# OCKBROOK & BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL

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# September 2024 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

27th August 2024

To the Chair and Councillors of Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council,

You are summoned to attend the ordinary meeting of Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council on Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 19:00, to be held at the Ashbrook Centre, Borrowash.

This is the signature of Sarah Kitchener, the Clerk and RFO 


Sarah Kitchener

Clerk and RFO

Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council

# Agenda.

## Public Speaking.

A period of 30 minutes will be made available at the beginning of the meeting to hear comments from:

* Public.
* Derbyshire County Council submitted Report.
* Erewash Borough Council submitted Report, see appendix 1
* Derbyshire Constabulary – taken from their website, see appendix 2.
* Mark Alfrey from EBC to discuss wild flower seeding for 2025.

## To Receive Apologies for Absence.

## Declaration of Members Interests.

To enable members to declare the existence and nature of any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests they have in agenda items, in accordance with the Parish Councils Code of Conduct. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

## Dispensations.

To consider any dispensation requests received.

## Variation of Order of Business.

## To Approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting, Held on the 3rd July 2024.

## Items to be Taken in Private Session.

## Report of the Parish Clerk /RFO.

## Report of the Chair.

## Finance, HR, Contractors and General Purposes.

* Note the minutes from the committee meeting held on the 24th July 2024.
* Accept Accounts for Payment - See appendix 3.
* Accept the bank statement reconciliations – see appendix 4.
  + HSBC account, June and July 2024
  + Unity Trust account, June n2 and July 2024.
* Accept the Income and expenditure breakdown for the 1st quarter, April - June – see appendix 5.
* Agree to accept the external audit – see appendix 6.
* Consider holding public consultations in October regarding the proposed budget.
* Accept the insurance quote – to follow.

## Recreation

## Cemeteries.

* Note the committee meeting minutes held on the 24th July 2024.
* Agree to purchase 3 solar powered CCTV cameras at £59.99 each for the financial year 2025/26, and to decide where to place them.

## Halls.

## Allotment.

* Consider adding the below to the allotment tenancy agreement for 2025.

Use of Weedkiller

The use of weedkiller, such as glycophosphate, on grass paths between or around plots is forbidden.

In certain cases, where other methods to control weeds have failed, eg under hedges or for persistent, nuisance weed such as ivy and bindweed, selective spraying may be justifiable providing care is taken. Please do not treat weeds during wet or windy conditions to prevent leakage onto neighbouring plots.

Although manufacturers may claim that their product is environmentally safe, there is mounting evidence that glycophosphate harms various animals and insects and harming one class of animal results in harm to other classes of animal who depend on them.

* Consider the below changes to the allotment tenancy agreement for 2025.

The additional sentence would be added to 2 (c) after the second sentence.

 Once a tenant has had a plot for 12 months, at least 75% should be cultivated.

The Parish Council will carry out regular inspections.  Enforcement letters will be issued if a plot is overgrown and/or not being sufficiently cultivated or is being used as a storage facility for rubbish.

## Planning and Environment.

* Note the committee meeting minutes held on the 24th July 2024.
* Agree to the clerk getting the defib unit at the Ashbrook Centre moved due EBC fencing the site off, discuss possible alternative placements.
* Discuss and highlight our concerns regarding the planning application reference ERE/0724/0071
* Agree to support a 7.5 tonne weight limit through Ockbrook and that the findings of our PC survey are represented accurately in DCC Councillor Wayne Major's report. We feel that quality of life has been strongly affected negatively by HGV trends through the village of Ockbrook over the past several years in a physical and mental health manner for all residents and especially those living on Green Lane, Bare Lane, Flood Street and Victoria Ave. Introducing and enforcing a 7.5 tonne weight limit will bring back our village way of life and relieve the mental stress many are suffering from because of uncontrolled access and weight of HGV's at present.
* Accept the below motion from the Parish Council to the National Grid regarding the route of the pylon upgrade.   
  MOTION  
  Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council and residents understand the need for the National Grid to upgrade infrastructure so we have energy security as a nation and that energy is to be green energy in the future. We also understand and have studied the two proposed routes: EDN1 and EDN2. Looking carefully at the two routes we have come to the conclusion that EDN1 is the preferred route we support for the following reasons:  
    
  EDN2 seems to have several drawbacks to it. The route will cost £20 million more to complete than EDN1 and will have to cross marsh land and a river which will be enormous engineering work to complete. It will also affect more people starting in Amber Valley, Morley, West Hallam, Ockbrook, Borrowash, Elvaston, Thulston, Aston on Trent just to name some areas locally.  
    
