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# Appendix D1 Letter to Local Authorities Regarding the Formal Consultation on the Draft SoCC

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**National Grid Electricity Transmission – North Humber to High Marnham - Consultation on draft Statement of Community Consultation**

Good Afternoon [redacted]

Please find attached a cover letter and copy of the North Humber – High Marnham draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

As you will be aware this consultation is an important opportunity for you to share your views on our draft SoCC. We strongly encourage you to provide your views to us; we will take these into account in developing and finalising our SoCC in advance of it being published for statutory consultation.

Can you confirm receipt of this email and the attachments please, and if you wish to discuss the content of the attached please do not hesitate in contacting either myself or my colleague, [redacted], as soon as possible to support provision of your comments by COB **11 December 2024.**

Kind regards

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Dear [redacted]

**National Grid Electricity Transmission – North Humber to High Marnham - Consultation on draft Statement of Community Consultation**

I am writing to you regarding National Grid's proposed North Humber to High Marnham Project, to construct a new high voltage electricity transmission line between a new substation at Creyke Beck, Cottingham (known as the Birkhill Wood substation) and a new substation at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire.

The proposed project is identified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 2008 Act) and therefore we are required to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration, before a final decision is made by the Secretary of State. We intend to make our application for a DCO in 2026.

During the pre-application process, and prior to undertaking statutory consultation, Section 47(2) of the 2008 Act requires that National Grid:

*"Prepares a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land. Before preparing the statement, the applicant must consult each local authority that is within section 43(1) about what is to be in the statement."*

In accordance with Section 47(2) of the 2008 Act please treat this letter as notice of a request for Bassetlaw District Council's comment on the content of our attached draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). The draft SoCC details how and when we will consult the local community and the channels available to respond to our statutory consultation, intended to take place in Spring 2025.

This is an important opportunity for you to share your views on our draft SoCC. We strongly encourage you to provide your views to us; we will take these into account in developing and finalising our SoCC in advance of it being published. We will record how we have considered your views in our Consultation Report which forms part of our application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate. Please confirm receipt of this letter and the accompanying SoCC and submit any comments via email to contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com or the FREEPOST address provided at the end of this letter, by close of business **11 December 2024.**

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If you wish to discuss the content of this letter, please do not hesitate in contacting me using the contact details provided as soon as possible to support provision of your comments by close of business **11 December 2024.**

Yours sincerely,

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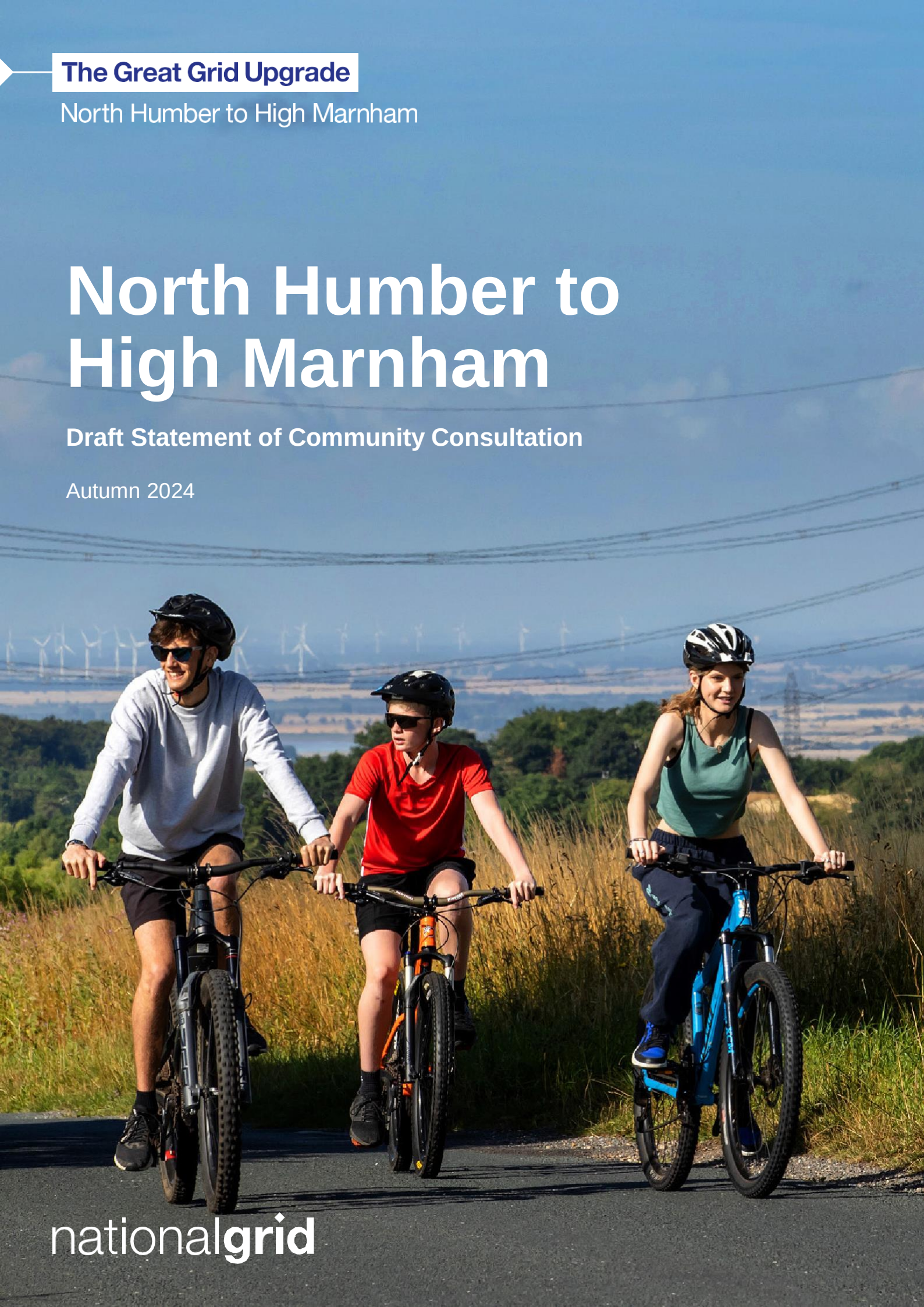
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## Draft Statement of Community Consultation

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of the document

1.1.1 This document is a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and relates to the North Humber to High Marnham Project (the Project), which is being promoted by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (National Grid/we). We are promoting the Project to provide an upgrade to the electricity transmission network between a new substation to the north of Hull and a new substation at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire. The SoCC sets out how we propose to consult people living in the vicinity of the land who would be affected by National Grid's application for the Project, including residents, businesses and the local community. This would take place alongside our consultation with statutory bodies and stakeholders.

1.1.2 National Grid expects the Project to be classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and requires consent from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the SoS) via a Development Consent Order (DCO).

1.1.3 Engagement with the local community is an important part of the development of the Project and has been ongoing with the community and other stakeholders since 2023. This document has been prepared in accordance with Section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act), which requires applicants to prepare a statement explaining how they will consult with people living in the vicinity of the land where the Project is to be located (from here called 'the local community'), and to carry out pre-application consultation in accordance with this statement before plans are finalised and an application for a DCO is submitted.

1.1.4 The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development. This SoCC therefore also sets out how National Grid intends to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information, in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations).

1.1.5 National Grid has already undertaken an earlier phase of non-statutory consultation in relation to the Project. Having engaged with local authorities, we produced the *North Humber to High Marnham public consultation strategy* for the non-statutory consultation. Therefore, consultation on this Project takes account of the views of the authorities listed below and this document builds on that approach. The relevant local authorities are:

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

1.1.6 We are publishing this SoCC to outline our approach to consulting with the local community for the above scheme. It provides details about how the local community can take part and how feedback will be used to influence our proposed design.

## 1.2 Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

1.2.1 The Project is expected to be classified as an NSIP under Section 14(1)(b) and Section 16(1)(a) of the Act, because it comprises a new above-ground electric line of more than 2 kilometres (km), with an operating voltage of above 132 kilovolts (kV). National Grid intends to submit an application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate under Section 37 of the Act.

1.2.2 The application for development consent will be submitted to, and examined by, the Planning Inspectorate (the Examining Authority) on behalf of the SoS. The Examining Authority will provide a recommendation to the SoS, who will ultimately decide whether to grant development consent for the Project.

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. This early involvement of communities, host local authorities and other stakeholders helps to ensure that we identify valuable information about the potential impacts of the Project so that mitigation measures can be considered and, where appropriate, built into our design before an application for development consent is submitted.

## 1.3 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

1.3.1 The Project is an EIA development. National Grid has given formal written notification under Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations that it considers that the proposed Project will require (and that National Grid will in due course provide) an environmental statement in respect of the Project, and that it is considered to be an EIA development.

## 1.4 About National Grid Group plc

1.4.1 National Grid sits at the heart of Great Britain's energy system, connecting millions of people and businesses to the energy they use every day. We bring energy to life: in the heat, light and power we bring to our customers' homes and businesses, in the way that we support our communities and help them to grow, and in the way we show up in the world. It is our vision to be at the heart of a clean, fair and affordable energy future.

1.4.2 Within the wider National Grid plc group of companies, there are three separate legal entities, each with their own roles and responsibilities.

1.4.3 National Grid Electricity Transmission (referred to here as National Grid) holds the transmission licence for England and Wales under the Electricity Act 1989. National Grid owns, builds and maintains the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales – the overhead lines, buried cables and substations that carry power around the country. It is National Grid that is developing the proposals for the North Humber to High Marnham Project.

1.4.4 National Grid Electricity Distribution owns and operates the distribution networks for the Midlands, the southwest of England and south Wales.

1.4.5 National Grid Electricity System Operator (ESO), which has recently been replaced by the National Energy System Operator (NESO), operates the transmission network in Great Britain, including the networks in Scotland owned by Scottish Power Transmission and Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks. NESO manages the network, ensuring the right amount of energy is provided where it is needed.

1.4.6 In April 2019, ESO became a legally separate business within the National Grid plc group and is regulated independently by Ofgem.

1.4.7 The Energy Act 2023 legislated for the creation of a Future Systems Operator to replace ESO. In January 2024, ESO announced that the Future Systems Operator would be called the National Energy Systems Operator (NESO), which would be founded on the current activities of ESO and take a whole-system approach to strengthen energy security, help deliver the Government's Net Zero legislative agenda and ensure that household bills are affordable in the long term.

1.4.8 National Grid Ventures (NGV) is the unregulated commercial arm of National Grid plc. It invests in technologies and partnerships that help accelerate our move to a clean-energy future. This includes interconnectors, which connect the UK with countries across the North Sea, allowing trade between energy markets and efficient use of renewable energy resources.

## 1.5 National Grid's duties

1.5.1 National Grid has a statutory duty to develop and maintain an efficient, coordinated and economical system of electricity transmission under the Electricity Act 1989. This includes a statutory obligation to offer to connect any new generating stations or interconnectors applying to connect to the transmission system.

1.5.2 In developing proposals that affect the transmission system (including proposals to reinforce the network to accommodate new connections), National Grid is required to consider relevant National Policy Statements (NPSs). The NPSs relevant to the Project are the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) and the National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5). The National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy (EN-3) also includes support for the onshore infrastructure required to deliver new offshore wind development. These NPSs came into force in January 2024.

1.5.3 National Grid is also required, under Section 38 of the Electricity Act 1989, to comply with the provisions of Schedule 9 of the Electricity Act 1989. Schedule 9 requires licence holders, in the formulation of proposals to transmit electricity, to preserve amenity, as outlined below:

> *Schedule 9(1)(a): "…have regard to the desirability of preserving natural beauty, of conserving flora, fauna and geological or physiographical features of special interest and of protecting sites, buildings and objects of architectural, historic or archaeological interest", and Schedule 9(1)(b): "…do what [it] reasonably can to mitigate any effect which the proposals would have on the natural beauty of the countryside or on any such flora, fauna, features, sites, buildings or objects."*

1.5.4 How we set out to meet these environmental responsibilities, and our commitments relating to engagement and consultation about proposals, is explained in our Stakeholder, Community and Amenity Policy.[1]

[1] https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/document/81026/download

# 2. The North Humber to High Marnham Project

## 2.1 Project background and need

2.1.1 The way we generate electricity in the UK is changing rapidly, and we are transitioning to cheaper, cleaner and more secure forms of energy like new offshore windfarms. National Grid needs to make changes to the network of overhead lines, pylons, cables and other infrastructure that transports electricity around the country so that everyone has access to clean electricity from these new renewable sources.

2.1.2 The proposed upgrade is required to increase the capability of the electricity transmission network between the north of England and the Midlands. It is needed to facilitate the connection of proposed new offshore wind that is planned to connect in the Creyke Beck area in the next decade. Should all of these be built, this would amount to just over 13 gigawatts (GW) of generation capacity by the early 2030s. The existing network serving the Creyke Beck area can export just under 7 GW of electricity while remaining compliant with the Security and Quality of Supply Standards to which the network is operated.

2.1.3 With around 13 GW of contracted generation and interconnector capacity by the early 2030s, the network as it is today, notwithstanding local demand, would not have the capacity needed to export that amount of electricity out of the area or to accommodate the north–south power flows that are expected on the network.

2.1.4 The Project is a proposal by National Grid to reinforce the electricity transmission network through the construction and operation of approximately 90 km of new 400,000 volt (400 kV) overhead electricity transmission line from a new substation at Creyke Beck, Cottingham in the East Riding of Yorkshire, and a new substation in High Marnham, Nottinghamshire.

2.1.5 The Project is one of a number of network upgrades that needs to be accelerated to help meet increased Government targets for offshore wind. All of this work forms part of The Great Grid Upgrade – National Grid's programme to deliver over five times the amount of electricity transmission infrastructure in the next seven years than has been built in the past 30 years.

2.1.6 The Great Grid Upgrade will play a big part in the UK government's plan to boost homegrown power. It will help the UK switch to clean energy and make sure our electricity network is fit for the future; carrying more clean, secure energy from where it is generated to where it is needed. North Humber to High Marnham is one of 17 network reinforcements identified as 'essential' and which need to be accelerated to meet 2030 targets.

## 2.2 New substations

2.2.1 The Project would need to connect to two new substations – one at Creyke Beck, Cottingham, (known as Birkhill Wood Substation) in the East Riding of Yorkshire and a new substation at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire (part of a project called 'Brinsworth

to High Marnham'). National Grid is applying for planning permission for the two new 400 kV substations from the relevant local planning authorities under the Town and Country Planning Act.

2.2.2 In winter 2024/2025, a planning application will be submitted to East Riding of Yorkshire Council for the new Birkhill Wood substation. In 2025, a planning application will be submitted to Bassetlaw District Council for the new High Marnham substation. Separate pre-application public consultations have been undertaken for the substation applications ahead of these planning applications being submitted. Further information on these consultations is provided in Section 3.

2.2.3 In addition to connecting the new overhead line reinforcement which North Humber to High Marnham will provide, the substations are also needed to provide a connection point for third-party developments to connect into the transmission network in the Cottingham and High Marnham areas.

2.2.4 Further information on the pre-application consultations held for each of these substations is set out in Section 3 of this SoCC.

2.2.5 Once the planning applications for each substation have been submitted to the local planning authorities, members of the public and stakeholders may submit comments on the planning applications directly to the relevant local planning authority. Once planning application reference numbers have been provided by the local planning authorities, we will provide an update on each of the Project websites for stakeholders and members of the public. This will also be clearly communicated through the statutory consultation materials produced for North Humber to High Marnham.

## 2.3 Inclusion of the new substations in the North Humber to High Marnham statutory consultation

2.3.1 While the new substations did not form part of our proposals for North Humber to High Marnham during our stage 1 (non-statutory) consultation, we have made the decision to include both substations within the stage 2 (statutory) consultation for the North Humber to High Marnham project. This approach allows National Grid to demonstrate that the Project can be delivered and that it can connect to the national transmission network.

2.3.2 National Grid is obligated to meet certain timescales for the delivery of the network reinforcement through the proposed new 400 kV overhead line, and the substations are integral to this. The inclusion of the substations within the North Humber to High Marnham project does not change our intention to continue to progress with the separate planning applications for each substation, and it does not affect our continuing discussions and negotiations with relevant landowners and interested parties. We are committed to, and fully intend to pursue and deliver, the substations pursuant to those permissions and land agreements.

2.3.3 National Grid will continue to keep this approach under review as the Project progresses. The new proposed substations will play an important role in building a more secure and resilient future energy system.

2.3.4 Information on how feedback on the substations provided as part of this statutory consultation will be analysed, as set out in Section 6 of this SoCC. In addition, substation feedback will also be shared with the relevant substation teams.

