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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Report

1.1.1 This report has been prepared by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (referred to as 'National Grid' in this report) as part of the development of an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the North Humber to High Marnham proposals (referred to as the 'Project' in this report). The purpose of this report is to demonstrate how National Grid considers it has met the test of adequacy for the statutory consultation. The report describes how National Grid (the Applicant) has undertaken consultation to date on the Project, during preparation for the DCO application. This report also confirms the approach to statutory consultation set out in the Project's Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and provides a summary of how responses to consultation have shaped the application for development consent.

1.1.2 The requirement for the Applicant to carry out an Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) and submit a supporting report to the Planning Inspectorate before submission of the application for development consent is set out in the following guidance:

1) Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects ('the Guidance') (published 30 April 2024)[1]; and

2) Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus ('the Prospectus') (published 16 May 2024)[2].

1.1.3 The Guidance and the Prospectus outline the requirements and expectations for the AoCM. In particular:

- The AoCM should be early enough to enable the Applicant to consider how to undertake any additional engagement that may be required, but sufficiently towards the end of the pre-application stage to assess the consultation that has been undertaken. A suggested period is roughly three months prior to the intended application submission date.
- The Applicant must submit a short statement on the elements of the consultation which have been carried out compared with the components set out in the Programme Document and SoCC. It should provide views and any supporting materials from host local planning authorities (LPAs), if available.
- The AoCM is an informal but important milestone that gives the opportunity for the Planning Inspectorate to check in on the consultation that has been undertaken and identify any concerns that may delay acceptance of the application.

[1] Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (2024), Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-act-2008-pre-application-stage-for-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects

[2] Planning Inspectorate (2024), Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-2024-pre-application-prospectus

1.1.4 This report sets out:

- A general overview of the approach taken to consultation and engagement undertaken on the Project (Chapter 2);
- Details of the stage one non-statutory consultation held from 1 June to 27 July 2023, including who National Grid consulted, the consultation activities undertaken, and how feedback shaped the Project (Chapter 3);
- Details of the localised non-statutory consultation held from 9 July to 6 August 2024, including who National Grid consulted, the consultation activities undertaken, and how the feedback shaped the Project (Chapter 4);
- Details of the development, consultation and publication of the SoCC, including how National Grid complied with the SoCC (Chapter 5);
- Details of the statutory consultation held from 18 February to 15 April 2025, including who National Grid consulted and how (in accordance with the Planning Act 2008), and how the feedback has and continues to be considered (Chapter 6);
- Views and supporting material from host and neighbouring LPAs on the adequacy of consultation on the Project (Chapter 7); and
- Details of further targeted landowner engagement that took place in the period between the close of the statutory consultation and prior to completion of this AoCM following certain localised amendments made to the design of the Project (Chapter 8).

1.1.5 Appendix A sets out how National Grid has complied with the requirements under s42, s47, s48 and s49 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) and relevant guidance.

1.1.6 Under s55(4)(b) of the PA 2008, at the acceptance stage of the DCO application, the Planning Inspectorate will seek formal views from the relevant LPAs regarding the adequacy of consultation.

1.2 Project Overview

1.2.1 The Project is subject to ongoing consultation and design evolution, and is currently defined as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under s14(1)(b) and s16 of the PA 2008 as it comprises new overhead electricity transmission connections of more than 2 kilometres (km) in length, with an operating voltage above 132 kilovolts (kV).

1.2.2 The Project features comprise:

- Approximately 90 km of new 400 kilovolt (kV) overhead line between the new 400 kV Birkhill Wood Substation and 400 kV High Marnham Substation;
- Replacement and realignment of sections of the existing 400 kV overhead line (Route Code 4ZQ) between Brantingham and east of Broomfleet;
- Replacement and re-alignment of a section of the existing 400 kV overhead line (Route Code ZDA) between Ealand and west of Keadby;
- Line entry connections to the proposed new 400 kV Birkhill Wood Substation;
- Line entry connections to the proposed new 400 kV High Marnham Substation; and

- Other required works, for example, temporary diversions for works on existing overhead line routes, temporary access roads, highway works, temporary works compounds, work sites and ancillary works. The Project would also include utility diversions and drainage works. There would also be land required for environmental mitigation, offsetting, compensation and Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).

1.2.3 A full description of the design evolution of the Project will be provided in **Application Document 5.9 Design Development Report** and **Document 6.4 Environmental Statement Chapter 4 - Description of the Project** of the DCO application.

2. Overview of Consultation and Engagement Undertaken

2.1 Overview

2.1.1 National Grid is committed to engaging with those communities considered to be affected by its activities. National Grid's Stakeholder, Community and Amenity Policy incorporates National Grid's Schedule 9 Statement relating to the preservation of amenity and makes the following commitments to consultation when undertaking electricity works:

- National Grid will promote genuine and meaningful stakeholder and community engagement.
- National Grid will meet and, where appropriate, exceed the statutory requirements for consultation or engagement, and will adopt the following principles to help National Grid meet this commitment:
  - *'Seek to identify and understand the views and opinions of all stakeholders and communities who may be affected by National Grid's works.*
  - *Provide opportunities for engagement from the early stages of the process where options and alternatives are being considered and there is the greatest scope to influence the design of the works.*
  - *Endeavour to enable constructive debate to take place, creating open and two-way communication processes.*
  - *Ensure that benefits, constraints and adverse impacts of proposed works are communicated openly for meaningful stakeholder and community comment and discussion. National Grid will be clear about any aspects of the works which cannot be altered.*
  - *Utilise appropriate methods and effort in engaging stakeholders and communities, proportionate to the scale and the impact of the works.*
  - *Provide feedback on how views expressed have been considered and the outcomes of any engagement process or activity.'*

2.1.2 These principles informed the approach to consultation and engagement at each stage of the Project, the SoCC, and the way in which representations received have been dealt with by the Project team. In line with the above commitments, National Grid has developed procedures, methods and expertise in how to effectively communicate, engage and consult with stakeholders as part of Project development of new UK infrastructure.

2.1.3 National Grid developed and refined the consultation strategy for each round of the consultation alongside productive dialogue with the relevant LPAs. Engagement was held to ensure a collaborative approach was taken to planning the consultation.

2.1.4 Prior to the 2023 and 2024 non-statutory consultations, National Grid undertook host LPA briefings and sought feedback on the draft consultation strategies. More

information about this approach is detailed in the Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report[3] which addresses both stages of non-statutory consultation of the Project.

2.1.5 Prior to the 2025 statutory consultation, National Grid consulted relevant LPAs on the proposed content of the SoCC. Information about LPA engagement on the SoCC is detailed in Chapter 5 of this report.

2.1.6 In accordance with the AoCM guidance, National Grid consulted LPAs on the adequacy of consultation for the Project, which is detailed in Chapter 7 of this report.

2.1.7 For the Project, National Grid has sought to engage thoroughly with affected stakeholders throughout Project development, whether these stakeholders are individuals, organisations or prescribed consultees. National Grid has built upon its own knowledge and experience of consultation by agreeing strategies and methods of engagement with affected LPAs in advance of formal consultation.

2.1.8 National Grid identified Persons with Interest in Land (PILs) owning or leasing land within the emerging preferred corridor to consult with during the stage one non-statutory consultation. Any new and already identified PILs were consulted with throughout the Project's evolution and statutory consultation in line with the PA 2008. Further landowner consultations were held to provide previously consulted PILs and newly identified PILs the opportunity to provide feedback on certain localised amendments made to the design of the Project, which is detailed in Chapter 8 of this report.

2.1.9 Consideration of the feedback received through consultation and wider stakeholder engagement has been a major contributing factor in the development of the Project. Consultation started at an early stage in the development of proposals to allow consultees to have an opportunity to influence the Project.

2.2 Approach to Consultation

2.2.1 Undertaking consultation at certain Project stages helped ensure a balance between consulting early, whilst also having the necessary detail on proposals for consultees to provide meaningful feedback. To support this, at each stage of the consultation process, clear parameters were set out to explain to consultees the information presented and how they could influence the Project during each specific stage of consultation.

2.2.2 National Grid's approach to consultation in support of the Project has been to carry out non-statutory, statutory and further landowner consultation in line with the requirements of the PA 2008.

2.2.3 At the non-statutory and statutory consultations National Grid sought to identify and understand the views and opinions of all the stakeholders and communities who may be affected by the proposed Project. National Grid consulted with stakeholders at an early stage to help ensure technical advice and local knowledge was taken into account during early development of the Project. These stakeholders included LPAs, elected representatives, local residents, PILs, seldom heard groups, and local interest groups.

[3] National Grid, (2025), North Humber to High Marnham, Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report. Available at https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154041/download

2.2.4 The following consultations were undertaken during the pre-application stage:

- Stage one non-statutory consultation held between 1 June and 27 July 2023 (see Chapter 3 for more details);
- Localised non-statutory consultation held between 9 July and 6 August 2024 (see Chapter 4 for more details);
- Statutory consultation held between 18 February and 15 April 2025 (see Chapter 6 for more details); and
- Further targeted consultations with PILs following statutory consultation in 2025 up until 13July 2026 (see Chapter 8 for more details).

2.2.5 At stage one non-statutory consultation, National Grid presented information on how the Project evolved as a result of the evaluation of strategic options to identify the emerging preferred corridor and a graduated swathe, within which new infrastructure (pylons and overhead lines) could be located. National Grid analysed the feedback received and, along with further technical studies and design work, used this to inform development of the Project. Feedback received during stage one consultation, also informed the identification and assessment of a potential alternative eastern corridor in the southernmost section of the route which led to the localised non-statutory consultation.

2.2.6 At localised non-statutory consultation, National Grid presented and sought feedback on an alternative eastern corridor option between the villages of South Wheatley and High Marnham. Following close of this localised consultation, the eastern and western corridor options were further assessed and compared, taking into consideration feedback received. Feedback from both the non-statutory consultation in 2023 and the localised non-statutory consultation in 2024 was considered in reaching an overall decision on the preferred corridor and identification of a preferred draft alignment and design to take to statutory consultation.

2.2.7 At statutory consultation, National Grid presented a preferred draft alignment showing potential pylon positions, as well as other required works, such as temporary access roads, highway works, and temporary works compounds. As the Project is classified as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development, the statutory consultation feedback questionnaire also invited comments on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). The feedback received at this consultation was considered alongside the findings of environmental and engineering studies to help finalise proposals to be submitted in the DCO application in 2026.

2.2.8 After the statutory consultation, National Grid held further targeted landowner consultations to provide previously consulted PILs and newly identified PILs the opportunity to provide feedback on certain localised amendments made to the design of the Project.

2.2.9 For both the stage one and localised non-statutory, and statutory consultations, National Grid identified a Primary Consultation Zone (PCZ) for the Project, which was based on a 1 km buffer from the scheme proposals. The scheme proposals refer to the Project's preferred route corridor for the non-statutory consultations, and the Project's Order Limits for the statutory consultation. The PCZ was updated for each round of consultation. At the launch of each stage of consultation, National Grid sent community newsletters to all properties within the PCZ, as well as placing adverts in local newspapers and on social media. Where appropriate, the PCZ was extended to

include whole streets where the 1 km boundary bisected streets, hamlets or neighbourhoods.

2.2.10 At stage one non-statutory consultation, the PCZ comprised 11,919 properties. For the 2024 localised non-statutory consultation, the PCZ was adjusted to the route between South Wheatley and High Marnham (this consultation related to amendments to the route in this specific area referred to as the eastern corridor) and comprised 2,108 properties. For the statutory consultation, the PCZ comprised 11,680 properties. Paper copies of key consultation documents were also placed at local information points in publicly accessible venues – libraries and, where possible, council offices – along the route. The locations of the local information points used for statutory consultation can be found in Table 5.1. Alternative formats of the documents were available on request during all consultation periods.

2.2.11 National Grid also identified a Secondary Consultation Zone (SCZ) for the stage one and localised non-statutory, and statutory consultations, which extended to 5 km from the edge of the proposals. The purpose of the SCZ was to identify stakeholders who were less likely to be directly affected by the Project, but who may still be impacted, for instance by construction traffic and long-distance views. National Grid sought to raise awareness of the Project and public consultation with stakeholders within the SCZ through the broad dissemination of information. The SCZ was used to identify the relevant newspapers in circulation within the boundary for the purpose of advertising the consultation.

2.2.12 National Grid also offered stakeholders and members of the public digital and non-digital opportunities to engage with the Project through a dedicated website, public information events and webinar events. Nine public information events were held for statutory consultation, providing attendees with the opportunity to view the proposals and speak to members of the Project team. The events were drop-in style and displayed boards, large scale maps and technical documents (the full list of events can be found in Table 5.2. Engagement was also facilitated through a Project email, phone and Freepost address.

Substations

2.2.13 The Project would need to connect to two new 400 kV substations – one located approximately 700 metres to the north of the existing Creyke Beck Substation in Cottingham, known as Birkhill Wood Substation, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, and a new substation at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire (part of a National Grid project called ‘Brinsworth to High Marnham’).

2.2.14 Whilst the new substations did not form part of the Project during the stage one non-statutory consultation and localised non-statutory consultation, the decision was made to include both substations within the Project at statutory consultation, and consultees were invited to provide feedback on the proposals for both substations. This approach allowed National Grid to demonstrate that the Project could be delivered and that it can connect to the national transmission network.

2.2.15 Following the statutory consultation in 2025, a decision was taken to remove both the proposed 400 kV Birkhill Wood Substation and 400 kV High Marnham Substation and associated works from the Project.

2.2.16 Separate planning applications under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the 400 kV Birkhill Wood Substation (planning application reference 25/01898/STPLF), and 400 kV High Marnham Substation (planning application

reference 25/01302/FUL) were submitted by National Grid in July and November 2025 to the LPAs of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Bassetlaw District Council, respectively. The planning applications were approved in February 2026 for Birkhill Wood and June 2026 for High Marnham. Alongside these planning applications, National Grid published a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the acquisition of the land required to enable delivery of each of the substations, with the Birkhill Wood CPO being confirmed in May 2026 and the CPO for High Marnham due for submission in August 2026 and forecast to be confirmed in 2027.

2.2.17 All feedback about either substation received in response to the statutory consultation was analysed and reviewed in the same way as all other feedback. In addition, feedback about both substations was shared with the respective substation project teams responsible for the planning applications for those substations.

2.3 Consultation Components in the Programme Document

2.3.1 National Grid prepared a Programme Document in accordance with the Guidance, setting out an anticipated timeline of activities to help ensure an effective pre-application process. The Programme Document was published in June 2025 on the Project website.

2.3.2 A copy of the Programme Document[4] is available in the Document Library on the Project website.

2.3.3 In accordance with the Guidance and the Prospectus (see paragraph 1.1.2), National Grid has set out in Table 2.1 how elements of consultation have been carried out compared with components in the Programme Document.

Table 2.1 – Application submission timeframe (relating to consultation activities)

Activity in the Programme Document	Timeframe	Status	Detailed in this AoCM report
Non-statutory consultation	1 June to 27 July 2023	Complete	Chapter 3
Localised non-statutory consultation	9 July to 6 August 2024	Complete	Chapter 4
Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) consultation published	18 February 2025	Complete	Chapter 5
Statutory consultation	18 February to 15 April 2025	Complete	Chapter 6
Further targeted consultations with Persons with Interest in Land (PIL)	Running for 28 day periods between June 2025 and July 2026	Complete	Chapter 8
Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Submission (AoCM)	July 2026	Planned	Chapter 7

[4] National Grid, (2026), North Humber to High Marnham, Programme Document. Available at https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/561961/download

3. Stage One Non-Statutory Consultation

3.1 Purpose of the Consultation

3.1.1 The stage one non-statutory consultation ran for eight weeks between 1 June and 27 July 2023. The purpose of the consultation was to:

- Introduce National Grid and the early stage-proposals for the Project;
- Explain the needs case for the Project and the requirement for building new electricity transmission infrastructure in the area;
- Outline the work carried out to identify the preferred route corridor and graduated swathe (where National Grid considered it most reasonably likely that the new infrastructure could be sited within based on information available at the time);
- Help ensure all stakeholders had the opportunity to provide feedback on the work to date; and
- Outline the next steps and programme for how the Project would be developed further.

3.1.2 Though the new 400 kV substation at Creyke Beck, Cottingham (known as Birkhill Wood Substation) in the East Riding of Yorkshire and one at High Marnham, Nottinghamshire (part of a project called 'Brinsworth to High Marnham') were not part of the stage one non-statutory consultation, materials explained that the new overhead line would be routed from one substation to the other. A substation zone was also presented at each end of the emerging preferred corridor. The consultation newsletter explained that, as the new substations were needed to be in place before the Project, they were being developed separately and would be subject to separate public consultations.

3.2 Who National Grid Consulted

3.2.1 The stage one non-statutory consultation was open to anyone with an interest in the Project. As outlined in section 2.2, National Grid developed two consultation zones (PCZ and SCZ) to inform consultation activities and help ensure stakeholders within the vicinity of the Project were engaged.

3.2.2 During the stage one non-statutory consultation, the following groups and stakeholders were notified about consultation:

- Political stakeholders, along with an offer for a briefing, comprising:
  - Elected representatives for areas where the Project is situated,
  - MPs representing constituencies within and bordering both consultation zones;
  - Parish councils representing parishes within both consultation zones and the immediate vicinity;
- Consultees who would be 'prescribed' under the PA 2008;

- Local interest groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups with particular specialisms, such as agriculture, local heritage, and wildlife; and
- 'Seldom heard groups', representing people who are unlikely to respond to traditional and conventional methods of consultation, and may need additional support to access materials.

3.3 How National Grid Consulted

3.3.1 National Grid's stage one non-statutory consultation included:

- Producing materials to support consultation, using non-technical language where possible, including:
  - Project Background Document 2023[5];
  - Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Siting Report (CPRSS) 2023[6];
  - Strategic Options Report[7];
  - Consultation newsletter[8];
  - Consultation plans[9];
  - Consultation Strategy[10]
  - Event banners[11]; and
  - Feedback form[12].
- Updating the Project specific website and creation of an interactive map;
- Setting up an email address, Freepost address, and dedicated freephone telephone information line;
- Issuing a newsletter to the 11,919 properties within the PCZ;

[5] National Grid, (2023), North Humber to High Marnham, Project Background Document. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/document/148931/download

[6] National Grid, (2023), North Humber to High Marnham, Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/document/148821/download (CPRSS)

[7] National Grid, (2023), North Humber to High Marnham and Grimsby to Walpole Strategic Options Report. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/document/149041/download

[8] National Grid, (2023), North Humber to High Marnham, Consultation newsletter. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/348801/download

[9] National Grid, (2023), North Humber to High Marnham, Consultation plans. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/north-humber-high-marnham/document-library#4257225834-1484802565

[10] National Grid, (2023), North Humber to High Marnham, Consultation Strategy. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/348911/download

[11] National Grid, (2023), North Humber to High Marnham, event banners. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/354821/download

[12] National Grid, (2023), North Humber to High Marnham, Feedback form. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/348806/download

- Holding nine in-person public information events within or near the PCZ;
- Holding eight webinar sessions, each focusing on a specific geographical area; and
- Media and social media promotional activity.

3.3.2 Table 3.1 provides an overview of the main activities conducted during the stage one non-statutory consultation. Full details are provided in the Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report, available on the Project website.

Table 3.1 – Summary of stage one non-statutory consultation activities

Date	Activity	Details
6 June to 8 July 2023	Nine public information events	Events provided an opportunity for consultees to view the latest Project information and speak to Project team representatives. A total of 630 stakeholders and members of the public attended.
5 June to 19 July 2023	Eight webinars	Webinars enabled the Project team to present the same information as was presented at the in-person information events, to interested stakeholders who may have been unable to attend in-person. There was a total of 50 attendees.
1 June to 27 July 2023	Project team callbacks	Stakeholders were able to request a telephone call from a member of the Project team if they would prefer to ask questions over the phone.
1 June to 27 July 2023	Eleven public information points	Paper copies of the newsletter and feedback form were made available to take away and hard copies of the Project Background Document, CPRSS and Strategic Options Report were available to inspect at the suitable, publicly accessible locations along the emerging preferred corridor.
1 June to 3 July 2023	Briefings to the four host LPAs and three parish councils	The presentations explained the proposals, supported stakeholder relationships and promoted the non-statutory consultation.

3.4 Feedback Received

3.4.1 A total of 585 responses were received during the non-statutory consultation period, comprising:

- 398 online completed feedback forms;
- 96 hard copy completed feedback forms (via email or Freepost); and

- 91 emails and/or letters.

3.4.2 Although some feedback was received after the close of the consultation, all responses received were considered and reported on in the Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report, which is available in the document library on the Project website.

3.5 Key Themes of Feedback Received During the Stage One Non-Statutory Consultation

3.5.1 Feedback received in response to the stage one non-statutory consultation helped to shape and guide the development of the proposed Project. A full summary of matters raised and National Grid's response to them can be found in the Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report[13], which is available on the Project website.

3.5.2 Feedback received included:

- Avoiding Sites of Special Scientific Interest to reduce impacts on local wildlife;
- Avoiding felling trees and expressing concerns about disturbing migrating birds;
- The need for investment in community facilities, including parks and active travel facilities;
- The visual impact of the proposed overhead lines;
- Requests for the new overhead line to be built close to existing overhead lines and away from villages and houses;
- The cumulative impact of additional overhead lines;
- Requests to ensure a new overhead line would not spoil rural landscapes and potential candidate Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty;
- Potential negative impacts regarding a number of different local landmarks and cultural heritage interests;
- Encirclement of villages by overhead lines; and
- Routeing of new overhead lines further to the east, or in close parallel with existing overhead lines.

3.5.3 A proportion of the feedback received regarding the proposals between South Wheatley and High Marnham (consultation Route Sections 10 and 11) suggested that the new overhead line should be routed further to the east, placing it closer to the existing overhead lines, and further from villages that would otherwise be located closer to the proposed overhead line, as a result of the Project. Feedback from residents of a number of villages noted that the new overhead line corridor would result in their encirclement by the new overhead line to the west, and the existing 400 kV overhead lines to the east. Some respondents suggested that the new overhead line should be routed further to the east, or in close parallel with existing overhead lines, to prevent the new overhead line being routed on the opposite side of the villages to the existing overhead lines.

[13] National Grid, (2025), North Humber to High Marnham, Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154041/download

3.6 Changes Made Following Feedback Received from Non-Statutory Consultation

3.6.1 Following the close of the stage one non-statutory consultation in July 2023, National Grid reviewed all of the feedback received and work to date, including the CPRSS. This review took into account new information, including the responses to the stage one non-statutory consultation, which informed the decision to undertake an exercise to identify and consider a potential alternative corridor option between South Wheatley and High Marnham. This potential alternative corridor is referred to as the 'eastern corridor' and was the subject of the localised non-statutory consultation in 2024 as explained further under section 4 of this report.

3.6.2 A review of feedback from the stage one non-statutory consultation also resulted in a change outside of the emerging preferred corridor in Route Section 2. This change was to facilitate a line swap-over to enable a close parallel alignment to help reduce the scale of landscape impacts in this sensitive section of the Yorkshire Wolds Important Landscape Area. It also enabled a route to the south of Ellerker, avoiding the need for overhead lines both north and south of the village in response to feedback received.

4. Localised Non-Statutory Consultation

4.1 Purpose of the Consultation

4.1.1 National Grid held a localised non-statutory consultation for the Project between 9 July and 6 August 2024. The purpose of the consultation was to:

- Introduce and consult on the eastern corridor;
- Outline the work carried out since the non-statutory consultation 2023 and why an alternative corridor was being considered;
- Help ensure all stakeholders (both previously and newly consulted) had the opportunity to provide feedback on the eastern corridor ahead of a more detailed design being developed and presented at the statutory consultation; and
- Outline next steps and programme for how the proposals would be developed further.

4.2 Who National Grid Consulted

4.2.1 Similarly to the stage one non-statutory consultation and as outlined in section 2.2, National Grid developed a PCZ and a SCZ to assist engagement with the local community and help ensure all stakeholders directly in the vicinity of the localised consultation were engaged.

4.2.2 Although the localised consultation was non-statutory in nature, National Grid made every effort to approach all relevant organisations and local communities who may be affected by the Project proposals, including those likely to be classified as prescribed consultees in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (the APFP Regulations).

4.2.3 At the launch of the localised non-statutory consultation, National Grid contacted a number of identified, technical and community stakeholders to notify them of the start of the consultation.

4.3 How National Grid Consulted

4.3.1 National Grid's consultation activities for the localised non-statutory consultation included:

- Producing materials to support consultation, using non-technical language where possible, including:
  - Addendum to the Project Background Document 2024[14];

[14] National Grid, (2024), North Humber to High Marnham, Addendum to the Project Background Document. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/355956/download

- Supplementary Corridor and Routeing Report 2024[15];
- Localised consultation newsletter[16];
- Localised consultation plans[17];
- Localised non-statutory consultation feedback form[18]; and
- Localised non-statutory consultation strategy 2024[19].

- Updating the Project website with all consultation information on the eastern corridor proposals, and updating the interactive map;
- Issuing a newsletter to the 2,108 properties within the PCZ;
- Making information and materials available at four public information points;
- Continued use of the email address, Freepost address, and dedicated telephone information line;
- Holding three in-person public information events within or near the PCZ;
- Holding two webinar sessions; and
- Media and social media promotional activity.

4.3.2 Table 4.1 provides an overview of the key activities conducted during the 2024 localised non-statutory consultation. Full details are available in the Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report, available on the Project website.