  EDN1 basically goes down the M1 corridor and would terminate at Radcliff Power Station instead of Willington. It is a shorter distance, cheaper to build and no marsh land to transverse and affects far fewer areas of natural beauty. It would also affect less wildlife as the M1 corridor is already built upon.    
    
  Using EDN1 as the preferred route seems the logical choice and we look forward to your reply to our community request.

See appendix 7 for more information.

## Correspondence Received.

Letters of correspondence – see appendix 8.

## Date and Time of Next Meeting.

2nd October 2024 at 19:00 at the Parish Hall, Ockbrook.

## Exclusion of Press and Public

### **Appendix 1-** EBC REPORT AUGUST 2024 – EBC Councillor Greg Maskalick

**18th JULY EBC Scrutiny Meeting**

There was a very important EBC Scrutiny meeting in July where we heard from the S151 Officer about EBC’s Statutory Responsibility for Housing. It was pointed out that providing housing for released prisoners will affect our finances greatly in the next few years and he even gave the dire warning that if not on our radars now, it could bankrupt us as a Council.

Instead of tackling this issue, the Conservative group was more concerned with promoting putting blue bin lids on brown bins for residents. I am going to continue to broadcast the crisis that’s around the corner that the S151 officer expressed.

More to come on this in future months.

**1st AUGUST Full Council Meeting**

This full council meeting was very interesting and took about 2.5 hours to complete. Much debate on rewilding and the Pylons coming through. There were many questions asked by the public on rewilding and Councillor Mark Alfrey (Environmental Portfolio) answered them all and talked about what has happened and what will happen in future. I felt all concerns were taken onboard and under Councillor Alfrey the whole project will take on better shape in years to come.

There was a motion about the pylons that was voted down even by the Green Party. It was a rather weak motion offering no solutions based on facts as no facts were sighted in the motion.

You can find all about these two items and more online at EBC website. The draft minutes are available.

**CONSULTATIONS:**

The public rightly so wants to be consulted with on many issues. Sometimes we miss these opportunities because no one bothered to tell us. Well, here are two very important consultations that you can participate in. Please do so. Your voice matters.

**Derbyshire Police and Crime Plan Consultation**

Police and Crime Commissioner Nicolle Ndiweni has launched a major survey giving residents an unprecedented role in the design of plans to build a safer and more inclusive Derbyshire.

The survey asks residents about the issues that cause them fear and concern and warrant extra resources and focus from the police to keep them safe.

These priorities will form the foundations of her Police and Crime Plan and will determine where and how she will invest critical public funding to improve their safety in the future.

**Derbyshire County Council**

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) is committed to listening and learning from local people and provide important services to residents, visitors, employers and employees in the county and are always looking for ways to improve them.

Finding out what people think of the services DCC provide is essential because it helps the council to work out how to improve them and their commitment to consult ensures this will happen. Consultation is the process of informed communication between DCC and the users of their services prior to the council making a policy decision or determining changes to service delivery.

Details about current DCC consultations carried out in the past and those planned for the future can be found at [Derbyshire County Council Have Your Say](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have-your-say/consultation-search/consultations.aspx) where you can read about the purpose of each consultation, find out who is being consulted and how to get involved.

**Crossing The Floor**

‘I am pleased to announce that I have joined the Labour Party and am crossing the floor from my position as one lone Independent Councillor to Labour at Erewash Borough Council.

Over the last year and a half, I have taken soundings from very, very many residents of Ockbrook and Borrowash and have found that public opinion has shifted significantly, and people want change delivered with Labour.

This is not a decision taken lightly but it has led to my firm conviction that only Labour locally and nationally has the policies that will truly help our Parish and our families.

As the lone Independent Councillor, I did have some influence on matters initially, but as the voices of negativity grew louder, it became more difficult for my voice to be heard for the people of Ockbrook and Borrowash whom I am so very proud to represent.

The two other EBC Councillors for our Parish consistently chose to pursue the politics of division rather than uniting in the best interests of the people we jointly represent and consequently there was no voice at the table for positive change and progress to be made in our villages. Now that I have crossed the floor, I do so with the confidence that all parishioners will now be represented from a position of strength, equality and a real vision of what the future will be and can be for all of us.