## 2.4 Project description

2.4.1 North Humber to High Marnham ('the Project') is a proposal by National Grid to upgrade the electricity transmission system between new substations near Cottingham and High Marnham. The Project includes a new 400 kV electricity transmission connection of an overall length of approximately 90 km between two proposed new substations, Birkhill Wood 400 kV substation and High Marnham 400 kV substation. National Grid will consult on all aspects of the proposed development for the Project, including:

- approximately 90 km of new overhead line between the new Birkhill Wood and High Marnham 400 kV substations
- replacement and realignment of a section of the existing 400 kV 4ZQ overhead line route between Brantingham and east of Broomfleet
- replacement and realignment of a section of the existing 400kV ZDA overhead line route between Ealand and west of Keadby
- a new 400 kV Birkhill Wood substation with a new permanent access. This is proposed to be a Gas Insulated Switchgear ("GIS") substation
- replacement and realignment of a section of the existing 400 kV 4ZR route to allow for connection into the new Birkhill Wood substation
- a new 400 kV High Marnham substation, with a new permanent access. This is proposed to be an air-insulated switchgear substation
- replacement and realignment of the existing 4ZV and XE 275kV overhead line routes and existing 400kV ZDA and ZDF overhead line routes, to allow for connection into the new High Marnham substation
- 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 will also include utility diversions and drainage works. There would also be land required for mitigation, compensation and enhancement of the environment, including for biodiversity net gain.

# 3. Consultation and engagement to date

## 3.1 Approach

3.1.1 National Grid is committed to engaging and consulting with communities and stakeholders at an early stage of the Project, giving local communities the opportunity to provide feedback and insight at a formative stage ahead of more detailed design work being carried out. The approach to engagement has been to carry out both non-statutory and statutory consultation, guided by the requirements of the Act.

## 3.2 Non-statutory consultation 2023

3.2.1 The non-statutory consultation was held between 1 June and 27 July 2023. This consultation aimed to:

- introduce National Grid and the early-stage proposals
- 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 emerging preferred route corridor and graduated swathe
- ensure all stakeholders had the opportunity to provide feedback on the work to date
- outline next steps and programme for how the proposals would be developed further.

3.2.2 At this stage, National Grid presented a graduated swathe within which new infrastructure could be located in the corridor.

3.2.3 Following the conclusion of this consultation, feedback was analysed. A backcheck and review of the Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Site Study (CPRSS) 2023 took place, taking into account new information received within the consultation feedback and further design and assessment work.

3.2.4 As a result, the Project identified a potential alternative corridor in the southernmost section of the route between the villages of South Wheatley and High Marnham. This is referred to as the ‘eastern corridor’.

3.2.5 Due to the location of the alternative corridor, a localised public consultation took place between 9 July and 6 August 2024 to ensure all local communities were consulted.

## 3.3 Localised non-statutory consultation 2024

3.3.1 The localised non-statutory consultation was held between 9 July 2024 and 6 August 2024. This consultation aimed to:

- introduce and consult on the potential alternative corridor, referred to as the ‘eastern corridor’.

- outline the work carried out since the stage 1 consultation and why an alternative was being considered
- ensure all stakeholders (both previous 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 stage 2 consultation in 2025
- outline next steps and programme for how the proposals would be developed further.

3.3.2 The consultation provided stakeholders and the local community with digital and non-digital opportunities to engage with the early-stage proposals, including a dedicated website, face-to-face public events and online webinar sessions, as well as via email, phone and Freepost.

3.3.3 We continued to use digital methods for consultation, including an online interactive map (with removable layers to show the 2023 and 2024 proposals), searchable frequently asked questions (FAQs), a document library with interactive PDFs and an online feedback form for people to provide comments.

3.3.4 We consulted with a range of stakeholders, including local councils, elected representatives, local residents, hard-to-reach groups and local interest groups. To raise awareness of the launch of the consultation, National Grid sent newsletters to all properties within the primary consultation zone (PCZ), which amounted to approximately 2,100 properties, as well as to other identified stakeholders, including elected representatives and representatives of third-party and community interest groups.

3.3.5 The secondary consultation zone (SCZ) was established, which extended to 5 km from the edge of the eastern corridor. To raise awareness of the Project and respective consultations, advertisements were placed in local newspapers and social media advertisements operating within the PCZ and SCZ.

3.3.6 Paper copies of key consultation documents were placed at information points in publicly accessible venues – libraries and, where possible, council offices – along the route. Alternative formats of documents were available on request.

3.3.7 Feedback from both the 2023 non-statutory consultation and the 2024 localised non-statutory consultation, together with further technical assessments and environmental surveys, has been important to consider when deciding on the overall preferred corridor and identification of the route alignment ahead of the statutory consultation in 2025.

3.3.8 More information on the non-statutory consultations and how the feedback helped influence and shape the proposals to date will be available in the Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report, which will be made available on the Project website at the start of the stage 2 statutory consultation.

## 3.4 Previous consultation on Birkhill Wood substation

3.4.1 Consultation was carried out in July 2023 for a new substation located approximately 700 metres to the north of the existing Creyke Beck substation, which we are now calling Birkhill Wood substation. The consultation in July 2023 also included proposals to extend to the existing Creyke Beck substation, which we are now referring to as Wanlass Beck Substation. Wanlass Beck substation does not form part of North Humber to High Marnham's proposals.

3.4.2 Consultation was held between 29 June and 27 July 2023. Consultation activities included a launch letter and leaflet sent to addresses within 1 km of the proposed works, offers of briefings to local MPs, ward councillors and parish councillors within 1 km, and a public consultation event on 8 July 2023.

3.4.3 Since consulting in July 2023, the project team has been reviewing feedback and has continued to develop and refine the proposed design.

3.4.4 As the Birkhill Wood substation is also included in the stage 2 (statutory) consultation for North Humber to High Marnham, there will also be the opportunity to provide feedback in response to this statutory consultation. Any feedback about the substations received in response to North Humber to High Marnham will be analysed and reviewed in the same way as all other feedback (see Section 6 of this SoCC for further details). In addition, feedback about the substations will be shared with the relevant substation teams.

3.4.5 More information about that project, previous consultation details for Birkhill Wood substation and the latest updates can be found at the dedicated project website: nationalgrid.com/creyke-beck.

## 3.5 Previous public consultation on High Marnham substation

3.5.1 Consultation on the proposals for a new substation at High Marnham, Nottinghamshire, took place in April and May 2024 as part of a project called Brinsworth to High Marnham.

3.5.2 Consultation was held between 22 April and 20 May 2024. Consultation activities included two in-person events, held on 26 April and 27 April 2024, one webinar, a letter sent to more than 300 addresses in the area around the proposed site, and editorial and press advertisements.

3.5.3 The project team has been reviewing feedback and has continued to develop and refine the proposed design.

3.5.4 As the High Marnham substation is also included in the stage 2 (statutory) consultation for North Humber to High Marnham, there will also be the opportunity to provide feedback in response to this statutory consultation. Any feedback regarding the substations received in response to North Humber to High Marnham project will be analysed and reviewed in the same way as all other feedback (see Section 6 of this SoCC for further detail). In addition, feedback about substations will be shared with the relevant substation teams.

3.5.5 More information about the Brinsworth to High Marnham project, previous consultation details and latest updates can be found at the dedicated project website: nationalgrid.com/b-hm.

# 4. Project timeline

4.1.1 The Project is currently in the pre-application stage of the DCO process. Figure 4.1 sets out the DCO consenting process. Table 4.1 provides the timeline and indicative dates for each stage of the Project from consultation through to the decision from the Secretary of State and construction.

Figure 4.1 – DCO consenting process

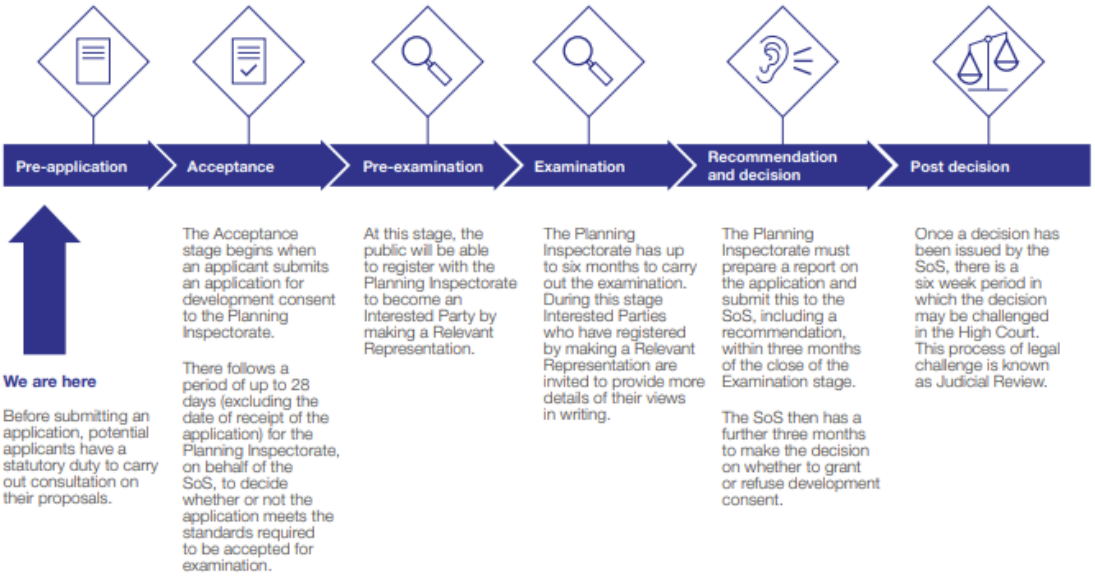



Table 4.1 – Project stages

| Stage |
|---|
| **Stage 1 non-statutory consultation** – We held an initial stage of non-statutory consultation from 1 June to 27 July 2023 on our emerging preferred corridor route between Creyke Beck, north of Hull, and High Marnham in Nottinghamshire. |
| **Consideration of 2023 non-statutory consultation feedback –** We reviewed and considered the feedback received during non-statutory consultation to inform the design of the Project. We identified a potential alternative eastern corridor between South Wheatley and High Marnham. |
| **Localised non-statutory consultation** – We held a second stage of non-statutory consultation from 9 July to 6 August 2024 on a potential alternative eastern corridor between South Wheatley and High Marnham. |
| **Consideration of non-statutory consultation feedback –** We continued consider the feedback from our stage 1 consultation and reviewed feedback from our localised consultation. Both consultations helped to inform the development of our proposed alignment to be presented during our stage 2 statutory consultation. |

| Stage |
| --- |
| **Statutory consultation** – 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. |
| **Consideration of statutory consultation feedback –** We will review and have regard to the feedback from the statutory consultation and further refine and finalise the proposed design to be submitted. We will also continue to engage with stakeholders prior to the submission of our DCO application. |
| **DCO application submission** – We will submit our application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the SoS, has up to 28 days to decide whether or not the application meets the standards required to be accepted for examination. |
| **Examination** – If the application is accepted, it will go through a six-month examination period. Prior to the examination period, stakeholders can register with the Planning Inspectorate to become an 'interested party' during the pre-examination period by making a 'relevant representation'. Interested parties are invited to provide more details about their views in writing during this phase. Careful consideration is given by the Examining Authority to all relevant and written representations and supporting evidence. The Examining Authority is the inspector or the panel of inspectors appointed to conduct the examination of the application on behalf of the DCO. |
| **Recommendation and decision** – Within three months of the close of the examination, the Examining Authority that conducted the examination will prepare a report on the examination, including a recommendation for the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State will then make a decision on the application. |
| **Post-decision** – Once a decision has been issued by the Secretary of State, there is a six-week period in which the decision may be challenged in the High Court. This is known as Judicial Review. If the application is granted development consent, construction can begin.<br><br>If our application is granted development consent, we expect construction of the Project to begin in 2027, with the Project becoming fully operational from 2031. |

# 5. Consulting on the proposed application

## 5.1 When will the statutory consultation take place?

5.1.1 The statutory consultation (under Sections 42 and 47 of the Planning Act) will run for eight weeks.

## 5.2 What will be consulted on?

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, north of Hull, 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.

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.

5.2.3 The Project comprises a major reinforcement and upgrade of the electricity transmission network between a new substation to the north of Hull and a new substation at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire.

5.2.4 For the purposes of statutory consultation – and as presented during our non-statutory consultation in 2023 – we have split the Project into 11 sections to assist consultees in providing feedback:

- Section 1: Creyke Beck–Skidby
- Section 2: Skidby–A63 dual carriageway
- Section 3: A63 dual carriageway–River Ouse crossing

- Section 4: River Ouse crossing
- Section 5: River Ouse crossing–Luddington
- Section 6: Luddington–M180 motorway
- Section 7: M180 motorway–Graizelound
- Section 8: Graizelound–Chesterfield Canal
- Section 9: Chesterfield Canal–A620 east of North Wheatley
- Section 10: A620 east of North Wheatley–Fledborough
- Section 11: Fledborough–High Marnham

5.2.5 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.

5.2.6 The Project would be designed, constructed and operated in accordance with applicable health and safety legislation. The Project would also need to comply with design safety standards, including the National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standard (SQSS), which sets out the criteria and methodology for planning and operating the national electricity transmission system (NETS). This informs a suite of National Grid policies and processes that contain details on design standards required to be met when designing, constructing and operating assets such as those proposed for the Project.

5.2.7 [final SoCC will include map showing project area]

## 5.3 Who will be consulted?

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.

5.3.2 Under Section 47 of the Act, we have a duty to consult the local community. A geographic consultation zone has been created for this consultation (as seen in Appendix A). The consultation zone includes all addresses with property postcodes within 1 km of the Project's red line boundary (which represents the anticipated extent of land in which the Project may take place).

5.3.3 The zone has changed since the non-statutory consultation as a result of feedback and environmental studies, as well as the inclusion of information such as construction accesses, laydown areas and the traffic route we propose to use during construction. The latest PCZ includes approximately 10,000 addresses. Where appropriate, the PCZ has been extended to include whole streets and postcodes rather than the 1 km extents that dissected hamlets or neighbourhoods.

5.3.4 An additional wider SCZ has been developed, comprising a 5 km buffer around the red line boundary, in which wider publicity of the Project will take place. The SCZ can be found in Appendix A.

5.3.5 Communities within the PCZ and SCZ will be notified about the consultation via the methods outlined in this SoCC.

5.3.6 We will also consult the following groups and individuals:

- Parish councils representing parishes within the consultation zone and in the immediate vicinity.
- 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 the 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, including Members of Parliament, who represent wards and constituencies within and bordering the consultation zone.

5.3.7 In addition to the local community, we will consult prescribed bodies and local authorities under Section 42(1)(a), (b) and (c) of the Act. We will also consult persons with an interest in land (PILS) under sections 42(1)(d) and 44. 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.

## 5.4 Consultation materials

5.4.1 The consultation materials described in **Table 5.1** will be developed to help people understand the proposals for the Project and provide their feedback.