Table 4.1 – Summary of localised non-statutory consultation activities

Date	Activity	Details
12 July to 23 July 2024	Three public information events	Events provided an opportunity for consultees to view the latest Project information and speak to Project team representatives. A total of 234 stakeholders and members of the public attended.
19 and 25 July 2024	Two webinars	Webinars enabled the Project team to present the same information as was presented at the in-person information events, to interested stakeholders who may have been unable to attend in-person. Eight

[15] National Grid, (2024), North Humber to High Marnham, Supplementary Corridor and Routeing Report. Available at https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/355976/download

[16] National Grid, (2024), North Humber to High Marnham, Localised consultation newsletter. Available at https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/355981/download

[17] National Grid, (2024), North Humber to High Marnham, Localised consultation plans. Available at https://www.nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/north-humber-high-marnham/document-library#4257225834-1548756801

[18] National Grid, (2024), North Humber to High Marnham, Localised non-statutory consultation feedback form. Available at https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/355961/download

[19] National Grid, (2024), North Humber to High Marnham, Localised non-statutory consultation strategy. Available at https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/355971/download

Date	Activity	Details
		stakeholders and members of the public attended the webinars.
9 July to 6 August 2024	Project team callbacks	Stakeholders were able to request a telephone call from a member of the Project team if they would prefer to ask questions over the phone.
9 July to 6 August 2024	Four public information points	Paper copies of the newsletter and feedback form were made available to take away and hard copies of the Addendum to the Project Background Document, Supplementary Corridor and Routeing Report 2024 and maps and plans of the eastern corridor were available to inspect at these suitable, publicly accessible locations along the eastern corridor.
9 July and 13 August 2024	One joint authority briefing for Nottinghamshire County Council and Bassetlaw District Council and four parish council briefing	The presentations explained the proposals, supported stakeholder relationships and promoted the non-statutory consultation.

4.4 Feedback Received

4.4.1 A total of 142 responses were received during the consultation period. This comprised:

- 59 online completed feedback forms;
- 53 hard copy completed feedback forms (via email or Freepost); and
- 30 emails and/or letters.

4.4.2 Although some feedback was received after the close of the consultation, all responses received have been considered and reported on in the Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report, which is available on the Project website.

4.5 Key Themes of Feedback Received During the Localised Non-Statutory Consultation

4.5.1 Feedback received from the 2024 localised non-statutory consultation helped to shape and guide the development of the Project. A full summary of matters raised and National Grid's response to them can be found in the Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report.[20]

[20] National Grid, (2025), North Humber to High Marnham, Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154041/download

4.5.2 Feedback received included:

- Suggestion that the new overhead line should be routed closer to existing overhead lines in the Trent Valley than that presented;
- Conversely, concerns were raised on the cumulative impacts with the existing infrastructure and planned developments in the area;
- Requests for the new overhead line to avoid villages and populated areas to minimise impact on residential communities;
- Concerns on the visual impacts along the route and the impacts on good quality agricultural land and disruption to farm productivity; and
- The corridor's location within Flood Zones 2 and 3 gave rise to concerns regarding the safety of construction and maintenance of the new overhead line.

4.6 Summary of Changes Following Feedback from the Localised Non-Statutory Consultation

4.6.1 Further technical and environmental assessment work, together with consideration of the feedback received during both the stage one non-statutory consultation and the localised non-statutory consultation, informed a Project decision on the overall preferred corridor between South Wheatley and High Marnham.

4.6.2 It was concluded that there was no overall corridor preference from an environmental and socio-economic perspective; however, it was considered that the corridor consulted on at stage one non-statutory consultation in 2023 (the western corridor) was feasible and policy compliant.

4.6.3 It was considered that some potential environmental impacts were likely to be reduced by routeing in the western corridor compared to the eastern corridor, including a number of cultural heritage assets, socio-economic impacts on a number of affected communities, and solar farms. Temporary construction phase benefits could be achieved within the western corridor by avoiding routeing through flood zones and routeing closer to main access routes to the west.

4.6.4 Overall, the emerging preferred corridor as presented at stage one non-statutory consultation (the western corridor) was considered to offer the most appropriate balance between environmental, socio-economic, technical, and cost considerations. However, based on feedback provided, the preferred alignment deviates outside the original emerging preferred corridor as presented in 2023 at Sturton le Steeple before routeing back within the emerging preferred corridor. This was therefore progressed to statutory consultation. A full description of the design evolution of the Project, including an explanation of the decision regarding the 'eastern corridor', will be provided in **Application Document 5.9 Design Development Report**.

5. Statement of Community Consultation

5.1 Development of the SoCC

5.1.1 The SoCC was prepared in accordance with s47 of the PA 2008. In accordance with s47(2) of the PA 2008, National Grid consulted with each of the host authorities identified within the s43(1) of the PA 2008 about the proposed content of the SoCC.

5.1.2 The following five host authorities were consulted with on the draft SoCC:

- East Riding of Yorkshire Council;
- North Lincolnshire Council;
- Bassetlaw District Council;
- Newark and Sherwood District Council; and
- Nottinghamshire County Council.

5.1.3 Prior to formal consultation under s42(2), National Grid provided presentations to the host authorities to help ensure a productive and collaborative approach was taken to planning the statutory consultation. The presentations were held with:

- North Lincolnshire Council on 2 October 2024;
- Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council on 7 October 2024;
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council on 31 October 2024; and
- Newark and Sherwood District Council on 18 December 2024.

5.1.4 The SoCC was issued to East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Lincolnshire Council, Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council on 13 November 2024, and formal consultation took place between 14 November and 11 December.

5.1.5 Due to ongoing design work and changes to the Order Limits, Newark and Sherwood District Council was identified after the initial SoCC consultation as a host authority. On 5 December 2024, the SoCC was issued to Newark and Sherwood District Council via email, and formal consultation took place between 6 December 2024 and 3 January 2025. Following further changes to the Order Limits after the statutory consultation, they are no longer directly impacted by the Project and are now instead categorised as a neighbouring LPA.

5.1.6 In accordance with s47(3) of the PA 2008, formal consultation on the draft SoCC provided officers with a 28-day period to review and return their comments.

5.1.7 Feedback on the SoCC was received from all five host authorities listed in paragraph 5.1.2.

5.1.8 The comments received were considered and amendments were made to the SoCC where necessary. A summary of the feedback received and the changes that were

made to the draft SoCC will be presented in the **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report**.

5.2 Publication of the SoCC

5.2.1 In accordance with the s47(6)(za) of the PA 2008, the SoCC was made available for inspection by the public in a way that was reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the Project proposals. The SoCC was made available for inspection:

- On the Project website for the start of statutory consultation on 18 February 2025;
- As reference copies at the local information points along the route and at the public events detailed in Table 5.1 and Table 5.2; and

5.2.2 As a printed document or in an alternative format upon request.

Table 5.1 – Summary of local information points (where printed copies of the SoCC were available)

Location	Address
Beverley Library	Champney Treasure House, Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE
South Cave Library	97 Church Street, South Cave, HU15 2EP
Goole Library	Carlisle Street, Goole, DN14 5DS
Cottingham Library and Customer Service Centre	Market Green, Cottingham, HU16 5QG
Crowle Library	The Market Hall, Crowle, DN17 4LA
Nottinghamshire Mobile Library (North Route 11)	Mobile
Haxey Library	The Memorial Hall, Haxey, DN9 2HH
Misterton Library	High Street, Misterton, DN10 4BU
Retford Library	Churchgate, Retford, DN22 6PE
Bassetlaw District Council – Retford Office	17B The Square, Retford, DN22 6DB[21]
Epworth Library	Live Well Isle of Axholme, Burnham Road, Epworth, DN9 1BZ
Gainsborough Library	Cobden Street, Gainsborough, DN21 2NG
All Saints Parish Church Misterton	High Street, Misterton, DN10 4AL

[21] The consultation materials noted that Bassetlaw District Council's Retford Office was operating from a temporary location until late-February 2025 and pointed consultees to the council's website for updated information.

Table 5.2 – Public information events (where printed copies of the SoCC were available)

Date and time	Venue	Attendees
Saturday 1 March 2025, 11am-4pm	Dunham on Trent Village Hall, Low Street, Dunham, NG22 0FJ	88
Monday 3 March 2025, 1-7pm	Gringley on the Hill Community Centre, W Wells Lane, Gringley on the Hill, DN10 4QY	83
Tuesday 4 March 2025, 1-7pm	North and South Wheatley Village Hall, Sturton Road, South Wheatley, DN22 9DL	41
Monday 10 March 2025, 1-7pm	Crowle Community Hall, Woodland Avenue, Crowle, DN17 4LL	120
Friday 14 March 2025, 1-7pm	All Saints Community Centre, Church Hill, South Cave, HU15 2EU	42
Saturday 15 March 2025, 11am-4pm	Gilberdyke Memorial Hall, 11 Clementhorpe Road, Gilberdyke, HU15 2UB	47
Wednesday 19 March 2025, 1-7pm	Garthorpe Village Hall, Shore Road, Garthorpe, DN17 4AD	45
Friday 21 March 2025, 1-7pm	Epworth Imperial Hall, Chapel Street, Epworth, DN9 1HJ	73
Wednesday 26 March 2025, 1-7pm	Cottingham Civic Hall, Market Green, Cottingham, HU16 5QF	43

5.2.3 The SoCC Section 47 notice was published in four newspapers circulating in the vicinity of the Project, in accordance with s47(6)(a) of the PA 2008. Table 5.3 summarises the newspapers in which the notice was published and the dates on which it was published.

Table 5.3 – Newspapers circulating in the vicinity of the proposed development where the SoCC Section 47 notice was published

Newspaper	Date
Hull Daily Mail	18 February 2025
Yorkshire Post	18 February 2025
Lincolnshire Echo	20 February 2025
Nottingham Post	18 February 2025

5.2.4 The Applicant has therefore complied with all of the enacted requirements of s47(6).

5.3 Conformation of Adherence to Commitments Within the SoCC

5.3.1 Table 5.4 outlines how the consultation was undertaken in accordance with the commitments outlined in the SoCC.

Table 5.4 – How the statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the SoCC

Where in SoCC	Commitment as it appears in the SoCC	How National Grid fulfilled this commitment
1.1.5	National Grid has consulted with and had regard to comments from the following local authorities: • East Riding of Yorkshire Council; • North Lincolnshire Council; • Bassetlaw District Council; • Newark and Sherwood District Council; and • Nottinghamshire County Council.	**Commitment met** – Draft SoCC was issued to East Riding of Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire, Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County Councils on 13 November 2024, and to Newark and Sherwood District Council on 5 December 2024. Comments from all authorities were received and a 'Regard Had' document created, which will be contained in Appendix D of **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report**.
1.2.3	Before submitting an application, we are required by the Act to carry out consultation with people living in the vicinity of the land where the Project is proposed to be located, and with other prescribed consultees.	**Commitment met** – Consultation began 18 February 2025. National Grid consulted the local community living in the vicinity of the Project. This was achieved by establishing a PCZ, which consisted of people and businesses with property postcodes within 1 km of the Project's draft Order Limits. A community newsletter was distributed to all properties within the PCZ. Other prescribed consultees under s42(1)(a) of the PA 2008 were identified and consulted.
2.2.5	Once planning application reference numbers [for the new substations] have been provided by the local planning authorities, we will provide an update on the Project website.	**Commitment met** – The Project website has been updated with the following text: '*We are pleased to say that separate planning applications for the 400 kV Birkhill Wood substation (25/01898/STPLF), and 400 kV High Marnham substation (25/01302/FUL) were submitted by National Grid in July and November 2025 to the local planning authorities of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Bassetlaw District Council, respectively. As a result, we have*

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		removed the Birkhill Wood and High Marnham substations and associated works from our proposals for North Humber to High Marnham. Planning permission for the Birkhill Wood substation was granted in February 2026 subject to conditions. We will continue to work closely with both substation projects to coordinate our works.'
2.3.4	…substation feedback will also be shared with our teams responsible for the separate planning applications for both substations.	**Commitment met** – Any feedback and/or design change requests relating to the substations have been shared with the respective project teams in full.
Table 4.1	We will consult the public and statutory consultees (as outlined in Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Act) on the more developed proposals, including a preferred overhead line alignment.	**Commitment met** – A stakeholder database and letters were prepared and issued for statutory consultation, presenting the more developed proposals and including the route of the overhead line and proposed pylon locations. Section 47 and Section 48 notices were prepared and published, and a community newsletter was sent to properties within the PCZ, which consisted of people and businesses with property postcodes within 1 km of the Project's draft Order Limits.
Table 4.1	We will review and have regard to the feedback from the statutory consultation and further refine and finalise the proposed design. We will also continue to engage with stakeholders prior to the submission of our DCO application.	**Commitment met** – Feedback from the statutory consultation has been reviewed and along with further technical studies and design work has contributed to the final Project design. Engagement with stakeholders will continue up to submission of the DCO application. The **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report** is being prepared following statutory consultation illustrating how regard was had to feedback received from statutory consultation. This will be submitted as part of the DCO application.
5.1.1	The statutory consultation (under Sections 42 and 47 of the Planning	**Commitment met** – Statutory consultation took place between

Where in SoCC	Commitment as it appears in the SoCC	How National Grid fulfilled this commitment
	Act) will run for eight weeks from 18 February to 15 April 2025.	Tuesday 18 February and Tuesday 15 April 2025.
5.2.1	We will seek views and feedback on the following elements of the Project: • the proposed route of the new, approximately 90 km, 400 kV electricity line • the location of new steel lattice pylons (approximately 50 m in height), some of which would be gantries (typically up to 15 m in height), for existing or proposed substations • works to build new substations at Creyke Beck, Cottingham, (known as Birkhill Wood Substation) in the East Riding of Yorkshire and High Marnham, in Nottinghamshire, to connect and support the operation of the new transmission line for North Humber to High Marnham • third-party utility diversions and/or modifications required to facilitate the construction of the Project, along with land required for mitigation, compensation and enhancement of the environment including BNG • land temporarily required for construction activities, including, for example, working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, welfare, storage and temporary construction access • construction methodology for preliminary locations for BNG and/or wider environmental gains.	**Commitment met** – Information on these topics was included in the consultation materials and the feedback questionnaire sought views on all of them. The questionnaire included free text areas for respondents to provide comments generally about the Project and the consultation, such as '*Do you have any further comments on our proposals in this route section*?'. Question 16 provided a space for general considerations: '*is there anything else you would like us to consider as we develop our proposals?*'. A copy of the feedback questionnaire will be presented in Appendix H of **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report**.
5.2.2	The Project is classified as an EIA development and therefore we will also consult on preliminary environmental information as part of this statutory consultation, in the form of a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). We will make the PEIR available on the	**Commitment met** – Comments on the PEIR were invited as part of the feedback questionnaire. The PEIR and Non-Technical Summary (NTS) were available in the document library on the Project website for the duration of the statutory consultation. The NTS of the PEIR was available at the 13

Where in SoCC	Commitment as it appears in the SoCC	How National Grid fulfilled this commitment
	Project website during statutory consultation, together with a non-technical summary of the PEIR. We will seek views on the information in those documents.	local information points listed in the SoCC. Additionally, the full PEIR was available to view electronically via USB sticks available at the local information points. The full list of information points can be found in Table 5.1 of this report.
5.2.4	Overall location plans will be used to describe these sections of the Project and will be provided during the statutory consultation, which is consistent with how the Project has previously been presented.	**Commitment met** – Plans were prepared that were consistent with the description provided in the SoCC. Plans and a guide to using the plans were available in the document library on the Project website for the duration of the statutory consultation.
5.3.1	The consultation will be open to anyone who is interested in the Project. National Grid will have regard to all consultation feedback received by the relevant statutory consultation deadline when developing the design of the Project.	**Commitment met** – No restrictions were placed on who could take part in the consultation. National Grid has had regard to all the consultation responses received from anyone who was interested in the Project by the relevant deadline. The **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report** is being prepared following statutory consultation illustrating this regard and will be submitted as part of the DCO application.
5.3.5	Communities within the PCZ and SCZ will be notified about the consultation via the methods outlined in section 5.5 of the SoCC.	**Commitment met** – The local community was notified about the consultation within the PCZ and SCZ using the following consultation methods as outlined in Table 5.3 of section 5.5 of the SoCC. • Press release shared on 18 February 2025 with 15 local and regional newspapers in circulation in the PCZ and SCZ. • Newspaper advertisements published between 18 and 27 February 2025 in three local and regional newspapers in circulation in the PCZ and SCZ. • Emails and letters were sent to coincide with the start of statutory consultation to MPs where all or part of their constituency was in the PCZ and/or the SCZ, elected

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		representatives within the PCZ and parish councils within the PCZ and SCZ. • Statutory notices (Section 48 notices) were published in six newspapers on 18, 20, 25 and 27 February 2025. • Information posters were provided to parish councils and local authorities in the PCZ on 1 April 2025 with details of the consultation, how to access Project information and how to get involved. • Social media advertisements targeting different demographics were included across Facebook, Instagram and X. Initial consultation advertisements ran between 18 February and 4 March 2025. Event-specific advertisements ran for one week prior to each event, with the initial advertisement running from 22 February prior to the event on 1 March 2025.
5.3.6	We will also consult the following groups and individuals: • parish councils representing parishes within the PCZ • local residents and businesses falling within the PCZ • resident, community, tourism and business organisations and groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups with specialisms, such as in local heritage or wildlife, that have been drawn to our attention by local authorities and engagement work to date • 'seldom heard groups' within either consultation zone that have been drawn to our attention by local authorities and other stakeholders, representing people who are unlikely to respond to	**Commitment met** – Parish councils within the PCZ were identified as Section 42 consultees and consulted. Local residents and businesses falling within the PCZ were identified as part of the PCZ community newsletter mailing. A range of local interest groups were identified within appendix B of the SoCC and consulted in the first instance by letter and encouraged to request alternative formats of consultation materials where appropriate. Seldom heard groups were identified as non-prescribed consultees. Engagement and consultation were inclusive, helping ensure seldom heard groups were reached by utilising different engagement methods listed in Table 5.6 of the

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	traditional consultation techniques and may need additional support to access materials • local elected representatives who represent wards and constituencies within the PCZ • Members of Parliament (MPs) representing constituencies within either consultation zone.	SoCC. More details about how National Grid reached seldom heard groups can be found in Table 6.3 of this report. Local elected representatives within the PCZ were identified as non-prescribed consultees and consulted. MPs in either consultation zone were identified as non-prescribed consultees and consulted.
5.3.7	…we will consult prescribed bodies and local authorities under Section 42(1)(a), (b) and Section 43 of the Act [PA 2008].	**Commitment met** – Prescribed consultee mailings were sent out to coincide with the start of consultation by post on 17 February 2025 (and email, where information was available on 18 February 2025). The list of prescribed consultees is in Appendix D.
5.3.7	We will also consult persons with an interest in land under sections 42(1)(d) and 44 of the Act [PA 2008]. Individuals and groups include: • statutory stakeholders as set out by the Planning Act 2008 (such as National Highways, Natural England and the Environment Agency) • commercial stakeholders, including asset owners • local authorities (including host and neighbouring local authorities) • owners, tenants and occupiers of land potentially affected by the proposed DCO application.	**Commitment met** – Prescribed consultee mailings were scheduled to coincide with start of consultation by post (and email, where contact details were available). PILs, who are also prescribed consultees, were invited for meetings via the Project team engagement activities. Other PILs were invited for meetings via the lands team. National Grid has undertaken statutory consultation with a total of 1738[22] PILs between Feb 2025 and July 2026. A total of 1,387 PILs were notified of the consultation deadline in letters posted on 18 February 2025. A further 46 newly identified PILs were notified between 11 and 14 March 2025, when at least 28 days remained of the consultation window. Following the conclusion of the statutory consultation, additional landowner consultations have taken place with any newly identified PILs due to Project updates, ongoing land

[22] This figure does not include resends where original postage was either not received or returned.

Where in SoCC	Commitment as it appears in the SoCC	How National Grid fulfilled this commitment
		referencing, and further engagement. These PILs were notified and given 28 days to respond. Details shown below: • 18 were notified on 11 June 2025; • 171 were notified on 14 January 2026; • 35 were notified on 15 May 2026; and • 81 were notified on 15 June 2026.
Table 5.1 Consultation Materials	**Project Background Document** This document will provide a summary of the Project, including: • the background to the Project • information about design changes as a result of the non-statutory consultation and localised non-statutory consultation • information about potential benefits and impacts of the Project • how we might propose to mitigate any significant effects • signposts for readers to find more detailed information and reports, and how to provide feedback on the Project.	**Commitment met** – The document meets the description outlined in SoCC. The Project Background Document contained the following chapters: 1. Foreword 2. Consulting on our proposals 3. How to find out more 4. The need 5. Our proposals 6. Construction 7. Managing and mitigating effects 8. Information for landowners 9. Next steps These chapters contained information to cover all bullet points listed in the SoCC. The Project Background document was available: • To read and download in the document library of the Project website; • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period); • At the 13 local information points listed in the SoCC (the full list of information points can be found in Table 5.1 of this report); and • As a paper copy at the nine public information events (the full list can be found in Table 5.2 of this report).

Where in SoCC	Commitment as it appears in the SoCC	How National Grid fulfilled this commitment
		No requests for alternative formats of the Project Background Document were received.
Table 5.1 Consultation Materials	**Community newsletter** A newsletter setting out the proposed Project information, details about the consultation, an overview map of the Project area and how to provide feedback, along with a list of engagement activities to be held throughout the consultation period.	**Commitment met** – The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. A community newsletter was produced to communicate the Project proposals, the background and how to get involved in the consultation. The community newsletter was posted to all properties within the PCZ. The community newsletter was also available: • To read and download in the document library of the Project website; • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period); • At the 13 local information points listed in the SoCC (see Table 5.1 of this report); and • As a paper copy at the nine public information events (see Table 5.2 of this report). No requests for alternative formats of the community newsletter were received.
Table 5.1 Consultation Materials	**Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)** The PEIR will contain a description of the Project, and a preliminary assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed Project, based on the initial information available at that time. It will also set out how we propose to reduce these effects and how we propose to maximise the benefits of the proposed Project. A non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEIR will also be made available.	**Commitment met** – The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The PEIR was produced for the statutory consultation and contained information to cover all items listed in the SoCC. An NTS was also produced. The PEIR and NTS were available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website; • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period for a paper copy of the PEIR. One request

Where in SoCC	Commitment as it appears in the SoCC	How National Grid fulfilled this commitment
		was received for a paper copy of the NTS of the PEIR which was fulfilled); • On a USB stick for members of the public to take away at the 13 local information points listed in the SoCC (PEIR only, see Table 5.1 of this report for locations); • As a paper copy at the 13 local information points listed in the SoCC (NTS of the PEIR only, see Table 5.1 of this report for locations); and • As a paper copy at the nine public information events (see Table 5.2 of this report).
Table 5.1 Consultation materials	**Design Development Report** An in-depth technical document detailing the work we have undertaken to date, focusing on work since the non-statutory consultation and localised non-statutory consultation.	**Commitment met** – The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The Design Development Report (2025) was available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website; • As a paper copy at the nine public information events (see Table 5.2 of this report); and • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period).
Table 5.1 Consultation materials	**Strategic Options Report Update** An updated overview of the appraisal approach we have used to date to consider strategic options. These are reviewed and backchecked as part of the ongoing strategic options assessment and decision-making process.	**Commitment met** – The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The document was produced as a technical report providing an overview description of the options that National Grid had identified and subsequently evaluated for reinforcement of the network. The Strategic Options Report Update was available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website;

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		• At the nine public information events (see Table 5.2 of this report); and • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period).
Table 5.1 Consultation materials	**Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report** A summary of the feedback we received during the non-statutory consultation and localised non-statutory consultation stages which explains how we have had regard to comments.	**Commitment met** – The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report summarises the feedback National Grid received during the 2023 and 2024 non-statutory consultation, and how it has been considered. The Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report was available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website; • At the nine public information events (see Table 5.2 of this report); and • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period).
Table 5.1 Consultation materials	**Project maps and location plans** A series of maps and plans showing the extent of the Project.	**Commitment met** – The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The Project maps and plans were available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website; • As a paper copy at the nine public information events (see Table 5.2 of this report); and • As a paper copy upon request (four requests were received and fulfilled during the consultation period).
Table 5.1 Consultation materials	**Consultation banners** A series of exhibition banners with information relating to the Project,	**Commitment met** – The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC.

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	which will be used at public information events.	The consultation banners were available: • At the nine public information events (see Table 5.2 of this report); and • To view and download in the document library of the Project website.
Table 5.1 Consultation materials	**Interactive Project map** An interactive map of the Project.	**Commitment met** – The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The interactive map was available: • On the Project website; and • On screens provided at the nine public information events (see Table 5.2 of this report).
Table 5.1 Consultation materials	**Consultation notices** We will publish notices with details of the consultation, provided to statutory consultees as required under Section 47, 48 of the Act [PA 2008].	**Commitment met** – Newspaper notices were placed as follows: **Yorkshire Post** • Section 47 and 48 on 18 February 2025; and • Section 48 on 25 February 2025. **Hull Daily Mail** • Section 47 and 48 on 18 February 2025; and • Section 48 on 25 February 2025. **Lincolnshire Echo** • Section 47 and 48 on 20 February 2025; and • Section 48 on 27 February 2025. **Nottingham Post** • Section 47 and 48 on 18 February 2025; and • Section 48 on 25 February 2025. **London Gazette** • Section 48 on 18 February 2025. **The Guardian** • Section 48 on 18 February 2025. The consultation notices were provided to the relevant statutory consultees.