Being in a position to give Ockbrook and Borrowash a stronger voice at Erewash Borough Council will enable me to help shape policies that will be of benefit to all residents of our Parish – and indeed, to everyone who lives in the wider Borough of Erewash. I have full confidence above all in the fairness, equality and sound leadership of Cllr Dawson at Erewash and Keir Starmer as Prime Minister nationally.

Nobody ever said that change happens overnight or that it’s easy! The process of making beneficial changes can be uncomfortable sometimes, welcome at others but the journey is worth it because the changes that Labor is making will bring us all a more positive, supportive and inclusive future.

I look forward with the greatest enthusiasm to delivering the very best for everyone living in Ockbrook and Borrowash as a Labour Councillor at Erewash Borough Council. I’ll be here for you now as always!’

**Helen Clark, Chair of Mid Derbyshire Constituency Labour Party added:**

‘We are absolutely delighted that Greg is now a member of Mid Derbyshire Labour Party. He has been well known to people in our villages as a tremendous local champion for many years; respected across the political divide because of his tremendous integrity, ‘can do’ attitude and the sheer positivity of his approach to everything.

On July 4th 2025, people in our country voted overwhelmingly for the change that only Labour can deliver. Greg will ensure that the people he represents in Ockbrook and Borrowash have their voices heard and their needs met every step of the way.’

### **Appendix 2 –** Derbyshire Constabulary Report.

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | May | June |
| Violence and sexual offences | 14 | 16 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 4 | 2 |
| Public Order | - | 4 |
| Other theft | 2 | - |
| All other crime | 5 | 5 |

### **Appendix 3 –** September 2024 payment list – to follow

All invoices listed have been examined, verified and certified by the Clerk/RFO.

### **Appendix 4 –** Bank Reconciliation

**June 2024 Bank Reconciliation - HSBC Account**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Bank Balance** | - | - | - |
| Bank s/m bal as at 01/04/24 | - | 24,778.50 | - |
| + total cash book receipts | - | 93,688.00 | - |
| - total Cashbook payments | - | 30,024.00 | - |
| **Cashbook Closing Balance** | - | **88,442.50** | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| **Bank Balance at 04/07/24** | - | **88,442.50** | - |
| - outstanding payments | - | 0.00 | - |
| + outstanding receipts | - | 0.00 | - |
| **Net Balance** | - | **88,442.50** | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| **-** | - | **-** | **Difference: 0.00** |

**July 2024 Bank Reconciliation - HSBC Account**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Bank Balance** | - | - | - |
| Bank s/m bal as at 01/04/24 | - | 24,778.50 | - |
| + total cash book receipts | - | 93,688.00 | - |
| - total Cashbook payments | - | 30,032.00 | - |
| **Cashbook Closing Balance** | - | **88,434.50** | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| **Bank Balance at 04/08/24** | - | **88,434.50** | - |
| - outstanding payments | - | 0.00 | - |
| + outstanding receipts | - | 0.00 | - |
| **Net Balance** | - | **88,434.50** | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| **-** | - | **-** | **Difference: 0.00** |

**June 2024 n2 Bank Reconciliation - Unity Trust Account**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Bank Balance** | - | - | - |
| Bank s/m bal as at 01/04/24 | - | 39,302.63 | - |
| Less items related to 23/24 | - | 8,334.33 | - |
| - | - | 30,968.30 | - |
| + total cash book receipts | - | 184,679.32 | - |
| - total Cashbook payments | - | 128,308.20 | - |
| **Cashbook Closing Balance** | - | **87,339.42** | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| **Bank Balance at 01/07/24** | - | **97,349.69** | - |
| - outstanding payments | - | 11,287.97 | - |
| + outstanding receipts | - | 1,277.70 | - |
| **Net Balance** | - | **87,339.42** | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| **Balance per Cashbook** | - | **87,339.42** | **Difference: 0.00** |
| - | - | - | - |
| Charity Accounts included in bank total: | - | - | - |
| William James | 2,281.09 | - | - |