Table 5.1 – Consultation materials

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| Project Background Document | This document will provide a summary of the Project, including:<br>• the background to the Project<br>• information about design changes as a result of the 2023 non-statutory consultation | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This 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 information events.<br>National Grid will consider requests for copies of the |

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| | • information about potential benefits and impacts of the Project<br>• how we might propose to mitigate any significant effects<br>• signposts for readers to more detailed information and reports, and how to provide feedback on the Project. | document in alternative formats on a case-by-case basis, taking into account individual circumstances. |
| Community Newsletter | A newsletter setting out the proposed Project information, details about the consultation, an overview map of the Project area and explain how to provide feedback, along with a list of engagement activities to be held throughout the consultation period. | All residents and businesses with property postcodes within the PCZ.<br>The community newsletter will be posted to all properties within the PCZ. It will be published on the Project website, and be available as a paper copy on request, at the inspection points listed in **Table 5.2** and at public information events.<br>National Grid will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats on a case-by-case basis, taking into account individual circumstances |
| 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.<br>A non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEIR will also be made available. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The PEIR will be available on the Project website, and be available to view as a paper copy at public information events. It will be available to view electronically at local information points.<br>The NTS will be available on the Project website, and be available in paper copy on request (subject to availability) at the inspection points listed in **Table 5.2** and at public information events. |

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| | | Paper copies of the PEIR can be provided on request. This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees. |
| Design Development Report (2025) | An in-depth technical document detailing the work we have undertaken to date, focusing on work since the 2024 non-statutory consultation. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This document will be available on the Project website, and be available to view in paper copy at public information events.<br>Paper copies of the Design Development Report (2025) can be provided on request. This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees. |
| 2024 Strategic Options Backcheck and Review | An updated overview of the appraisal approach we have used to date to consider strategic options.<br>These are reviewed and backchecked as part of the ongoing strategic options assessment and decision-making process. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This document will be available on the Project website, and available to view in paper copy at public information events.<br>Paper copies of the Strategic Options Backcheck and Review 2024 can be provided on request. This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees |
| Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report | A summary of the feedback we received during the non-statutory consultation (2023) and localised non-statutory consultation (2024) stages, and explains how we have had regard to comments. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This document will be available on the Project website.<br>Paper copies of the 2024 Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report can be provided on request. This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees. |

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| Project maps and location plans | A series of maps and plans showing the extent of the Project, as per the 11 sections listed in **Section 5.2** of this document. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>These will be made available on the Project website and on screen at public information events, subject to technical constraints. |
| Consultation banners | A series of exhibition banners with information relating to the Project, which will be used at public information events. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail). The consultation banners are primarily intended for use at public information events and will also be made available on the Project website. |
| Interactive project map | An interactive map of the Project. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The interactive Project map will be made available on the Project website and on screen at the public information events, subject to technical constraints. |
| Consultation notices | We will publish notices with details of the consultation, provided to statutory consultees as required under Section 47, 48 of the Act. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>These will be available on the Project website and be available to view in paper copy on request. |
| Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) | 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. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The SoCC will be published on the Project website and be available in paper copy on request, at the inspection points (for inspection only) listed in Table 5.2 and at public information events.<br>As required under Section 47 of the Planning Act, notice of the SoCC will also be |

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| | | published in local newspapers. |
| Feedback questionnaire | An online and paper feedback questionnaire to gather responses to the statutory consultation. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The feedback questionnaire will be available on the Project website, and be available in paper copy on request, at inspection points listed in **Table 5.2** and at public information events.<br>Paper copies can be returned free of charge using a Freepost address: FREEPOST NH TO HM. |
| Guide to Interacting with our Consultation<br>Plans | A guide outlining the consultation maps and plans, and how to use them. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This document will be available on the Project website and be available in paper copy on request and at public information events. |
| Project website | An online site hosting all our Project information, including downloadable versions of all the above documents. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The Project website will be updated at key milestones throughout the pre-application stage. |

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.

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.

5.4.4 **Table 5.2** sets out how we will make consultation documents available.

Table 5.2 – Methods to make consultation documents available

| Activity | Detail |
|---|---|
| Project website | All consultation documents will be hosted on the Project website throughout the consultation period. We will provide the following local authorities with a link to all the consultation documents:<br>• East Riding of Yorkshire Council<br>• North Lincolnshire Council<br>• Bassetlaw District Council<br>• Nottinghamshire County Council.<br>Paper copies of selected consultation documents will also be available on request, free of charge. Paper copies of the PEIR can be provided on request. This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees. |
| Inspection points | While it is no longer a statutory requirement, in addition to being available online, we will seek to ensure that the Community Newsletter, Project Background Document, NTS of the PEIR, SoCC and feedback questionnaire are available to view at the following locations throughout the consultation period (subject to availability and agreement):<br>• Beverley Library, Champney Road, Beverley HU17 8HE. Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday (9:30am–5pm), Tuesday and Thursday (9:30am–9pm) and Saturday (9am–4pm)<br>• South Cave Library, 97 Church Street, South Cave HU15 2EP. Opening hours: Tuesday (2pm–5pm), Thursday (2pm–7pm) and Saturday (10am–12pm)<br>• Goole Library, Carlisle Street, Goole DN14 5DS. Opening hours: Monday and Wednesday (9:30am–7pm), Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (9:30am–5pm) and Saturday (9am to 4pm)<br>• Cottingham Library and Customer Service Centre, Market Green, Cottingham HU16 5QG. Opening hours: Monday and Tuesday (9:30am–4pm), Thursday (9:30am–6:30pm), Friday (9:30am–1pm) and Saturday (9:30am–12:30pm)<br>• Crowle Library, Crowle Community Hub, The Market Hall, Market Place, Crowle, North Lincolnshire DN17 4LA. Opening hours: Monday to Friday (9:30am–12:30pm and 1pm–5pm) and Saturday (9am–12pm)<br>• Haxey Library, The Memorial Hall, Haxey, Doncaster DN9 2HH. Opening hours: Monday and Thursday (2pm–5pm), Tuesday and Friday (9am–12pm) and Saturday (10am–1pm) |

| Activity | Detail |
|---|---|
| | • Misterton Library, 31 High Street, Misterton, Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN10 4BU. Opening hours: Tuesday to Thursday (2pm–5pm) and Saturday (9:30am–12:30pm)<br>• Retford Library, Churchgate, Retford DN22 6PE. Opening hours: Monday to Friday (9am–6pm) and Saturday (9am–3:30pm)<br>• Bassetlaw District Council (Retford office), 17B The Square, Retford DN22 6DB. Opening hours: Monday to Friday (9am–5pm).<br>It is advised that opening hours are checked in advance of visiting. We will check that consultation documentation remains at the inspection points throughout the consultation period.<br>We will also try to use local websites to act as public inspection points, by asking them to host a link to the Project website.<br>These may include:<br>• local authority websites<br>• local library websites<br>• parish websites<br>• MPs' websites. |
| Document requests | Following the launch 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:<br>• Community Newsletter<br>• Project Background Document<br>• Feedback questionnaire<br>• NTS of the PEIR. Requests for paper copies of the technical documents forming the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis<br>• SoCC.<br>Paper copies of other consultation documents will also be available on request. To cover printing costs a reasonable charge may apply, to be paid by the recipient, to a maximum value of £500 for the whole suite of consultation documents. Requests can be made by contacting us using the details provided in **Section 6.1**. We will also consider requests for alternative formats of documents on a case-by-case basis. |
| Public information events | Paper copies of the consultation documents will be available for review at public information events.<br>More detail on the public events is available in **Section 5.6**. |

## 5.5 Promoting the consultation

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. A map showing the PCZ (approximately 10,000 addresses) can be found in Appendix A.

5.5.2 A range of other methods will be used to promote the consultation to local communities, as set out in Table 5.3.

Table 5.3 – Promotion methods

| Method | Detail |
|---|---|
| Press release | A press release publicising the upcoming consultation and how the community can get involved will be issued ahead of the consultation. The distribution list is likely to include the following media:<br>• BBC East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire<br>• ITV Calendar<br>• BBC Radio Humberside<br>• *Hull Daily Mail*<br>• *East Riding Mail*<br>• *Yorkshire Post*<br>• BBC Radio Nottingham<br>• *Nottingham Post*<br>• BBC Radio Lincolnshire<br>• *Lincolnshire Echo/Live*<br>*The Lincolnite* |
| Newspaper advertisements | We will advertise the statutory consultation in locally circulated newspapers and online. Advertisements will be placed in both print and digital publications to ensure wider coverage within and beyond the PCZ and SCZ. |
| Emails and letters | We will send, via email, letters about the consultation and how to get involved to:<br>• members of parliament, where all or part of their constituencies lie within the PCZ and/or the SCZ |

| Method | Detail |
|---|---|
| | • elected representatives within the PCZ, including at East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Lincolnshire Council, Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council<br>• parish councils within the PCZ. |
| Statutory notices | We will publish statutory notices in locally circulating newspaper, including:<br>• under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 – for at least one week in locally circulating newspapers.<br>• under Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 – once in a national newspaper and the *London Gazette* and twice in local circulating newspapers. |
| 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, to help raise awareness of consultation via their channels. |
| 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.<br>We are unable to accept feedback through social media channels, but we will monitor comments or questions received through our own channels and respond where practicable. We will aim to point people towards sources of information, including the Project website and the interactive Project map, and to formal feedback channels. |

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.

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.

## 5.6 Public information events

5.6.1 Public information events will be held for communities to find out about the Project and the consultation and talk to representatives from the project team. The exhibitions will be held at suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within or near the PCZ.

5.6.2 Details of where and when the public information events will be held will be published on the Project website and in the Community Newsletter sent to all properties within the PCZ and available at inspection points.

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.

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.

5.6.5 Those attending the exhibitions will be encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposals for the Project.

5.6.6 Details of where and when the exhibitions are taking place will be included on the Project website, in newspaper adverts, in our Community Newsletter and on social media.

5.6.7 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.

## 5.7 Webinars

5.7.1 We will aim to hold six webinars during the consultation period. People 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.

5.7.2 The sessions will cover the proposals in detail and provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions of the project team.

5.7.3 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.

## 5.8 Stakeholder briefings and meetings

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.

5.8.2 National Grid will consider meetings with other organisations and individuals upon request.

## 5.9 Underrepresented and local interest groups

5.9.1 Our approach to consultation will be to reach out to groups that are underrepresented for the purposes of the Project and the organisations that represent them, as identified in discussions with local authorities and other stakeholders.

5.9.2 Our approach to engaging with underrepresented and local interest groups will consider the local requirements of identified groups.

5.9.3 A list of local interest groups, and organisations representing underrepresented groups, can be found in Appendix B.

5.9.4 In the first instance, 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.

5.9.5 We will maintain and update the list of underrepresented groups and local interest groups as the consultation progresses to ensure that we have the correct contact details and that we can engage with any newly identified groups.

Table 5.4 – Underrepresented group engagement tools

| Group category | Methods to be used |
|---|---|
| Older people | • Directly mailing the community newsletter 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.<br>• Providing options to submit feedback through conventional communication channels, including by post and telephone if necessary.<br>• Face-to-face events at a variety of locations and times across the route.<br>• Holding webinars for people unable to attend in-person events.<br>• Considering alternative formats on a case-by-case basis.<br>• Engaging with community groups serving the demographic.<br>• Providing paper copies of materials at inspection point locations, 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. |
| People with visual impairments | • Providing, on request, an audio guide of consultation banners.<br>• Considering alternative formats on a case-by-case basis.<br>• Providing options to enlarge text on the Project's website. |
| People with limited mobility/disability | • Providing options to submit feedback through conventional communication channels, including by post and telephone if necessary. |

| Group category | Methods to be used |
|---|---|
| | • Directly mailing the community newsletter to all properties within the PCZ, and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post, if needed.<br>• Providing online engagement opportunities through the Project website and webinars to negate the need for travel.<br>• Considering alternative formats on a case-by-case basis.<br>• Holding accessible face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times, across the route of the Project.<br>• Running virtual webinar sessions for those with further questions, featuring a booking system which will take into consideration individual needs.<br>• Endeavouring to provide a British Sign Language interpreter at one of our webinars. |
| Youth groups | • Providing online engagement and providing access to the Project website.<br>• Ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield.<br>• Holding face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the Project.<br>• Contacting local centres of education to offer engagement opportunities. |
| Carers and families with young children | • Directly mailing the community newsletter to all properties within the PCZ, and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed.<br>• Providing options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility.<br>• Holding face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the Project.<br>• Providing online engagement opportunities through the Project website and webinars to negate the need for travel.<br>• Ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield. |
| Economically inactive individuals | • Encouraging online engagement.<br>• Ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield.<br>• Offering options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility. |

| Group category | Methods to be used |
|---|---|
| Geographically isolated individuals or communities | • Directly mailing the community newsletter to all properties within the PCZ, and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed.<br>• Holding face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the Project.<br>• Providing online engagement opportunities through the Project website and webinars to negate the need for travel.<br>• Ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield. |
| Locally underrepresented minority ethnic groups (such as black, Asian and minority ethnicity) | • Emailing community groups representing underrepresented minority ethnic groups to offer engagement opportunities. |
| People with English as an additional language (EAL) | • Endeavouring to provide consultation materials in alternative languages, upon reasonable request. |
| Travellers | • Contacting community groups representing travellers to offer engagement opportunities.<br>• Trying to engage with traveller communities through the local authorities, should liaison officers be available.<br>• Ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield. |
| Digitally isolated | • Reaching out by email or telephone to community groups representing digitally isolated groups to offer engagement opportunities.<br>• Directly mailing the Community Newsletter to all properties within the PCZ, and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed.<br>• Advertising the consultation in traditional media such as local newspapers circulating in the PCZ and SCZ.<br>• Providing paper copies of materials at inspection point locations, along with contact details for 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. |

# 6. Responding to the consultation

## 6.1 Methods of responding

6.1.1 People will be able to submit their feedback on the proposals for the Project across the eight-week statutory consultation period.

This can be done by:

- completing the feedback questionnaire online via the Project website (www.nationalgrid.com/nh-hm)
- providing feedback by email (contact@hn-hm.nationalgrid.com)
- completing a hard-copy questionnaire, which can be provided on request, at one of the designated public information points or completed in person at the face-to-face events. The questionnaire can be returned free of charge using the Freepost address: FREEPOST NH TO HM (this address is written in capitals and a stamp is not needed).

6.1.2 Consultation responses received via any other method than those listed above, such as through social media, may not be formally recorded as part of the consultation.

6.1.3 Responses given orally, such as via telephone (0800 051 4430), will be considered in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis, if someone may not otherwise be able to respond to the consultation.

6.1.4 All responses must be submitted by **11.59pm** on the closing date. Feedback submissions sent via post will be accepted for up to five working days after this date.

6.1.5 All feedback will be handled in accordance with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

6.1.6 Responses may also be made public as part of the consultation report submitted as part of our DCO application.

6.1.7 More information on how National Grid will use the information collected about respondents will be made available in the consultation feedback form and on the Project website during the consultation period.

## 6.2 Providing consultation feedback on the substations

6.2.1 As the Birkhill Wood and High Marnham substations are included in the stage 2 (statutory) consultation for North Humber to High Marnham, there will be the opportunity to provide feedback in response to this statutory consultation. Where feedback regarding the substations is received in response to the North Humber to High Marnham statutory consultation, this will be analysed and reviewed in the same way as all other feedback. In addition, feedback about substations will also be shared with the relevant substation teams.

6.2.2 In terms of the separate planning applications for each of the substations, once the planning applications have been submitted to the relevant local planning authorities,

members of the public and stakeholders may submit comments directly to the relevant local planning authority. Once planning application reference numbers have been provided by the local planning authorities, we will provide an update on each of the Project websites for stakeholders and members of the public. This will also be clearly communicated through the statutory consultation materials produced for North Humber to High Marnham.

## 6.3 Presenting the results

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.

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 Planning 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.

6.3.4 Responses to the consultation and extracts of responses may be published as part of the report. Any responses that are published will have all personal details redacted.

6.3.5 Upon receipt of an application for a DCO, the Planning Inspectorate will decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination and will determine whether the statutory consultation process has been adequate. As part of this process, local authorities will be invited to provide an 'adequacy of the consultation response' to the Planning Inspectorate.

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.

## 6.4 Further consultation

6.4.1 If, following the statutory consultation, National Grid considers it is necessary to undertake further statutory consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant, practicable and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC or any update to it.

# 7. Other developers' consultations

7.1.1 The project team is aware of a number of other planned and proposed developments in the area and continues to monitor and engage with these.

7.1.2 The PEIR published as part of the statutory consultation will identify relevant existing and/or approved developments which will be considered for cumulative impact assessment through the EIA process.

7.1.3 Find out more about the proposed new Birkhill Wood and High Marnham National Grid substations in Section 2 of this SoCC.

7.1.4 National Grid will continue to work to understand other local projects to ensure that the scope and context of this proposed Project is clear in relation to the other consultations.