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		The consultation notices were also available: • On the Project website; and • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period).
Table 5.1 Consultation materials	**Statement of Community Consultation** The SoCC sets out how National Grid intends to consult statutory consultees, stakeholders, affected residents, businesses and local communities ahead of its application for development consent for the Project.	**Commitment met** – The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The SoCC was available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website; • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period); • At the 13 local information points listed in the SoCC (see Table 5.2 of this report); and • As a paper copy at the nine public information events (see Table 5.2 of this report). The Section 47 notice was published in the following local newspapers: • Yorkshire Post on 18 February 2025; • Hull Daily Mail on 18 February 2025; • Lincolnshire Echo on 20 February 2025; and • Nottingham Post on 18 February 2025.
Table 5.1 Consultation materials	**Feedback questionnaire** An online and paper feedback questionnaire to gather responses to the statutory consultation.	**Commitment met** – The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The feedback questionnaire was available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website; • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period); and

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		• As a paper copy at the nine public information events (see Table 5.2 of this report).
Table 5.1 Consultation materials	**Guide to Interacting with our Consultation Plans** A guide outlining the consultation maps and plans, and how to use them.	**Commitment met** – The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. A Guide to Interacting with Our Plans was produced to provide guidance on interacting with the latest consultation plans during the statutory consultation. The Guide to Interacting with Our Plans was available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website; • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period); and • As a paper copy at the nine public information events (see Table 5.2 of this report).
Table 5.1 Consultation materials	**Project website** An online site hosting all our Project information, including downloadable versions of all the above documents.	**Commitment met** – The website meets the description outlined in the SoCC and contained digital materials referenced in Table 5.1 of the SoCC for the duration of the statutory consultation.
5.4.2	National Grid will consider requests for copies of selected consultation materials identified in Table 5.1 in alternative formats on a case-by-case basis, taking into account individual circumstances.	**Commitment met** – There was a process in place for responding to requests for alternative formats of consultation materials, should any requests be received. Four requests for paper copies of the Project maps were received, and all were fulfilled. This is also explained under 'Project maps and location plans' in this table
5.4.3	All consultation materials will also be available on the Project website. Information will be easy to access and will be presented in a variety of ways to suit user requirements.	**Commitment met** – All consultation documents outlined in Table 5.1 of the SoCC were available on the Project website from 18 February 2025. As this demonstrates, Project information was presented in a variety of formats.

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Table 5.2 Methods to make consultation materials available	All consultation documents will be hosted on the Project website throughout the consultation period.	**Commitment partially met** – Consultation documents listed in Table 5.2 of the SoCC were uploaded to the Project website on 18 February 2025 and were available throughout the consultation period. The PEIR made reference to Illustrative Drawings NHHM-NG-ENG-DWG-001 to 17. These illustrative drawings were intended to provide additional context on typical designs. Due to an error, Illustrative Drawings NHHM-NG-ENG-DWG-001 to 13 were uploaded to the Project website document library on the 13 March 2025. NHHM-NG-ENG-DWG-0014 to 17 were uploaded following the close of statutory consultation on the 19 June 2025. The absence of Illustrative Drawings NHHM-NG-ENG-DWG-001 to 17 did not prevent meaningful feedback being provided. The consultation did not specifically seek any comments or feedback on these illustrative drawings. One request for the NHHM-NG-ENG-DWG-0014 to 17 was received during statutory consultation and digital copies were provided to the consultee.
Table 5.2 Methods to make consultation materials available	We will provide the following local authorities with a website link to all the consultation documents: • East Riding of Yorkshire Council • North Lincolnshire Council • Bassetlaw District Council • Newark and Sherwood District Council • Nottinghamshire County Council.	**Commitment met** – The Section 42 letter to prescribed consultees (including local authorities) included a link to the Project website.
Table 5.2 Methods to make consultation	**Local information points** While it is no longer a statutory requirement, in addition to being available online, we will seek to ensure that paper copies of the	**Commitment met –** Copies of each of the specified document were delivered to the 13 local information points (see Table 5.1 of this report) in

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materials available	Community newsletter (February 2025), Project background document (2025), NTS of the PEIR, SoCC and Feedback questionnaire are available to view at the locations listed below.	the week prior to the consultation launch.
Table 5.2 Methods to make consultation materials available	**Local information points** We will check that consultation documentation remains at the local information points throughout the consultation period.	**Commitment met** – The Project team visited the 13 local information points during the consultation period on 19 March 2025 to confirm if any additional stock of any materials was required.
Table 5.2 Methods to make consultation materials available	**Local information points** We will also try to use local websites to act as local information points, by asking them to host a link to the Project website. These may include: • local authority websites • local library websites • parish websites • MPs' websites.	**Commitment met** – A link to the Project website was included in prescribed and non-prescribed consultee Section 42 letters. A reminder of the statutory consultation was sent on 1 April 2025 and included a request to local authorities and parish councils that '*where possible, we would appreciate it if you could help raise awareness by advertising the final two weeks of consultation through your own social media channels and by signposting people towards:* • *our website, where people can access all of the materials published as part of our consultation and submit their feedback online* • *our interactive map, which includes the ability for people to enter their postcode/an address and see details of the proposals for that area* • *details of how people can provide their feedback, which are set out in the attached poster and on our website here.'*
Table 5.2 Methods to make consultation materials available	**Document requests** Following the launch of the statutory consultation, consultees will be able to request paper copies of consultation documents.	**Commitment met** – A process was in place for responding to requests for paper/alternative format copies of consultation materials. Four requests were received during the consultation period (all for paper copies of maps) and all were fulfilled.

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Table 5.2 Methods to make consultation materials available	**Public information events** Paper copies of the consultation documents will be available for review at public information events.	**Commitment met** – Paper copies of all consultation documents (including the PEIR) were made available at the nine public information events (see Table 5.2 of this report).
5.5.1	Residents, local businesses and community organisations within the PCZ will be notified of the start of the consultation in a variety of ways, including through a Community newsletter, as outlined in Table 5.1.	**Commitment met** – National Grid notified residents, local businesses and community organisations within the PCZ of the start of the consultation through a community newsletter.
Table 5.3 Promotion methods	**Press release** A press release publicising the upcoming consultation and how the community can get involved will be issued ahead of the consultation.	**Commitment met** – A press release (along with separate media briefing) was published to coincide with the start of the statutory consultation period and was issued to 67 media outlets[23].
Table 5.3 Promotion methods	**Newspaper advertisements** We will advertise the statutory consultation, including how to access information about the proposals, how to provide feedback, and how people can take part in the consultation, in locally circulated newspapers and online. Advertisements will be placed in the following publications, to ensure coverage within and beyond the PCZ and SCZ: • Hull Daily Mail • Yorkshire Post	**Commitment met** – Statutory notices were placed as below. **Hull Daily Mail** • Section 47 and 48 on 18 February 2025; and • Section 48 on 25 February 2025. **Yorkshire Post** • Section 47 and 48 on 18 February 2025; and • Section 48 on 25 February 2025. **Lincolnshire Echo** • Section 47 and 48 on 20 February 2025; and

[23] 105.3 Seaside FM, 107.8 Beverley FM, 97.5 Kemet FM, Absolutely Yorkshire, Ashfield Neighbour News, BBC News Humberside, BBC News Nottingham, BBC News UK, BBC One Look North (East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire), BBC One Look North (Yorkshire), BBC Radio Humberside, BBC Radio Humberside, BBC Radio Lincolnshire, Beverley Guardian, Beverley Life, Bridlington Echo, Bridlington Free Press, Bridlington Gold Radio, Capital FM Yorkshire, Capital Yorkshire, Driffield and Wolds Weekly, East Riding Mail, FLY FM, Goole Times, Great Yorkshire Radio, Greatest Hits Radio East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire, Greatest Hits Radio South Yorkshire, Greatest Hits Radio Yorkshire Coast, Heart Yorkshire, Holderness and Hornsea Gazette, Hucknall Dispatch, Hull Daily Mail, Hull is this, Humber Business, Impact Magazine, Insider Media, ITV News Calendar, ITV News Calendar, Lincolnshire Echo, Mansfield 103.2 FM, Mansfield 103.2 FM Sports Desk, Mansfield and Ashfield Chad, Mansfield and Ashfield News Journal, Newark Advertiser, Newark and Sherwood News Journal, Northern Engineer, Nottingham Local News, Nottingham Online, Nottingham Post, Nottinghamshire Aspect, Notts TV, Platform, Radio Newark, Retford Guardian, Retford Times, Scunthorpe Telegraph, Sherwood Life, Sixtynine Degrees, The Driffield Times and Post, The Hull Story, The Notts Edit, The Press – York, The Yorkshire Post, The Yorkshire Press, The Yorkshire Times, TheBusinessDesk.com (Yorkshire), Vixen 101, West Bridgford Wire, Worksop Guardian, Yorkshire Business Insider, Yorkshire Herald and Advertiser.

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	• Lincolnshire Echo/Live.	• Section 48 on 27 February 2025. **Nottingham Post** • Section 47 and 48 on 18 February 2025; and • Section 48 on 25 February 2025. **London Gazette** • Section 48 on 18 February 2025. **The Guardian** • Section 48 on 18 February 2025.
Table 5.3 Promotion methods	**Emails and letters** We will send, via email, letters details about the consultation and how to get involved to: • MPs, where all or part of their constituencies lie within the PCZ and/or the SCZ • elected representatives within the PCZ, including at East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Lincolnshire Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council • parish councils within the PCZ and SCZ.	**Commitment met** – National Grid sent emails and distributed letters that included information about the consultation and how to get involved. These were sent to MPs and elected representatives identified as non-prescribed consultees. Parish councils within the draft Order Limits or bordering them were identified as prescribed consultees and consulted with. Other parishes in the PCZ and SCZ outside of the draft Order Limits were identified as non-prescribed consultees.
Table 5.3 Promotion methods	**Statutory notices** We will publish the Section 47 notice in locally circulating newspapers and the Section 48 notice once in a national newspaper and the London Gazette, and twice in locally circulating newspapers.	**Commitment met** – The Section 47 notice was placed in newspapers in circulation within the PCZ and SCZ as outlined in SoCC and summarised below. **Hull Daily Mail** • Section 47 and 48 on 18 February 2025; and • Section 48 on 25 February 2025. **Yorkshire Post** • Section 47 and 48 on 18 February 2025; and • Section 48 on 25 February 2025. **Lincolnshire Echo** • Section 47 and 48 on 20 February 2025; and • Section 48 on 27 February 2025.

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		Nottingham Post • Section 47 and 48 on 18 February 2025; and • Section 48 on 25 February 2025. **London Gazette** • Section 48 on 18 February 2025; and **The Guardian** • Section 48 on 18 February 2025.
Table 5.3 Promotion methods	**Information posters** We will produce posters that include details of the consultation, how to access Project information and how to get involved. These will be available online and a digital copy will be shared with stakeholders, including parish councils in the PCZ, to help raise awareness of consultation via their channels.	**Commitment partially met** –National Grid prepared a poster which included details of the consultation, how to access Project information and how to get involved. On 1 April 2025, a digital copy of the poster was provided by email to stakeholders, including parish councils in the PCZ, to help raise awareness of the consultation via their channels. National Grid did not publish the poster online.
Table 5.3 Promotion methods	**Social media** We will promote the consultation on National Grid UK's X account and on Facebook, @NationalGridUK. We will also develop a social media guide for local authorities to use on their social media channels which will include links to the Project website. …We will aim to point people towards sources of information, including the Project website and the interactive Project map, and to formal feedback channels.	**Commitment met** – The social media strategy covered Facebook, Instagram and X. Initial consultation advertisements ran between 18 February and 4 March 2025. Event specific advertisements ran for one week prior to each event, with the initial advertisement running from 22 February prior to the event on 1 March 2025. All advertisements signposted to the Project website, which included the feedback questionnaire and interactive map. Emails were sent to parish councils and local authorities on 1 April 2025 reminding them of the end of the consultation and requesting stakeholders to promote the consultation through their channels and signposting to relevant information.
5.5.3	Any activity (or activities) that cannot be undertaken due to circumstances beyond our control will, where	**Commitment in place** – No reason arose leading to this scenario/need to cancel events.

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	possible, be substituted with a similar activity (or activities) and advertised in local newspapers (via a press release) that circulate in the vicinity of the Project.	
5.5.4	Any activity changes will also be published on the Project website and on National Grid UK's X accounts and on Facebook @NationalGridUK.	**Commitment in place** – No reason arose leading to this scenario.
5.6.1	Public information events will be held for communities to find out about the Project and the consultation and to talk to representatives from the Project team. The events will be held at suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within or near the PCZ.	**Commitment met** – Nine public information events were held in March 2025 at suitable, publicly accessible locations within or as near as possible to the PCZ. Representatives of the Project team attended these events to talk and respond to any queries from the public (the full list of the events can be found in Table 5.2 of this report).
5.6.2	Details of where and when the public information events are proposed to be held are included in Table 5.4. This information will also be published on the Project website in newspaper adverts (February 2025), on social media and in the Community newsletter (February 2025) sent to all properties within the PCZ and available at local information points.	**Commitment met** – Information regarding events was published on the Project website, in newspaper adverts, on social media and was included in the Community Newsletter which was sent to all public and business postcodes in the PCZ (approximately 11,680 addresses) on the launch of consultation.
5.6.3	The events will be held during afternoons and early evenings in the week and at least one will be held on a weekend, where feasible.	**Commitment met** – The public information events were arranged to be held during weekday afternoons (1pm) until early evenings (7pm) and two over the weekend (11am to 4pm), to give the consultees the opportunity to attend the events. A list of all events and times can be found in Table 5.2 of this report.
5.6.4	Copies of all relevant consultation materials will be made available at each exhibition, including a series of boards to present the proposals for the Project, including maps.	**Commitment met** – Paper copies of all consultation materials (including the PEIR and maps) were made available at the nine public information events (see Table 5.2 of this report).

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5.6.5	Those attending the events will be encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposals for the Project via the online or paper feedback questionnaire.	**Commitment met** – Paper copies of the feedback questionnaire were available at the nine public information events. The paper feedback questionnaire included a link to the online feedback questionnaire on the Project website. The Freepost address FREEPOST NH TO HM was available for the duration of consultation to receive hard-copy feedback. Feedback received via Freepost following the close of the statutory consultation was reviewed and considered. Details about the Project website were also available on all consultation materials at the public information events.
5.6.6	Should any events (whether in person or webinars) need to be altered or cancelled for any reason, the most appropriate mitigation would be identified on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the relevant local planning authority or authorities.	**Commitment in place** – No reason arose leading to this scenario/need to cancel events.
5.7.1	We will aim to hold six webinars during the consultation period. Some webinars will provide a general overview of the proposals, whilst others will be location-specific, allowing attendees to choose the session(s) of most interest. Details of the proposed webinars are included in Table 5.5.	**Commitment met** – Six webinars were held during the consultation period, including two that provided a general overview of the proposals and four that were location specific. The dates of these webinars are listed below: • Tuesday 25 February, 6:30-7:30pm: General – Overview of the proposals; • Thursday 6 March, 6:30-7:30pm: Route Sections 1, 2, and 3; • Tuesday 11 March, 6:30-7:30pm: Route Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7; • Thursday 13 March, 6:30-7:30pm: Route Sections 8 and 9; • Tuesday 18 March, 6:30-7:30pm: Route Sections 10 and 11; and

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		• Thursday 27 March, 2-3pm: General – Overview of the proposals. A total of 47 people attended across all webinars.
5.7.2	Those interested will be able to sign up to the webinars via the Project website or by contacting National Grid by using the contact details set out in Section 6.1.	**Commitment met** – Webinar registration information was included within the content on the Project website, and the community relations team were able to action sign-ups requested via other channels.
5.7.3	The sessions will cover the proposals in detail and provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions of the Project team.	**Commitment met** – The webinars gave the opportunity for the public to ask questions about the Project and included a presentation on the proposals and a Q&A session where members of the Project team were available to respond to questions.
5.7.4	National Grid will endeavour to make British Sign Language interpretation available for one of the general overview webinars, which will be recorded and published on the Project website.	**Commitment met** – National Grid made British Sign Language interpretation available for the first webinar, which was then recorded and uploaded to the Project website on 21 February 2025.
5.8.1	National Grid will offer briefings and/or meetings with the following stakeholders in the run-up to, or during the consultation: • MPs, where all or part of their constituencies lie within either consultation zone • elected representatives of district and county councils within the PCZ • parish councils, where all or part of the parish falls within the PCZ • host local authorities and neighbouring local authorities • key prescribed consultees, such as Natural England and the Environment Agency • persons with an interest in land (PILs) under Section 42(1)(d) of the Act [PA 2008].	**Commitment met** – Invite to meeting was included within the consultee letters sent to MPs. Elected representatives of district and county councils within the PCZ were invited to briefings via the consents team through their regular Project meetings with local authority officers. Four one-hour online webinar sessions presented details of the proposals followed by a question-and-answer session. These included a separate webinar for route sections to allow attendees to choose which session they found most relevant. • Creyke Beck to River Ouse crossing (Route Sections 1, 2 and 3); • River Ouse crossing to Graizelound (Route Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7);

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		• Graizelound to A620 east of North Wheatley (Route Sections 8 and 9); and • A620 east of North Wheatley to High Marnham (Route Sections 10 and 11). Host local authorities were invited to a briefing/meeting within the consultee letters sent. Key prescribed consultees were invited for meetings via the Project team engagement activities. Further information will be provided in Appendix A of **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report**. PILs were invited for meetings via the lands team engagement activities. The Parish Clerk of South Leverton Parish Council requested a meeting via an email on 25 March 2025. A meeting took place on 2 April 2025 at Memorial Institute, Town Street, South Leverton, Retford, DN22 0BT. A member of Treswell Parish Council also attended.
5.8.2	National Grid will consider meetings with other organisations and individuals upon request.	**Commitment met** – National Grid has responded to all enquiries from correspondence during the statutory consultation and where requested, meetings were held with landowners, business owners and members of the public.
5.9.4	…all identified underrepresented groups and local interest groups will be contacted by letter at the launch of the consultation. They will be encouraged to request alternative formats of consultation materials, where appropriate.	**Commitment met** – National Grid identified seldom heard and local interest groups who were contacted as non-prescribed consultees by post/email (depending on contact information available).
5.9.5	We will maintain and update the list of underrepresented groups and local interest groups as the consultation progresses…	**Commitment met** – National Grid maintained a stakeholder map of local interest groups throughout consultation and reached out to stakeholders about underrepresented groups.

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Table 5.6 Underrepresented group engagement tools	…considering alternative formats on a case-by-case basis	**Commitment met** – A process was in place for responding to requests of paper/alternative format copies of consultation materials, should any requests be received. Four requests for paper copy maps were received and fulfilled.
Table 5.6 Underrepresented group engagement tools	…engaging with community groups serving the demographic	**Commitment met** – Groups were identified and consulted as non-prescribed consultees as part of statutory consultation.
Table 5.6 Underrepresented group engagement tools	…providing paper copies of materials at local information points, along with contact details of the Project team, who will be able to provide further assistance and send selected consultation documents to those who are unable to access the material online.	**Commitment in place** – Paper copies of materials were available at the nine local information events, which included contact details. A process for responding to requests of paper/alternative format copies of consultation materials was in place. Four requests for paper copy maps were received and fulfilled.
Table 5.6 Underrepresented group engagement tools	Providing, on request, an audio guide of consultation banners.	**Commitment in place** – A process for responding to requests of paper/alternative format copies of consultation materials was in place. No requests for an audio guide of the banners were received.
Table 5.6 Underrepresented group engagement tools	…providing options to enlarge text on the Project's website.	**Commitment met** – The Project website is responsive so that users can zoom in and out on the page using their own device.
6.1.3	Responses given orally, such as via telephone (0808 189 1346), will be considered in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis, if someone may not otherwise be able to respond to the consultation.	**Commitment in place** – No oral responses were requested or required.
6.1.4	Feedback submissions sent via post will be accepted for up to five working days after this [the closing] date.	**Commitment met** – Feedback sent via post and received up to the 24 April 2025 was accepted.
6.1.7	More information on how National Grid will use the information collected	**Commitment met** – This information was included via National Grid's

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	about respondents will be made available in the consultation feedback questionnaire and on the Project website during the consultation period.	privacy policy in the feedback questionnaire (both print and digital).
6.3.1 – 6.3.3	A summary of the feedback will be presented in a Consultation Report submitted as part of the DCO application. The proposed DCO application will be finalised, taking into consideration the feedback received from the consultation in accordance with Section 49 of the Planning Act. A Consultation report will be produced as part of the application for a DCO, as required by Section 37(3)(c) of the Act. The report will include a summary of the consultation process undertaken in accordance with this SoCC, and will set out how the feedback from the consultation has shaped and influenced the proposals as submitted within the application for a DCO.	**Commitment in place** – The **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report** is being prepared and submitted as part of the DCO application.
6.3.6	The Consultation Report will be available online, alongside other application documents, once an application for a DCO has been accepted. Paper copies will be available from the Project team on request and may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees.	**Commitment in place** – The **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report** is in preparation and will be uploaded to the Planning Inspectorate website alongside all application materials as part of the DCO application. Once complete, paper copies will be available from the Project team on request, with any charges to cover printing and postage fees agreed in advance.

6. Statutory Consultation

6.1 Purpose of the Consultation

6.1.1 National Grid held a statutory consultation for a period of eight weeks, from 18 February 2025 to 15 April 2025. The purpose of this consultation was to seek views and feedback on the proposed draft Project both taken as a whole and its elements, including:

- Approximately 90 km of new 400 kilovolt (kV) overhead line between the new 400 kV Birkhill Wood Substation and 400 kV High Marnham Substation;
- Replacement and realignment of sections of the existing 400 kV 4ZQ overhead line route between Brantingham and east of Broomfleet
- Replacement and re-alignment of a section of the existing 400 kV ZDA overhead line between Ealand and west of Keadby;
- A new 400 kV Birkhill Wood gas insulated switchgear substation with a new permanent access;
- Replacement and realignment of a section of existing 400 kV 4ZR overhead line to connect the new Birkhill Wood Substation;
- A new 400 kV High Marnham air insulated switchgear substation, with a new permanent access;
- Replacement and realignment of the existing 4ZV and XE 275 kV overhead line routes and existing 400 kV ZDA and ZDF overhead line routes, to allow for connection into the new High Marnham Substation;
- Other required works, such as temporary diversions for works on existing overhead line routes, temporary access roads, highway works, temporary works compounds, work sites and ancillary works. The Project would also include utility diversions and drainage works. Land would also be required for environmental mitigation, compensation and enhancement, including for Biodiversity Net Gain. and

6.2.1 The Project is classified as an EIA development and therefore National Grid also consulted on the PEIR, which was made available on the Project website during statutory consultation, together with an NTS.

6.2 Who National Grid Consulted

6.2.1 The statutory consultation was open to anyone who was interested in the Project. National Grid welcomed all views and has had regard to all comments and feedback when developing the Project proposals.

6.2.2 Under s47 of the PA 2008, National Grid had a duty to consult the local community and the SoCC detailed the approach to consultation (see section 5). National Grid also consulted with prescribed bodies and local authorities under s42(1)(a), (aa) (b) and (c) of the PA 2008, and PILs in accordance with s42(1)(d) and s44.

Prescribed Consultees Under Section 42(1)(a) and 42(1)(aa)

6.2.3 In accordance with s42(1)(a) of the PA 2008, National Grid consulted with all applicable 'prescribed' bodies. Persons prescribed under s42(1)(a) are listed in column 1 of Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations.

6.2.4 On 18 February 2025, a consultation notification letter was sent to persons prescribed under s42(1)(a), along with a copy of the Section 48 notice, Project community newsletter, feedback questionnaire and a Freepost envelope.

6.2.5 Consultation responses from s42(1)(a) consultees have been analysed and themes will be presented in Chapter 8 of **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report**.

6.2.6 S42(1)(aa) requires consultation with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) where the Project would affect, or would be likely to affect, any areas specified in s42(2), which includes waters in or adjacent to England up to the seaward limits of the territorial sea. The MMO were consulted along with the other s42(1)(a) consultees[24].

Prescribed Consultees Under Section 42(1)(b) and Section 43

6.2.7 In accordance with s42(1)(b), National Grid consulted with each local authority within s43. The criteria for these are as follows:

- A local authority is within this section if the land is in the authority's area;
- A local authority ('A') is within this section if: (a) the land is in the area of another local authority ('B'), (aa) B is a unitary council or a lower-tier district council, and (b) any part of the boundary of A's area is also a part of the boundary of B's area; and
- If the land is in the area of an upper-tier county council ('C'), a local authority ('D') is within this section if: (a) D is not a lower-tier district council, and (b) any part of the boundary of D's area is also part of the boundary of C's area.

6.2.8 S42(1)(b) local authorities are listed in Table 6.1.

6.2.9 On 18 February 2025, a consultation notification letter was sent to section 42(1)(b) consultees, along with a copy of the Section 48 notice, Project newsletter, feedback questionnaire and a Freepost envelope.

[24] National Grid notes that the requirement to consult with the MMO in accordance with Section 42(1) (aa) was omitted in error from the SoCC. National Grid can confirm that the MMO were consulted with, in accordance with the PA 2008.