**July 2024 Bank Reconciliation - Unity Trust Account**

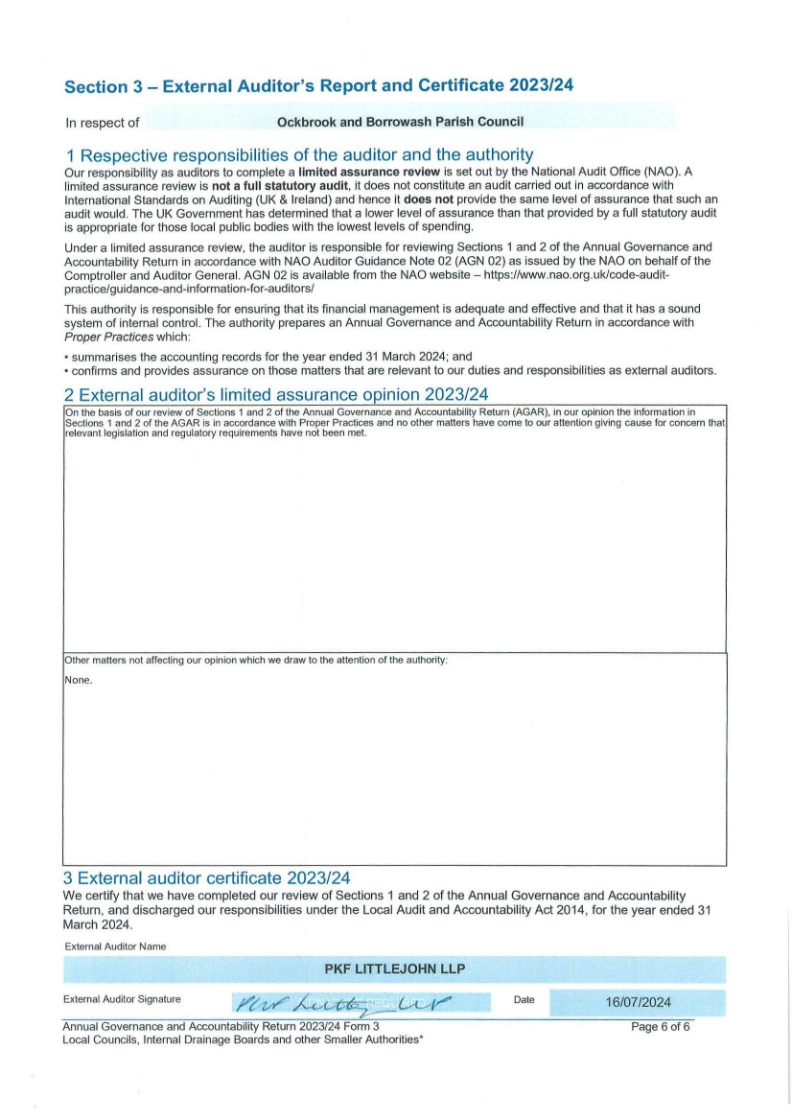
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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Bank Balance** | - | - | - |
| Bank s/m bal as at 01/04/24 | - | 39,302.63 | - |
| Less items related to 23/24 | - | 8,334.33 | - |
| - | - | 30,968.30 | - |
| + total cash book receipts | - | 187,595.83 | - |
| - total Cashbook payments | - | 139,154.33 | - |
| **Cashbook Closing Balance** | - | **79,409.80** | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| **Bank Balance at 01/08/24** | - | **93,186.03** | - |
| - outstanding payments | - | 14,343.20 | - |
| + outstanding receipts | - | 566.97 | - |
| **Net Balance** | - | **79,409.80** | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| **Balance per Cashbook** | - | **79.409.80** | **Difference: 0.00** |
| - | - | - | - |
| Charity Accounts included in bank total: | - | - | - |
| William James | 2,281.09 | - | - |