# Appendix A – Primary consultation zone and secondary consultation zone

[To be provided with final SoCC]

# Appendix B – Local interest groups

Windmill Walkers (Ramblers)
Beverly Ramblers
Ramblers Lincolnshire
Haxey Walkers
Guided Rides North Lincs
Bolsover and District Cycling Club
Clowne Walking Group
Retford & District Wheelers
Dales Active
Ryedale Walking Group
Walking the Way to Health (East Riding of Yorkshire Council)
East Yorkshire Long Distance Walkers
East Yorkshire CTC
Barton Wheelers Cycling Club
Two Rivers Band
The Ramblers Group
Sustrans
Sustrans (Yorkshire and the Humber)
Sustrans (East Midlands)
Lincolnshire Ramblers
Scunthorpe Ramblers
Gainsborough Ramblers
Lincolnshire Walking Group
Walking in England
East Yorkshire Cycling UK
Retford Ramblers
Yorkshire Wolds Way Partnership
North Lincs Riding Club
South Humber Riding Club
Sport England
Cycling UK Lincolnshire
Darlton Gliding Club
Doncaster Golf Club
Retford Golf Club
Milfield Golf Complex
Lincoln Golf Club
Gainsborough Golf Club (Thonock Park)
Serlby Park Golf Club
Hessle Golf Club
Beverly RUFC
Beckingham and Saundby History Group
Retford u3a

Crowle Peatland Railway
Swanland u3a
Cottingham Local History Society
North Leverton Windmill
Swanland Village Organisations
We Live Here – Haxey
Eastoft Community Information
Epworth Community Wellbeing Hub
East Riding Leisure: South Cave
Bassetlaw Action Centre
Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service
Rural Action Community Action Nottinghamshire
East Drayton Village Hall
Fledgelings Pre-School
Dunham Village Hall
South Clifton Coronation Hall
Dot Spiritual Centre
Bassetlaw Youth Council
Manor Holiday Park, Retford
Community First Yorkshire
Open Spaces Society
Microflight Aviation
Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner
University of Lincoln
University of Hull
Hull College
East Riding College
North Lindsey College
Gainsborough College
Lincoln College
Newark College
Humber Education Trust
Humber Learning Consortium
EDTEC Humber
National Education Union (North Lincs District)
North Lincs Council Adult Education and Community Learning
Engineering UTC Northern Lincolnshire
Rampton Primary School
Sundown Adventureland
North Leverton Boarding Kennels & Cattery
Leverton CofE Academy
Sturton CofE School
Dunham-on-Trent CofE Primary School
North Clifton Primary School
Hull and Humber Chamber of Commerce – Northern Lincolnshire
Federation of Small Businesses

Confederation of British Industry
Hull and East Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership
Humber LEP Board (now part of the above)
Greater Lincolnshire LEP
Social Enterprise Yorkshire and Humber
Invest in North Lincolnshire
Invest Humber
Invest Gainsborough
Cottingham and District Traders Association
Invest East Riding
Business Lincolnshire
Hawthorn Hideaway
D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (Nottinghamshire)
Visit North Lincolnshire
Visit East Yorkshire
Humber Bridge Tourist Information Centre
Lindsey AgeUK
SSAFA Lincolnshire
Supporting Older People
Little House Charitable Trust
The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust
The Principle Trust Children's Charity
Scargill Movement
The Hartley Charitable Trust
Spark & Co
East Riding Health and Wellbeing
Beverley Cherry Tree Community Centre
Beverly Leisure Group
The Countryside Charity Nottinghamshire
MySight Notts
Lincoln and Lindsey Blind Society
North Lincolnshire Youth Council
North Lincolnshire Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)
North Lincolnshire Autism Spectrum Education Team (ASET)
North Lincolnshire Dementia Action Alliance
Alzheimer's Society – North and North East Lincolnshire
Lincolnshire Jewish Community
Islamic Association of Lincoln
Hull Mosque and Islamic Centre
Hull Hebrew Congregation
Lincolnshire Autistic Society
Hull and East Riding LGBTQIA+ Forum
CARE
Scunthorpe Central Mosque
Grimsby Central Mosque
East Midlands Synod

Lincolnshire Jewish Community
Grimsby Hebrew Congregation
JUST Lincolnshire
Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership
Humber Transforming Care Partnership (TCP)
Gainsborough Healthcare Group

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# Appendix D3 Formal Statement of Community Consultation Presentation Slides

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# North Humber to High Marnham

## Project update, localised consultation update, introduction to the Statement of Community Consultation

## Nottingham County Council and Bassetlaw District Council – planning officer update

October 2024

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# Objectives of the Meeting

1. **To provide an update on project timeframes.**
2. **Update on localised non-statutory consultation on the Eastern Corridor between South Wheatley and High Marnham.**
3. **Introduce the Statement of Community Consultation.**

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# 01

# Project update



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# Project update

**Stage 1 (non-statutory) consultation** – 8 weeks (1 June to 27 July 2023).

**Localised non-statutory consultation –** 4 weeks between w/c 8 July and w/c 6 August 2024.

**Ongoing meetings/updates** – we have been providing regular updates and are seeking to agree Service Level Agreements and PPAs to enable continuous project engagement with stakeholders. Six weekly meetings are now scheduled between NGET and the LPAs during the pre-application stage of the DCO. Additional topic specific meetings are be scheduled as required.

**Review of consultation feedback** – we have reviewed all consultation feedback from the localised non-statutory consultation. Feedback from both the 2023 and 2024 consultations is continuing to inform the development of our proposals.

**Ongoing design and technical work** – we have been undertaking surveys and continuing our design and technical assessment work since our non-statutory consultation in 2023. Local Authority technical disciplines have been feeding into the ongoing assessments.

**Next steps –** We intend to consult on our draft Statement of Community Consultation in November 2024. We will carry out further surveys, design and technical work, engage further with technical stakeholders, which will all contribute to a refined proposal for our stage 2 (statutory) consultation in Spring 2025.

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# 02

# LNSC Consultation Feedback



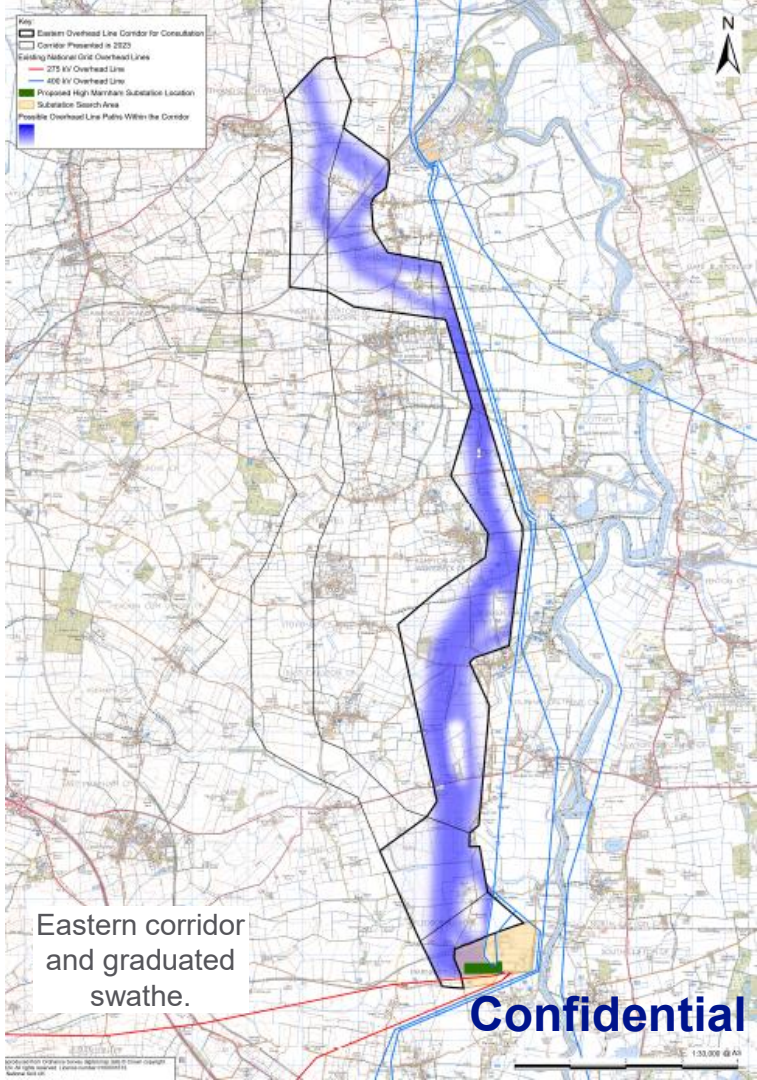
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# Recap - identification of the 'eastern corridor' – South Wheatley to High Marnham

Feedback from non-statutory consultation in 2023 (specifically relating to Sections 10 and 11 of the route) suggested that:

- New overhead lines should be routed in close parallel with existing lines, where possible.
- Concerns over some villages having an overhead line to both the east and the west.
- Concerns around impact on sensitive sites and cultural heritage assets in area.
- Concerns raised by a number of unlicensed airstrips regarding disruption to and safety of operations. Feedback set out a preference for a more easterly route closer to existing lines in this section.

As a result of feedback from our 2023 consultation and a backcheck of our CPRSS 2023, a potential alternative corridor – known as the **'eastern corridor'** was identified.




Eastern corridor and graduated swathe.



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# Localised Consultation Feedback Summary

**A total of 152 feedback submissions were received.**

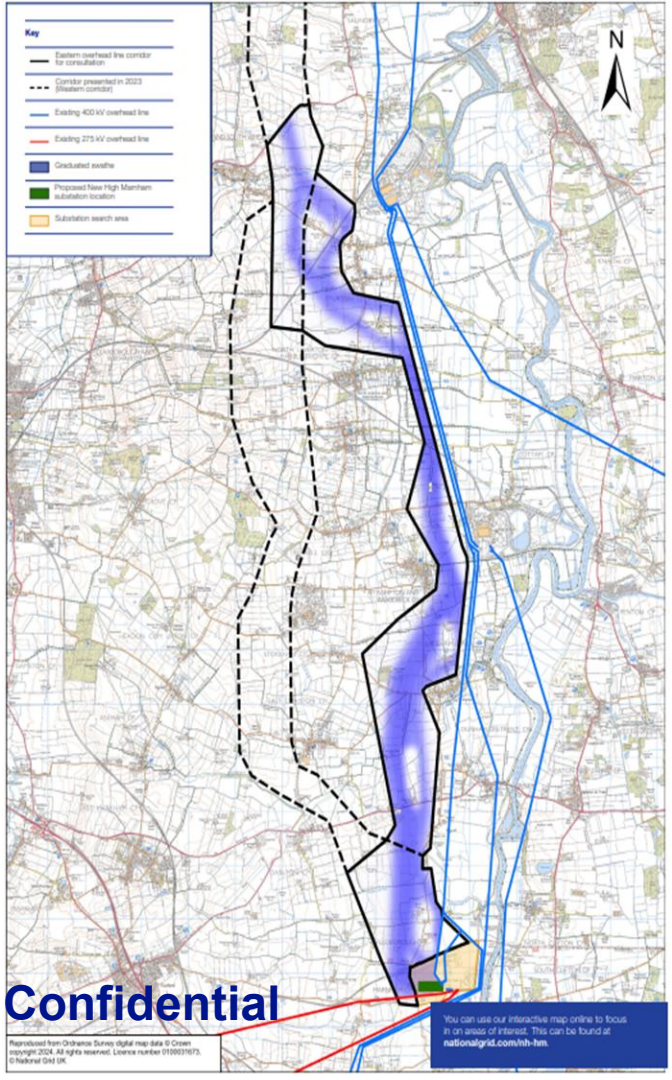
The LNSC feedback included many of the same themes as our NSC 2023. An overview of some of the key themes from feedback received specific to the eastern corridor is summarised below:

**Routeing –** Opposition to the route of the proposed OHLs. People stated OHLs should avoid villages / residents / properties / populated areas, and an alternative route should be considered. Overall preference expressed for the Western Corridor.

**Socioeconomic –** People were concerned about impact on villages and impact on good quality agricultural land / food security. The impact on quality of life for residents / families / children were also raised.

**Landscape & Visual –** Impact on the local landscape and views were a concern. Impact on rural landscape / countryside / urbanisation of rural landscape with feedback stating impacts should be mitigated.

**Cumulative Impacts & Planning –** People were concerned about the cumulative impacts with existing / planned development. Whilst people understood the need for the scheme, they were concerned the proposals will interfere with existing and planned development in the area.




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# Consideration of LNSC consultation feedback

- The feedback received during the 2024 localised non-statutory consultation has been carefully reviewed and considered, alongside ongoing technical assessment work on the engineering design, ongoing surveys and the environmental impact assessment process.
- Feedback that proposed design changes has been carefully considered in the context of environmental and socio-economic constraints and opportunities, engineering feasibility and cost, and planning policy considerations.
- Feedback from both the 2023 and 2024 consultations will be reported in a consultation feedback report published at stage 2 (statutory) consultation.

# South Wheatley to High Marnham – corridor update

- Further technical and environmental assessment work, together with feedback from both 2023 and 2024 consultations has informed a Project decision on the overall preferred corridor between South Wheatley and High Marnham.
- Additional challenges, risk and cost to construction and maintenance would arise from routeing within the eastern corridor due to a number of factors, including its location within flood zones 2 and 3 and the technical complexity associated with triple parallel of overhead lines. These challenges can be avoided by routeing through the western corridor.
- Due to the existing constraints within the eastern corridor a continuous close parallel with the existing lines in the Trent Valley is not feasible throughout this section of the route and therefore any visual benefits associated with a triple parallel in this location cannot be achieved through routeing in the eastern corridor.
- National Grid develops its projects in accordance with its statutory duties under the Electricity Act 1989 to be economic, efficient and have regard to the environment and amenity and national planning policy. On balance it is considered the western corridor is preferred and would best meet National Grid's duties and obligations.
- A public update and further information on the corridor decision and how we have refined our proposals will be published at stage 2 (statutory) consultation.
- Ongoing engagement with Local Authority technical disciplines will focus on the western corridor going forward.

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# 03

# Introduction to Statement of Community Consultation



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# Principles for statutory consultation

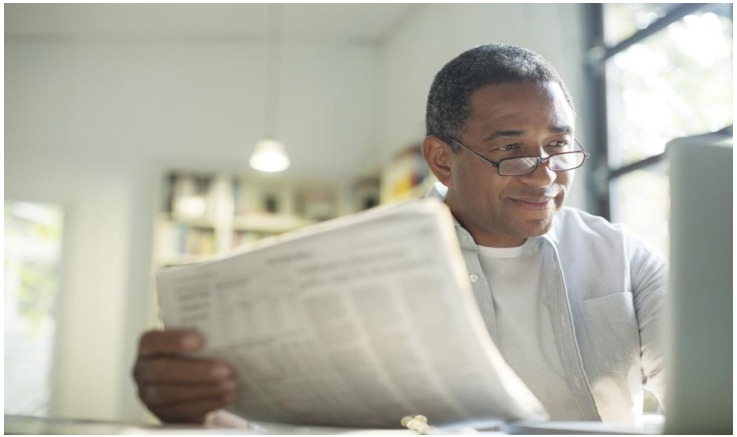
- An eight-week consultation with a range of face-to-face and online engagement events
- Newsletter mailed to properties within our Primary Consultation Zone (1 km of the proposed Project's red line boundary) representing the anticipated extent of land in which the proposed Project may take place
- Publicity of consultation materials within a Secondary Consultation Zone (5 km buffer around the red line boundary), whereby wider publicity of the proposed Project will take place
- Letters and emails to MPs, Councillors and community organisations
- Engagement with seldom heard and hard to reach groups
- Letters to landowners
- Hard copy materials available on request
- Paper copies of key consultation documents at public information points
- Hosting the full suite of consultation materials online, including an online interactive map
- Consultation with LPAs on draft Statement of Community Consultation



# Who will we be consulting with?

- The community within the Primary Consultation Zone (PCZ). This has been changed since our 2023 non-statutory consultation following feedback and environmental studies to include whole streets and post codes.
- An additional wider Secondary Consultation Zone (SCZ) has been developed, comprising a 5 km buffer around the redline boundary where wider publicity will take place.

- We will also consult with:
  - Parish councils
  - Local residents and businesses (falling within the PCZ)
  - Resident, community, tourism and business organisations
  - ‘Seldom heard groups’ representing people who are unlikely to respond to traditional consultation techniques and may need additional support to access materials
  - Statutory stakeholders
  - Commercial stakeholders
  - Local Authorities
  - Owners, tenants and occupiers of land potentially affected by the proposed DCO application.