Table 6.1 – Section 42(1)(b) local authorities

Type	Local authority
'A' Section 43 consultees (a local authority that shares a boundary with a 'B' (host) authority))	Ashfield District Council Bolsover District Council City of Doncaster Council City of York Council Gedling Borough Council Hull City Council Mansfield District Council Melton Borough Council North East Lincolnshire Council North Kesteven District Council North Yorkshire Council Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council Rushcliffe Borough Council South Kesteven District Council West Lindsey District Council
'B' Section 43 consultees (a lower-tier district council or a unitary council that is a host authority for the development and any associated development)	Bassetlaw District Council East Riding of Yorkshire Council Newark and Sherwood District Council North Lincolnshire Council
'C' Section 43 consultees (an upper-tier county council that is a host authority)	Nottinghamshire County Council
'D' Section 43 consultees (an authority which is not a lower-tier district council, e.g. a national park authority or a London borough, and which shares a boundary with a 'C' authority)	Lincolnshire County Council Leicestershire County council Derbyshire County Council

Prescribed Consultees Under Section 42(1)(c)

6.2.10 S42(1)(c) requires consultation with the Greater London Authority (GLA) if the land is in Greater London. The Project is not within the GLA area and therefore did not require consultation with the s42(1)(c) consultee.

Prescribed Consultees Under Section 42(1)(d) and Section 44

6.2.11 In accordance with s42(1)(d) and s44 of the PA 2008, National Grid consulted with PILs, as set out below:

- Category 1: an owner, lessee, tenant (whatever the tenancy period) or occupier of the land.

- Category 2: a person interested in the land, or who has the power to sell and convey the land, or to release the land.
- Category 3: a person who would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim:
  - As a result of the implementing of the order;
  - As a result of the order having been implemented; or
  - As a result of use of the land once the order has been implemented.

6.2.12 National Grid also identified PILs through initial investigations that had the potential to be defined as Statutory Undertakers.

6.2.13 National Grid carried out diligent inquiry to identify and consult with those with an interest in the affected land. This involved:

- Desktop referencing through extraction of Land Registry data, requests for land interest information from landowners and other desktop activities to identify open spaces and rights of way;
- Posting land interest questionnaires (LIQs) to all parties identified as having an interest in the affected land; and
- Site referencing through site visits to understand occupation details for properties.

6.2.14 Unknown land interests required further steps to be taken to establish ownership. This included the erection of site notices requesting information in prominent locations. The notices were kept on-site and monitored regularly until the end of the consultation period.

6.2.15 To identify Category 3 parties associated with Part 1 claims ahead of the Section 42 consultation, technical specialists involved in preparing the EIA advised on the anticipated impacts of relevant environmental factors to inform where properties might be subject to an adverse effect as a result of the operation of the Project, to check that those with a potential claim were included. At the point of statutory consultation, environmental assessments were still ongoing. Therefore, a precautionary approach was used to include all properties in the proximity of potential important noise effects based on previous project experience.

6.2.16 Where a PIL had contacted National Grid to advise that they were to be represented by a land agent, their land agent was advised by email that the LIQ was recently issued to their client(s) and if requested were provided a copy of the LIQ document. Land agents were contacted to discuss the LIQ and request it be completed and returned unless their client had already provided the information.

6.2.17 The following activities were undertaken to consult s42(1)(d) and s44 consultees:

- A consultation letter was sent to s42(1)(d) and s44 consultees.
- Letters were issued to 1,387 PILs during the week commencing 18 February 2025.
- Any newly identified PILs were written to until 14 March 2025, when at least 28 days of the consultation window remained.
- On 11 June 2025, 18 additional PILs, identified following the close of statutory consultation, were notified. 37 existing PILS were notified about updates to the Project between 11 June and 18 June 2025.

- On 14 January 2026, 171 new PILs identified following design updates were notified.
- On 15 May 2026, 35 new PILs identified following design updates were notified.
- On 15 June 2026, 81 new PILs were identified due to potential proposed road closures and notified.

6.2.18 Each of those PILs was notified of the commencement of the statutory consultation at the earliest opportunity and given not less than 28 days in which to provide feedback on National Grid's consultation proposals.

Notifying the Secretary of State Under Section 46

6.2.19 In accordance with s46 of the PA 2008, National Grid notified the Planning Inspectorate of the upcoming statutory consultation by email, formatted as a letter, on 14 February 2025. Enclosed with the email were:

- The letters sent to Section 42 consultees;
- The Section 48 notice;
- The Consultation feedback questionnaire to be sent to prescribed consultees;
- The community newsletter to be sent to s42(1)(d) and s47 consultees; and
- The SoCC.

6.2.20 A link was also provided within the letter to documents that were provided on the Project website from the start of the statutory consultation.

6.2.21 Formal acknowledgement of receipt of the Section 46 letter was issued by email to National Grid on 14 February 2025.

Consulting the Local Community Under Section 47

6.2.22 In accordance with s47 of the PA 2008, National Grid consulted the local community about the proposed application.

6.2.23 This was done in line with section 5 of the SoCC, which was published on 18 February 2025. The Section 47 notice was published in four local newspapers between 18 February 2025 and 20 February 2025.

6.2.24 The SoCC was also accessible via the Project website at the start of statutory consultation on 18 February 2025.

6.2.25 Consultation information was sent to 11,919 addresses within the PCZ, and wider publicity for the Project took place in both the PCZ and SCZ.

6.2.26 National Grid also consulted the following groups and individuals, as committed to in the SoCC:

- Parish councils representing parishes within both consultation zones and in the immediate vicinity, along with an invitation to attend a series of route section specific webinars tailored for the Parish Councils.
- MPs representing constituencies within and bordering both consultation zones, with the offer of a briefing.

- Elected representatives in local authorities where the Project is situated, including dedicated briefings for lead members during the statutory consultation period if requested.
- 'Seldom heard groups' within both consultation zones, representing people who are unlikely to respond to traditional consultation techniques and may need additional support to access materials. National Grid undertook research to identify local seldom heard organisations and worked with local authorities and other bodies as needed to identify additional groups.
- Local interest groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups with particular specialisms, such as local heritage or wildlife.
- Prescribed bodies and local authorities under Sections 42(1)(a) and (b) of the PA 2008; and PILs under Sections 42(1)(d) and 44 of the Act.[25]

6.3 How National Grid Consulted

6.3.1 In accordance with s48 of the PA 2008, National Grid published the Section 48 notice in four local newspapers at the start of the consultation, on 18 February 2025 and 20 February 2025.

6.3.2 Copies of the Section 48 notice were also placed at 20 locations along the route and site notices were also placed on parcels of unregistered land where necessary.

6.3.3 In accordance with Regulation 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) all prescribed s42(1)(a) consultees, including environmental bodies, were sent a copy of the Section 48 notice.

6.3.4 National Grid's consultation activities for the 2025 statutory consultation included:

- Updating the Project specific website and interactive map, up-to-date public consultation pages and materials;
- Setting up a dedicated email, Freepost address and telephone line;
- Mailing a consultation newsletter directly to properties in the PCZ within 1 km of the draft Order Limits;
- Sending a consultation letter to all identified non-prescribed consultees;
- Producing materials to support consultation, using non-technical language where possible, including:
  - Project background document[26];
  - Community newsletter (February 2025)[27];

[25] National Grid notes that the requirement to consult with the MMO in accordance with Section 42(1)(aa) was omitted in error from the SoCC. National Grid can confirm that the MMO were consulted with, in accordance with PA 2008.

[26] National Grid, (2025), North Humber to High Marnham, Project Background Document. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154001/download

[27] National Grid, (2025), North Humber to High Marnham, Community newsletter. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154011/download

- PEIR and NTS[28];
- Design Development Report (2025)[29];
- Strategic Options Report Update (2025)[30];
- Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report (2025)[31];
- Project maps and location plans, consultation banners, interactive map, consultation notices;
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)[32]; and
- Feedback questionnaire[33];

- Holding online and in-person events, including webinars;
- Making information and materials available at inspection locations in close proximity to the Project; and
- Media and social media promotional activity.

6.3.5 Table 6.2 provides an overview of the key activities conducted during the 2025 statutory consultation.

Table 6.2 – Summary of activities during the statutory consultation

Date	Activity	Details
1 March to 26 March 2025	Public information events	Nine public information events provided attendees with the opportunity to view the proposals and speak to members of the Project team. The events were drop-in style and displayed boards, large scale maps and technical documents. Printed consultation materials were also available to take away. A total of 582 stakeholders and members of the public attended the public information events.
25 February to 27 March 2025	Webinars	Six one-hour online webinar sessions presented details of the proposals followed by question-and-answer sessions. These included general overview webinars and

[28] National Grid, (2025), North Humber to High Marnham, NTS. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154016/download

[29] National Grid, (2025), North Humber to High Marnham, Design Development Report. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154031/download

[30] National Grid, (2025), North Humber to High Marnham, Strategic Options Report Update. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154026/download

[31] National Grid, (2025), North Humber to High Marnham, Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154041/download

[32] National Grid, (2025), North Humber to High Marnham, SoCC. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/153986/download

[33] National Grid, (2025), North Humber to High Marnham, Feedback questionnaire. Available at: https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154006/download

Date	Activity	Details
		location-themed webinars to allow attendees to choose which session they found most relevant. A total of 47 stakeholders and members of the public attended the webinars.
18 February and 15 April 2025	Local information points	Paper copies of key consultation materials were available to take away at 13 different locations close to the preferred alignment during the consultation period. Reference copies of the SoCC and NTS of the PEIR were also available.
18 February 2025	Nottinghamshire County Council member briefing	National Grid presented the proposals and provided the opportunity for a question-and-answer session. This session was attended by three councillors and two host authority officers.
26 February 2025	Bassetlaw District Council member briefing	National Grid presented the proposals and provided the opportunity for a question-and-answer session. This session was attended by five councillors and one host authority officer.
17 March 2025	North Lincolnshire Council member briefing	National Grid presented the proposals and provided the opportunity for a question-and-answer session. This session was attended by six councillors.
16 April 2025	East Riding of Yorkshire member briefing	National Grid presented the proposals and provided the opportunity for a question-and-answer session. This session was attended by circa 10 councillors.
26 February to 20 March 2025	Parish council webinars	Four one-hour online webinar sessions presented details of the proposals followed by a question-and-answer session. These included a separate webinar for route sections to allow attendees to choose which session they found most relevant: Creyke Beck to River Ouse crossing (Route Sections 1, 2 and 3); River Ouse crossing to Graizelound (Route Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7); Graizelound to A620 east of North Wheatley (Route Sections 8 and 9); and A620 east of North Wheatley to High Marnham (Route Sections 10 and 11). Webinars were attended by 26 parish council members.

Date	Activity	Details
2 April 2025	Parish council meeting	The Clerk for South Leverton Parish Council emailed on 25 March 2025 to request a question-and-answer session. The meeting took place on 2 April 2025 at Memorial Institute, Town Street, South Leverton, Retford, DN22 0BT. One person also attended from Treswell Parish Council.

Engaging Underrepresented Groups and Key Stakeholders

6.3.6 Seldom heard groups represent people who are unlikely to respond to traditional consultation techniques and may need additional support to access materials. National Grid undertook research to identify local seldom heard organisations and worked with local authorities and other bodies as needed to identify additional groups. The approach taken was defined as part of the development of the SoCC, giving LPAs the opportunity to influence this approach. The methods and tools identified within the SoCC are included in Table 6.3.

6.3.7 To reach the majority of seldom heard groups, the Project website was available throughout the consultation period, and the online questionnaire was available at all times during the consultation period to allow consultees to respond at a time that suited them. In terms of publicity, a mix of social media and traditional newspaper advertising was used to broaden the reach of the consultation.

Table 6.3 – Underrepresented group engagement tools

Group category	Methods used
Older people	• Directly mailed the community newsletter (2025) to all properties within the PCZ, providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post, if needed. • Provided options to submit feedback through conventional communication channels, including by post and telephone if necessary. • Held face-to-face events at a variety of locations and times across the route. • Held webinars for people unable to attend in-person events. • Considered alternative formats on a case-by-case basis. • Engaged with community groups serving the demographic. • Provided paper copies of materials at local information points, along with contact details of the Project team, who were be able to provide further assistance and send selected consultation documents to those who were unable to access the material online.
People with visual impairments	• Provided, on request, an audio guide of consultation banners. • Considered alternative formats on a case-by-case basis. • Provided options to enlarge text on the Project's website.

Group category	Methods used
People with limited mobility/disability	• Provided options to submit feedback through conventional communication channels, including by post and telephone if necessary. • Directly mailed the community newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ and provided details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post, if needed. • Provided online engagement opportunities through the Project website and webinars to negate the need for travel. • Considered alternative formats on a case-by-case basis. • Held accessible face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times, across the route of the Project. • Held webinar sessions for those with further questions, featuring a booking system which took into consideration individual needs.
People with hearing loss	• Provided a British Sign Language interpreter at one webinar, the recording of which was made available to view on the Project website.
Youth groups	• Provided online engagement and provided access to the Project website. • Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield. • Held face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the Project. • Contacted local centres of education to offer engagement opportunities.
Carers and families with young children	• Directly mailed the community newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ and provided details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed. • Provided options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility. • Held face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the Project. • Provided online engagement opportunities through the Project website and webinars to negate the need for travel. • Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield.
Economically inactive individuals	• Encouraged online engagement. • Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield. • Offered options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility.

Group category	Methods used
Geographically isolated individuals or communities	• Directly mailed the community newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ and provided details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed. • Held face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the Project. • Provided online engagement opportunities through the Project website and webinars to negate the need for travel. • Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield.
Locally underrepresented minority ethnic groups (such as black, Asian and minority ethnicity)	• Emailed community groups representing underrepresented minority ethnic groups to offer engagement opportunities.
People with English as an additional language	• Endeavoured to provide consultation materials in alternative languages, upon reasonable request.
Travellers	• Contacted community groups representing travellers to offer engagement opportunities. • Tried to engage with traveller communities through local authorities, when liaison officers were available. • Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield.
Digitally isolated	• Reached out by email or telephone to community groups representing digitally isolated groups to offer engagement opportunities. • Directly mailed the community newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ and provided details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed. • Advertised the consultation in traditional media such as local newspapers circulating in the PCZ and SCZ. • Provided paper copies of materials at local information points, along with contact details for the Project team, who were able to provide further assistance and send selected consultation documents to those who were unable to access the material online.

6.4 Feedback Received

6.4.1 A total of 473 feedback submissions were received during the 2025 statutory consultation period, comprising:

- 70 paper feedback questionnaires;
- 200 feedback questionnaires submitted online;
- 196 emails sent to the Project inbox; and
- Seven letters.

6.4.2 Of the 473 feedback submissions, responses were received from:

- 35 s42(1)(a) consultees;
- Seven s42(1)(b) consultees; and
- 37 non-prescribed consultees and key stakeholder organisations.

6.4.3 All responses received will be considered and reported on in **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report**, which will be provided as part of the DCO application.

6.5 Evolution of the Project Presented at 2025 Statutory Consultation

6.5.1 Feedback received from the statutory consultation has shaped the Project through proposed changes to the location and design of permanent and temporary infrastructure.

6.5.2 The requirement for further statutory consultation following the refinement of the Project's design in the light of responses to consultation has been reviewed against the principles established within the guidance on the pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, dated April 2024[34].

6.5.3 The overall nature and scale of the development remains materially unchanged with the design changes falling within the range of effects already assessed during statutory consultation. As the amendments made to the Project through ongoing design refinement do not materially and substantially change the proposed application or materially change its effects as a whole, it has been concluded that the consultation undertaken to date is sufficient and appropriate.

6.5.4 A summary of feedback received and how National Grid had regard to feedback will be detailed in **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report**, which will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

[34] Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (2024), Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-act-2008-pre-application-stage-for-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects

7. LPA Feedback on the Adequacy of Consultation

7.1 Introduction

7.1.1 In accordance with the Guidance (see 1.1.2), National Grid consulted with the host and neighbouring LPAs about the adequacy of consultation undertaken by National Grid to date and demonstrates National Grid's compliance with the statutory provisions of the PA 2008, in line with the agreed SoCC.

7.1.2 On 1 April 2026 National Grid sent a letter via email to the host LPAs requesting feedback on the adequacy of consultation, requesting receipt of this by 30 April 2026. The letter included a table which set out the commitments made in the SoCC and how National Grid had complied with them in the delivery of the statutory consultation and any subsequent consultation. This letter is available in Appendix B1.

7.1.3 The following host LPAs were consulted on the adequacy of consultation:

- Bassetlaw District Council;
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council;
- North Lincolnshire Council; and
- Nottinghamshire County Council.

7.1.4 On 1 May 2026 National Grid sent a letter via email to the neighbouring local authorities requesting feedback on the adequacy of consultation, requesting receipt of this by 1 June 2026. The letter, available in Appendix B2, contained the same information as that sent to the host LPA. The following neighbouring local authorities were consulted on the adequacy of consultation:

- Ashfield District Council;
- Bolsover District Council;
- City of Doncaster Council;
- City of York Council;
- Gedling District Council;
- Hull City Council;
- Mansfield District Council;
- Melton District Council;
- Newark and Sherwood District Council;
- North East Lincolnshire Council;
- North Kesteven District Council;
- North Yorkshire Council;

- Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council;
- Rushcliffe District Council;
- South Kesteven District Council;
- West Lindsey District Council;
- Derbyshire County Council;
- Leicestershire County Council; and
- Lincolnshire County Council.

7.1.5 While Newark and Sherwood District Council was confirmed as a host LPA during the statutory consultation and consulted with on the SoCC, due to ongoing design work and changes in the Order Limits, it is no longer directly impacted by the Project and is instead categorised as a neighbouring LPA. The letter issued to Newark and Sherwood District Council is available in Appendix B3.

7.1.6 Feedback on the adequacy of consultation undertaken by National Grid to date was received from all host LPAs and four neighbouring LPAs. The councils that provided feedback were:

- Bassetlaw District Council;
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council;
- North Lincolnshire Council;
- Nottinghamshire County Council;
- Newark and Sherwood District Council;
- West Lindsey District Council;
- North Kesteven District Council; and
- Rushcliffe Borough Council.

7.1.7 Table 7.1 summarises the feedback received from LPAs with regard to National Grid's compliance with the statutory section provisions of the PA 2008, namely s42, s47 and s48, and in accordance with the agreed SoCC. Copies of the emails received from LPAs can be found in Appendix C.

Table 7.1 – LPA feedback with regard to National Grid's compliance with the statutory provisions of the PA 2008

LPA	Comments on Legislative Compliance	National Grid Response
Bassetlaw District Council	Bassetlaw District Council is satisfied that National Grid has met its obligations in relation to the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date. The council also commented that a refinement in the extent of the PCZ between consultation stages impacted messaging clarity, as some	National Grid notes the response from Bassetlaw District Council. In respect of the PCZ, this remained set at 1 km for both the non-statutory and statutory consultation stages. However, as the Project evolved from a corridor approach to a more defined

LPA	Comments on Legislative Compliance	National Grid Response
	households only received communication during the first round of consultation.	alignment the extent of the PCZ became more focused and did not extend as far geographically in some areas.
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	East Riding of Yorkshire Council is satisfied that National Grid has met its obligations in relation to the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date, as set out in the SoCC. The council also sought clarification as to why its suggestion to use the Goole Times for publication of consultation events was discounted, and why the information poster was not published online.	National Grid notes the response from East Riding of Yorkshire Council. In regard to the use of the Goole Times, the Yorkshire Post and Hull Daily Mail were considered appropriate for Section 48 purposes as the circulation of the publications reach into the East Riding / Goole area and wider in and around the route alignment presented at the statutory consultation. The Goole Times was not used as coverage was already achieved via the wider regional titles. The local newspaper has a limited circulation area with no materially additional reach beyond the regional paper. In respect of the poster, notwithstanding the omission to publish on line, it is National Grid's view that the combination of other methods of consultation, including the Project website with downloadable Section 48 notice, site notices posted along the route, social media and direct mail notification to landowners, residents and statutory bodies ensured coverage was achieved, and sufficient opportunity remained for stakeholders to engage with and comment.
North Lincolnshire Council	North Lincolnshire Council is satisfied that National Grid has met is obligations in relation to the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date and as set out in the SoCC.	National Grid notes the response from North Lincolnshire Council.
Nottinghamshire County Council	Nottinghamshire County Council is satisfied that National Grid has taken into account the feedback of the host authorities regarding the content of the SoCC and that the consultation	National Grid notes the response from Nottinghamshire County Council.

LPA	Comments on Legislative Compliance	National Grid Response
	activities detailed within the SoCC have been undertaken as proposed.	
Newark and Sherwood District Council	Notwithstanding that we are no longer a host authority, we are satisfied that National Grid has met the obligations in relation to the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date, as set out in the SoCC.	National Grid notes the response from Newark and Sherwood District Council.
North Kestevan District Council	Thank you for consulting North Kesteven District Council in relation to the AoCM in respect of the National Grid NHHM project. I can confirm that the Council has been given the opportunity to comment in relation to these proposals through earlier stages and has no comments or concerns in relation to matters set out in the AoCM insofar as it relates to the District.	National Grid notes the response from North Kestevan District Council.
West Lindsey District Council	West Lindsey District Council are satisfied that the developer has met their adequacy of consultation as part of the pre application process for the above project, insofar that West Lindsey have been involved as a neighbouring authority	National Grid notes the response from West Lindsey District Council.
Rushcliffe Borough Council	After consulting our Team Manager for Environment, Edward Leddy-Owen, he has reviewed your email of 1st May and confirms that as we are a neighbouring authority, he has no concerns over the consultation as the upgrade stops at Bassetlaw. His view is that he is also broadly in favour of grid update as an essential part of making energy resilience/future proofing network in the UK.	National Grid notes the response from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

8. Further Targeted Landowner Consultations

8.1 Introduction

8.1.1 This chapter sets out the further landowner consultations that took place in the period between the close of the statutory consultation and submission of this AoCM.

8.1.2 The additional consultation was undertaken following certain localised amendments made to the design of the Project and also in light of ongoing diligent inquiry.

8.1.3 Land referencing had been carried out to identify changes in land ownership and other interests in land following the close of statutory consultation. Updates were requested from the Land Registry and newly identified PILs were issued with LIQs. These were followed up using contact details were available and site visits.

8.1.4 There were four rounds of further landowner consultation following the completion of the statutory consultation. These were in June 2025, January 2026, May 2026 and June 2026.

8.2 Additional Section 42 Consultation with Section 44 Parties – PILs

8.2.1 The additional consultation with PILs was in accordance with the principles and methods set out in the SoCC.

8.2.2 This additional consultation included:

- Engagement with PILs that have been previously consulted but are now impacted differently; and
- Consultation under s42(1)(d) of the Act with new PILs identified after the close of the statutory consultation, which may have arisen from design changes having introduced new land parcels into the Order Limits; from changes in land ownership within the previous Order Limits; or from ongoing diligent inquiry identifying new interests.

8.3 How National Grid Consulted

8.3.1 National Grid's consultation activities for the targeted landowner consultations in June 2025, January 2026 and May 2026 included:

- Provision of information pack containing a letter to the landowner, a copy of the Section 48 notice, a newsletter and the draft order limits plan; and
- Offer of a meeting.

8.3.2 National Grid's consultation activities for the targeted landowner consultation in June 2026 included:

- Provision of an information pack containing a letter, a copy of the s48 notice, a specific road closure plan, an FAQ document and the draft order limits plan; and
- A link to a pre-recorded webinar which set out the Project, why National Grid was undertaking the additional targeted consultation and information regarding the potential road closures.

8.3.3 Each of the PILs was notified of the commencement of the statutory consultation at the earliest opportunity and given not less than 28 days in which to provide feedback on National Grid's consultation proposals.

8.3.4 Additional information about the further landowner consultations, including responses to issues raised and a summary of changes made, will be included in **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report** at DCO submission.

8.4 Feedback Received

8.4.1 All feedback submissions received were by email and comprised:

- No feedback was received during June 2025;
- 20 during January 2026;
- 2 during May to June 2026; and
- 7 during June to July 2026

8.4.2 Due to the nature of the change being consulted on during the June 2026 targeted PILs consultation, the Applicant has also chosen to accept, report and respond to feedback submissions from other Persons with an Interest in Land (PIL) in addition to responses from those Category 3 parties consulted directly.

8.4.3 The June 2026 targeted PIL consultation was the first time that the Applicant had consulted the selected Category 3 PILs on its proposals on a statutory basis, whilst other PILs had been consulted on the project previously during the pre-application period. The information provided as part of the June 2026 targeted PIL consultation included extra details on temporary road closures or traffic management that was not available during previous consultation periods. As such, the Applicant considers it appropriate to take feedback relating to the extra details provided from other PILs into account.

8.4.4 Where feedback on other previously shared information has been received, or where comments have been received from non-PILs, the Applicant has managed these submissions in line with the approach taken at previous rounds of targeted consultation.

8.4.5 All responses received will be considered and reported on in **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report**, which will be provided as part of the DCO application.

9. Conclusion

9.1.1 At each stage of pre-application consultation National Grid has undertaken consultation in accordance with the approach identified in the SoCC and in accordance with the PA 2008, including Sections 42, 47, and 48, as demonstrated in Appendix A.

9.1.2 National Grid has at all times during pre-application consultation given due consideration to all responses received, and whilst it is not always possible to amend the design in response to such comments, a large number of changes have been made, and the Project has developed accordingly.

