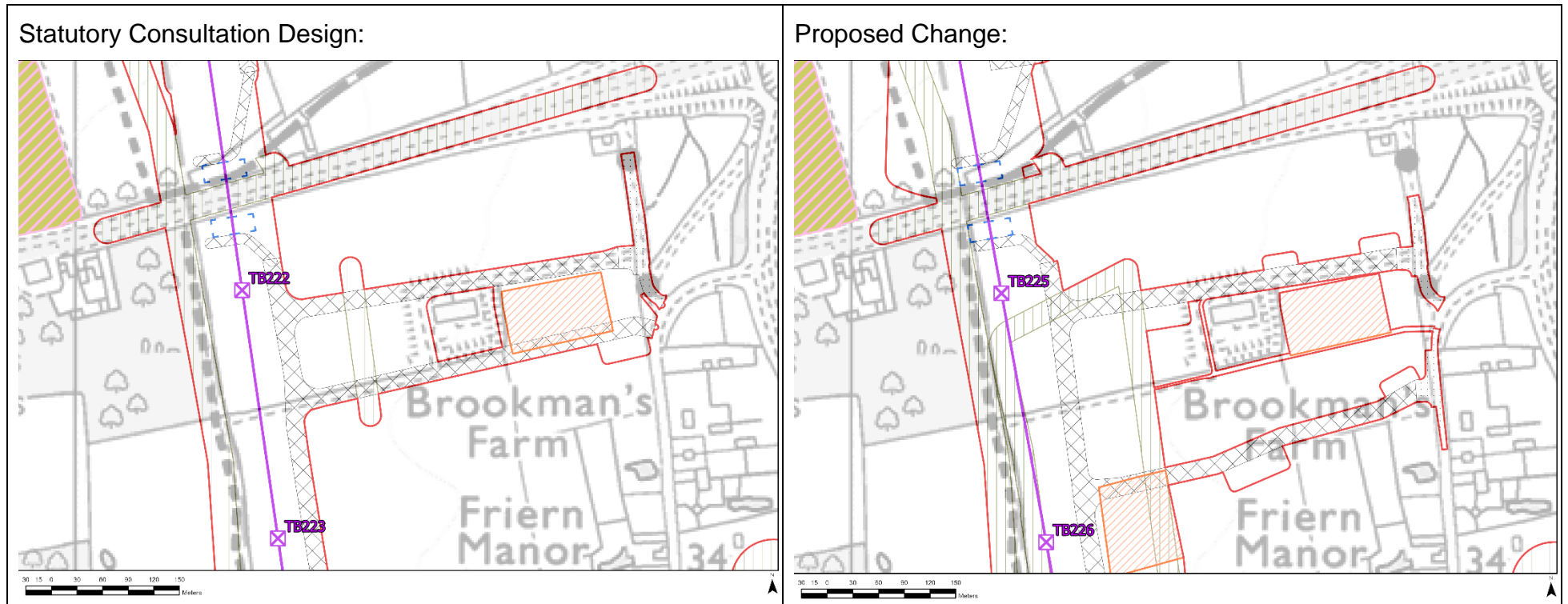
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1. Environmental Implications of Change – Essex 12

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This Environmental Implications of Change document should be read alongside the associated Essex 12 targeted consultation leaflet.
- 1.1.2 Image 1 presents the Statutory Consultation design and the proposed change together with key environmental constraints using the key below.

Image 1: Proposed Change



1.2 Environmental Implications of Change

- 1.2.1 We have reviewed the proposed change set out in the consultation information leaflet and its likely environmental implications against the preliminary assessment reported in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) published as part of our summer 2024 statutory consultation. We have undertaken this review against each of the technical topics covered by the PEIR, with respect to this location within the Project, including: agriculture and soils; air quality; ecology and biodiversity; contaminated land, geology and hydrogeology; health and wellbeing; historic environment; hydrology, land drainage and flood risk; landscape and visual; noise and vibration; socio-economics, recreation and tourism; and traffic and transport. We have applied the same methodologies and principles set out in the PEIR based on the information available and recognising that the Project is the subject of ongoing consultation and environmental surveys.
- 1.2.2 For information on the environmental implications of a change following our review, National Grid has produced an 'Environmental Implications of Change document' (EIC), like this one, with location reference to the specific area where the proposed change is located. The information provided within this EIC is proportionate and appropriate information on the environmental implications when looked at both in local context and in the context of the Project as a whole.
- 1.2.3 For this specific area of change, having carried out our preliminary assessment, there would be no change to the type or significance of environmental effects as a result of the proposed change when compared to the design and PEIR presented at the summer 2024 statutory consultation.
- 1.2.4 If, following this latest round of further targeted consultation, the proposed change is taken forward, baseline information (and environmental surveys) and assessment associated with this change in the context of the proposed development as a whole will be provided in the Environmental Statement (ES) that will form part of our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

1.3 Conclusion

- 1.3.1 The proposed change would not materially change the conclusions that were reported within the PEIR (National Grid, 2024) which was published for statutory consultation. The PEIR can be viewed [here](#).
- 1.3.2 If the proposed change is taken forwards, the baseline information (and environmental surveys) and assessment associated with this change would be provided in the ES.

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