# Approach to public information events

At statutory consultation, we will be utilising methods used in our previous non-statutory consultation. Consultees will be familiar with the approach and what to expect. This approach includes:

- Public information events being held for communities to find out information about the proposed Project and the consultation being carried out to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to talk to representatives from the Project team.
- Exhibitions being held at suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within, or near to, the PCZ.
- Copies of all relevant consultation materials made available at each exhibition, including a series of consultation banners to present the proposals for the Project.

| Date and time | Venue | Date and time | Venue |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Tuesday 6 June 2023, 12pm—7pm** | Dunham on Trent Centre, Low Street, Dunham, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG22 0FJ | **Monday 26 June 2023, 1pm—7pm** | Gringley on the Hill Community Centre, West Wells Lane, Gringley on the Hill, Doncaster DN10 4QY |
| **Saturday 10 June 2023, 10am—4pm** | North and South Wheatley Village Hall, Sturton Rd, South Wheatley, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 9DL | **Thursday 29 June 2023, 10am—4pm** | Gilberdyke War Memorial Hall, 11 Clementhorpe Road, Gilberdyke, East Yorkshire HU15 2UB |
| **Tuesday 13 June 2023, 10am—4pm** | Crowle Community Hall, Woodland Ave, Crowle, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire DN17 4LL | **Tuesday 4 July 2023, 12pm—6pm** | Garthorpe Village Hall, Shore Road, Garthorpe, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire DN17 4AF |
| **Monday 19 June 2023, 12pm—7pm** | Haxey Memorial Hall, 3 High Street, Haxey, Doncaster DN9 2HH | **Saturday 8 July 2023, 11:30am—5pm** | Cottingham Civic Hall, 1 Market Green, Cottingham HU16 5QG |
| **Friday 23 June 2023, 12pm—6:30pm** | All Saints Community Centre, Church Hill, South Cave, Brough HU15 2EU | | |

# Draft SoCC Consultation

- 28-day consultation with LPAs on draft Statement of Community Consultation from late October/early November 2024



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# 06

# Questions & AOB



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# Appendix D4 Regard had to Formal Comments on the Proposed SoCC

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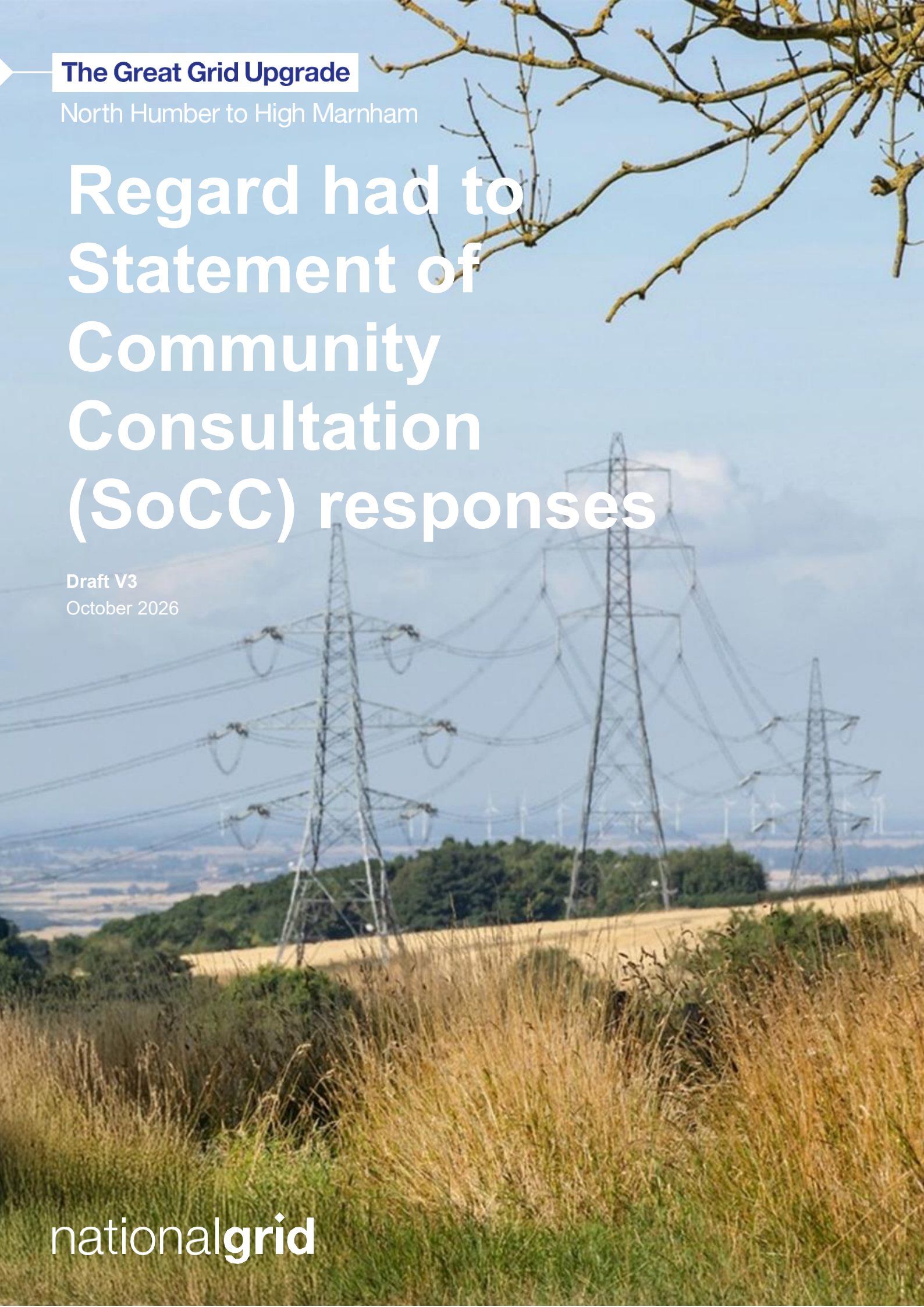
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# Regard had to Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) responses

**Draft V3**

October 2026



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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of the document

1.1.1 National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (National Grid) is developing proposals for the North Humber to High Marnham Project (the Project), which involves constructing a new high voltage electricity transmission line between a new substation at Creyke Beck, Cottingham (known as the Birkhill Wood substation) and a new substation at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire.

1.1.2 The Project is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and requires consent from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the SoS) via a Development Consent Order (DCO).

1.1.3 Prior to submitting this application, National Grid has a duty under section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act") to consult the local community on its proposals.

1.1.4 Under section 47 (1) of the Act, National Grid is required to prepare a statement explaining how they will consult with people living in the vicinity of the land where the Project is to be located, and to carry out pre-application consultation in accordance with this statement before plans are finalised and an application for a DCO is submitted.

1.1.5 Section 47(2) of the Act also requires that National Grid consult each local authority identified within section 43(1) about its draft Statement of Community of Consultation (SoCC).

1.1.6 The draft SoCC was issued to the following local authorities on 13 November 2024:

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

1.1.7 The four host local authorities were given until 11 December 2024 to return their comments, a period of 28 days, in line with section 47(3) of the Act.

1.1.8 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 and they were given until 3 January 2025 to return their comments, a period of 28 days, in line with section 47(3) of the Act.

1.1.9 Briefings were held with planning officers from each of the host authorities to brief them of the draft SoCC.

# 2. Comments on the draft Statement of Community Consultation

## 2.1 Feedback from local authorities and regard had to comments

2.1.1 Comments on the contents of the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) were received from East Riding of Yorkshire Council on 13 November 2024 and North Lincolnshire Council on 9 December 2024.

2.1.2 Comments from Nottinghamshire County Council were then received on 11 December 2024, followed by Bassetlaw District Council on 17 December 2024 and Newark and Sherwood District Council on 2 January 2025.

2.1.3 Table 2.1 of this document sets out the comments received and National Grid's response to these comments.

Table 2.1 – Feedback from local authorities and regard had to comments

| 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 within the SoCC amended to include The Goole Times in the list of publications that the press release will be issued to. |

| Local authority | Date responded | SoCC reference | Comments | National Grid's response | Change made to the SoCC? |
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| 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<br>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 areas and residents they represent the best. | Section 5.3.6 of the SoCC explains that National Grid will work with authorities to identify and consult Seldom Heard groups within the consultation zone. As further details in Section 5.9, National Grid's approach to consultation will be to reach out to groups that are underrepresented for the purposes of the Project and the organisations that represent them, as identified in discussions with local authorities and other stakeholders.<br>Further detail on National Grid's approach to consulting underrepresented groups is also provided in Table 5.4 of the draft SoCC (and Table 5.6 of the final SoCC), which outlines the methods National Grid propose to use to engage with seldom heard groups. | 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? |
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| | | | | A list of local interest groups, and organisations representing underrepresented groups, can be found in Appendix B of the SoCC.<br>National Grid wrote to the town and parish councils it had consulted as part of the non-statutory consultation, 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:-<br>https://localplan.northlincs.gov.uk/sci<br>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'. | Comment noted. | None required. |

| Local authority | Date responded | SoCC reference | Comments | National Grid's response | Change made to the SoCC? |
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| 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) was provided in the materials that have been produced as part of the statutory consultation.<br>Consultation materials are listed in Table 5.1 within the SoCC. Methods on how to view consultation materials are listed in Table 5.2 within the SoCC.<br>Examples of consultation documents that set out a background to the project, the opportunities for public engagement and next steps include the Consultation newsletter 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 | 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? |
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| | | | | 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.<br>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-Reach' whereas it should be 'Seldom Heard' throughout. | Wording reviewed throughout document to ensure use of phrasing and abbreviation is consistent. | Yes, multiple small changes. |
| 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 | National Grid can confirm that maps and location plans were included within the Project Background Document.<br>To reduce the environmental impact of the consultation, | None made. |

| Local authority | Date responded | SoCC reference | Comments | National Grid's response | Change made to the SoCC? |
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| | | | 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".<br>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 did not provide paper copies of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) at local information points. However, the full PEIR was available to view electronically via USB sticks along with paper copies of the Project Background Document and Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the PEIR at the local information points<br>Additionally, a copy of the PEIR, Project Background Document and the NTS of PEIR were made available online and a paper copy available at public information events. | |
| 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 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 | National Grid can confirm that Nottinghamshire Mobile Libraries (Inspire) and All Saints Parish Church, Misterton were added to the list of local information points.<br>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 | Yes, Table 5.2 within the SoCC amended to include Nottinghamshire Mobile Libraries and All Saints Parish Church, Misterton in the list of local information points. |

| Local authority | Date responded | SoCC reference | Comments | National Grid's response | Change made to the SoCC? |
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| | | | to longer and more consistent opening times. | were unable to add this as a further local information point.<br>However, Retford was still served by two local information points – Retford Library and Bassetlaw District Council's Retford office. | |
| 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 held 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. |
| 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 | Wording amended in line with suggestion. | Yes, Table 5.3 within the SoCC amended include Worksop Guardian, Retford Times and Nottinghamshire Live in the list of outlets that will |

| Local authority | Date responded | SoCC reference | Comments | National Grid's response | Change made to the SoCC? |
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| | | | Nottinghamshire Live are included in the draft SoCC. | | 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. The commitments already identified in Table 5.4 of the draft SoCC (and Table 5.3 of the final SoCC) set out the wide range of methods through which National Grid sought to engage with seldom heard groups. This list is consistent with the approach taken on other National Grid projects and on major infrastructure projects more generally. In response to this comment and other feedback on the draft SoCC, National Grid wrote to the parish councils it had consulted as part of the non-statutory consultation, 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 with 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 B of the SoCC updated to incorporate suggestions of seldom heard groups. |

| Local authority | Date responded | SoCC reference | Comments | National Grid's response | Change made to the SoCC? |
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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 held consultation events at a variety of locations in close proximity to its proposals.<br><br>When considering which locations to hold consultation events at, National Grid first considered the success of venues used at the non-statutory consultation. Where the need to hold an event at a new venue was identified, it 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.<br><br>Much of this information was unconfirmed at the time the draft SoCC was produced and shared with the host authorities for consultation, although the information was 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. |

| Local authority | Date responded | SoCC reference | Comments | National Grid's response | Change made to the 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.<br>No traveller sites were identified within the secondary consultation zone 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. |

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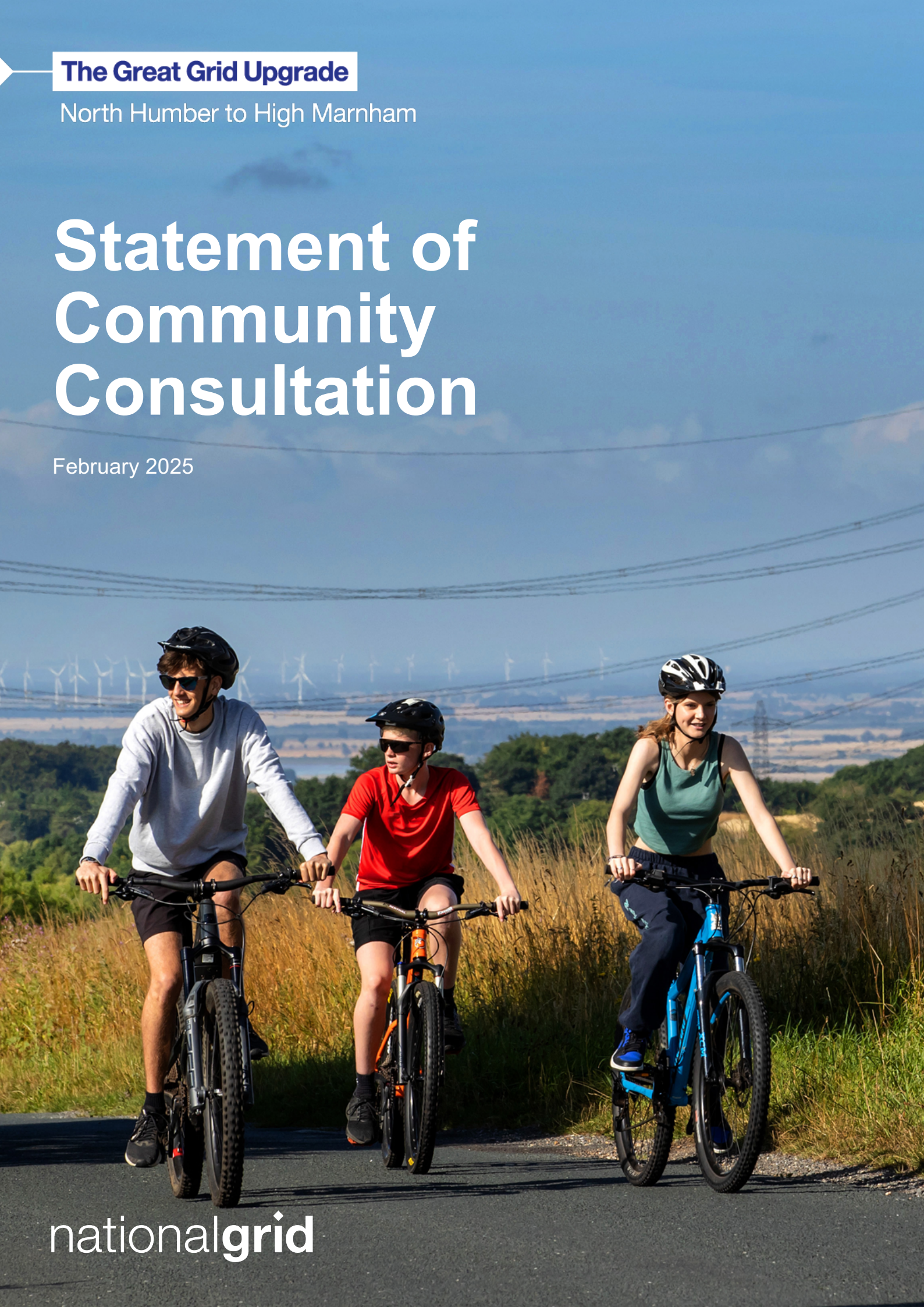
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North Humber to High Marnham

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of the document

1.1.1 This document is a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and relates to the North Humber to High Marnham Project (the Project), which is being promoted by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (National Grid). We are promoting the Project to provide an upgrade to the electricity transmission network between a new substation at Creyke Beck, Cottingham in the East Riding of Yorkshire and a new substation at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire. The SoCC sets out how we propose to consult people living in the vicinity of the land who would be affected by National Grid's application for the Project, including residents, businesses and the local community. This would take place alongside our consultation with statutory bodies and stakeholders.

1.1.2 National Grid expects the Project to be classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and requires consent from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the SoS) via a Development Consent Order (DCO).

1.1.3 Engagement with the local community is an important part of the development of the Project and has been ongoing with the community and other stakeholders since 2023. This document has been prepared in accordance with Section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act), which requires applicants to prepare a statement explaining how they will consult with people living in the vicinity of the land where the Project is to be located (from here called 'the local community') about the proposed DCO application, and to carry out pre-application consultation in accordance with this statement.

1.1.4 The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development. This SoCC therefore also sets out how National Grid intends to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information, in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations).

1.1.5 National Grid has already undertaken an earlier phase of non-statutory consultation in relation to the Project. Having engaged with local authorities, we produced the North Humber to High Marnham public consultation strategy[1] for the non-statutory consultation. In accordance with section 47(2) of the Act, 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
- Nottinghamshire County Council.

[1] https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/document/148911/download

## 1.2 Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

1.2.1 The Project is expected to be classified as an NSIP under Section 14(1)(b) and Section 16(1)(a) of the Act, because it comprises a new above-ground electric line of more than 2 kilometres (km), with an operating voltage of above 132 kilovolts (kV). National Grid intends to submit an application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate under Section 37 of the Act.

1.2.2 The application for development consent will be submitted to, and examined by, the Planning Inspectorate, who appoints an Examining Authority to examine the application on behalf of the SoS. The Examining Authority will provide a recommendation to the SoS, who will ultimately decide whether to grant development consent for the Project.