### **Appendix 5 –** Income and expenditure breakdown for the 1st quarter.

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|  | ***Budget 2024/25*** | ***¼ 1***  ***Apr-June*** | ***Actual to date 2024/25*** | ***Forecast to year end 2024/25*** | ***Total forecast to year end***  ***2024/25*** | ***Variance to budget 2024/25*** | ***Variance to budget 2024/25*** | ***Notes*** |
| **Income** | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | % | - |
| Precept and Grant | 141,341 | 141,341 | 141,341 | 0 | 141,341 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Burials | 11,985 | 2,025 | 2,025 | 9,960 | 11,985 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Recreation | 2,605 | 266 | 266 | 2,339 | 2,605 | 0 | 0 | Most income from Nov onwards |
| Hall/lettings | 14,337 | 3,737 | 3,737 | 10,158 | 14,702 | 365 | 3 | Extra bookings, class time increases /decreases and cancelled bookings |
| Allotment | 4,088 | 6 | 6 | 4,082 | 4,088 | 0 | 0 | Rent comes in Dec onwards |
| Other | 575 | 381 | 381 | 194 | 575 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Environment/NP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| VAT | 0 | 5,561 | 5,561 | 0 | 5,561 | 5,561 | 0 | - |
| **Total Income** | **174,931** | **153,317** | **153,317** | **26,734** | **180,051** | **5,120** | **-** | **-** |
| **Expenditure** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Parish Hall | 15,824 | 5,428 | 5,105 | 11,525 | 16,631 | 807 | 5 | - |
| Sal/miles/train/ chair allowance | 50,884 | 10,720 | 10,720 | 40,164 | 50,884 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Rec/ events | 11,117 | 898 | 898 | 10,219 | 11,117 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Environment | 12,321 | 1,854 | 1,854 | 10,617 | 12,471 | 150 | 1 | - |
| Grants | 8,000 | 2,660 | 2,660 | 5,340 | 8,000 | 0 | 0 | £679.52 refunded from grant given in 2021 |
| Gen/admin/bank charges/Subs/ ins/ utilities | 22,466 | 3,316 | 3,639 | 18,827 | 22,466 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Reserve build up | 20,000 | - | 0 | 20,000 | 20,000 | - | - | - |
| Burials | 21,048 | 5,180 | 5,180 | 16,228 | 21,406 | 360 | 2 | - |
| Allotments | 6,750 | 360 | 360 | 6,390 | 6,750 | 0 | 0 | - |
| VAT | 0 | 2,543 | 2,543 | - | 2,543 | 2,543 | - | - |
| **Total Expenditure** | **168,410** | **32,959** | **32,959** | **139,311** | **172,269** | **3,859** | **-** | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Total Income and Expenditure 2024/2025 (+surplus/-deficit)** | **6,521** | **120,359** | **120,359** | **-112,577** | **7,781** | **1,260** | **-** | **-** |
| **Balance carried forward from 2023/2024** | 30,968 | - | - | 2023/24 | 30,968 | - | - | - |
| **HSBC A/c 23/24** | 24,779 | - | - | - | 88,435 | - | - | - |
| **Forecast balances as at 31st March 2025** | **62,268** | - | - | 2024/25 outturn | **127,184** | **-** | - | - |

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| --- | --- |
| **RESERVES** | £ |
| Reserve build up | 20,000 |
| Bi election | 6,000 |
| William James Charity | 2,281 |
| General reserves | 98,903 |
| - | **127,184** |

### **Appendix 6 –** External Audit.



### **Appendix 7 –** further information on the pylons.

# **Note on the National Grid (NG) Public Consultation Documents**

By Andrew Cotton BSc PhD CEng

## Background

1. This Note is concerned with NG’s choice of pylon route; it does not consider the need or otherwise for the Derbyshire transmission lines as the decision to go ahead is assumed to be a ‘given’. Note that quotation marks indicate material taken verbatim from NG reports.
2. The ‘Project Background Document’ is a key document that informs the public consultation and was distributed at the Ashbrook Centre meeting. This makes important references to NGs earlier ‘Strategic Options Report’ (SOR) as giving “… ..explanation of the strategic options for the substation connection points for Chesterfield to Willington” (p11). However, their report gives vastly more than this: what the Project background document fails to mention is that the Strategic Options report also considers pylon routes that terminate at Ratcliffe, not Willington there by taking totally different routes through Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire from any of those presented in the later stages of this process.
3. Importantly for us, the Strategic Options Report considers four routes, two of which are relevant to Ockbrook and Borrowash

* EDN1 from Chesterfield to Ratcliffe Power Station
* EDN2 from Chesterfield to Willington Power Station; this has formed the basis for the “graduated swathe” maps that we have been presented with.

1. NG’s report considers: environmental and socio-economic; technical; and cost. NG concludes that EDN2 is the preferred route and has then forged ahead to develop detailed comparisons of routes (pylons are always the first technical option) assuming ONLY connection from Chesterfield to Willington. The data are presented in a subsequent 261-page report ‘Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study’, which then developed the ‘graduated swathe’ maps that we have been presented with. As an example, this notably fails to follow one of the stated aims in the Project background document that we were given namely “follow existing infrastructure corridors such as the M1 motorway…” (p22).
2. Our contention is that there is insufficient evidence in the 140-page Strategic Options Report to draw the conclusion that the route EDN2 from Chesterfield to Willington power station is optimal. The evidence in the Strategic Options report points to route EDN1 to Ratcliffe having at least the same if not more advantages than EDN2.