9.1.3 National Grid refined its consultation strategies and the SoCC alongside productive dialogue with host authorities, which included both informal and formal consultation on the draft document. National Grid shared its approach to consultation during the statutory consultation within the SoCC. As set out in Table 5.4 National Grid has complied with the commitments made in the SoCC, although it acknowledges that two have been judged to have been partially met. One is the delay in publishing Illustrative Drawings as referenced in the PEIR on the project website, and the other is not making the poster advertising the statutory consultation available online. It is National Grid's position that this did not prevent meaningful feedback being provided and it has delivered the statutory consultation in accordance with the PA 2008 and relevant guidance.

9.1.4 In accordance with the requirements under the PA 2008, National Grid will prepare **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report**, which will provide details of each stage of consultation undertaken as part of the pre-application process, a summary of the responses received, and the due regard it has had to them.

9.1.5 In light of the above, National Grid considers that consultation on the Project has demonstrably met the test of adequacy as evidenced within this report.

Appendix A
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A.1 Compliance with the Statutory Section Provisions of the PA 2008

A.1.1 Table A.1 sets out how National Grid has complied with the statutory section provisions of the Planning Act 2008, namely:

- Section 42: Duty to consult;
- Section 45: Timetable for consultation under section 42;
- Section 46: Duty to notify Secretary of State of proposed application;
- Section 47: Duty to consult local community;
- Section 48: Duty to publicise;
- Section 49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity; and
- Section 50: Guidance about pre-application procedure.

Table A.1 – How National Grid has complied with the statutory requirements of the PA 2008

Statutory requirement	Activity undertaken	Date undertaken
Section 42: Duty to consult		
The Applicant must consult the following about the proposed allocation:		
Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed	Meetings were held with prescribed consultees throughout the pre-application period. All relevant prescribed consultees were notified of the commencement of the statutory consultation by letter along with a copy of the community newsletter and Section 48 notice. The list of prescribed consultees is provided in Appendix D. A copy of the letter will be provided in the Consultation Report which will be submitted as part of the Application.	The statutory consultation period ran from 18 February to 15 April 2025. Consultation documentation was issued on 18 February 2025. Details and dates of meetings held with statutory bodies throughout the pre-application period will be provided in the Consultation Report which will be

Statutory requirement	Activity undertaken	Date undertaken
		submitted as part of the Application.
Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	The MMO was notified of the commencement of the statutory consultation. The list of prescribed consultees is provided in Appendix D and a copy of the letter will be provided in the Consultation Report which will be submitted as part of the Application.	18 February 2025 – issue of consultation documentation.
Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within Section 43	All local authorities were notified of the commencement of the statutory consultation. See Chapter 6 of the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report for the full list of local authorities. All host authorities falling within the scope of Section 43 of the PA 2008 were notified of the commencement of the statutory consultation by letter. A copy of the letter will be provided in the Consultation Report.	18 February 2025 – issue of consultation documentation to all Section 42(1)(b) consultees.
Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)	Not applicable. The proposed application is not located within Greater London and therefore the Greater London Authority is not a relevant consultee.	Not applicable.
Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of Section 44 categories	Using diligent inquiry, National Grid identified 1,387 PILs. All PILs initially identified were notified on 18 February 2025 of the commencement of the statutory consultation. 46 additional PILs were identified following the commencement of the consultation. On 11 June 2025, 18 additional PILs, identified following the close of statutory consultation, were notified. 37 existing PILS were notified about updates to the Project between 11 June and 18 June 2025. On 14 January 2026, 171 new PILs identified following design updates were notified.	18 February 2025 – issue of initial consultation documentation. Letters detailing the consultation launch were issued between 18 February 2025 and 14 March 2025, when at least 28 days remained of the statutory consultation window. Outside of statutory consultation, PILs consultation remained open for

Statutory requirement	Activity undertaken	Date undertaken
	On 15 May 2026, 35 new PILs identified following design updates were notified. On 15 June 2026, 81 new PILs were identified due to potential proposed road closures and notified. Each of those PILs was notified of the commencement of the statutory consultation at the earliest opportunity and given not less than 28 days in which to provide feedback on National Grid's consultation proposals. Duplicate sets of consultation materials were also provided to land agents instructed to act on behalf of identified PILs, with the addition of a cover letter to reference information sent to their client. All letters that were returned to sender were re-issued either by post or hand-delivery to alternative addresses and none of the re-issues were returned to sender again. Further details will be provided in the Consultation Report and a full list of consultees identified in accordance with Section 42(1)(d) will be set out in Application Document 4.3 Book of Reference. National Grid is continuing to engage with existing PILs and also identify any new and additional interests within referencing limits throughout and after the conclusion of statutory consultation.	responses for 28 days.
Section 45: Timetable for Section 42 consultation		
Section 45(1) The applicant must, when consulting a person under Section 42, notify the person of the deadline for the receipt by the applicant of the person's response to the consultation. Section 45(2) A deadline notified under subsection (1) must not be earlier than the end of the period of 28 days that begins with the day	Statutory consultation was an eight-week period, commencing on 18 February 2025; the consultation deadline was 15 April 2025, in excess of 28 days. 1,387 PILs were notified of the consultation deadline in letters posted on 18 February 2025. 58 letters were re-issued by post on 28 February 2025 for any notices not	Initial consultation letters were issued between 18 February and 14 March 2025. A copy of the letters will be provided in the Consultation Report Consultation documents were

Statutory requirement	Activity undertaken	Date undertaken
after the day on which the person receives the consultation documents.	confirmed as delivered by Royal Mail. 14 letters were hand delivered on 5 and 7 March 2025 as notices were not confirmed as delivered by Royal Mail. 46 newly identified PILs were notified between 11 and 14 March 2025 when at least 28 days remained of the consultation window. A further 18 newly identified PILs were notified on 11 June 2025 and given 28 days to respond to the consultation. Four letters were re-issued by post on 12 June 2025 as notices were not confirmed as delivered by Royal Mail and two were re-issued to alternative addresses. On 14 January 2026, 171 newly identified PILs following design updates were notified. A further 35 PILS were notified on 15 May 2026 following design updates and given 28 days to respond to the consultation. One letter was re-issued 1 June 2026. On 15 June 2026, 81 new PILs were identified due to potential proposed road closures and notified. Four letters were re-issued 19 June 2026.	made available on the Project website from the start of consultation on 18 February 2025. Consultation materials were also available at local information points and the public information events (see Table 5.1 and Table 5.2 of this report respectively). On 11 June 2025, newly identified PILs were provided with consultation letters with a response period of 28 days. On 14 January 2026, newly identified PILs were provided with consultation letters with a response period of 28 days. On 15 May 2026, newly identified PILs were provided with consultation letters with a response period of 28 days. On 15 June 2026, newly identified PILs were provided with consultation letters with a response period of 28 days.
Section 46: Duty to notify Secretary of State of proposed application		
Section 46(1) The Applicant must supply the Secretary of State with such information in relation to the proposed application as the Applicant would supply to the	The Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate under Section 46 of the PA 2008 of the upcoming statutory consultation	14 February 2025

Statutory requirement	Activity undertaken	Date undertaken
Secretary of State for the purpose of complying with Section 42 if the Applicant were required by that section to consult the Secretary of State about the proposed application.	The Applicant provided: • Letter sent to Section 42 consultees; • Section 48 notice; • Community newsletter; • Consultation feedback questionnaire; and • Link to the Project website and a list of the documents available.	
Section 46(2) The Applicant must comply with subsection (1) on or before commencing consultation under Section 42.	The Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate under Section 46 of the PA 2008 of the upcoming statutory consultation on 14 February 2025, before the start date of the commencement of the statutory consultation under Section 42 (18 February 2025).	14 February 2025
Section 47: Duty to consult local community		
Section 47(1) The Applicant must prepare a statement setting out how the Applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land.	A SoCC was prepared and then published as part of the consultation documentation. Further details are provided in Chapter 5 of the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report	18 February 2025
Section 47(2) Before preparing the statement, the Applicant must consult each local authority that is within Section 43(1) about the content of the statement. Section 47(3) The deadline for receipt by the Applicant of responses is a period of 28 days beginning with the day after the day on which the local authorities received the consultation documents. Section 47(4) consultation documents are the documents supplied to the local authority by the Applicant for the purpose of consulting the local authority.	East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Lincolnshire Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council were all provided with a draft copy of the SoCC and were formally invited to comment. Briefings were held with planning officers from each of the host authorities to brief them on the draft SoCC. The consultation documents supplied to the host authorities comprised the draft SoCC and a cover email.	The SoCC was issued to East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Lincolnshire Council, Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council via email on 13 November 2024 and formal consultation took place between 14 November 2024 and 11 December 2024 for 28 days. Newark and Sherwood District Council was identified after the initial SoCC

Statutory requirement	Activity undertaken	Date undertaken
		consultation as a host authority. On 5 December 2024, the SoCC was issued to Newark and Sherwood District Council via email, and they were given until 3 January 2024 to return their comments, a period of 28 days (beginning with the day after the day on which the materials were received).
Section 47(5) In preparing the statement, the Applicant must have regard to any response to consultation that is received before the deadline.	Comments were received from East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Lincolnshire Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. National Grid responded to the comments received and the SoCC was amended as appropriate prior to the formal SoCC being published. Regard had to SoCC responses will be provided in the Consultation Report.	The SoCC was updated prior to 18 February 2025 (the start of statutory consultation).
Section 47(6) The Applicant must make the statement available for inspection by the public in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the land; and publish in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the land which states where and when the statement can be inspected, and publish the statement in such a manner as may be prescribed.	The SoCC was made available for inspection free of charge at information points in the vicinity of the Project for the duration of the statutory consultation. A list of information points can be found in Table 5.1 of this Report. The following evidence will be included in the Consultation Report: • Evidence of the SoCC on the relevant webpage; • Section 47 notice published and the notice was available at the information points; and • The Section 47 notice was placed in the following local newspapers	18 February to 15 April 2025 18 February 2025

Statutory requirement	Activity undertaken	Date undertaken
	– Hull Daily Mail; – Yorkshire Post; – Lincolnshire Echo/Live; and – Nottingham Post.	18 February 2025 18 February 2025 20 February 2025 18 February 2025
Section 47(7) The Applicant must carry out the consultation in accordance with the proposals set out in the statement.	National Grid carried out the consultation in line with the SoCC. Chapter 5 of the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report provides further detail on compliance with the SoCC.	SoCC-compliant statutory consultation held between 18 February and 15 April 2025.
Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application		
Section 48(1) The Applicant must publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner.	National Grid prepared and published a Section 48 notice in accordance with the Regulation 4(2) of the APFP Regulations. The Section 48 notice was placed in the following newspapers: • Hull Daily Mail on 18 and 25 February 2025; • Yorkshire Post on 18 and 25 February 2025; • Lincolnshire Echo/Live on 20 and 27 February 2025; • Nottingham Post on 18 and 25 February 2025 • The Guardian on 18 February 2025; and • The London Gazette on 18 February. In accordance with the EIA Regulations, a copy of the Section 48 notice was sent to all EIA consultation bodies. No other persons were notified to National Grid in accordance with the EIA Regulations.	18, 20, 25 and 27 February 2025 – dates of publication of Section 48 notice in various newspapers.
Section 48(2) Regulations made for the purposes of subsection (1) must, in particular, make provision for publicity under subsection (1) to include a deadline for receipt by the applicant of responses to the publicity.	The Section 48 notice stated, '*The Applicant must receive all responses by 11:59pm on Tuesday 15 April 2025 to ensure their consideration'*.	

Statutory requirement	Activity undertaken	Date undertaken
Section 49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity		
Section 49(1) Subsection (2) applies where the applicant— (a) has complied with Section 42, Section 47 and Section 48, and (b) proposes to go ahead with making an application for an order granting development consent (whether or not in the same terms as the proposed application).	The Consultation Report will detail how the Applicant has had regard to responses received to consultation. Chapters 3 and 5 of the Consultation Report will detail how National Grid has taken into account feedback received during the non-statutory consultation. Chapters 7 and 8 of the Consultation Report will detail how National Grid has taken account of responses received during the statutory consultation.	Non-statutory consultation – 1 June to 27 July 2023. Localised non-statutory consultation – 9 July to 5 August 2024. Statutory consultation – 18 February to 15 April 2025.
Section 49(2) The applicant must, when deciding whether the application that the applicant is actually to make should be in the same terms as the proposed application, have regard to any relevant responses.	This report details how the Applicant has had regard to responses received to consultation. Chapter 5 Consultation Report will detail how National Grid has taken into account feedback received during non-statutory consultation. It is also detailed in the Non-statutory Consultation Feedback Report in Appendix B. Chapter 8 of the Consultation Report will detail how National Grid has taken into account feedback received during the statutory consultation.	N/A
Section 49(3) In subsection (2) "relevant response" means— (a) a response from a person consulted under Section 42 that is received by the applicant before the deadline imposed by Section 45 in that person's case, (b) a response to consultation under Section 47(7) that is received by the applicant before any applicable deadline imposed in	Section 42, 47 and 48 responses will be considered in Chapter 8 of Consultation Report.	N/A

Statutory requirement	Activity undertaken	Date undertaken
accordance with the statement prepared under Section 47, or (c) a response to publicity under Section 48 that is received by the applicant before the deadline imposed in accordance with Section 48(2) in relation to that publicity.		
Section 50: Guidance about pre-application procedure		
Section 50(1) Guidance may be issued about how to comply with the requirements of this Chapter. Section 50(2) Guidance under this section may be issued by the Secretary of State. Section 50(3) The applicant must have regard to any guidance under this section.	National Grid considers it has complied with the guidance, as detailed in this Consultation Report.	Ongoing

A.2 Compliance with the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) (APFP) Regulations 2009 (as amended)

A.2.1 Table A.2 sets out how National Grid has complied with the Infrastructure Planning (APFP) Regulations 2009 (as amended), namely:

- Regulation 3: Prescribed consultees
- Regulation 4: Publishing a proposed application

Table A.2 – How National Grid has complied with the APFP Regulations 2009

Regulation	Activity undertaken	Date undertaken
Regulation 3: Prescribed consultees		
The persons prescribed for the purposes of Section 42(a) (duty to consult) are those listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations 2009, who must be consulted in the circumstances specified in relation to each such person in column 2 of that table.	The Applicant consulted all persons prescribed under the APFP Regulations 2009 who were deemed relevant to this Application by the descriptions set out in column 2 of that table. The full list of prescribed consultees as set out in Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations 2009 is provided in Appendix D.	Not applicable
Regulation 4: Publicising a proposed application		
(2) The applicant must publish a notice, which must include the matters prescribed by paragraph (3) of this regulation, of the proposed application—		
(a) for at least two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the proposed development would be situated;	The Section 48 notice was placed in the following newspapers: • Hull Daily Mail on 18 and 25 February 2025; • Yorkshire Post on 18 and 25 February 2025; • Lincolnshire Echo/Live on 20 and 27 February 2025; and • Nottingham Poston on 18 and 25 February 2025.	Between 18 and 27 February 2025
(b) once in a national newspaper;	The Section 48 notice was placed in The Guardian on 18 February 2025.	18 February 2025
(c) once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	The Section 48 notice was placed in The London Gazette on 18 February 2025.	18 February 2025

(d) where the proposed application relates to offshore development— 1. once in Lloyds List; and 2. once in an appropriate fishing trade journal.	Not applicable.	Not applicable
(3) The matters which the notice must include are—		
(a) the name and address of the Applicant;	The Section 48 notice included the following: '*Notice is hereby given that National Grid Electricity Transmission plc ("National Grid") of 1 – 3 Strand, London, WC2N 5EH*'	Between 18 and 27 February 2025
(b) a statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State;	The Section 48 notice included the following: '*Notice is hereby given that National Grid Electricity Transmission plc ("National Grid") of 1 – 3 Strand, London, WC2N 5EH (the "Applicant") intends to apply to the Secretary of State for Energy, Security and Net Zero for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "Act") to authorise the construction and operation of the North Humber to High Marnham Project (the "Project").*'	Between 18 and 27 February 2025
(c) a statement as to whether the application is EIA development;	The Section 48 notice included the following: '*The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") development, as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017. An Environmental Statement will therefore be submitted as part of the application, which will contain information about the environmental effects of the Project.*'	Between 18 and 27 February 2025
(d) a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the proposed development;	Paragraph 2 of the Section 48 notice included a description of the Project and the principal elements.	Between 18 and 27 February 2025

(e) a statement that the documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development are available for inspection free of charge on a website maintained by or on behalf of the applicant;	The Section 48 notice included the following: *'The documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR") and non-technical summary (NTS), will be available to download free of charge from Tuesday 18 February 2025 until Tuesday 15 April 2025 on www.nationalgrid.com/nh-hm.' 'Reference copies of certain documents, showing the nature and location of the proposed development will also be available to view free of charge from Tuesday 18 February 2025 at the following inspection points in the vicinity of the Project for the duration of the consultation (until Tuesday 15 April 2025)'.* This was then followed by a table containing the addresses and opening times of the 13 locations (which can also be found in Table 5.1 of this Report). The Section 48 notice also included the locations of the public information events where consultation materials were also available (see Table 5.2) and the following contact information for enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps: '*If you have any questions about the Project or the consultation, please get in touch:* *Email: contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com* *Telephone: 0808 189 1346* *Freepost: Freepost NH TO HM (please write this in capitals, you do not need a stamp)* *Notice first published on 18th February 2025*'.	Between 18 and 27 February 2025
(f) the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection;	The Section 48 notice included the following: '*Reference copies of certain documents, showing the nature and location of the proposed*	Between 18 and 27 February 2025

	development will also be available to view free of charge from Tuesday 18 February 2025 at the following inspection points in the vicinity of the Project for the duration of the consultation (until Tuesday 15 April 2025).'	
(g) whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge;	The Section 48 notice included the following: '*Following the start of the statutory consultation, consultees will be able to request paper copies of consultation documents. The documents that will be made available on request, free of charge, will be the:* • *Community Newsletter* • *Project Background Document* • *Feedback questionnaire* • *NTS of the PEIR. Requests for paper copies of the technical documents forming the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis* • *Statement of Community Consultation* *Requests for paper copies of the technical documents will be reviewed on a case by-case basis. To cover printing costs a reasonable copying charge may apply, to be paid for by the recipient and up-to a maximum value of £500 for the whole suite of consultation documents. Please get in touch with us using the details below if you would like a printed or alternative format copy of materials.'*	Between 18 and 27 February 2025
(h) details of how to respond to the publicity; and	The Section 48 notice included the following: '*The consultation is running between Tuesday 18 February and Tuesday 15 April 2025* *Any consultation responses or other representations in respect of the Project during the consultation period can be submitted in writing in the following ways:*	Between 18 and 27 February 2025

	• *Completing an online feedback questionnaire at: www.nationalgrid.com/nh-hm* • *Providing feedback by email (contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com)* • *Scanning a paper copy of the feedback questionnaire or submitting a letter or written response.* • *Returning a paper copy of the response form or a letter response by post at **Freepost NH TO HM** (no stamp required).* *In providing their consultation response, consultees should:* • *State in writing the nature of the response or representation;* • *Indicate who is making the response or representation; and* • *Include an address to which correspondence relating to the response can be provide* *A printed copy of the feedback questionnaire can be requested by contacting the Project team on the details below.* *The Applicant must receive all responses by 11:59pm on Tuesday 15 April 2025 to ensure their consideration.'*	
(i) a deadline for receipt of those responses by the Applicant, being not less than 28 days following the date when the notice is last published.	The Section 48 notice included the following: '*The Applicant must receive all responses by 11:59pm on Tuesday 15 April 2025 to ensure their consideration.*' 15 April 2025 was more than 28 days after the date on which the newspaper notice was last published (which was on 27 February).	Between 18 and 27 February 2025

Appendix B Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Local Authorities Letter

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B.1 Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Host Local Planning Authorities Letter and Tables

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Sent via email

Planning Inspectorate's Reference EN020034

Dear [redacted]

Planning Act 2008

National Grid Electricity Transmission

North Humber to High Marnham Adequacy of Consultation Milestone

I am writing to you regarding North Humber to High Marnham and the adequacy of the consultation carried out to date on the Project, as we prepare our application for development consent.

Once the application for development consent is submitted, the Planning Inspectorate will assess whether we have complied with the pre-application procedure. As part of this process, under section 55(4)(b) of the Planning Act 2008, the Inspectorate will ask local authorities to submit an Adequacy of Consultation Representation to assist in deciding whether to accept the application for examination.

In accordance with the pre-application stage of the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects planning process, the Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects guidance ("the Guidance"), and The Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-Application Prospectus ("the Prospectus"), we are preparing an Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) document to submit to the Inspectorate.

The AoCM is a written submission to allow for early consideration of the adequacy of consultation carried out by the applicant at pre-application stage by the Inspectorate and should be submitted no later than around three months before the intended date of submission of the application. National Grid will submit the application in September 2026.

The North Humber to High Marnham AoCM will:

- explain the consultation undertaken to date;
- how the activities set out in the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) have been delivered; and
- the way in which the consultation responses are shaping the application.

Both the Guidance and Prospectus state that the AoCM should also include, if available, the views of, and any relevant supporting material from, local authorities.

As you may recall, we consulted Bassetlaw District Council on the draft SoCC in November 2024. The SoCC was then finalised, having regard to the responses received and published in February 2025 (https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/153986/download), Table 1 appended to this letter sets out the commitments made in the SoCC and how we complied with them.

To reduce repetition within Table 1, also appended to this letter are:

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- Details of the local information points where paper copies of selected consultation materials were made available to take away (Table 2);
- Dates and locations of the public information events held during the statutory consultation (Table 3); and
- Information regarding how National Grid reached seldom heard groups (Table 4).

We have also included a summary of the feedback from host authorities on the draft SoCC, and the regard had to this feedback (Table 5).

National Grid is required to undertake a further targeted statutory consultation with People with an Interest in Land. This will commence in May 2026, and this will follow the same principles and methods as carried out in previous rounds of statutory consultation.

I would be grateful if you would please review the information provided and respond by Thursday 30 April 2026 on whether your Council is satisfied that National Grid has met its obligations in relation to the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date, as set out in the SoCC.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Table B.1 – How National Grid has complied with the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

Item number	Commitment within SoCC	Compliance with commitment
1	1.1.5 In developing the SoCC National Grid has consulted with and had regard to comments from the following local authorities: • East Riding of Yorkshire Council; • North Lincolnshire Council; • Bassetlaw District Council; • Newark and Sherwood District Council; and • Nottinghamshire County Council.	Commitment met - Draft SoCC was issued to East Riding of Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire, Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County Councils on 13 November 2024, and to Newark and Sherwood District Council on 5 December 2024. Comments from all authorities were received and a 'Had Regard' document created. Please see Table 5 of this document.
2	1.2.3 Before submitting an application, National Grid are required by the Planning Act 2008 (the Act) to carry out consultation with people living in the vicinity of the land where the Project is proposed to be located, and with other prescribed consultees.	Commitment met - Consultation began 18 February 2025. National Grid consulted the local community living in the vicinity of the Project. This was achieved by establishing a Primary Consultation Zone (PCZ), which consisted of people and businesses with property postcodes within 1 km of the Project's draft Order Limits. A community newsletter was distributed to all properties within the PCZ. Other prescribed consultees under Section 42 (1) (a) of the PA2008 were identified and consulted.
3	2.2.5 Once planning application reference numbers have been provided by the local planning authorities, we will provide an update on the Project website.	Commitment met - The Project website has been updated with the following text 'We are pleased to say that separate planning applications for the 400 kV Birkhill Wood Substation (25/01898/STPLF), and 400 kV High Marnham Substation (25/01302/FUL) were submitted by National Grid in July and November 2025 to the local planning authorities of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Bassetlaw District Council, respectively. As a result, we have removed the Birkhill Wood and High Marnham substations and associated works from our proposals for North Humber to High Marnham. Planning permission for the Birkhill Wood Substation was granted in February 2026 subject to

Item number	Commitment within SoCC	Compliance with commitment
		conditions. We will continue to work closely with both substation projects to coordinate our works.
4	2.3.4 …substation feedback will also be shared with our teams responsible for the separate planning applications for both substations.	Commitment met - Any feedback and/or design change requests relating to the substations have been shared with the respective project teams in full.
5	Table 4.1 We will consult the public and statutory consultees (as outlined in Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Act) on the more developed proposals, including a preferred overhead line alignment.	Commitment met - A stakeholder database and letters were prepared and issued for Statutory consultation, presenting the more developed proposals and including the route of the overhead line and proposed pylon locations. Section 47 and Section 48 notices were prepared and published, and a community newsletter was sent to properties within the PCZ, which consisted of people and businesses with property postcodes within 1 km of the Project's draft Order Limits.
6	Table 4.1 We will review and have regard to the feedback from the statutory consultation and further refine and finalise the proposed design. We will also continue to engage with stakeholders prior to the submission of our DCO application.	Commitment met - Feedback from the statutory consultation has been reviewed and, along with further technical studies and design work, has contributed to the final project design. Engagement with stakeholders will continue up to submission of the DCO application. A Consultation Report is being prepared following statutory consultation illustrating how regard was had to feedback received from statutory consultation. This will be submitted as part of the DCO application.
7	5.1.1 The statutory consultation (under Sections 42 and 47 of the Planning Act) will run for eight weeks from 18 February to 15 April 2025.	Commitment met - Statutory consultation took place between Tuesday 18 February and Tuesday 15 April 2025.
8	5.2.1 We will seek views and feedback on the following elements of the Project…: • the proposed route of the new, approximately 90 km, 400 kV electricity line • the location of new steel lattice pylons (approximately 50 m in height), some of which would be gantries	Commitment met - Information on these topics was included in the consultation materials and the feedback questionnaire sought views on all of them. The questionnaire included free text areas for respondents to provide comments generally about the project and the consultation, such *as 'Do you have any further comments on our proposals in this route section*?'. Question 16 provided a space for general considerations, *'is there anything else you*

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	(typically up to 15 m in height), for existing or proposed substations • works to build new substations at Creyke Beck, Cottingham, (known as Birkhill Wood Substation) in the East Riding of Yorkshire and High Marnham, in Nottinghamshire, to connect and support the operation of the new transmission line for North Humber to High Marnham • third-party utility diversions and/or modifications required to facilitate the construction of the Project, along with land required for mitigation, compensation and enhancement of the environment including Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) • land temporarily required for construction activities, including, for example, working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, welfare, storage and temporary construction access • construction methodology for preliminary locations for BNG and/or wider environmental gains.	*would like us to consider as we develop our* proposals?'. A copy of the feedback questionnaire can be found in the document library on the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154006/download).
9	5.2.2 The Project is classified as an EIA development and therefore we will also consult on preliminary environmental information as part of this statutory consultation, in the form of a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). We will make the PEIR available on the Project website during statutory consultation, together with a non-technical summary of the PEIR. We will seek views on the information in those documents.	Commitment met - Comments on the PEIR were invited as part of the feedback questionnaire. The PEIR and Non-Technical Summary (NTS) were available in the document library on the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/north-humber-high-marnham/document-library#4257225834-4072747167 and https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154016/download) for the duration of the statutory consultation. The NTS of the PEIR was available at the 13 local information points listed in the SoCC. Additionally, the full PEIR was available to view electronically via USB sticks available at the local information points. The full list of information points can be found in Table B.2 of this document.