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. This early involvement of communities, host local authorities and other stakeholders helps to ensure that we identify valuable information about the potential impacts of the Project so that mitigation measures can be considered and, where appropriate, built into our design before an application for development consent is submitted.

## 1.3 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

1.3.1 The Project is an “EIA Development”. On 21 August 2023, National Grid submitted a Scoping Report to the SoS to inform the EIA proposed for the Project.

1.3.2 Within the Scoping Report, National Grid gave formal written notification under Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations that it considers the Project will (and that National Grid will in due course provide) an environmental statement in respect of the project, and that it is considered to be an EIA Development.

1.3.3 A scoping opinion for the Project was adopted by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the SoS) on 29 September 2023.

## 1.4 About National Grid Group plc

1.4.1 National Grid sits at the heart of Great Britain’s energy system, connecting millions of people and businesses to the energy they use every day. We bring energy to life: in the heat, light and power we bring to our customers’ homes and businesses, in the way that we support our communities and help them to grow, and in the way we show up in the world. It is our vision to be at the heart of a clean, fair and affordable energy future.

1.4.2 Within the wider National Grid plc group of companies, there are three separate legal entities, each with their own roles and responsibilities.

1.4.3 National Grid Electricity Transmission (referred to here as National Grid) holds the transmission licence for England and Wales under the Electricity Act 1989. National Grid owns, builds and maintains the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales – the overhead lines, buried cables and substations that carry power around the country. It is National Grid that is developing the proposals for the Project.

1.4.4 National Grid Electricity Distribution owns and operates the distribution networks for the Midlands, the southwest of England and south Wales.

1.4.5 National Grid Electricity System Operator (ESO), which has recently been replaced by the National Energy System Operator (NESO), operates the transmission network in Great Britain, including the networks in Scotland owned by Scottish Power Transmission and Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks. NESO manages the network, ensuring the right amount of energy is provided where it is needed.

1.4.6 In April 2019, ESO became a legally separate business within the National Grid plc group and is regulated independently by Ofgem.

1.4.7 The Energy Act 2023 legislated for the creation of a Future Systems Operator to replace ESO. In January 2024, ESO announced that the Future Systems Operator would be called the National Energy Systems Operator (NESO), which would be founded on the current activities of ESO and take a whole-system approach to strengthen energy security, help deliver the Government's Net Zero legislative agenda and ensure that household bills are affordable in the long term.

1.4.8 National Grid Ventures (NGV) is the unregulated commercial arm of National Grid plc. It invests in technologies and partnerships that help accelerate our move to a clean-energy future. This includes interconnectors, which connect the UK with countries across the North Sea, allowing trade between energy markets and efficient use of renewable energy resources.

## 1.5 National Grid's duties

1.5.1 National Grid has a statutory duty to develop and maintain an efficient, coordinated and economical system of electricity transmission under the Electricity Act 1989. This includes a statutory obligation to offer to connect any new generating stations or interconnectors applying to connect to the transmission system.

1.5.2 In developing proposals that affect the transmission system (including proposals to reinforce the network to accommodate new connections), National Grid is required to consider relevant National Policy Statements (NPSs). The NPSs relevant to the Project are the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) and the National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5). The National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy (EN-3) also includes support for the onshore infrastructure required to deliver new offshore wind development. These NPSs came into force in January 2024.

1.5.3 National Grid is also required, under Section 38 of the Electricity Act 1989, to comply with the provisions of Schedule 9 of the Electricity Act 1989. Schedule 9 requires licence holders, in the formulation of proposals to transmit electricity, to preserve amenity, as outlined below:

> *"Schedule 9(1)(a): "…have regard to the desirability of preserving natural beauty, of conserving flora, fauna and geological or physiographical features of special interest and of protecting sites, buildings and objects of architectural, historic or archaeological interest",*
>
> *"Schedule 9(1)(b): "…do what [it] reasonably can to mitigate any effect which the proposals would have on the natural beauty of the countryside or on any such flora, fauna, features, sites, buildings or objects."*

1.5.4 How we set out to meet these environmental responsibilities, and our commitments relating to engagement and consultation about proposals, is explained in our Stakeholder, Community and Amenity Policy[2].

[2] https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/document/81026/download

# 2. The Project

## 2.1 Project background and need

2.1.1 The way we generate electricity in the UK is changing rapidly, and we are transitioning to cheaper, cleaner and more secure forms of energy like new offshore windfarms. National Grid needs to make changes to the network of overhead lines, pylons, cables and other infrastructure that transports electricity around the country so that everyone has access to clean electricity from these new renewable sources.

2.1.2 The Project is required to increase the capability of the electricity transmission network between the north of England and the Midlands. It is needed to facilitate the connection of proposed new offshore wind that is planned to connect in the Creyke Beck area in the next decade. Should all of these be built, this would amount to just under 12 gigawatts (GW) of generation capacity by the early 2030s. The existing network serving the Creyke Beck area can export just under 7 GW of electricity while remaining compliant with the Security and Quality of Supply Standards to which the network is operated.

2.1.3 With around 18.7 GW of contracted generation and interconnector capacity by 2035, the network as it is today, notwithstanding local demand, would not have the capacity needed to export that amount of electricity out of the area or to accommodate the north–south power flows that are expected on the network.

2.1.4 The Project is a proposal by National Grid to reinforce the electricity transmission network through the construction and operation of approximately 90 km of new 400,000 volt (400 kV) overhead electricity transmission line from a new substation at Creyke Beck, Cottingham in the East Riding of Yorkshire, and a new substation in High Marnham, Nottinghamshire.

2.1.5 The Project is one of a number of network upgrades that needs to be accelerated to help meet increased Government targets for offshore wind. All of this work forms part of The Great Grid Upgrade – National Grid's programme to deliver over five times the amount of electricity transmission infrastructure in the next seven years than has been built in the past 30 years.

2.1.6 The Great Grid Upgrade will play a big part in the UK government's plan to boost homegrown power. It will help the UK switch to clean energy and make sure our electricity network is fit for the future; carrying more clean, secure energy from where it is generated to where it is needed. North Humber to High Marnham is one of 17 network reinforcements identified as 'essential' and which need to be accelerated to meet 2030 targets.

## 2.2 New substations

2.2.1 The Project would need to connect to two new substations – one at Creyke Beck, Cottingham, (known as Birkhill Wood Substation) in the East Riding of Yorkshire and a new substation at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire (part of a project called 'Brinsworth to High Marnham'). National Grid is applying for planning permission for the two new 400 kV substations from the relevant local planning authorities under the Town and Country Planning Act.

2.2.2 In 2025, a planning application is intended to be submitted to East Riding of Yorkshire Council for the new Birkhill Wood substation. In 2025, a planning application is also intended to be submitted to Bassetlaw District Council for the new High Marnham substation. Separate pre-application public consultations have been undertaken for the substation applications ahead of these planning applications being submitted. Further information on these consultations is provided in Section 3.

2.2.3 In addition to connecting the new overhead line reinforcement which this Project will provide, the substations are also needed to provide a connection point for third-party developments to connect into the transmission network in the Cottingham and High Marnham areas.

2.2.4 Further information on the pre-application consultations held for each of these substations is set out in Section 3 of this SoCC.

2.2.5 Once the planning applications for each substation have been submitted to the local planning authorities, members of the public and stakeholders may submit comments on the planning applications directly to the relevant local planning authority. Once planning application reference numbers have been provided by the local planning authorities, we will provide an update on the Project website.

## 2.3 Inclusion of the new substations in the North Humber to High Marnham statutory consultation

2.3.1 While the new substations did not form part of our proposals for North Humber to High Marnham during our non-statutory consultation 2023 and localised non-statutory consultation 2024, we have made the decision to include both substations within this statutory consultation for the Project. This approach allows National Grid to demonstrate that the Project can be delivered and that it can connect to the national transmission network.

2.3.2 National Grid is obligated to meet certain timescales for the delivery of the network reinforcement through the proposed new 400 kV overhead line, and the substations are integral to this. The inclusion of the substations within the Project does not change our intention to continue to progress with the separate planning applications for each substation, and it does not affect our continuing discussions and negotiations with relevant landowners and interested parties. We are committed to, and fully intend to pursue and deliver, the substations pursuant to those permissions and land agreements.

2.3.3 National Grid will continue to keep this approach under review as the Project progresses. The new proposed substations will play an important role in building a more secure and resilient future energy system.

2.3.4 Information on how feedback on the substations included as part of this statutory consultation will be analysed, is set out in Section 6 of this SoCC. In addition, substation feedback will also be shared with our teams responsible for the separate planning applications for both substations.

2.3.5 As set out in section 2.4 (project description) the works at the new High Marnham substation also include the replacement and realignment of the existing 4ZV and XE 275kV overhead line routes and existing 400kV ZDA and ZDF overhead line routes, to allow for connection into the new High Marnham substation. The uprating works

associated with the existing 4ZV route (between Chesterfield and High Marnham) extend into Newark and Sherwood District Council boundary for approximately 1.4 km.

2.3.6 Newark and Sherwood District Council were consulted during our localised non-statutory consultation in 2024, however, at that point they were not a host local authority. Due to the inclusion of the works to the existing overhead lines associated with High Marnham substation in our statutory consultation, Newark and Sherwood District Council have now been identified as a host local authority for the purposes of our statutory consultation.

## 2.4 Project description

2.4.1 North Humber to High Marnham ('the Project') is a proposal by National Grid to upgrade the electricity transmission system between new substations near Cottingham and High Marnham. The Project includes a new 400 kV electricity transmission connection of an overall length of approximately 90 km between two proposed new substations, Birkhill Wood 400 kV substation and High Marnham 400 kV substation. National Grid will consult on all aspects of the proposed development for the Project, including:

- approximately 90 km of new overhead line between the new Birkhill Wood and High Marnham 400 kV substations
- replacement and realignment of a section of the existing 400 kV 4ZQ overhead line route between Brantingham and east of Broomfleet
- replacement and realignment of a section of the existing 400 kV ZDA overhead line route between Ealand and west of Keadby
- a new 400 kV Birkhill Wood substation with a new permanent access. This is proposed to be a gas insulated switchgear substation
- replacement and realignment of a section of the existing 400 kV 4ZR route to allow for connection into the new Birkhill Wood substation
- a new 400 kV High Marnham substation, with a new permanent access. This is proposed to be an air insulated switchgear substation
- 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, 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 will also include utility diversions and drainage works. There would also be land required for mitigation, compensation and enhancement of the environment, including for biodiversity net gain.

# 3. Consultation and engagement to date

## 3.1 Approach

3.1.1 National Grid is committed to engaging and consulting with communities and stakeholders at an early stage of the Project, giving local communities the opportunity to provide feedback and insight at a formative stage ahead of more detailed design work being carried out. The approach to engagement has been to carry out both non-statutory and statutory consultation, guided by the requirements of the Act.

## 3.2 Non-statutory consultation 2023

3.2.1 The non-statutory consultation was held between 1 June and 27 July 2023. This consultation aimed to:

- introduce National Grid and the early-stage proposals
- 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 emerging preferred route corridor and graduated swathe
- ensure all stakeholders had the opportunity to provide feedback on the work to date
- outline next steps and programme for how the proposals would be developed further.

3.2.2 The consultation provided stakeholders and the local community with digital and non-digital opportunities to engage with the early-stage proposals, including a dedicated website, face-to-face public events and online webinar sessions, as well as via email, phone and Freepost.

3.2.3 At this stage, National Grid presented a graduated swathe within which new infrastructure could be located in the corridor.

3.2.4 We consulted with a range of stakeholders, including local councils, elected representatives, local residents, seldom heard groups and local interest groups.

3.2.5 To raise awareness of the launch of the consultation, National Grid sent newsletters to all properties within the primary consultation zone (PCZ). The PCZ included all properties situated within 1 km of the edge of the emerging preferred route corridor. Where appropriate, the PCZ was extended to include whole streets rather than the 1 km boundary dissecting streets, hamlets or neighbourhoods. For the non-statutory consultation 2023, the PCZ amounted to 11,919 properties.

3.2.6 A secondary consultation zone (SCZ) was also established, which extended to 5 km from the edge of the emerging preferred route corridor. To raise awareness of the Project and consultation amongst communities and stakeholders in the SCZ, advertisements were placed in local newspapers and on social media.

3.2.7 Following the conclusion of this consultation, feedback was analysed. A backcheck and review of the Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Site Study (CPRSS) 2023 took place, taking into account new information received within the consultation feedback and further design and assessment work.

3.2.8 As a result, the Project identified a potential alternative corridor in the southernmost section of the route between the villages of South Wheatley and High Marnham. This is referred to as the 'eastern corridor'.

3.2.9 Due to the location of the alternative corridor, a localised non-statutory consultation took place between 9 July and 6 August 2024 to ensure all local communities were consulted.

## 3.3 Localised non-statutory consultation 2024

3.3.1 The localised non-statutory consultation was held between 9 July 2024 and 6 August 2024. This consultation aimed to:

- introduce and consult on the potential alternative corridor, referred to as the 'eastern corridor'
- outline the work carried out since the non-statutory consultation 2023 and why an alternative was being considered
- ensure all stakeholders (both previous and newly consulted) had the opportunity to provide feedback on the eastern corridor ahead of a more detailed design being developed and presented at during this statutory consultation
- outline next steps and programme for how the proposals would be developed further.

3.3.2 The consultation provided stakeholders and the local community with digital and non-digital opportunities to engage with the early-stage proposals, including a dedicated website, face-to-face public events and online webinar sessions, as well as via email, phone and Freepost.

3.3.3 We continued to use digital methods for consultation, including an online interactive map (with removable layers to show the 2023 and 2024 proposals), searchable frequently asked questions (FAQs), a document library with interactive PDFs and an online feedback questionnaire for people to provide comments.

3.3.4 As with the non-statutory consultation 2023, we consulted with a range of stakeholders, including local councils, elected representatives, local residents, seldom heard groups and local interest groups.

3.3.5 To raise awareness of the launch of the consultation, National Grid sent newsletters to all properties within the primary consultation zone (PCZ). The PCZ for the localised non-statutory consultation 2024 extended 1 km from the 'eastern corridor' that was the focus of the consultation. Where appropriate, the PCZ was extended to include whole streets rather than the 1 km boundary dissecting hamlets or neighbourhoods. For the localised non-statutory consultation 2024, the PCZ amounted to 2,108 properties.

3.3.6 A secondary consultation zone (SCZ) was also established, which extended to 5 km from the edge of the eastern corridor. To raise awareness of the Project and consultation amongst communities and stakeholders in the SCZ, advertisements were placed in local newspapers and on social media.

3.3.7 Paper copies of key consultation documents were placed at information points in publicly accessible venues – libraries and, where possible, council offices – along the route of the eastern corridor. Alternative formats of documents were available on request.

3.3.8 Feedback from both the non-statutory consultation 2023 and the localised non-statutory consultation 2024, together with further technical assessments and environmental surveys, has been important to consider when deciding on the overall preferred corridor and identification of the route alignment ahead of this statutory consultation.

3.3.9 More information on both non-statutory consultations and how the feedback helped influence and shape the proposals to date can be found in the Non-statutory consultation feedback report which is available on the Project website.

## 3.4 Previous consultation on Birkhill Wood substation

3.4.1 Consultation was carried out in July 2023 for a new substation located approximately 700 metres to the north of the existing Creyke Beck substation, which we are now calling Birkhill Wood substation. The consultation in July 2023 also included proposals to extend to the existing Creyke Beck substation, which we are now referring to as Wanlass Beck Substation (also known as the Creyke Beck extension and new substation project). Wanlass Beck substation does not form part of this Project's proposals.

3.4.2 Consultation was held between 29 June and 27 July 2023. Consultation activities included a launch letter and leaflet sent to addresses within 1 km of the proposed works, offers of briefings to local MPs, ward councillors and parish councillors within 1 km, and a public consultation event on 8 July 2023.

3.4.3 Since consulting in July 2023, the project team has been reviewing feedback and has continued to develop and refine the proposed design.

3.4.4 As the Birkhill Wood substation is also now included in this Project, there is also the opportunity to provide feedback in response to this statutory consultation. Any feedback about the Birkhill Wood substation received in response to this statutory consultation will be analysed and reviewed in the same way as all other feedback (see Section 6 of this SoCC for further details). In addition, feedback about the Birkhill Wood substation will be shared with the project team responsible for the separate planning application for this substation.

3.4.5 More information about the Creyke Beck extension and new substation project, previous consultation details for Birkhill Wood substation and the latest updates can be found at the dedicated project website: nationalgrid.com/creyke-beck.

## 3.5 Previous public consultation on High Marnham substation

3.5.1 Consultation on the proposals for a new substation at High Marnham, Nottinghamshire, took place in April and May 2024 as part of a project called Brinsworth to High Marnham.

