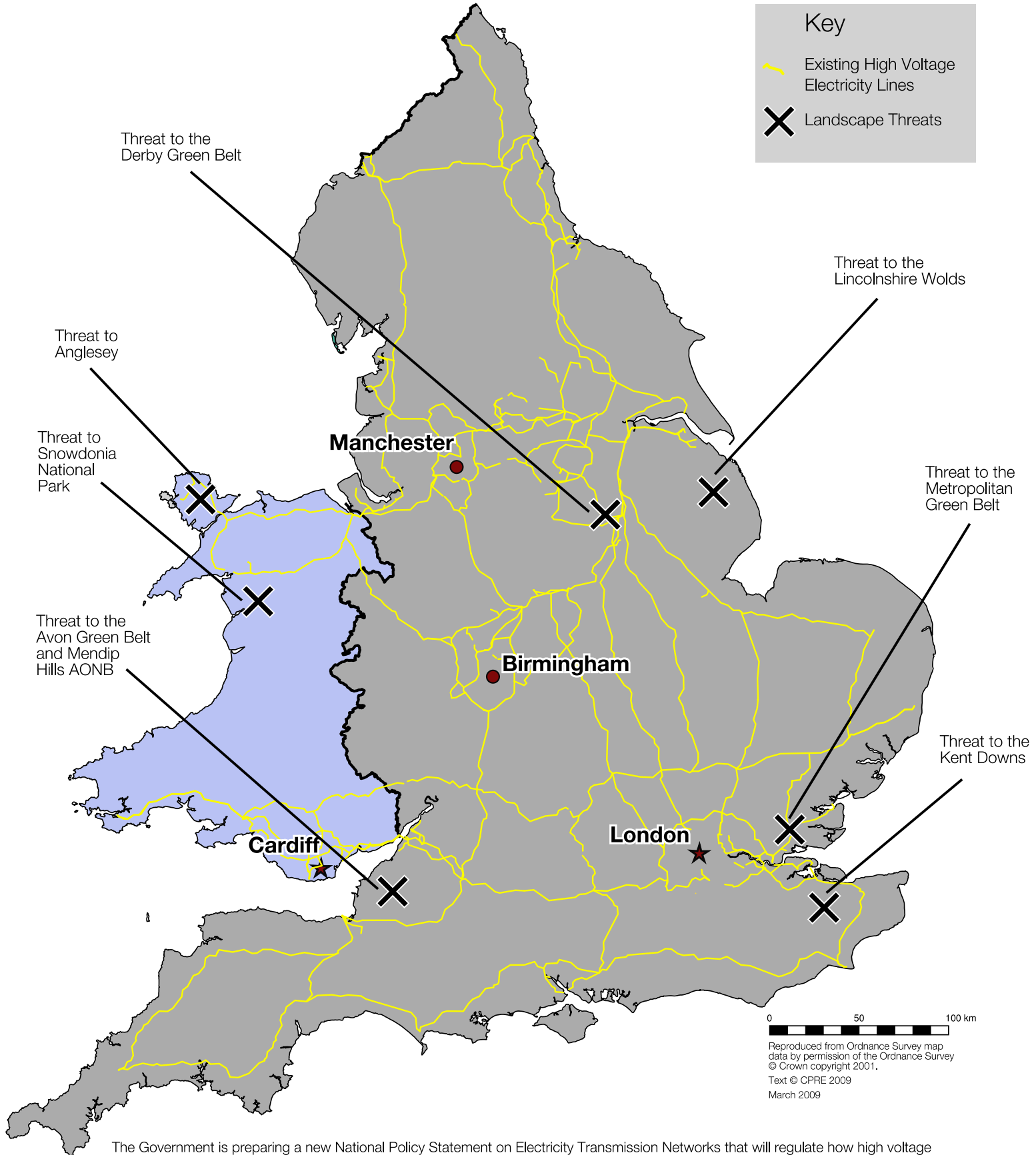




Campaign to Protect Rural England

# Power connection: at what cost to the landscape?



The Government is preparing a new National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission Networks that will regulate how high voltage electricity transmission lines will connect to new power stations.

The need to move toward low-carbon power generation mean that new power stations will be built between now and 2023. We recognise the importance of tackling climate change and increasing investment in renewable energy. But because many of the new stations will be built in areas well away from where there is most demand for electricity, there is a danger that new lines will cause further intrusion into the countryside. This maps shows the areas that are likely to come under pressure.

We call for Government policy to be against new overhead lines in AONBs, National Parks and Green Belts. Part of the existing high voltage transmission network crosses these protected areas of countryside. We call for Government policy to state that such lines need to be re-routed, undergrounded or redesigned.

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