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10	5.2.4 Overall location plans will be used to describe the 11 sections of the Project and will be provided during the statutory consultation, which is consistent with how the Project has previously been presented.	Commitment met - Plans were prepared that were consistent with the description provided in the SoCC. Plans and a guide to using the plans were available in the document library on the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/north-humber-high-marnham/document-library#4257225834-2705611049) for the duration of the statutory consultation.
11	5.3.1 The consultation will be open to anyone who is interested in the Project. National Grid will have regard to all consultation feedback received by the relevant statutory consultation deadline when developing the design of the Project.	Commitment met - No restrictions were placed on who could take part in the consultation. National Grid has had regard to all the consultation responses received from anyone who was interested in the Project by the relevant deadline. A Consultation Report is being prepared following statutory consultation illustrating this regard and will be submitted as part of the DCO application.
12	5.3.5 Communities within the PCZ and SCZ will be notified about the consultation via the methods outlined in section 5.5 of the SoCC.	The local community was notified about the consultation within the PCZ and SCZ using the following consultation methods, as outlined in section 5.5, Table 5.3 of the SoCC. • Press release shared on 18 February 2025 with 15 local and regional newspapers in circulation in the PCZ and SCZ. • Newspaper advertisements published between 18 and 27 February 2025 in three local and regional newspapers in circulation in the PCZ and SCZ. • Emails and letters were sent to coincide with the start of statutory consultation to MPs where all or part of their constituency was in the PCZ and or the SCZ, elected representatives within the PCZ and parish councils within the PCZ and SCZ. • Statutory notices (Section 48 notices) were published in six newspapers on 18, 20, 25 and 27 February 2025. • Information posters were provided to parish councils and local authorities in the PCZ on 1 April 2025 with details of the

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		consultation, how to access Project information and how to get involved. • Social media advertisements targeting different demographics were included across Facebook, Instagram and X. Initial consultation advertisements ran between 18 February and 4 March 2025. Event specific advertisements ran for one week prior to each event, with the initial advertisement running from 22 February prior to the event on 1 March 2025.
13	5.3.6 We will also consult the following groups and individuals: • parish councils representing parishes within the PCZ • local residents and businesses falling within the PCZ • resident, community, tourism and business organisations and groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups with specialisms, such as in local heritage or wildlife, that have been drawn to our attention by local authorities and engagement work to date • 'seldom heard groups' within either consultation zone that have been drawn to our attention by local authorities and other stakeholders, representing people who are unlikely to respond to traditional consultation techniques and may need additional support to access materials • local elected representatives who represent wards and constituencies within the PCZ • Members of Parliament (MPs) representing constituencies within either consultation zone.	Commitment met - Parish councils within the PCZ were identified as Section 42 consultees and consulted. Local residents and businesses falling within the PCZ were identified as part of the PCZ community newsletter mailing. A range of local interest groups were identified within appendix B of the SoCC and consulted in the first instance by letter and encouraged to request alternative formats of consultation materials where appropriate. Seldom heard groups were identified as non-prescribed consultees. Engagement and consultation were inclusive, helping ensure seldom heard groups were reached by utilising different engagement methods listed in Table 5.6 of the SoCC. More details about how National Grid reached seldom heard groups can be found in Table 4 of this document. Local elected representatives within the PCZ were identified as non-prescribed consultees and consulted. MPs in either consultation zone were identified as non-prescribed consultees and consulted.

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14	5.3.7 …we will consult prescribed bodies and local authorities under Section 42(1)(a), (b) and Section 43 of the Act [PA 2008].	Commitment met - Prescribed consultee mailings were sent out to coincide with start of consultation by post on 17 February 2025 (and email, where information is available on 18 February 2025).
15	5.3.7 We will also consult persons with an interest in land under sections 42(1)(d) and 44 of the Act [PA 2008]. Individuals and groups include: • statutory stakeholders as set out by the Planning Act 2008 (such as National Highways, Natural England and the Environment Agency) • commercial stakeholders, including asset owners • local authorities (including host and neighbouring local authorities) • owners, tenants and occupiers of land potentially affected by the proposed DCO application.	Commitment met - Prescribed consultee mailings were scheduled to coincide with start of consultation by post (and email, where contact details were available). Persons with an interest in land (PILs) who are also prescribed consultees were invited for meetings via the Project team engagement activities. Other PILS were invited for meetings via the lands team. A total of 1,387 PILs were notified of the consultation deadline in letters posted on 18 February 2025. A further 46 newly identified PILs were notified between 11 and 14 March 2025, when at least 28 days remained of the consultation window. Following the conclusion of the statutory consultation, a further 18 new PILs were notified on 11 June 2025 and given 28 days to respond. Following changes in the project design, a further 171 PILs were notified on 14 January and given 28 days to respond. An additional targeted PILs consultation will commence in May 2026, and respondents will be given 28 days to respond.
16	Table 5.1 Consultation Materials Project background document This document will provide a summary of the Project, including: • the background to the Project • information about design changes as a result of the non-statutory consultation and localised non-statutory consultation	Commitment met - The document meets the description outlined in SoCC. The Project Background Document contained the following chapters: 1. Foreword 2. Consulting on our proposals 3. How to find out more 4. The need 5. Our proposals 6. Construction

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	• information about potential benefits and impacts of the Project • how we might propose to mitigate any significant effects • signposts for readers to find more detailed information and reports, and how to provide feedback on the Project.	7. Managing and mitigating effects 8. Information for landowners 9. Next steps These chapters contained information to cover all bullet points listed in the SoCC. The Project Background document was available: • To read and download in the document library of the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154001/download); • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period); • At the 13 local information points listed in the SoCC (the full list of information points can be found in Table B.2 of this document); and • As a paper copy at the nine public information events (the full list can be found in Table B.3 of this document). No requests for alternative formats of the Project Background Document were received.
17	Table 5.1 Consultation Materials Community newsletter A newsletter setting out the proposed Project information, details about the consultation, an overview map of the Project area and how to provide feedback, along with a list of engagement activities to be held throughout the consultation period.	Commitment met – The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. A community newsletter was produced to communicate the Project proposals, the background and how to get involved in the consultation. The community newsletter was posted to all properties within the PCZ. The community newsletter was also available: • To read and download in the document library of the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154011/download);

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		• As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period); • At the 13 local information points listed in the SoCC (see Table B.2 of this document); and • As a paper copy at the nine public information events (see Table B.3 of this document). No requests for alternative formats of the community newsletter were received.
18	Table 5.1 Consultation Materials Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) The PEIR will contain a description of the Project, and a preliminary assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed Project, based on the initial information available at that time. It will also set out how we propose to reduce these effects and how we propose to maximise the benefits of the proposed Project. A non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEIR will also be made available.	Commitment met - The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The PEIR was produced for the statutory consultation and contained information to cover all items listed in the SoCC. A NTS was also produced. The PEIR and NTS were available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/north-humber-high-marnham/document-library#4257225834-4072747167 and https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154016/download); • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period for a paper copy of the PEIR. One request was received for a paper copy of the NTS of the PEIR which was fulfilled); • On a USB stick for members of the public to take away at the 13 local information points listed in the SoCC (PEIR only; see Table B.2 of this document for locations); • As a paper copy on request at the 13 local information points listed in the SoCC (NTS of the PEIR only, see Table B.3 of this document)

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		• As a paper copy at the nine public information events (see Table B.3 of this document).
19	Table 5.1 Consultation Materials Design development report An in-depth technical document detailing the work we have undertaken to date, focusing on work since the non-statutory consultation and localised non-statutory consultation.	Commitment met - The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The Design Development Report (2025) was available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154031/download); • As a paper copy at the nine public information events (see Table B.3 of this document); and • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period).
20	Table 5.1 Consultation Materials Strategic Options Report Update An updated overview of the appraisal approach we have used to date to consider strategic options. These are reviewed and backchecked as part of the ongoing strategic options assessment and decision-making process.	Commitment met - The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The document was produced as a technical report providing an overview description of the options that National Grid had identified and subsequently evaluated for reinforcement of the network. The Strategic Options Report Update was available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154026/download); • At the nine public information events (see Table B.3 of this document); and • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period).
21	Table 5.1 Consultation Materials Non-statutory Consultation Feedback Report	Commitment met - The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC.

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	A summary of the feedback we received during the non-statutory consultation and localised non-statutory consultation stages, and explains how we have had regard to comments.	The Non-statutory Consultation Feedback Report summarises the feedback National Grid received during the 2023 and 2024 non-statutory consultation, and how it has been considered. The Non-statutory Consultation Feedback Report was available: • to view and download in the document library of the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154041/download); • at the nine public information events (see Table B.3 of this document); and • as a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period).
22	Table 5.1 Consultation Materials Project maps and location plans A series of maps and plans showing the extent of the Project.	Commitment met - The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The project maps and plans were available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/north-humber-high-marnham/document-library#4257225834-1591556197); • As a paper copy at the nine public information events (see Table B.3 of this document); and • As a paper copy upon request (four requests were received and fulfilled during the consultation period).
23	Table 5.1 Consultation Materials Consultation banners A series of exhibition banners with information relating to the Project, which will be used at public information events.	Commitment met - The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The consultation banners were available: • At the nine public information events (see Table B.3 of this document); and

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		• To view and download in the document library of the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154051/download).
24	Table 5.1 Consultation Materials Interactive Project map An interactive map of the Project.	Commitment met - The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The interactive map was available: • On the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/north-humber-high-marnham/our-proposals/); and • On screens provided at the nine public information events (see Table B.3 of this document).
25	Table 5.1 Consultation Materials Consultation notices We will publish notices with details of the consultation, provided to statutory consultees as required under Section 47, 48 of the Act [PA 2008].	Commitment met - Newspaper notices were placed as follows. Yorkshire Post • Section 47 and 48, 18 February 2025. • Section 48, 25 February 2025. Hull Daily Mail • Section 47 and 48, 18 February 2025. • Section 48, 25 February 2025. Lincolnshire Echo • Section 47 and 48, 20 February 2025. • Section 48, 27 February 2025. Nottingham Post • Section 47 and 48, 18 February 2025. • Section 48, 25 February 2025. London Gazette • Section 48, 18 February 2025. The Guardian

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		• Section 48, 18 February 2025. The consultation notices were provided to the relevant statutory consultees. The consultation notices were also available: • On the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/north-humber-high-marnham/about-the-project); and • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period).
26	Table 5.1 Consultation Materials Statement of Community Consultation The SoCC sets out how National Grid intends to consult statutory consultees, stakeholders, affected residents, businesses and local communities ahead of its application for development consent for the Project.	Commitment met - The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. The SoCC was available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/153986/download); • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period); • At the 13 local information points listed in the SoCC (Table B.2 of this document) • As a paper copy at the nine public information events (see Table B.3 of this document). The Section 47 notice was published in the following local newspapers. • Hull Daily Mail. • Lincolnshire Echo. • Nottingham Post. • Yorkshire Post.
27	Table 5.1 Consultation Materials	Commitment met - The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC.

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	Feedback questionnaire An online and paper feedback questionnaire to gather responses to the statutory consultation.	The feedback questionnaire was available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154006/download); and • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period). • As a paper copy at the nine public information events (see Table B.3 of this document).
28	Table 5.1 Consultation Materials Guide to Interacting with our Consultation Plans A guide outlining the consultation maps and plans, and how to use them.	Commitment met – The document meets the description outlined in the SoCC. A Guide to Interacting with Our Plans was produced to provide guidance on interacting with the latest consultation plans during the statutory consultation: The Guide to Interacting with Our Plans was available: • To view and download in the document library of the Project website (https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/154036/download); • As a paper copy upon request (no requests were received during the consultation period); and • As a paper copy at the nine public information events (see Table B.3 of this document).
29	Table 5.1 Consultation Materials Project website An online site hosting all our Project information, including downloadable versions of all the above documents.	Commitment met - The website meets the description outlined in the SoCC and contained digital materials referenced in Item Nos 16 to 28 of this table for the duration of the statutory consultation.
30	5.4.2 National Grid will consider requests for copies of selected consultation materials identified in Table 5.1 in	Commitment met - There was a process in place for responding to requests for alternative formats of consultation materials, should any requests be received. Four requests for paper copies

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	alternative formats on a case-by-case basis, taking into account individual circumstances.	of the Project maps were received, and all were fulfilled. This is also explained under 'Project maps and location plans' in Item number 22 of this table.
31	5.4.3 All consultation materials will also be available on the Project website. Information will be easy to access and will be presented in a variety of ways to suit user requirements.	Commitment met - All consultation documents outlined in Item Nos 16 to 28 of this table were available on the Project website from 18 February 2025. As this demonstrates, Project information was presented in a variety of formats.
32	Table 5.2 Methods to make consultation documents available All consultation documents will be hosted on the Project website throughout the consultation period.	Commitment partially met - Consultation documents listed in Table 5.2 of the SoCC were uploaded to the Project website on 18 February 2025 and were available throughout the consultation period. The PEIR made reference to Illustrative Drawings NHHM-NG-ENG-DWG-001 to 17. These illustrative drawings were intended to provide additional context on typical designs. Due to an error, Illustrative Drawings NHHM-NG-ENG-DWG-001 to 13 were uploaded to the Project website document library on the 13 March 2025.NHHM-NG-ENG-DWG-0014 to 17 were uploaded following the close of statutory consultation on the 19 June 2025. The absence of Illustrative Drawings NHHM-NG-ENG-DWG-001 to 17 did not prevent meaningful feedback being provided. The consultation did not specifically seek any comments or feedback on these illustrative drawings. One request for the NHHM-NG-ENG-DWG-0014 to 17 was received during statutory consultation and digital copies were provided to the consultee.
33	Table 5.2 Methods to make consultation documents available We will provide the following local authorities with a website link to all the consultation documents: • East Riding of Yorkshire Council • North Lincolnshire Council	Commitment met - The Section 42 letter to prescribed consultees (including local authorities) included a link to the Project website.

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	• Bassetlaw District Council • Newark and Sherwood District Council • Nottinghamshire County Council.	
34	Table 5.2 Methods to make consultation documents available Local information points While it is no longer a statutory requirement, in addition to being available online, we will seek to ensure that paper copies of the community newsletter (February 2025), Project Background Document (2025), NTS of the PEIR, SoCC and feedback questionnaire are available to view at the locations listed below…	Commitment met – Copies of each of the specified documents were delivered to the 13 local information points (see Table B.2 of this document) in the week prior to the consultation launch.
35	Table 5.2 Methods to make consultation documents available Local information points We will check that consultation documentation remains at the local information points throughout the consultation period.	Commitment met - The Project team visited the 13 local information points during the consultation period on 19 March 2025 to confirm if any additional stock of any materials was required.
36	Table 5.2 Methods to make consultation documents available Local information points We will also try to use local websites to act as local information points, by asking them to host a link to the Project website. These may include: • local authority websites • local library websites • parish websites MPs' websites.	Commitment met - A link to the Project website was included in prescribed and non-prescribed consultee Section 42 letters. A reminder of the statutory consultation was sent on 1 April 2025 and included a request to local authorities and parish councils that *'where possible, we would appreciate it if you could help raise awareness by advertising the final two weeks of consultation through your own social media channels and by signposting people towards:* • *our website, where people can access all of the materials published as part of our consultation and submit their feedback online*

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		• *our interactive map, which includes the ability for people to enter their postcode/an address and see details of the proposals for that area* • *details of how people can provide their feedback, which are set out in the attached poster and on our website here.'*
37	Table 5.2 Methods to make consultation documents available Document requests Following the launch of the statutory consultation, consultees will be able to request paper copies of consultation documents.	Commitment met - A process was in place for responding to requests for paper/alternative format copies of consultation materials. Four requests were received during the consultation period (all for paper copies of maps) and were fulfilled.
38	Table 5.2 Methods to make consultation documents available Public information events Paper copies of the consultation documents will be available for review at public information events.	Commitment met - Paper copies of all consultation documents (including the PEIR) were made available at the nine public information events (the full list can be found in Table B.3 of this document).
39	5.5.1 Residents, local businesses and community organisations within the PCZ will be notified of the start of the consultation in a variety of ways, including through a Community Newsletter, as outlined in Table 5.1.	Commitment met - National Grid notified residents, local businesses and community organisations within the PCZ of the start of the consultation through a community newsletter.
40	Table 5.3 Promotion methods Press release	Commitment met - A press release (along with separate media briefing) was published to coincide with the start of the statutory consultation period and was issued to 67 media outlets[35].

[35] 105.3 Seaside FM, 107.8 Beverley FM, 97.5 Kemet FM. Absolutely Yorkshire, Ashfield Neighbour News, BBC News Humberside, BBC News Nottingham, BBC News UK. BBC One Look North (East Yorkshire & Lincolnshire), BBC One Look North (Yorkshire), BBC Radio Humberside, BBC Radio Humberside, BBC Radio Lincolnshire, Beverley Guardian, Beverley Life, Bridlington Echo, Bridlington Free Press, Bridlington Gold Radio, Capital FM Yorkshire, Capital Yorkshire, Driffield and Wolds Weekly, East Riding Mail, FLY FM, Goole Times, Great Yorkshire Radio, Greatest Hits Radio East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire, Greatest Hits Radio South Yorkshire, Greatest Hits Radio Yorkshire Coast, Heart Yorkshire, Holderness and Hornsea Gazette, Hucknall Dispatch, Hull Daily Mail, Hull is this, Humber Business, Impact Magazine, Insider Media, ITV News Calendar, ITV News Calendar, Lincolnshire Echo, Mansfield 103.2 FM, Mansfield 103.2 FM Sports Desk, Mansfield and Ashfield Chad, Mansfield and

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	A press release publicising the upcoming consultation and how the community can get involved will be issued ahead of the consultation.	
41	Table 5.3 Promotion methods Newspaper advertisements We will advertise the statutory consultation, including how to access information about the proposals, how to provide feedback, and how people can take part in the consultation, in locally circulated newspapers and online. Advertisements will be placed in the following publications, to ensure coverage within and beyond the PCZ and SCZ: Hull Daily Mail Yorkshire Post Lincolnshire Echo/Live.	Commitment met - Statutory notices were placed as below. Hull Daily Mail • Section 47 and 48, 18 February 2025. • Section 48, 25 February 2025. Yorkshire Post • Section 47 and 48, 18 February 2025. • Section 48, 25 February 2025. Lincolnshire Echo • Sectio 47 and 48, 20 February 2025. • Section 48, 27 February 2025. Nottingham Post • Section 47 and 48, 18 February 2025. • Section 48, 25 February 2025. London Gazette • Section 48, 18 February 2025. The Guardian • Section 48, 18 February 2025.
42	Table 5.3 Promotion methods	Commitment met - National Grid sent emails and distributed letters that included information about the consultation and how to get involved. These were sent to MPs and elected representatives identified as non-prescribed consultees. Parish

Ashfield News Journal, Newark Advertiser, Newark and Sherwood News Journal, Northern Engineer, Nottingham Local News, Nottingham Online, Nottingham Post, Nottinghamshire Aspect, Notts TV, Platform, Radio Newark, Retford Guardian, Retford Times, Scunthorpe Telegraph, Sherwood Life, Sixtynine Degrees, The Driffield Times and Post, The Hull Story, The Notts Edit, The Press – York, The Yorkshire Post, The Yorkshire Press, The Yorkshire Times, TheBusinessDesk.com (Yorkshire), Vixen 101, West Bridgford Wire, Worksop Guardian, Yorkshire Business Insider, Yorkshire Herald & Advertiser

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	Emails and letters We will send, via email, letters details about the consultation and how to get involved to: • MPs, where all or part of their constituencies lie within the PCZ and/or the SCZ • elected representatives within the PCZ, including at East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Lincolnshire Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council • parish councils within the PCZ and SCZ.	councils within the draft Order Limits or bordering them were identified as prescribed consultees and consulted with. Other parishes in the PCZ and SCZ outside of the draft Order Limits were identified as non-prescribed consultees.
43	Table 5.3 Promotion methods Statutory notices We will publish the Section 47 notice in locally circulating newspapers and the Section 48 notice once in a national newspaper and the London Gazette, and twice in locally circulating newspapers.	Commitment met – The Section 47 notice was placed in newspapers in circulation within the PCZ and SCZ as outlined in SoCC and summarised below. Hull Daily Mail • Section 47 and 48, 18 February 2025. • Section 48, 25 February 2025. Yorkshire Post • Section 47 and 48, 18 February 2025. • Section 48, 25 February 2025. Lincolnshire Echo • Section 47 and 48, 20 February 2025. • Section 48, 27 February 2025. Nottingham Post • Section 47 and 48, 18 February 2025. • Section 48, 25 February 2025. London Gazette • Section 48, 18 February 2025.

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		The Guardian • Section 48, 18 February 2025.
44	Table 5.3 Promotion methods Information posters We will produce posters that include details of the consultation, how to access Project information and how to get involved. These will be available online and a digital copy will be shared with stakeholders, including parish councils in the PCZ, to help raise awareness of consultation via their channels.	Commitment partially met - National Grid prepared a poster which included details of the consultation, how to access project information and how to get involved. On 1 April 2025, a digital copy of the poster was provided by email to stakeholders, including parish councils in the PCZ, to help raise awareness of consultation via their channels. National Grid did not publish the poster online.
45	Table 5.3 Promotion methods Social media We will promote the consultation on National Grid UK's X (formerly Twitter) account and on Facebook, @NationalGridUK. We will also develop a social media guide for local authorities to use on their social media channels which will include links to the Project website. …We will aim to point people towards sources of information, including the Project website and the interactive Project map, and to formal feedback channels.	Commitment met - The social media strategy covered Facebook, Instagram and X. Initial consultation advertisements ran between 18 February and 4 March 2025. Event specific advertisements ran for one week prior to each event, with the initial advertisement running from 22 February prior to the event on 1 March 2025. All advertisements signposted to the Project website, which included the feedback questionnaire and interactive map. Emails were sent to parish councils and local authorities on 1 April 2025 reminding them of the end of the consultation and requesting stakeholders to promote the consultation through their channels and signposting to relevant information.
46	5.5.3 Any activity (or activities) that cannot be undertaken due to circumstances beyond our control will, where possible, be substituted with a similar activity (or activities) and advertised in local newspapers (via a press release) that circulate in the vicinity of the Project.	Commitment in place - No reason arose leading to this scenario/need to cancel events.
47	5.5.4 Any activity changes will also be published on the Project website and on National Grid UK's X (formerly Twitter) accounts and on Facebook @NationalGridUK.	Commitment in place - No reason arose leading to this scenario.

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48	5.6.1 Public information events will be held for communities to find out about the Project and the consultation and to talk to representatives from the Project team. The events will be held at suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within or near the PCZ.	Commitment met – Nine public information events were held in March 2025 at suitable, publicly accessible locations within or as near as possible to the PCZ. Representatives of the Project team attended these events to talk and respond any queries from the public (the full list of events can be found in Table B.3 of this document).
49	5.6.2 Details of where and when the public information events are proposed to be held are included in Table 5.4. This information will also be published on the Project website, in newspaper adverts, on social media and in the Community newsletter (February 2025) sent to all properties within the PCZ and available at local information points.	Commitment met - Information regarding events was published on the Project website, in newspaper adverts, on social media and was included in the Community Newsletter, which was sent to all public and business postcodes in the PCZ (approximately 11,680 addresses) on the launch of consultation.
50	5.6.3 The events will be held during afternoons and early evenings in the week and at least one will be held on a weekend, where feasible.	Commitment met - The public information events were arranged to be held during weekday afternoons (1pm) until early evenings (7pm) and two over the weekend (11am to 4pm), to give the consultees the opportunity to attend the events. A list of all events and times can be found in Table B.3 of this document.
51	5.6.4 Copies of all relevant consultation materials will be made available at each exhibition, including a series of boards to present the proposals for the Project, including maps.	Commitment met - Paper copies of all consultation materials (including the PEIR and maps) were made available at the nine public information events (the full list of events can be found in Table B.3 of this document).
52	5.6.5 Those attending the events will be encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposals for the Project via the online or paper feedback questionnaire	Commitment met - Paper copies of the feedback questionnaire were available at the nine public information events. The paper feedback questionnaire included a link to the online feedback questionnaire on the Project website. The Freepost address FREEPOST NH TO HM was available for the duration of consultation to receive hard-copy feedback. Feedback received via Freepost following the close of the statutory consultation was reviewed and considered.