3.5.2 Consultation was held between 22 April and 20 May 2024. Consultation activities included two in-person events, held on 26 April and 27 April 2024, one webinar, a letter sent to more than 300 addresses in the area around the proposed site, and editorial and press advertisements.

3.5.3 Since consulting in May 2024, the project team has been reviewing feedback and has continued to develop and refine the proposed design.

3.5.4 As the High Marnham substation is also now included in this Project, there is also the opportunity to provide feedback in response to this statutory consultation. Any feedback about the High Marnham substation received in response to this statutory consultation will be analysed and reviewed in the same way as all other feedback (see Section 6 of this SoCC for further detail). In addition, feedback about the High Marnham substation will be shared with the project team responsible for the separate planning application for this substation.

3.5.5 More information about the Brinsworth to High Marnham project, previous consultation details and latest updates can be found at the dedicated project website: nationalgrid.com/b-hm.

# 4. Project timeline

4.1.1 The Project is currently in the pre-application stage of the DCO process. Figure 4.1 sets out the DCO consenting process. Table 4.1 sets out the milestones for each stage of the consenting process for the Project and indicative dates from pre-application consultation through to construction.

Figure 4.1 – DCO consenting process

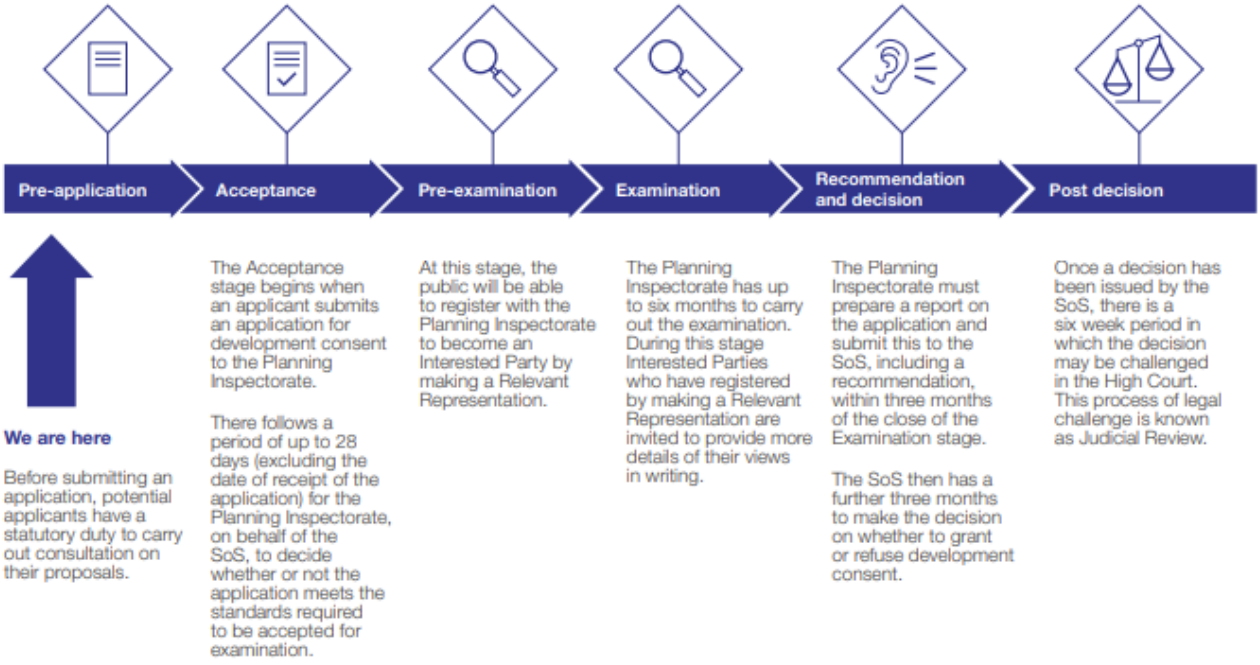



Table 4.1 – Stages of the DCO consenting process

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| **Non-statutory consultation** – We held an initial stage of non-statutory consultation from 1 June to 27 July 2023 on our emerging preferred corridor route between Creyke Beck, north of Hull, and High Marnham in Nottinghamshire. |
| **Consideration of non-statutory consultation feedback –** We reviewed and considered the feedback received during non-statutory consultation to inform the design of the Project. We identified a potential alternative eastern corridor between South Wheatley and High Marnham. |
| **Localised non-statutory consultation** – We held a localised non-statutory consultation from 9 July to 6 August 2024 on a potential alternative eastern corridor between South Wheatley and High Marnham. |
| **Consideration of localised non-statutory consultation feedback –** We continued to consider the feedback from our non-statutory consultation and reviewed feedback from our localised non-statutory consultation. Both non-statutory consultations helped to inform the development of our proposed alignment as presented during statutory consultation. |

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| **Statutory consultation** – 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. |
| **Consideration of statutory consultation feedback –** 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. |
| **DCO application submission** – We will submit our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the SoS, has up to 28 days to decide whether or not the application meets the standards required to be accepted for examination. |
| **Examination** – If the application is accepted, it will go through a six-month examination period. Prior to the examination period, stakeholders can register with the Planning Inspectorate to become an 'Interested Party' by making what is called a 'Relevant Representation'. Interested parties are invited to provide more details about their views in writing during this phase. Careful consideration is given by the Examining Authority to all relevant and written representations and supporting evidence. The Examining Authority is the Inspector or the Panel of Inspectors appointed to conduct the examination of the application for the DCO. |
| **Recommendation and decision** – Within three months of the close of the examination, the Examining Authority that conducted the examination must prepare a report on the examination, including a recommendation for the SoS. The SoS has a further three months to make a decision on whether to grant or refuse the application. |
| **Post-decision** – Once a decision has been issued by the SoS, there is a six-week period in which the decision may be challenged in the High Court. This is known as Judicial Review. If the application is granted development consent, construction can begin.<br><br>If our application is granted development consent, we expect construction of the Project to begin in 2027, with the Project becoming fully operational from 2031. |

# 5. Consulting on the proposed application

## 5.1 When will the statutory consultation take place?

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.

## 5.2 What will be consulted on?

5.2.1 We will seek views and feedback on the following elements of the Project, which comprises a major reinforcement and upgrade of the electricity transmission network between a new substation at Creyke Beck, Cottingham, (known as Birkhill Wood Substation) in the East Riding of Yorkshire and a new substation at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire:

- 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 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.

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.

5.2.3 For the purposes of statutory consultation – and as presented during our non-statutory consultation – we have split the Project into 11 Route Sections to assist consultees in providing feedback:

- Route Section 1: Creyke Beck–Skidby
- Route Section 2: Skidby–A63 dual carriageway

- Route Section 3: A63 dual carriageway–River Ouse crossing
- Route Section 4: River Ouse crossing
- Route Section 5: River Ouse crossing–Luddington
- Route Section 6: Luddington–M180 motorway
- Route Section 7: M180 motorway–Graizelound
- Route Section 8: Graizelound–Chesterfield Canal
- Route Section 9: Chesterfield Canal–A620 east of North Wheatley
- Route Section 10: A620 east of North Wheatley–Fledborough
- Route Section 11: Fledborough–High Marnham.

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.

5.2.5 The Project would be designed, constructed and operated in accordance with applicable health and safety legislation. The Project would also need to comply with design safety standards, including the National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standard (SQSS), which sets out the criteria and methodology for planning and operating the national electricity transmission system (NETS). This informs a suite of National Grid policies and processes that contain details on design standards required to be met when designing, constructing and operating assets such as those proposed for the Project.

## 5.3 Who will be consulted?

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.

5.3.2 Under Section 47 of the Act, we have a duty to consult the local community. A geographic consultation zone has been created for this consultation (as seen in Appendix A). The consultation zone includes all addresses with property postcodes within 1 km of the Project's red line boundary (which represents the anticipated extent of land in which the Project may take place).

5.3.3 The zone has changed since the non-statutory consultation as a result of feedback and environmental studies, as well as the inclusion of information such as construction accesses, laydown areas and the traffic route we propose to use during construction. The latest primary consultation zone (PCZ) includes approximately 10,000 addresses. Where appropriate, the PCZ has been extended to include whole streets and postcodes rather than the 1 km extents that dissected hamlets or neighbourhoods.

5.3.4 An additional wider secondary consultation zone (SCZ) has been developed, comprising a 5 km buffer around the red line boundary, in which wider publicity of the Project will take place. The SCZ can be found in Appendix A.

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.

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.

5.3.7 In addition to the local community, we will consult prescribed bodies and local authorities under Section 42(1)(a), (b) and Section 43 of the Act. We will also consult persons with an interest in land under sections 42(1)(d) and 44 of the Act. 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.

## 5.4 Consultation materials

5.4.1 The consultation materials described in **Table 5.1** will be developed to help people understand the proposals for the Project and provide their feedback.

Table 5.1 – Consultation materials

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| Project background document (2025) | This document will provide a summary of the Project, including:<br>• the background to the Project<br>• information about design changes as a result of the non-statutory consultation | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This document will be published on the Project website and be available in paper copy on request, at the local information points listed in **Table 5.2** and at public information events. |

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| | and localised non-statutory consultation<br>• information about potential benefits and impacts of the Project<br>• how we might propose to mitigate any significant effects<br>• signposts for readers to find more detailed information and reports, and how to provide feedback on the Project. | National Grid will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats on a case-by-case basis, taking into account individual circumstances. |
| Community newsletter (February 2025) | 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. | All residents and businesses with property postcodes within the PCZ.<br>The Community newsletter (February 2025) will be posted to all properties within the PCZ. It will be published on the Project website and be available as a paper copy on request, at the local information points listed in **Table 5.2** and at public information events.<br>National Grid will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats on a case-by-case basis, taking into account individual circumstances. |
| 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. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The PEIR will be available on the Project website and be available to view in paper copy at public information events. It will also be available to view electronically via USB sticks available at local information points.<br>The NTS will be available on the Project website and be available as a paper copy on |

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| | A non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEIR will also be made available. | request, at the local information points listed in **Table 5.2** and at public information events.<br>Paper copies of the PEIR can be provided on request. This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees. |
| Design development report (2025) | 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. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This document will be available on the Project website, and be available to view in paper copy at public information events.<br>Paper copies of the Design development report (2025) can be provided on request. This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees. |
| Strategic options report update (2025) | An updated overview of the appraisal approach we have used to date to consider strategic options.<br>These are reviewed and backchecked as part of the ongoing strategic options assessment and decision-making process. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This document will be available on the Project website, and available to view in paper copy at public information events.<br>Paper copies of the Strategic options report update (2025) can be provided on request. This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees |
| Non-statutory consultation feedback report (2025) | 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. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This document will be available on the Project website.<br>Paper copies of the Non-statutory consultation feedback report (2025) can be provided on request. This may |

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| | | be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees. |
| Project maps and location plans | A series of maps and plans showing the extent of the Project, as per the 11 sections listed in **Section 5.2** of this document. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>These will be made available on the Project website and at public information events. |
| Consultation banners | A series of exhibition banners with information relating to the Project, which will be used at public information events. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail). The consultation banners are primarily intended for use at public information events and will also be made available on the Project website. |
| Interactive Project map | An interactive map of the Project. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The interactive Project map will be made available on the Project website and on screen at the public information events, subject to technical constraints. |
| Consultation notices | We will publish notices with details of the consultation, provided to statutory consultees as required under Section 47, 48 of the Act. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>These will be available on the Project website, in paper copy on request and at the local information points listed in Table 5.2.<br>As required under Sections 47 and 48 of the Planning Act, the statutory notices will be published in local and national newspapers, along with the London Gazette, as necessary. |
| Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) | The SoCC sets out how National Grid intends to consult statutory consultees, stakeholders, affected residents, businesses and local | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The SoCC will be published on the Project website and be |

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| | communities ahead of its application for development consent for the Project. | available in paper copy on request, at the local information points (for inspection only) listed in Table 5.2 and at public information events. |
| Feedback questionnaire | An online and paper feedback questionnaire to gather responses to the statutory consultation. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The feedback questionnaire will be available on the Project website, and be available in paper copy on request, at the local information points listed in **Table 5.2** and at public information events.<br>Paper copies can be returned free of charge using a Freepost address: Freepost NH TO HM. |
| Guide to Interacting with our Consultation Plans | A guide outlining the consultation maps and plans, and how to use them. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This document will be available on the Project website and in paper copy on request and at public information events. |
| Project website | An online site hosting all our Project information, including downloadable versions of all the above documents. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The Project website will be updated at key milestones throughout the pre-application stage. |

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.

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.

5.4.4 **Table 5.2** sets out how we will make consultation documents available.

Table 5.2 – Methods to make consultation documents available

| Activity | Detail |
|---|---|
| Project website | All consultation documents will be hosted on the Project website throughout the consultation period. We will provide the following local authorities with a website link to all the consultation documents:<br>• East Riding of Yorkshire Council<br>• North Lincolnshire Council<br>• Bassetlaw District Council<br>• Newark and Sherwood District Council<br>• Nottinghamshire County Council.<br>Paper copies of selected consultation documents will also be available on request, free of charge. Paper copies of the PEIR can be provided on request. This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees. |
| 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 throughout the consultation period (subject to availability and agreement). Additionally, the full PEIR will be available to view electronically via USB sticks available at the local information points.<br>• Beverley Library, Champney Treasure House, Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE. Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday (9:30am–4:30pm), Tuesday (9:30am–6:30pm), Saturday (9am–4pm), Thursday and Sunday (Closed)<br>• South Cave Library, 97 Church Street, South Cave, HU15 2EP. Opening hours: Tuesday (2–5pm), Thursday (2–7pm), Saturday (10am–12pm) and Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Goole Library, Carlisle Street, Goole, DN14 5DS. Opening hours: Monday and Wednesday (9:30am–7pm), Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (9:30am–5pm), Saturday (9am-4pm) and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Cottingham Library and Customer Service Centre, Market Green, Cottingham, HU16 5QG. Opening hours: Monday and Tuesday (9:30am–4pm), Thursday (9:30am–6:30pm), Friday (9:30am–1pm), Saturday (9:30am–12:30pm), Wednesday and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Crowle Library, The Market Hall, Market Place, Crowle, DN17 4LA. Opening hours: Monday to Friday (9:30am– |

| Activity | Detail |
|---|---|
| | 12:30pm and 1–5pm), Saturday (9am–12pm) and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Haxey Library, The Memorial Hall, Haxey, DN9 2HH. Opening hours: Monday (2–5pm), Tuesday and Friday (9am–12pm), Thursday (2–4pm), Saturday (10am–1pm), Wednesday and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Misterton Library, High Street, Misterton, DN10 4BU. Opening hours: Tuesday to Thursday (2–5pm), Saturday (9:30am–12:30pm), Monday, Friday and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Retford Library, Churchgate, Retford, DN22 6PE. Opening hours: Monday to Friday (9am–6pm), Saturday (9am–3:30pm) and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Bassetlaw District Council (Retford Office), 17B The Square, Retford, DN22 6DB[3]. Opening hours: Monday to Friday (9am–5pm), Saturday and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Epworth Library, Live Well Isle of Axholme, Burnham Road, Epworth, DN9 1BZ. Opening hours: Monday to Friday (9am–5pm), Saturday (9am–4pm) and Sunday (12–6pm)<br>• Gainsborough Library, Cobden Street, Gainsborough, DN21 2NG. Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (9am–5pm), Thursday (9am–6pm), Saturday (9am–1pm) and Sunday (Closed)<br>• All Saints Parish Church, High Street, Misterton, DN10 4AL. Opening hours: Monday to Sunday (10am–4pm)<br>• Nottinghamshire Mobile Libraries (North Route 11). To find out when the mobile library is in your area, email ask@inspireculture.co.uk or call 01623 677 200.<br>It is advised that opening hours are checked in advance of visiting. We will check that consultation documentation remains at the local information points throughout the consultation period.<br>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.<br>These may include:<br>• local authority websites<br>• local library websites<br>• parish websites<br>• MPs' websites. |
| Document requests | Following the launch of the statutory consultation, consultees will be able to request paper copies of consultation documents. |

[3] Bassetlaw District Council's Retford Office is operating from a temporary location until late-February 2025. For more information, visit the Council's website.

| Activity | Detail |
|---|---|
| | The documents that will be made available on request, free of charge, will be the:<br>• Community newsletter (February 2025)<br>• Project background document (2025)<br>• Feedback questionnaire<br>• NTS of the PEIR. Requests for paper copies of the technical documents forming the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis<br>• SoCC.<br>Paper copies of other consultation documents will also be available on request. To cover printing costs a reasonable charge may apply, to be paid by the recipient, to a maximum value of £500 for the whole suite of consultation documents. Requests can be made by contacting us using the details provided in Section 6.1. We will also consider requests for alternative formats of documents on a case-by-case basis. |
| Public information events | Paper copies of the consultation documents will be available for review at public information events.<br>More detail on the public events is available in Section 5.6. |

## 5.5 Promoting the consultation

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. A map showing the PCZ (approximately 10,000 addresses) can be found in Appendix A.