## The Strategic Options Report: what does it say?

1. Concerning COST. The lowest cost route is EDN1 to Ratcliffe. Using the approved measure from the Treasury Green Book of ‘Net Present Value’ (or lifetime cost) the Ratcliffe route costs £328m compared with £349m for route EDN2 to Willingdon (p88).
2. Concerning HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT. Route EDN2 to Willingdon has greater impact on “designated heritage assets” (p83)
3. Concerning SETTLEMENTS and POPULATION. The report makes no distinction between the two routes, other than adding mention of route EDN2 to Willington “..the route would need to avoid, notably, Derby” (p84)
4. Concerning TECHNICAL CONSTRAINTS. The report states that the “connection to Ratcliffe is complex from a technical perspective”. Nevertheless, this is fully reflected in the costs as presented - see para 1 above (p87).
5. Concerning overall ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIO-ECONOMIC effects. “There are no environmental and socio-economic factors that distinguish materially between the four options” and “The longer overhead line (pylon) route…would be expected to have more environmental and socio-economic effects” (p16). Route EDN1 to Ratcliffe is 48km, whereas EDN2 to Willingdon is longer at 51km .
6. Concerning LAND USE. Potential constraints are identified at Ratcliffe due to the location within the East Midlands Freeport and Rushcliff Borough Council Local Development Orders (p53).

## What do National Grid Conclude?

1. “Whilst EDN-1 and EDN-3 perform marginally better than EDN-2 in terms of network benefit, they each have technical disadvantages by comparison to EDN-2. Those options are also physically more constrained in terms of routeing due to constraints into Ratcliffe-on-Soar Substation.” (p89)
2. “Given this fact and the lower electrical complexity of EDN-2, this option would be preferred from a *technical cost* and complexity assessment.”(p89) (my italics)
3. “..we consider that, overall, EDN-2 represents the most advantageous of the options when balancing *cost, technical performance, and environmental and socioeconomic effects.”* (p89*)* (my italics).

## **Critique of these Conclusions**

1. Route EDN2 to Willingdon is more expensive and longer than EDN1. So it cannot be “preferred” on the grounds of cost.
2. “There are no environmental and socio-economic factors that distinguish materially between the options” so how can one option be preferred over another on these grounds, especially given that EDN1 is cheaper and shorter?
3. EDN1 performs “marginally better than EDN2 in terms of benefit...”(p89). So why not choose it for further investigation?
4. So the only apparent justification for opting for EDN2 is the stated “electrical complexity” -not the impossibility - of connecting to the Ratcliffe site (p89). This despite all other factors mentioned that rank EDN2 below EDN1.
5. On NG’s own admission there is little to choose between EDN1 to Ratcliffe and EDN2 to Willingdon. At the very least, this merits a proper appraisal of EDN1 against EDN2.
6. The overall conclusions as written are subjective; there is no weighting given to different elements nor is there a scoring system that would provide a means of ranking these options. Discussion of such a weighting system is exactly what should be in a public consultation in order to obtain usable data from it.
7. We contest the omission of other routes, principally a route from Chesterfield to Ratcliffe, from the subsequent ‘Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study’,

## **Suggested Next Steps for us**

1. At the very least we should push for a full appraisal of EDN1 to Ratcliffe alongside further work on EDN2 BEFORE the final route selection is made.
2. Escalate upwards to MPs, and sideways to other PCs and levels of local government.
3. We were advised by NG staff at the Ashbrook Centre meeting that further detailed studies only on the route to Willingdon will be commissioned. We assume that this refers specifically to the ‘emerging preferred corridor’ shown in the maps on display. The Terms of Reference for these studies determine what will - and equally importantly will not - be taken into consideration; these need to be in the public domain BEFORE they are commissioned. We need to get hold of these.
4. Whilst we can look at more detail on the current ‘graduated swathe’ and other proposals that link Chesterfield to Willington, we should obtain all further details on the alternative route EDN1 to Ratcliffe e.g. is there a ‘graduated swathe of the emerging preferred corridor’. A request (FoI ?) at least shows that the public would reasonably expect it should exist in order for the option selection to be carried out fairly. It’s the ‘man on the Clapham omnibus’ point.
5. Local Authority issues - see point 6 on p1 above, this could be very important, so do we have any similar issues to bring in?