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		Details about the Project website were also available on all consultation materials at the public information events.
53	5.6.6 Should any events (whether in person or webinars) need to be altered or cancelled for any reason, the most appropriate mitigation would be identified on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the relevant local planning authority or authorities.	Commitment in place - No reason arose leading to this scenario/need to cancel events.
54	5.7.1 We will aim to hold six webinars during the consultation period. Some webinars will provide a general overview of the proposals, whilst others will be location-specific, allowing attendees to choose the session(s) of most interest. Details of the proposed webinars are included in Table 5.5.	Commitment met - Six webinars were held during the consultation period, including two that provided a general overview of the proposals and four that were location specific. The dates of these webinars were scheduled are listed below: • Tuesday 25 February 2025 6:30-7:30pm - General Overview of the proposals. • Thursday 6 March 2025 6:30-7:30pm - Route Sections 1, 2 and 3. • Tuesday 11 March 2025 6:30-7:30pm - Route Sections 4, 5,6 and 7. • Thursday 13 March 2025 6:30-7:30pm - Route Sections 8 and 9. • Tuesday 18 March 2025 6:30-7:30pm - Route Sections 10 and 11. • Thursday 27 March 2025 2-3pm - General Overview of the proposals. A total of 47 people attended across all webinars.
55	5.7.2 Those interested will be able to sign up to the webinars via the Project website or by contacting National Grid by using the contact details set out in Section 6.1.	Commitment met - Webinar registration information was included within the content on the Project website, and the community relations team were able to action sign-ups requested via other channels.

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56	5.7.3 The sessions will cover the proposals in detail and provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions of the Project team.	Commitment met - The webinars gave the opportunity for the public to ask questions about the Project and included a presentation on the proposals and a Q&A session where members of the Project team were available to respond to questions.
57	5.7.4 National Grid will endeavour to make British Sign Language interpretation available for one of the general overview webinars, which will be recorded and published on the Project website.	Commitment met - National Grid made British Sign Language interpretation available for the first webinar, which was then recorded and uploaded to the Project website on 21 February 2025.
58	5.8.1 National Grid will offer briefings and/or meetings with the following stakeholders in the run-up to, or during the consultation: • MPs, where all or part of their constituencies lie within either consultation zone • elected representatives of district and county councils within the PCZ • parish councils, where all or part of the parish falls within the PCZ • host local authorities and neighbouring local authorities • key prescribed consultees, such as Natural England and the Environment Agency • persons with an interest in land (PILs) under Section 42(1)(d) of the Act [PA 2008].	Commitment met - Invite to meeting was included within the consultee letters sent to MPs. Elected representatives of district and county councils within the PCZ were invited to briefings via the consents team through their regular project meetings with local authority officers. Four one-hour online webinar sessions presented details of the proposals followed by a question and answer session. These included a separate webinar for route sections to allow attendees to choose which session they found most relevant. • Creyke Beck to River Ouse crossing (Route Sections 1, 2 and 3). • River Ouse crossing to Graizelound (Route Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7). • Graizelound to A620 east of North Wheatley (Route Sections 8 and 9). • A620 east of North Wheatley to High Marnham (Route Sections 10 and 11). Host local authorities were invited to a briefing/ meeting within the consultee letters sent.

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		Key prescribed consultees were invited for meetings via the project team engagement activities. Further information will be provided in the Consultation Report. PILs were invited for meetings via the lands team engagement activities. The Parish Clerk of South Leverton Parish Council requested a meeting via an email on 25 March 2025. A meeting took place on 2 April 2025 at Memorial Institute, Town Street, South Leverton, Retford, DN22 0BT. A member of Treswell Parish Council also attended.
59	5.8.2 National Grid will consider meetings with other organisations and individuals upon request.	Commitment met - National Grid has responded to all enquiries from correspondence during the statutory consultation and where requested, meetings were held with landowners, business owners and members of the public.
60	5.9.4 …all identified underrepresented groups and local interest groups will be contacted by letter at the launch of the consultation. They will be encouraged to request alternative formats of consultation materials, where appropriate.	Commitment met - National Grid identified seldom heard and local interest groups who were contacted as non-prescribed consultees by post/email (depending on contact information available).
61	5.9.5 We will maintain and update the list of underrepresented groups and local interest groups as the consultation progresses	Commitment met - National Grid maintained a stakeholder map of local interest groups throughout consultation and reached out to stakeholders about underrepresented groups.
62	Table 5.6 Underrepresented group engagement tools Considering alternative formats on a case-by-case basis	Commitment met - A process was in place for responding to requests of paper/alternative format copies of consultation materials, should any requests be received. Four requests for paper copy maps were received and fulfilled.
63	Table 5.6 Underrepresented group engagement tools Engaging with community groups serving the demographic	Commitment met - Groups were identified and consulted as non-prescribed consultees as part of statutory consultation.

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64	Table 5.6 Underrepresented group engagement tools Providing paper copies of materials at local information points, along with contact details of the Project team, who will be able to provide further assistance and send selected consultation documents to those who are unable to access the material online.	Commitment in place - Paper copies of materials were available at the nine local information events, which included contact details. A process for responding to requests of paper/alternative format copies of consultation materials was in place. Four requests for paper copy maps were received and fulfilled.
65	Table 5.6 Underrepresented group engagement tools Providing, on request, an audio guide of consultation banners	Commitment in place - A process for responding to requests of paper/alternative format copies of consultation materials was in place. No requests for an audio guide of the banners were received.
66	Table 5.6 Underrepresented group engagement tools Providing options to enlarge text on the Project's website.	Commitment met - The Project website is responsive so that users can zoom in and out on the page using their own device.
67	6.1.3 Responses given orally, such as via telephone (0808 189 1346), will be considered in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis, if someone may not otherwise be able to respond to the consultation.	Commitment in place - No oral responses were requested or required.
68	6.1.4 Feedback submissions sent via post will be accepted for up to five working days after this [the closing] date.	Commitment met – Feedback sent via post and received up to the 24 April 2025 was accepted.
69	6.1.7 More information on how National Grid will use the information collected about respondents will be made available in the consultation feedback questionnaire and on the Project website during the consultation period.	Commitment met - This information was included via National Grid's privacy policy in the feedback questionnaire (both print and digital).
70	6.3.1 After the consultation closes, the feedback will be reviewed and analysed to understand key themes and concerns. A summary of the feedback will be presented in a Consultation report submitted as part of the DCO application.	Commitment in place - A Consultation Report is being prepared and submitted as part of the DCO application.

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	6.3.2 The proposed DCO application will be finalised, taking into consideration the feedback received from the consultation in accordance with Section 49 of the Planning Act. 6.3.3 A Consultation report will be produced as part of the application for a DCO, as required by Section 37(3)(c) of the Act. The report will include a summary of the consultation process undertaken in accordance with this SoCC, and will set out how the feedback from the consultation has shaped and influenced the proposals as submitted within the application for a DCO.	
71	6.3.6 The Consultation Report will be available online, alongside other application documents, once an application for a DCO has been accepted. Paper copies will be available from the Project team on request and may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees.	Commitment in place - The Consultation Report is in preparation and will be uploaded to the Planning Inspectorate website alongside all application materials as part of the DCO application. Once complete, paper copies will be available from the Project team on request, with any charges to cover printing and postage fees agreed in advance.

Table B.2 – How Details of the local information points where paper copies of selected consultation materials were made available to view and take away during statutory consultation

Location	Address
Beverley Library	Champney Treasure House, Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE
South Cave Library	97 Church Street, South Cave, HU15 2EP
Goole Library	Carlisle Street, Goole, DN14 5DS
Cottingham Library and Customer Service Centre	Market Green, Cottingham, HU16 5QG
Crowle Library	The Market Hall, Crowle, DN17 4LA
Nottinghamshire Mobile Library (North Route 11)	Mobile
Haxey Library	The Memorial Hall, Haxey, DN9 2HH
Misterton Library	High Street, Misterton, DN10 4BU
Retford Library	Churchgate, Retford, DN22 6PE
Bassetlaw District Council – Retford Office	17B The Square, Retford, DN22 6DB[36]
Epworth Library	Live Well Isle of Axholme, Burnham Road, Epworth, DN9 1BZ
Gainsborough Library	Cobden Street, Gainsborough, DN21 2NG
All Saints Parish Church Misterton	High Street, Misterton, DN10 4AL

Table B.3 – Details of where and when the public information events were held during statutory consultation, and the total number of attendees

Date and time	Venue	Attendees
Saturday 1 March 2025, 11am-4pm	Dunham on Trent Village Hall, Low Street, Dunham, NG22 0FJ	88
Monday 3 March 2025, 1-7pm	Gringley on the Hill Community Centre, W Wells Lane, Gringley on the Hill, DN10 4QY	83
Tuesday 4 March 2025, 1-7pm	North and South Wheatley Village Hall, Sturton Road, South Wheatley, DN22 9DL	41

[36] The consultation materials noted that Bassetlaw District Council's Retford Office was operating from a temporary location until late-February 2025 and pointed consultees to the council's website for updated information

Date and time	Venue	Attendees
Monday 10 March 2025, 1-7pm	Crowle Community Hall, Woodland Avenue, Crowle, DN17 4LL	120
Friday 14 March 2025, 1-7pm	All Saints Community Centre, Church Hill, South Cave, HU15 2EU	42
Saturday 15 March 2025 11am-4pm	Gilberdyke Memorial Hall, 11 Clementhorpe Road, Gilberdyke, HU15 2UB	47
Wednesday 19 March 2025, 1-7pm	Garthorpe Village Hall, Shore Road, Garthorpe, DN17 4AD	45
Friday 21 March 2025, 1-7pm	Epworth Imperial Hall, Chapel Street, Epworth, DN9 1HJ	73
Wednesday 26 March 2025, 1-7pm	Cottingham Civic Hall, Market Green, Cottingham, HU16 5QF	43
Total attendees across all events		582

Table B.4 – Approach to consultation with seldom heard groups

Group category	Methods used
Older people	• Directly mailed the Community Newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the Primary Consultation Zone (PCZ), providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post, if needed. • Provided options to submit feedback online, by post and telephone if necessary. • Held accessible face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times, across the route of the project. • Held webinar sessions for those with further questions, featuring a booking system which took into consideration individual needs. • Considered alternative formats on a case-by-case basis. • Engaged with community groups serving the demographic. • Provided paper copies of materials at local information points (see Table 1), along with contact details of the project team, who were be able to provide further assistance and send selected consultation documents to those who were unable to access the material online.
People with visual impairments	• Provided, on request, an audio guide of consultation banners. • Considered alternative formats on a case-by-case basis. • Provided options to enlarge text on the project's website.

Group category	Methods used
People with limited mobility/ disability	• Provided options to submit feedback online, by post and telephone if necessary. • Directly mailed the Community Newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ, and provided details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post, if needed. • Provided online engagement opportunities through the project website and webinars to negate the need for travel. • Considered alternative formats on a case-by-case basis. • Held accessible face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times, across the route of the project. • Held webinar sessions for those with further questions, featuring a booking system which took into consideration individual needs.
People with hearing loss	• Provided a British Sign Language interpreter at one webinar, the recording of which was made available to view on the project website.
Youth groups	• Provided online engagement and shared links to the project website. • Used social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, Secondary Consultation Zone (SCZ) and further afield. • Held face-to-face public information events at a variety of location and times across the route of the project. • Contacted local centres of education to offer engagement opportunities.
Carers and families with young children	• Directly mailed the Community Newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ, and provided details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed. • Provided options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility. • Held face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the project. • Provided online engagement opportunities through the project website and webinars to negate the need for travel. • Used social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield.
Economically inactive individuals	• Encouraged online engagement. • Used social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield. • Offered options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility.

Group category	Methods used
Geographically isolated individuals or communities	• Directly mailed the Community Newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ, and provided details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed. • Held face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the project. • Provided online engagement opportunities through the project website and webinars to negate the need for travel. • Used social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield.
Locally underrepresented minority ethnic groups (such as Black, Asian and minority ethnicity)	• Emailed community groups representing underrepresented minority ethnic groups to offer engagement opportunities.
People with English as an additional language	• Endeavoured to provide consultation materials in alternative languages, upon reasonable request.
Travellers	• Contacted community groups representing travellers to offer engagement opportunities. • Tried to engage with traveller communities through local authorities, when liaison officers were available. • Used social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield.
Digitally isolated	• Reached out by email or telephone to community groups representing digitally isolated groups to offer engagement opportunities. • Directly mailed the Community Newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ, and provided details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed. • Advertised the consultation in traditional media such as local newspapers circulating in the PCZ and SCZ. • Provided paper copies of materials at local information points, along with contact details for the project team, who were able to provide further assistance and send selected consultation documents to those who were unable to access the material online.

Table B.5 – How National Grid has had regard to host authority feedback on the Draft SoCC

Local authority	Date responded	SoCC reference	Comments	National Grid's response	Change made to the SoCC?
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	3 December 2024	N/A – General comment	Having reviewed the draft Statement of Community Consultation, the East Riding of Yorkshire Council are generally satisfied with the proposed level of consultation and publication relative to the East Riding.	Comment noted.	None required.
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	3 December 2024	Table 5.3 (Section 5.5.2)	It should be noted that with regard to press releases and notices to be displayed in local newspapers, The Goole Times should also be included.	Wording amended to include Goole Times in the list of newspapers for press releases, in line with suggestion. The notice was not published in the Goole Times as it was published in the Hull Daily Mail and Yorkshire Post, which cover the same area.	Yes, Table 5.3 amended to include The Goole Times in the list of publications that the press release will be issued to.
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	3 December 2024	N/A – General comment	It is acknowledged that while the new substations did not form part of the non-statutory consultation, they are to be included within the statutory consultation. This is considered a reasonable approach and is supported.	Comment noted.	None required.
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	3 December 2024	Section 5.3.6 Section 5.9	It is advised that you liaise with the Town and Parish Councils and also Ward Councillors and other statutory Consultees with regard to 'Hard to Reach' and 'Seldom Heard Groups', with them considered to know the	Section 5.3.6 explains that we will work with authorities to identify and consult seldom heard groups within the consultation zone. As further detailed in Section 5.9, our approach to consultation will be to reach out to groups that are	No groups were suggested in addition to those already identified in the SoCC, so no change was required.

Local authority	Date responded	SoCC reference	Comments	National Grid's response	Change made to the SoCC?
			areas and residents they represent the best.	underrepresented for the purposes of the Project and the organisations that represent them, as identified in discussions with local authorities and other stakeholders. Further detail on our approach to consulting underrepresented groups is also provided in Table 5.4, which outlines the methods we propose to use to engage with seldom heard groups. A list of local interest groups, and organisations representing underrepresented groups, can be found in Appendix B. National Grid wrote to all host town and parish councils, along with ward councillors, on Wednesday 8 January 2025 asking if there were any seldom heard groups they should be made aware of and engage as part of the statutory consultation. No groups were suggested in addition to those already identified in Appendix B of the SoCC.	
North Lincolnshire Council	9 December 2024	N/A – General comment	The adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is August 2018, see below: https://localplan.northlincs.gov.uk/sci	Comment noted.	None required.

Local authority	Date responded	SoCC reference	Comments	National Grid's response	Change made to the SoCC?
			The submitted Statement of Community Consultation for the North Humber to High Marham Project is in broad compliance with the council's adopted SCI August 2018 notably Chapter 4 'Community Involvements - Planning Applications'.		
Nottinghamshire County Council	11 December 2024	N/A – General comment	NCC consider the SoCC to be comprehensive and have no issues to raise.	Comment noted.	None required.
Bassetlaw District Council	17 December 2024	N/A - General comment	The document covers the issues that we expect to find but a few things are generally lacking in detail. More specifically, we felt the NH-HM Localised Consultation Strategy (LCS) provided more thorough information than the draft SoCC. While it is acknowledged that some specifics may still be emerging and that more detail will inevitably feature in the subsequent Consultation Report, it would be helpful for clearer information to be included up-front. This will enable consultees to understand what opportunities for public engagement are available, the project, and National Grid ambitions for the scheme.	More detailed information on the consultation and the ways that those interested can engage with it (such as through in-person public information events, webinars and providing feedback) is provided in the materials that have been produced as part of the statutory consultation. Consultation materials are listed in Table 5.1 within the SoCC. Methods on how to view consultation materials are listed in table 5.2 of the SoCC. Examples of consultation documents that set out a background to the project, the opportunities for public engagement and next steps include the Consultation	Yes, details of consultation events added to final version of SoCC.

Local authority	Date responded	SoCC reference	Comments	National Grid's response	Change made to the SoCC?
				newsletter, which will be sent to all addresses in the primary consultation zone. Additionally, the Project background document provides similar information in summary form before giving a more detailed overview of the proposals. Much of this information was unconfirmed at the time to draft SoCC was produced and shared with the host authorities for consultation, meaning that it was omitted from the draft SoCC. However, the information has been included within the version of the SoCC published as part of the statutory consultation.	
Bassetlaw District Council	17 December 2024	N/A - General comment	There are inconsistencies in phrasing and abbreviations. For example, the NH-HM LCS provided full definitions of the Primary Consultation Zones (PCZ) and Secondary Consultation Zones (SCZ), but it is only abbreviated throughout albeit from paragraphs 3.34 and 3.35 when discussing the Localised non-statutory consultation. It would be useful to include full definitions of the PCZ and SCZ within the SOCC. In addition, paragraph 3.34 states: 'Hard-to-	Wording reviewed throughout document to ensure use of phrasing and abbreviation is consistent.	Yes, multiple small changes.

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			Reach' whereas it should be 'Seldom Heard' throughout.		
Bassetlaw District Council	17 December 2024	Section 5.4	To ensure equal access to the Project Background Document and Preliminary Environmental Information Report it would be important that both are available on the consultation website and at public consultation events and inspection points. Table 5.1 seems to suggest a different approach: "The document will be published on the Project website, and be available in paper copy on request, at the inspection points listed in Table 5.2 and at public consultation event". Additionally, Table 5.1 Project maps and location points says that these will only be available on the website and to view on screen at events. Table 5.4 recognises that some communities may be digitally isolated so for consistency we would recommend that at least one project map is made available at inspection points to aid understanding.	National Grid can confirm that maps and location plans will be included within the Project background document. To reduce the environmental impact of the consultation, National Grid does not propose to make available paper copies of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) at inspection points. However, a copy of the PEIR will be available online and a paper copy will be available at public information events, whilst copies of the Project background document and Non-technical summary of the PEIR will be available online, with paper copies at public information events and at inspection points.	None made.
Bassetlaw District Council	17 December 2024	Section 5.4	Mobile libraries (Inspire) cover the majority of Bassetlaw villages (including Bassetlaw) without close access to libraries. These include	National Grid can confirm that Nottinghamshire Mobile Libraries (Inspire) and All Saints Parish Church, Misterton have been	Yes, Table 5.2 amended to include Nottinghamshire

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			the rural areas within the consultation zones. The NH-HM LCS was available at Retford Leisure Centre and Misterton Parish Church which have been omitted from the draft SoCC. It would be useful to revisit these locations due to longer and more consistent opening times.	added to the list of local information points. Whilst it sought to also agree Retford Leisure Centre as a local information point, no response to requests for the venue to serve as a public information point were received. As such, National Grid has been unable to add this a further local information point. However, Retford was still served by two local information points – Retford Library and Bassetlaw District Council's Retford office.	Mobile Libraries and All Saints Parish Church, Misterton in the list of local information points.
Bassetlaw District Council	17 December 2024	Section 5.4	More detail is required on the type of venues for public information events. Village Halls are the most appropriate venue to host events in the rural area. Reference to village halls and/or community centres would be welcome.	Building on the approach taken at the non-statutory consultation, National Grid can confirm that it intends to hold consultation events at a variety of locations, including village halls, as part of the statutory consultation. Much of this information was unconfirmed at the time to draft SoCC was produced and shared with the host authorities for consultation, meaning that it was omitted from the draft SoCC. However, the information has been included within the version of the SoCC published as part of the statutory consultation.	Yes, details of consultation events added to final version of SoCC.

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Bassetlaw District Council	17 December 2024	Section 5.4	The list of outlets receiving a press release omits any local specific to Bassetlaw. This is a significant oversight given that the communities of Bassetlaw are directly impacted by the proposal. We would recommend that the Worksop Guardian, Retford Times, and Nottinghamshire Live are included in the draft SoCC.	Wording amended in line with suggestion.	Yes, Table 5.3 amended to include Worksop Guardian, Retford Times and Nottinghamshire Live in the list of outlets that will receive the press release.
Bassetlaw District Council	17 December 2024	Section 5.4	Overall, there is a need to strengthen underrepresented group engagement tools.	Comment noted. In addition to the commitments already identified in Table 5.4 of the draft SoCC, National Grid will consider further opportunities to engage with underrepresented groups, and welcomes any further feedback from local authorities on how this could be achieved. National Grid wrote to all host parish councils and ward councillors on 8 January 2025 asking if there were any seldom heard groups they should be made aware of and engage as part of the statutory consultation. Any responses received were used to inform National Grid's list of seldom heard stakeholders, also included in Appendix B of the SoCC.	Yes, Appendix 2 updated to incorporate suggestions of seldom heard groups.

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Bassetlaw District Council	17 December 2024	Section 5.4	As the PCZ and SCZ cover Bassetlaw's rural area, it would be imperative to host public consultation events where and when public transport is readily available to ensure that all consultees can participate equally. This would ensure that older people, digitally isolated and geographically isolated individuals or communities are not excluded from attending public consultation events.	Building on the approach taken at the non-statutory consultation, National Grid can confirm that it intends to hold consultation events at a variety of locations in close proximity to its proposals. When considering which locations to hold consultation events at, National Grid has first considered the success of venues used at the non-statutory consultation. Where the need to hold an event at a new venue has been identified, it has considered proximity to public transport, along with a range of other factors (such as size and general suitability of the venue, proximity to the project area, venue availability) when deciding which venues to proceed with. Much of this information was unconfirmed at the time to draft SoCC was produced and shared with the host authorities for consultation, meaning that it was omitted from the draft SoCC. However, the information has been included within the version of the SoCC published as part of the statutory consultation.	Yes, details of consultation events added to final version of SoCC.

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Newark and Sherwood District Council	2 January 2025	Section 5.4	This is to ensure the Public Sector Equality Act (2010) can be discharged and those communities and individuals with protected characteristics are not detrimentally impacted and are reached out to in the consultation process. This is especially the case where Travellers are concerned and to consult with this community may be best carried out face to face as opposed to the use of flyers or social media. The Council's Regeneration and Housing team [email redacted] will be able to help with contact to those communities within our District and you are advised to contact them if you require any further information on approaches.	At the time of the SoCC consultation, National Grid was in separate dialogue with Newark and Sherwood District Council, as part of which it reached out to the relevant councillors at the Council (plus the other host local authorities) to see if they had any comments or suggestions as to groups it should engage with. No traveller sites were identified within the SCZ in the Newark and Sherwood District Council boundary.	No groups were suggested in addition to those already identified in the SoCC, so no change was required.

B.2 Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Neighbouring Local Authority Letter

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1 May 2026

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Planning Inspectorate's Reference EN020034

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Act 2008
National Grid Electricity Transmission
North Humber to High Marnham Adequacy of Consultation Milestone

I am writing to you regarding the North Humber to High Marnham project (the **Project**) and the adequacy of the consultation carried out to date on the Project, as we prepare our application for development consent.

Once the application for development consent for the Project is submitted, the Planning Inspectorate will assess whether we have complied with the pre-application procedure. As part of this process, under section 55(4)(b) of the Planning Act 2008, the Inspectorate will ask local authorities to submit an Adequacy of Consultation Representation to assist in deciding whether to accept the application for examination.

In accordance with the pre-application stage of the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects planning process, the Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects guidance ("the Guidance"), and The Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-Application Prospectus ("the Prospectus"), we are preparing an Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) document to submit to the Inspectorate.

The AoCM is a written submission to allow for early consideration of the adequacy of consultation carried out by the applicant at pre-application stage by the Inspectorate and should be submitted no later than around three months before the intended date of submission of the application National Grid will submit the application in September 2026.

The North Humber to High Marnham AoCM will:

- explain the consultation undertaken to date;
- how the activities set out in the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) have been delivered; and
- the way in which the consultation responses are shaping the application.

Both the Guidance and Prospectus state that the AoCM should also include, if

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available, the views of, and any relevant supporting material from, local authorities. We are writing to you as Bolsover District Council was identified as sharing a boundary with a host planning authority for the statutory consultation.

The draft SoCC was shared with the host planning authorities for their comment in November 2024 and the final SoCC was prepared and published in February 2025 (https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/153986/download). Table 1 appended to this letter sets out the commitments made in the SoCC and how we complied with them.

To reduce repetition within Table 1, also appended to this letter are:

- Details of the local information points where paper copies of selected consultation materials were made available to take away (Table 2);
- Dates and locations of the public information events held during the statutory consultation (Table 3); and
- Information regarding how National Grid reached seldom heard groups (Table 4).

We have also included a summary of the feedback from host authorities on the draft SoCC, and the regard had to this feedback (Table 5).