## **Some Further Points**

1. Both construction noise and “operational noise” occurs with all options. These, particularly operational noise, need more thorough investigation due to their impact on the proximity of residential properties. Operational noise seems to be dismissed with generalities.
2. The assumptions NG makes within the Strategic Options Report about the likely outcomes of undertaking more detailed costings does not allow for the fact that EDN2 requires approx. 10km of more complex floodplain construction compared with approx. 5km for EDN1 (as roughly scaled from NG plans) thereby in all likelihood further widening the cost difference. We may be able to explore this in more detail from the ‘Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study’.

After serious analysis and consideration (report attached) The Parish of Ockbrook and Borrowash agree that there is the need for more clean energy to be distributed around the country. The Parish of Ockbrook and Borrowash also agree that route EDN1 is a much-preferred route than EDN2 for many reasons noted in our report. Considerations favouring EDN1 are, but not limited to:

* EDN1 costs the taxpayer £20,000,000 LESS than EDN2
* EDN1 is shorter and therefore would have less an environmental impact
* EDN1 performs marginally better than EDN2 (noted in your own report p89)

The overall conclusions of National Grid as written are subjective; there is no weighting given to different elements nor is there a scoring system that would provide a means of ranking these options. Discussion of such a weighting system is exactly what should be in a public consultation in order to obtain usable data from it.

Also of concern:

1. Construction noise and “operational noise” occurs with all options. These, particularly operational noise, need more thorough investigation due to their impact on the proximity of residential properties. Operational noise seems to be dismissed with generalities.
2. The likely outcomes of undertaking more detailed costings does not allow for the fact that EDN2 requires approx. 10km of more complex floodplain construction compared with approx. 5km for EDN1 (as roughly scaled from NG plans) thereby in all likelihood further widening the cost difference.

The Parish of Ockbrook and Borrowash request that a full appraisal of EDN1 to Ratcliffe alongside further work on EDN2 is completed to a high and transparent professional standard **BEFORE** the final route selection is made.

### **Appendix 8 –** Correspondence receivedUp 23rd August 2024

Emails/letters received from members of public:

* Request for a bus shelter to be installed opposite Quillings Way, Borrowash – this will be discussed during the budget meetings. (1)
* Complaint regarding graffiti on Prior Way bus shelter – forwarded to EBC. (2)
* Update on a meeting held at South Wigfield regarding the proposed pylons. (3)
* Complaint regarding the rewilding in the parish – requested for them to forward to EBC. (4)
* Thank you received from the scarecrow team for our support during this event. (5)
* Request for the date that the Blues festival donations will be paid – will be paid w/c 05/08/24. (6)
* Thank you for the donation from the chairs allowance for the rewilding done on plot 46 Elm Street, photos supplied. (7)
* Thank you received for agreeing to hold the Heritage Societies archives. (8)
* Copied into an email between a resident and Cllr G Maskalick regarding ownership of a strip of land in Borrowash. (9)
* Querry into if the Parish Council will be putting up bunting and flags for the Tour of Britain - forwarded to the recreation chair, this is not something that we will be doing. (10)
* Request for a BMX track to be installed at Deans Drive playpark – forwarded to the recreation chair, at this moment this is not something that we are looking into. (11)
* Complaint regarding access on the pavement from Collyers to Draycott House – logged with DCC. (12)
* Request for The Parish Council to hold their own in bloom competition as EBC aren’t doing it this year – forwarded to the Cllrs, due to time constraints and not being budgeted for the Parish Council will not be consider it for this year. (13)
* Copied into an email between a resident and Cllr R Parkinson regarding their concerns about the state of the roads that the Tour of Britain will be using. (14)
* Copied into emails between Cllr G Maskalick and a resident regarding the proposed pylons. (15)
* Copied into emails between Cllr G Maskalick, a resident and EBC regarding pollution in Ockbrook. (16)
* Copied into emails between a resident and Hydro International reading the flood gauges – have asked the resident to contact the Clerk and for me to liaise with Hydro International. (17)
* Request for the Parish Councils views on the proposed pylons – this will be discussed in Septembers meeting. (18)
* Copied into an email between a resident and the National Grid regarding the proposed pylons. (19)
* Copied not a complaint between a resident and EBC regarding rewilding on Bare Lane playpark. (20)
* Copied into an email between Cllr G Maskalic and a resident regarding the proposed Pylons. (21)
* Request for information on scattering ashes at Balmoral Road cemetery – information forwarded. (22)
* Copied into emails between a resident and DCC regarding dangerous trees on Victoria Avenue, Borrowash – forwarded to the Environment committee chair. (23)
* Hall hiring enquiries and updates – all responded to (24)
* Allotment enquiries and updates all responded to (25)
* Cemetery enquires / requests and complaints – all responded to. (26)

Other emails received:

* Stop the Pylons Derbyshire – information forwarded to the Cllrs. (27)
* MPLC license – not needed in the hall. (28)
* ABEI Energy Group – screening request for the proposed solar farm – forwarded to Cllrs. (29)
* Midland Net Zero Hub – finding available for local groups. (30)
* National Grid – stage 1 consultation events information – posted to Facebook. (31)
* Police and Crime Commissioner – consultation on the Police and Crime Plan for Derbyshire – forwarded to Cllrs and put on Facebook. (32)
* Royal British Legion – thank you for the donation regarding the DD signs. (33)
* Unity Bank – update on changes to the account. (34)
* National Allotment Society – update on their new website. (35)
* Update from Foundation Derbyshire on getting a grant for the Parish Council – they do not give them to Parish Councils. (36)
* Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and Derwent Living Forest – forwarded to the environment committee chair. (37)
* Flood warden training – too late to send out to Cllrs due to annual leave. (38)
* Simply Sparkle – increase in costs from £15.00 to £15.75. (39)
* HSBC – changes to interest rates for the account. (40)
* CPRE Derbyshire – pylons and planning training – forwarded to Cllrs. (41)

Emails received from EBC:

* Planning applications/amendments/appeal decisions:
  + ERE/0724/0071 Ridings Farm, The Ridings, Ockbrook – prior notification for change of use from agricultural barn to research and development use (Use Class E(g)ii) as a Technical Development Unit for the G4 Master “Modern Method of Construction” building system. (42)
  + ERE/07247/0068 5 Pares Way Ockbrook – proposed single storey rear extension. (43)
  + ERE/0724/0065 32 Harrington Green, Borrowash – erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. (44)
  + ERE/0724/0058 16 Draycott Road, Borrowash – Construction of vehicular access via dropped kerb, retention of hard surfacing to front. (45)
  + ERE/0624/0064 Ockbrook School. Ockbrook – Single storey extension and alterations to former school and nursery buildings to facilitate use as childrens residential activity camp (including the change of use of The Mews from a nursery to a C2 use to align with the remainder of the site) and associated landscaping work. (46)
  + ERE/0624/0065 Ockbrook School, Ockbrook – single storey extension and internal alterations to facilitate re-use of former school buildings. (47)
  + ERE/0624/0060 66 Balmoral Road, Borrowash – two storey front extension and first floor side extension. (48)
  + ERE/0724/0010 8 Towle Close, Borrowash – proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. (49)
  + ERE/0624/0055 32 Balmoral Road, Borrowash – proposed two storey extension to the side and rear of the existing property, to form kitchen space, dining space, family space, utility room, boot room, shower room and garage on the ground floor, together with the formation of 2 bedrooms, en-suite and a bathroom extension on the first floor. (50)
* Gym equipment on Deans drive needs foot plate changing due to a crack – all changed. (51)
* Summer holiday activity and food camp information – on Facebook. (52)
* Response to the Clerks request for an environmental impact assessment to be produced regarding the proposed solar panel farm – EBC have confirmed this will be required with their planning application. (53)
* What’s on guide for summer holiday ideas – on Facebook and the noticeboards. (54)
* Response to the Clerks enquiry regarding a grant – we do not fulfil the criteria. (55)
* Media release – Town deal projects for Long Eaton. (56)
* Planning / ordinary meeting agendas and minutes. (57)

Emails received from DCC:

* Temporary road closure notices – all on Facebook. (58)
* Response to the Clerks request to look into the failing bridge on the Coach Road footpath, Ockbrook – no safety issue so will not be pursuing this. (59)
* Response to the Clerks request to look into a proud manhole cover on Pares Way grass verge – this is not actionable. (60)
* Bus service improvement plan newsletter. (61)
* Community news x 8 – on website and Facebook. (62)

DALC July and August newsletter, information on the proposed pylons and confirmation of joining the October meeting to present the Local Council Award Scheme - foundation award. (63)

Numerous emails received from NALC - forwarded to Cllrs. (64)

SLCC updates and news bulletins. (65)

ICO updates. (66)

Mentall newsletters. (67)

East Midlands Airport Community Flyer – on Facebook. (68)

BRAMM News and updates. (69)

Rural Action Derbyshire updates. (70)

Magazines:

* Clerks and Councils Direct. (71)
* The Clerk. (72)
* Allotment and Leisure Gardener. (73)