National Grid is required to undertake a further targeted statutory consultation with People with an Interest in Land. This will commence in May 2026, and this will follow the same principles and methods as carried out in previous rounds of statutory consultation.

I would be grateful if you would please review the information provided and respond by Monday 1 June 2026 on whether your organisation is satisfied that National Grid has met its obligations in relation to the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date, as set out in the SoCC.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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B.3 Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Neighbouring Local Authority Letter - Newark and Sherwood District Council

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[redacted]
Business Manager – Planning and Development
Newark and Sherwood District Council

1 May 2026

Sent via email

Planning Inspectorate's Reference EN020034

Dear [redacted]

Planning Act 2008

National Grid Electricity Transmission

North Humber to High Marnham Adequacy of Consultation Milestone

I am writing to you regarding North Humber to High Marnham and the adequacy of the consultation carried out to date on the Project, as we prepare our application for development consent.

Once the application for development consent is submitted, the Planning Inspectorate will assess whether we have complied with the pre-application procedure. As part of this process, under section 55(4)(b) of the Planning Act 2008, the Inspectorate will ask local authorities to submit an Adequacy of Consultation Representation to assist in deciding whether to accept the application for examination.

In accordance with the pre-application stage of the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects planning process, the Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects guidance ("the Guidance"), and The Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-Application Prospectus ("the Prospectus"), we are preparing an Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) document to submit to the Inspectorate.

The AoCM is a written submission to allow for early consideration of the adequacy of consultation carried out by the applicant at pre-application stage by the Inspectorate and should be submitted no later than around three months before the intended date of submission of the application. National Grid will submit the application in September 2026.

The North Humber to High Marnham AoCM will:

- explain the consultation undertaken to date;
- how the activities set out in the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) have been delivered; and
- the way in which the consultation responses are shaping the application.

Both the Guidance and Prospectus state that the AoCM should also include, if available, the views of, and any relevant supporting material from, local authorities.

As you may recall, we consulted Newark and Sherwood District Council on the draft SoCC in November 2024. The SoCC was then finalised, having regard to the responses received and published in February 2025 (https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/153986/download), Table 1 appended to this letter sets out the commitments made in the SoCC and how we complied with them.

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To reduce repetition within Table 1, also appended to this letter are:

- Details of the local information points where paper copies of selected consultation materials were made available to take away (Table 2);
- Dates and locations of the public information events held during the statutory consultation (Table 3); and
- Information regarding how National Grid reached seldom heard groups (Table 4).

We have also included a summary of the feedback from host authorities, as identified at statutory consultation, on the draft SoCC and the regard had to this feedback (Table 5).

National Grid is required to undertake a further targeted statutory consultation with People with an Interest in Land. This will commence in May 2026, and this will follow the same principles and methods as carried out in previous rounds of statutory consultation.

I would be grateful if you would please review the information provided and respond by Monday 1 June 2026 on whether your Council is satisfied that National Grid has met its obligations in relation to the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date, as set out in the SoCC.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Senior Consents Manager, North Humber to High Marnham

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Appendix C Responses from Local Planning Authorities to the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM)

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Responses from Local Planning Authorities to the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM)

C.1 Feedback from Bassetlaw District Council

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 17:16
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NHHM - Adequacy of Consultation

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Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your initial email and recent reminder about the current consultation, shared with me by [redacted] (cc). Having reviewed the documentation provided, we are satisfied that National Grid has met its obligations in relation to the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date. The documentation provided, mapping the actions undertaken against the SoCC, is helpfully clear and thorough.

Although not directly the subject of the current exercise, it is timely to note that a refinement in the extent of the PCZ between consultation stages did result in some lack of clarity in messaging. The effect of this was that some households received direct communication during the first round, but not during subsequent rounds. We did hear informally from some residents in this situation who were initially unsure about if or how they were impacted by the revised proposals (the situation eventually being clarified that they were now outside the PCZ). We do recognise, however, that the approach taken was proportionate.

I trust that the above provides the information requested, but please do get in touch if you require anything further.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

[redacted] PhD MRTPI
Neighbourhood Planning Team Leader
Bassetlaw District Council

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C.2 Feedback from East Riding of Yorkshire Council

From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 April 2026 13:29
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: NHHM - Adequacy of Consultation

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Hi [redacted],

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the adequacy of the consultation undertaken to date. Having reviewed the document, it is unclear why previous advice given by ERYC to include Goole Times for publication of consultation events was discounted. It is acknowledged that both the Hull Daily Mail and the Yorkshire Post cover areas such as Broomfleet and Blacktoft however the Goole Times is the main newspaper serving these areas and is the newspaper that the Local Authority would publicise planning applications in for these areas. There also appears to be a lack of justification as to why the information poster was not published online as was stated it would be in the SoCC.

With the exception of the above, ERYC are satisfied that National Grid has met the obligations in relation to the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date, as set out in the SoCC.

Many Thanks

[redacted] (she/her/hers)
Principal Planning Officer

Please note my working days are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

C.3 Feedback from North Lincolnshire Council

Officer: [redacted]
Tel: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

29/04/2026

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North Lincolnshire Council Reference: DCO/2026/3

North Humber to High Marham Adequacy of Consultation Milestone

Officer: [redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 1st April 2026 giving North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) the opportunity to feedback on the North Humber to High Martham Adequacy of Consultation Milestone.

I can confirm that after consultation with internal technical consultees of NLC, the Local Planning Authority are satisfied that National Grid has met is obligations in relation to the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date and as set out in the Statement of Community Consultation. If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

[redacted]
Senior Planning Officer
North Lincolnshire Council

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C.4 Feedback from Nottinghamshire County Council

From: [redacted]
Sent: 21 April 2026 16:26
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: NHHM - Adequacy of Consultation

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Hi [redacted],

Thank you for the comprehensive letter setting out how National Grid has met its obligations in relation to the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date.

I have read the document and I am satisfied that NG has taken into account the feedback of the host authorities regarding the content of the SOCC and that the consultation activities detailed within the SOCC have been undertaken as proposed. We are not aware of any concerns raised by the local community or local councillors with respect to the consultation process. Therefore, I confirm that the Council is satisfied that National Grid has met its obligations in relation to the adequacy of consultation and is overall satisfied that NG has engaged early and constructively with the County Council.

I trust that this assists.

Kind regards,
Will

[redacted] **MRTPI**
Planning and Infrastructure Manager | Planning Policy
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C.5 Feedback from Newark and Sherwood District Council

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 5:20:02 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: NHHM - Adequacy of Consultation Milestone

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[redacted]

Notwithstanding that we are no longer a host authority, we are satisfied that National Grid has met the obligations in relation to the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date, as set out in the SoCC.

Kind regards

[redacted], MRTPI
Business Manager
PLANNING DEVELOPMENT
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NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chat with me in Teams

Please note that any views or opinions expressed are given in good faith and to the best of our ability without prejudice to the formal consideration of any planning application following statutory public consultation.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 May 2026 13:00
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: NHHM - Adequacy of Consultation Milestone

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C.6 Feedback from West Lindsey District Council

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Date: 22/05/2026

National Grid
[redacted]

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Dear Madam,

Application Number: WL/2026/00418

Proposal: Written enquiry: North Humber to High Marnham Adequacy of Consultation Milestone - EN020034.

Location:
NORTH HUMBER TO HIGH MARNHAM
NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION

Thank you for your letter dated 1 May 2026 in relation to the submission of your Adequacy of Consultation milestone document.

West Lindsey District Council are satisfied that the developer has met their adequacy of consultation as part of the pre application process for the above project, insofar that West Lindsey have been involved as a neighbouring authority.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

On behalf of West Lindsey District Council

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C.7 Feedback from North Kesteven District Council

From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 May 2026 08:49
To: Contact North Humber to High Marnham <contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: National Grid NHHM - Adequacy of Consultation Milestone

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Official

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for consulting North Kesteven District Council in relation to the AoCM in respect of the National Grid NHHM project. I can confirm that the Council has been given the opportunity to comment in relation to these proposals through earlier stages and has no comments or concerns in relation to matters set out in the AoCM insofar as it relates to the District.

Regards
[redacted]

North Kesteven
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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C.8 Feedback from Rushcliffe Borough Council

From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 June 2026 09:24
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: National Grid NHHM - Adequacy of Consultation Milestone

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Good morning [redacted],

Apologies for the delayed response on your query.

After consulting our Team Manager for Environment, [redacted], he has reviewed your email of 1st May and confirms that as we are a neighbouring authority, he has no concerns over the consultation as the upgrade stops at Bassetlaw.

His view is that he is also broadly in favour of grid update as an essential part of making energy resilience/future proofing network in the UK.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you require any further comment.

Kind regards,

[redacted]
Senior Executive Support Assistant to [redacted], Chief Executive Officer

Rushcliffe Borough Council

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Rushcliffe
Borough Council

Appendix D
List of Prescribed Consultees Identified and Consulted During Statutory Consultation

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Section 42(1)(a) Consultee List in line with the APFP schedule

Table D.1 – List of consultees from the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2024 No. 332 Schedule

Consultee	Circumstances when consultees must be consulted	EIA Reg 11 Y or N	Organisation / Contact	Consulted Y or N	Reason for inclusion / exclusion	Responded to the Statutory Consultation Y or N
Government						
The Welsh Ministers (Welsh Government)	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Wales	N		N	Not consulted as the application is not likely to affect land in Wales	N/A
The Scottish Executive (Scottish Government)	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Scotland	N		N	Not consulted as the application is not likely to affect land in Scotland	N/A
The relevant Northern Ireland Department	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Northern Ireland	N		N	Not consulted as the application is not likely to affect land in Northern Ireland	N/A
The Secretary of State for Defence	All proposed applications likely to affect the current or future	Y	Ministry of Defence	Y	Consulted as application could affect the current or future operation of a site identified in a	Y

Consultee	Circumstances when consultees must be consulted	EIA Reg 11 Y or N	Organisation / Contact	Consulted Y or N	Reason for inclusion / exclusion	Responded to the Statutory Consultation Y or N
	operation of a site identified in a safeguarding map and all developments in the marine area				safeguarding map and all developments in the marine area	
The relevant parish council, or, where the application relates to land in Wales or Scotland the relevant community council	All proposed applications	N	Alkborough and Walcot Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	Y
		Y	Amcotts Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	Y
		N	Askham Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Beckingham Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Belton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Beverley Town Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Blacktoft Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	Y
		N	Bole Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Brantingham Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N

Consultee	Circumstances when consultees must be consulted	EIA Reg 11 Y or N	Organisation / Contact	Consulted Y or N	Reason for inclusion / exclusion	Responded to the Statutory Consultation Y or N
		Y	Broomfleet Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Burringham Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Burton upon Stather Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Clarborough and Welham Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Clayworth Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Cottingham Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Crowle and Ealand Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Dunham with Ragnall, Darlton and Fledborough Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	Y
		Y	East Drayton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	Y
		N	East Ferry Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	East Markham Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N

Consultee	Circumstances when consultees must be consulted	EIA Reg 11 Y or N	Organisation / Contact	Consulted Y or N	Reason for inclusion / exclusion	Responded to the Statutory Consultation Y or N
		N	East Stockwith Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Eastoft Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Eastrington Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Egmanton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Ellerker Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Elloughton-cum-Brough Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Epworth Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Everton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Fenton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Flixborough Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Gainsborough Town Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N

Consultee	Circumstances when consultees must be consulted	EIA Reg 11 Y or N	Organisation / Contact	Consulted Y or N	Reason for inclusion / exclusion	Responded to the Statutory Consultation Y or N
		N	Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Garthorpe and Fockerby Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Gilberdyke Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	Y
		N	Girton and Meeting Parish Meeting	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	Y
		N	Grassthorpe Parish Meeting	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Gringley on the Hill Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Grove Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Gunness Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Hatfield Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Haxey Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Hayton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N

Consultee	Circumstances when consultees must be consulted	EIA Reg 11 Y or N	Organisation / Contact	Consulted Y or N	Reason for inclusion / exclusion	Responded to the Statutory Consultation Y or N
		Y	Headon cum Upton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Headon cum Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Holme upon Spalding Moor Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Hotham Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Keadby with Althorpe Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Kilpin Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Kirk Ella and West Ella Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Knaith Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Laneham Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	Y
		N	Laxton and Moorhouse Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N

Consultee	Circumstances when consultees must be consulted	EIA Reg 11 Y or N	Organisation / Contact	Consulted Y or N	Reason for inclusion / exclusion	Responded to the Statutory Consultation Y or N
		N	Laxton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Lea Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Luddington and Haldenby Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Marnham Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Marton and Gate Burton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Misson Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Misterton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Morton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Newbald Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Newport Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Newton on Trent Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N

Consultee	Circumstances when consultees must be consulted	EIA Reg 11 Y or N	Organisation / Contact	Consulted Y or N	Reason for inclusion / exclusion	Responded to the Statutory Consultation Y or N
		N	Normanton on Trent Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	North and South Wheatley Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	North Cave Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	North Clifton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	North Leverton with Habblesthorpe Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Ossington Parish Meeting	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Owston Ferry Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Reedness Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Rowley Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Saundby Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N

Consultee	Circumstances when consultees must be consulted	EIA Reg 11 Y or N	Organisation / Contact	Consulted Y or N	Reason for inclusion / exclusion	Responded to the Statutory Consultation Y or N
		N	Scotter Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Skidby Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	South Cave Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	South Clifton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	South Leverton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	Y
		Y	Sturton le Steeple Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Sutton on Trent Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Swanland Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Swinefleet Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Thorne Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Torksey Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N

Consultee	Circumstances when consultees must be consulted	EIA Reg 11 Y or N	Organisation / Contact	Consulted Y or N	Reason for inclusion / exclusion	Responded to the Statutory Consultation Y or N
		Y	Treswell with Cottam Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Tuxford Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Twin Rivers Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Walkeringham Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Walkington Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	Y
		N	Wawne Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Welton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	West Burton Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	West Butterwick Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	West Stockwith Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Weston Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N

Consultee	Circumstances when consultees must be consulted	EIA Reg 11 Y or N	Organisation / Contact	Consulted Y or N	Reason for inclusion / exclusion	Responded to the Statutory Consultation Y or N
		N	Willerby Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Wiseton Parish Meeting	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		Y	Woodmansey Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
		N	Wroot Parish Council	Y	Consulted as a relevant Parish Council	N
Environment						
The Environment Agency	All proposed applications likely to affect land in England	Y	The Environment Agency	Y	Consulted as the application is likely to affect land in England	Y
The Scottish Environment Protection Agency	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Scotland	N		N	Not consulted as the application is not likely to affect land in Scotland	N/A
Natural Resources Wales	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Wales	N		N	Not consulted as the application is not likely to affect land in Wales	N/A
Natural England	All proposed applications likely to affect land in England	Y	Natural England	Y	Consulted as the application is likely to affect land in England	Y

Consultee	Circumstances when consultees must be consulted	EIA Reg 11 Y or N	Organisation / Contact	Consulted Y or N	Reason for inclusion / exclusion	Responded to the Statutory Consultation Y or N
Scottish Natural Heritage (known as NatureScot)	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Scotland	N		N	Not consulted as application is not likely to affect land in Scotland	N/A
The Forestry Commission	All proposed applications likely to affect the protection or expansion of forests and woodlands in England	Y	Forestry Commission	Y	Consulted as the application is likely to affect the protection or expansion of forests and woodlands in England	Y
Relevant AONB Conservation Boards	All proposed applications likely to affect an AONB that is managed by a Conservation Board	N		N	Not consulted as the application is not likely to affect an AONB that is managed by a Conservation Board	N/A
Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (known as Historic England)	All applications likely to affect land in England	Y	Historic England	Y	Consulted as application is likely to affect land in England	Y
Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales	All proposed applications likely to affect the historic	N		N	Not consulted as the application is not likely to affect the historic land in Wales	N/A

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	environment in Wales					
The Maritime and Coastguard Agency	All proposed applications likely to affect the maritime or coastal environment, or the shipping industry	Y	The Maritime and Coastguard Agency	Y	Consulted as the application is likely to affect the maritime or coastal environment, or the shipping industry	Y
The relevant Internal Drainage Board	All proposed applications likely to increase the risk of flooding in that area or where the proposals relate to an area known to be an area of flood risk	Y	Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board	Y	Consulted as the relevant Internal Drainage Board as the application is likely to increase the risk of flooding in that area or where the proposals relate to an area known to be an area of flood risk	N
		Y	Goole Field Internal Drainage Board	Y		Y
		Y	Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board	Y		Y
		Y	Ouse and Humber Drainage Board	Y		N
		Y	Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board	Y		N
The Canal & River Trust	All proposed applications likely to have an	Y	The Canal & River Trust	Y	Consulted as the proposed application is likely to have an	Y

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	impact on inland waterways or land adjacent to inland waterways in England and Wales				impact on inland waterways or land adjacent to inland waterways	
The British Waterways Board (known as Scottish Canals)	All proposed applications likely to have an impact on inland waterways or land adjacent to inland waterways in Scotland	N		Y	Not consulted as the application is not likely to affect inland waterways or land adjacent to inland waterways in Scotland	N/A
Trinity House	All proposed applications likely to affect navigation in tidal waters	N		Y	Consultation took place in May 2026	N
Transport						
The relevant Highways Authority	All proposed applications likely to have an impact on the road networks or the volume of	Y	East Riding of Yorkshire Council Highways	Y	Consulted as the relevant Highways Authority as the application is likely to have an impact on the road network or the volume of traffic in the vicinity of the proposals	N

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	traffic in the vicinity of the proposal	N	Lincolnshire County Council Highways	Y	Consulted as the relevant Highways Authority as the application is likely to have an impact on the road network or the volume of traffic in the vicinity of the proposals	N
		Y	North Lincolnshire Council Highways Authority	Y	Consulted as the relevant Highways Authority as the application is likely to have an impact on the road network or the volume of traffic in the vicinity of the proposals	N
		Y	Nottinghamshire County Council Highways	Y	Consulted as the relevant Highways Authority as the application is likely to have an impact on the road network or the volume of traffic in the vicinity of the proposals	N
The relevant strategic highways company		Y	National Highways	Y	Consulted as the relevant Highways Authority as the application is likely to have an impact on the road network or the volume of traffic in the vicinity of the proposals	Y
The Secretary of State for Transport	All proposed applications likely to affect road or transport	N	Secretary of State for Transport	N	Consultation took place in May 2026	N

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	operation and/or planning on roads for which the Secretary of State for Transport is the highway authority					
Integrated Transport Authorities (ITAs) and Passenger Transport Executives (PTEs)	All proposed applications likely to affect transport within, to or from the relevant integrated transport area of the ITA or PTE	Y	South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority	Y	Consulted as application is likely to affect transport within, to or from the relevant integrated transport area of the ITA or PTE	N
Transport for London	All proposed applications likely to affect transport within, to or from Greater London	N		N	Not consulted as the application is not likely to affect transport within, to or from Greater London	N/A
The Civil Aviation Authority	All proposed applications relating to airports, or which are likely to	Y	The Civil Aviation Authority	Y	Consulted as the application is likely to affect an airport or its current or future operation	N

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	affect an airport or its current or future operation					
Health						
The Health and Safety Executive	All proposed applications	Y	The Health and Safety Executive	Y	Consulted as is required for all applications	Y
The United Kingdom Health Security Agency, an executive agency of the Department of Health and Social Care	All proposed applications likely to involve chemicals, poisons or radiation which could potentially cause harm to people and are likely to affect significantly public health	Y	UK Health Security Agency	Y	Consulted as the application is likely to involve chemicals, poisons or radiation which could potentially cause harm to people and are likely to affect significantly public health	Y
NHS England	All proposed applications likely to affect land in England and Wales	Y	NHS England	Y	Consulted as application is likely to affect land in England	N
The National Health Service Trusts (Wales)	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Wales	N		N	Not consulted as the application is not likely to affect land in Wales	N/A

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The relevant Health Board (Scotland)	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Scotland	N		N	Not consulted as the application is not likely to affect land in Scotland	N/A
The relevant local health board (Wales)	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Wales	N		N	Not consulted as the application is not likely to affect land in Wales	N/A
Other						
Relevant statutory undertakers	All proposed applications likely to affect their functions as statutory undertakers	Y	Royal Mail	Y	Consulted as the relevant postal operator	N
		Y	NATS En-Route Safeguarding	Y	Consulted as relevant route air navigation service provider	Y
		Y	NHS Humber and North Yorkshire	Y	Consulted as a relevant integrated care board	N
		Y	NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire	Y	Consulted as a relevant integrated care board	N
		Y	Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS	Y	Consulted as a relevant NHS Foundation Trust	N
		Y	Humber Teaching NHS Foundation	Y	Consulted as a relevant NHS Foundation Trust	N
		N	NHS Blood and Transport	Y	Consulted as a special health authority	N

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		Y	NHS Business Services Authority	N	Consulted as a special health authority	N
		Y	NHS Counter Fraud Authority	N	Consulted as a special health authority	N
		Y	NHS Resolution	N	Consulted as a special health authority	N
		Y	Associated British Ports	Y	Consulted as a relevant dock and harbour authority	Y
		Y	Network Rail	Y	Consulted as a relevant railway infrastructure undertaker	Y
		Y	National Highways Historical Rail Estate	Y	Consulted as a relevant railway infrastructure undertaker	N
		Y	Anglian Water	Y	Consulted as relevant water and sewage undertaker	N
		Y	Severn Trent	Y	Consulted as relevant water and sewage undertaker	N
		Y	Yorkshire Water	Y	Consulted as relevant water and sewage undertaker	Y
		Y	Cadent Gas Limited	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		N	CNG Services Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N

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		Y	Northern Gas Networks	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	Y
		Y	Scotland Gas Networks Plc	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		Y	Southern Gas Networks Plc	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	Y
		Y	Wales and West Utilities Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		Y	Energy Assets Pipelines Limited	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		Y	ES Pipelines Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		Y	ESP Connections Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		Y	ESP Networks Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		Y	Fulcrum Pipelines Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		Y	GTC Pipelines Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		Y	Harlaxton Gas Networks Limited	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		N	Humbly Grove Energy Services Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N

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		Y	Independent Pipelines Limited	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		Y	Indigo Pipelines Limited	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		N	Inovyn Enterprise Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		Y	Last Mile Gas Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		Y	Leep Gas Networks Limited	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		N	Mua Gas Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		Y	National Gas Transmission	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	Y
		Y	Northern Gas Networks Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	Y
		Y	Quadrant Pipelines Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		N	Saltfleetby Energy Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		N	Severn Gas Transportation Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N
		Y	Stark Infra-Gas Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant public gas transporter	N

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		N	Advanced Electricity Networks Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		N	Aidien Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		N	Aurora Utilities Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	Eclipse Power Network Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	Energy Assets Networks Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	ESP Electricity Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	Fulcrum Electricity Assets Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		N	Green Generation Energy Networks Cymru Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	Harlaxton Energy Networks Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		N	Independent Distribution Connection Specialists Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	Independent Power Networks Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N

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		Y	Indigo Power Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	Last Mile Electricity Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	Leep Electricity Networks Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	Mua Electricity Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	National Energy System Operator	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	National Grid Electricity Distribution	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	Northern Powergrid (Northeast) Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	Optimal Power Networks Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		N	Stark Infra-Electricity Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N

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		Y	The Electricity Network Company Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	UK Power Distribution Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	Utility Assets Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
		Y	Vattenfall Networks Ltd	Y	Consulted as relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	N
The Mining Remediation Authority (previously known as the Coal Authority)	All proposed applications that lie within areas of past, present, or future coal mining	N	The Mining Remediation Authority	Y	Consulted as the proposed application lies within areas of past, present or future coal mining	N
The Crown Estate Commissioners	All proposed applications likely to impact on the Crown Estate	N	The Crown Estate	Y	Consulted as the proposed application is likely to impact on the Crown Estate	N
The relevant police authority	All proposed applications	Y	Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside	Y	Consulted as the relevant police authority	N
		Y	Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire	Y	Consulted as the relevant police authority	N

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The relevant ambulance service	All proposed applications	Y	East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust	Y	Consulted as the relevant ambulance service	N
		Y	Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust	Y	Consulted as the relevant ambulance service	N
The relevant fire and rescue authority	All proposed applications	Y	Humberside Fire and Rescue Authority	Y	Consulted as the relevant fire and rescue authority	N
		Y	Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service	Y	Consulted as the relevant fire and rescue authority	N
Precautionary basis	N/A	N	Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee	Y	Consulted on a precautionary basis due to inclusion in the previous non-statutory consultation as a prescribed party	N
	N/A	N	Equality and Human Rights Commission	Y	Consulted on a precautionary basis due to inclusion in the previous non-statutory consultation as a prescribed party	Y
	N/A	N	Lincolnshire Resilience Forum	Y	Consulted on a precautionary basis due to inclusion in the previous non-statutory consultation as a prescribed party	N
	N/A	N	Office of Road and Rail	Y	Consulted on a precautionary basis due to inclusion in the	Y

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					previous non-statutory consultation as a prescribed party	
	N/A	N	Ofwat	Y	Consulted on a precautionary basis due to inclusion in the previous non-statutory consultation as a prescribed party	N
	N/A	N	South Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum	Y	Consulted on a precautionary basis due to inclusion in the previous non-statutory consultation as a prescribed party	N
	N/A	N	The Joint Nature Conservation Committee	Y	Consulted as the application is likely to affect the marine environment	N
	N/A	N	Trent River Trust	Y	Consulted on a precautionary basis due to inclusion in the previous non-statutory consultation as a prescribed party	N
A person who manages any property, rights or interests to which section 90B(5) of the Scotland Act 1998 applies	All applications likely to impact on the property, rights and interests managed by the person to which section 90B(5) of the Scotland Act 1998 applies	N		N	Not consulted as the application is not likely to affect land in Scotland	N

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