5.5.2 A range of other methods will be used to promote the consultation to local communities, as set out in Table 5.3.

Table 5.3 – Promotion methods

| Method | Detail |
|---|---|
| Press release | A press release publicising the upcoming consultation and how the community can get involved will be issued ahead of the consultation. The distribution list is likely to include the following media:<br>• BBC East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire<br>• ITV Calendar<br>• BBC Radio Humberside<br>• Hull Daily Mail |

| Method | Detail |
|---|---|
| | • East Riding Mail<br>• Yorkshire Post<br>• BBC Radio Nottingham<br>• Nottingham Post<br>• BBC Radio Lincolnshire<br>• Lincolnshire Echo/Live<br>• The Lincolnite<br>• The Goole Times<br>• Worksop Guardian<br>• Retford Times<br>• Nottinghamshire Live. |
| 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.<br><br>Advertisements will be placed in the following publications, to ensure coverage within and beyond the PCZ and SCZ:<br><br>• Hull Daily Mail<br>• Yorkshire Post<br>• Lincolnshire Echo/Live. |
| Emails and letters | We will send, via email, letters details about the consultation and how to get involved to:<br><br>• MPs, where all or part of their constituencies lie within the PCZ and/or the SCZ<br>• 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<br>• parish councils within the PCZ and SCZ. |
| 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 |

| Method | Detail |
|---|---|
| | Gazette, and twice in locally circulating newspapers. |
| 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. |
| Social media | We will promote the consultation on National Grid UK's X (formerly Twitter) account and on Facebook, @NationalGridUK.<br><br>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.<br><br>We are unable to accept feedback through social media channels, however we will monitor comments or questions received through our own channels and respond where practicable. We will aim to point people towards sources of information, including the Project website and the interactive Project map, and to formal feedback channels. |

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.

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.

## 5.6 Public information events

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Table 5.4 – Public information events

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

## 5.7 Webinars

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.

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.

5.7.3 The sessions will cover the proposals in detail and provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions of the project team.

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.

Table 5.5 – Webinars

| Date | Time | Topic |
|---|---|---|
| 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 |

## 5.8 Stakeholder briefings and meetings

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.

5.8.2 National Grid will consider meetings with other organisations and individuals upon request.

## 5.9 Underrepresented and local interest groups

5.9.1 Our approach to consultation will be to reach out to groups that are underrepresented for the purposes of the Project and the organisations that represent them, as identified in discussions with local authorities and other stakeholders.

5.9.2 Our approach to engaging with underrepresented and local interest groups will consider the local requirements of identified groups.

5.9.3 A list of local interest groups, and organisations representing underrepresented groups, can be found in Appendix B.

5.9.4 In the first instance, 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.

5.9.5 We will maintain and update the list of underrepresented groups and local interest groups as the consultation progresses to ensure that we have the correct contact details and that we can engage with any newly identified groups.

Table 5.6 – Underrepresented group engagement tools

| Group category | Methods to be used |
|---|---|
| Older people | • Directly mailing 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<br>• providing options to submit feedback through conventional communication channels, including by post and telephone if necessary<br>• face-to-face events at a variety of locations and times across the route<br>• holding webinars for people unable to attend in-person events<br>• considering alternative formats on a case-by-case basis<br>• engaging with community groups serving the demographic<br>• 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. |
| People with visual impairments | • Providing, on request, an audio guide of consultation banners<br>• considering alternative formats on a case-by-case basis<br>• providing options to enlarge text on the Project's website. |
| People with limited mobility/disability | • Providing options to submit feedback through conventional communication channels, including by post and telephone if necessary<br>• directly mailing the Community newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ, and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post, if needed<br>• providing online engagement opportunities through the Project website and webinars to negate the need for travel<br>• considering alternative formats on a case-by-case basis<br>• holding accessible face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times, across the route of the Project<br>• running virtual webinar sessions for those with further questions, featuring a booking system which will take into consideration individual needs |

| Group category | Methods to be used |
|---|---|
| | • endeavouring to provide a British Sign Language interpreter at one of our webinars. |
| Youth groups | • Providing online engagement and providing access to the Project website<br>• ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield<br>• holding face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the Project<br>• contacting local centres of education to offer engagement opportunities. |
| Carers and families with young children | • Directly mailing the Community newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ, and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed<br>• providing options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility<br>• holding face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the Project<br>• providing online engagement opportunities through the Project website and webinars to negate the need for travel<br>• ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield. |
| Economically inactive individuals | • Encouraging online engagement<br>• ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield<br>• offering options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility. |
| Geographically isolated individuals or communities | • Directly mailing the Community newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ, and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed<br>• holding face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the Project<br>• providing online engagement opportunities through the Project website and webinars to negate the need for travel<br>• ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield. |

| Group category | Methods to be used |
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| Locally underrepresented minority ethnic groups (such as black, Asian and minority ethnicity) | • Emailing community groups representing underrepresented minority ethnic groups to offer engagement opportunities. |
| People with English as an additional language (EAL) | • Endeavouring to provide consultation materials in alternative languages, upon reasonable request. |
| Travellers | • Contacting community groups representing travellers to offer engagement opportunities<br>• trying to engage with traveller communities through the local authorities, should liaison officers be available<br>• ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield. |
| Digitally isolated | • Reaching out by email or telephone to community groups representing digitally isolated groups to offer engagement opportunities<br>• directly mailing the Community newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ, and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed<br>• advertising the consultation in traditional media such as local newspapers circulating in the PCZ and SCZ<br>• providing paper copies of materials at local information points, along with contact details for 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. |

# 6. Responding to the consultation

## 6.1 Methods of responding

6.1.1 People will be able to submit their feedback on the proposals for the Project across the eight-week statutory consultation period.

This can be done by:

- completing the feedback questionnaire online via the Project website (www.nationalgrid.com/nh-hm)
- providing feedback by email (contact@hn-hm.nationalgrid.com)
- completing a paper feedback questionnaire, which can be provided on request, at one of the designated public information points or completed in person at the face-to-face events. The questionnaire can be returned free of charge using the Freepost address: Freepost NH TO HM (no stamp required).

6.1.2 Consultation responses received via any other method than those listed above, such as through social media, may not be formally recorded as part of the consultation.

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.

6.1.4 All responses must be submitted by **11.59pm** on the closing date. Feedback submissions sent via post will be accepted for up to five working days after this date.

6.1.5 All feedback will be handled in accordance with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

6.1.6 Responses may also be made public as part of the Consultation report submitted as part of our DCO application.

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.

## 6.2 Providing consultation feedback on the substations

6.2.1 As the Birkhill Wood and High Marnham substations are included in the statutory consultation for the Project, there will be the opportunity to provide feedback in response to this statutory consultation. Where feedback regarding the substations is received in response to this statutory consultation, this will be analysed and reviewed in the same way as all other feedback. In addition, feedback received about the substations will also be shared with the relevant substation teams responsible for preparing the separate planning applications for these substations.

6.2.2 In terms of the separate planning applications for each of the substations, once the planning applications have been submitted to the relevant local planning authorities, members of the public and stakeholders may submit comments directly to the relevant

local planning authority. Once planning application reference numbers have been provided by the local planning authorities, we will provide an update on the Project website.

## 6.3 Reporting on consultation feedback received

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.

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.

6.3.4 Responses to the consultation and extracts of responses may be published as part of the report. Any responses that are published will have all personal details redacted.

6.3.5 Upon receipt of an application for a DCO, the Planning Inspectorate will decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination and will determine whether the statutory consultation process has been adequate. As part of this process, local authorities will be invited to provide an 'adequacy of the consultation response' to the Planning Inspectorate.

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.

## 6.4 Further consultation

6.4.1 If, following the statutory consultation, National Grid considers it is necessary to undertake further statutory consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant, practicable and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC or any update to it.

# 7. Other developers' consultations

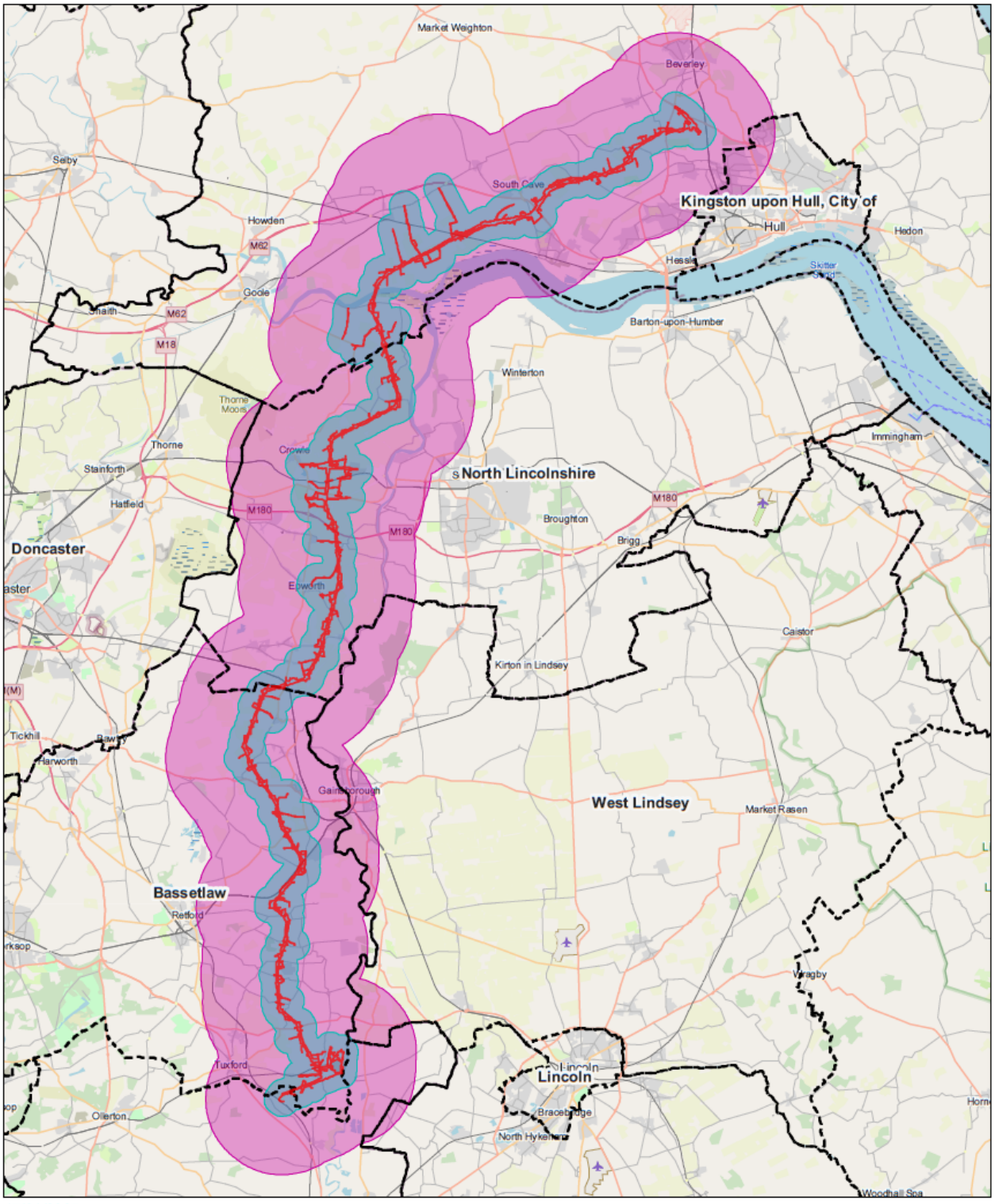
7.1.1 The Project team is aware of a number of other planned and proposed developments in the area and continues to monitor and engage with these.

7.1.2 The PEIR published as part of the statutory consultation will identify relevant existing and/or approved developments which will be considered for cumulative impact assessment through the EIA process.

7.1.3 You can find out more about National Grid's proposed separate planning applications for the new Birkhill Wood and High Marnham National Grid substations in Section 2 of this SoCC.

7.1.4 National Grid will continue to work to understand other local projects to ensure that the scope and context of this proposed Project is clear in relation to the other consultations.

# Appendix A
# Primary consultation zone and secondary consultation zone




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Draft order limits

Local authority boundaries

Primary consultation zone

Secondary consultation zone

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# Appendix B
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Beverly Ramblers
Ramblers Lincolnshire
Haxey Walkers
Guided Rides North Lincs
Retford & District Wheelers
Walking the Way to Health (East Riding of Yorkshire Council)
East Yorkshire Long Distance Walkers
East Yorkshire CTC
The Ramblers Group
Sustrans
Lincolnshire Ramblers
Scunthorpe Ramblers
Gainsborough Ramblers
Lincolnshire Walking Group
East Yorkshire Cycling UK
Retford Ramblers
Yorkshire Wolds Way Partnership
North Lincs Riding Club
South Humber Riding Club
Sport England
Cycling UK Lincolnshire
Darlton Gliding Club
Retford Golf Club
Milfield Golf Complex
Hessle Golf Club
Beverly RUFC
Beckingham and Saundby History Group
Retford u3a
Crowle Peatland Railway
Swanland u3a
Cottingham Local History Society
North Leverton Windmill
Swanland Village Organisations
We Live Here – Haxey
Eastoft Community Information
Epworth Community Wellbeing Hub
East Riding Leisure: South Cave
Bassetlaw Action Centre
Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service
Rural Action Community Action Nottinghamshire

Fledgelings Pre-School
Dot Spiritual Centre
Bassetlaw Youth Council
Manor Holiday Park, Retford
Open Spaces Society
Microflight Aviation
University of Hull
Hull College
East Riding College
North Lindsey College
Gainsborough College
Humber Education Trust
Humber Learning Consortium
EDTEC Humber
National Education Union (North Lincs District)
North Lincs Council Adult Education and Community Learning
Engineering UTC Northern Lincolnshire
Rampton Primary School
Sundown Adventureland
North Leverton Boarding Kennels & Cattery
Leverton CofE Academy
Sturton CofE School
Dunham-on-Trent CofE Primary School
North Clifton Primary School
Hull and Humber Chamber of Commerce – Northern Lincolnshire
Federation of Small Businesses
Confederation of British Industry
Hull and East Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership
Greater Lincolnshire LEP
Social Enterprise Yorkshire and Humber
Invest in North Lincolnshire
Invest Humber
Invest Gainsborough
Cottingham and District Traders Association
Invest East Riding
Business Lincolnshire
D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (Nottinghamshire)
Visit North Lincolnshire
Visit East Yorkshire
Lindsey AgeUK
SSAFA Lincolnshire
Supporting Older People
East Riding Health and Wellbeing
Beverley Leisure Group
The Countryside Charity Nottinghamshire
MySight Notts

Lincoln and Lindsey Blind Society
North Lincolnshire Youth Council
North Lincolnshire Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)
North Lincolnshire Autism Spectrum Education Team (ASET)
North Lincolnshire Dementia Action Alliance
Alzheimer's Society – North and North East Lincolnshire
Lincolnshire Jewish Community
Hull Mosque and Islamic Centre
Hull Hebrew Congregation
Lincolnshire Autistic Society
Hull and East Riding LGBTQIA+ Forum
CARE
Lincolnshire Jewish Community
JUST Lincolnshire
Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership
Humber Transforming Care Partnership (TCP)
Gainsborough Healthcare Group

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# Appendix D6
# Evidence of the SoCC Published on National Grid's Website

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On this page you can find all the materials we have produced for previous consultations on North Humber to High Marnham, including the information published as part of our non-statutory consultation in 2023, localised non-statutory consultation in 2024 and statutory consultation in 2025.

Project updates

2025 statutory consultation documents

2025 statutory consultation plans

2025 statutory consultation Preliminary environmental information report

2025 statutory consultation typical design drawings

2025 statutory consultation fly-through videos

2025 statutory consultation construction animations

2024 localised consultation documents

2024 localised consultation plans

2023 non-statutory consultation documents

2023 non-statutory consultation plans

In this section you can view the key documents published as part of our statutory consultation. We encourage you to provide feedback after reading our Project background document, which outlines our proposals and early environmental studies. More detailed information, including preliminary environmental information, can be found using the menu at the side of the page.

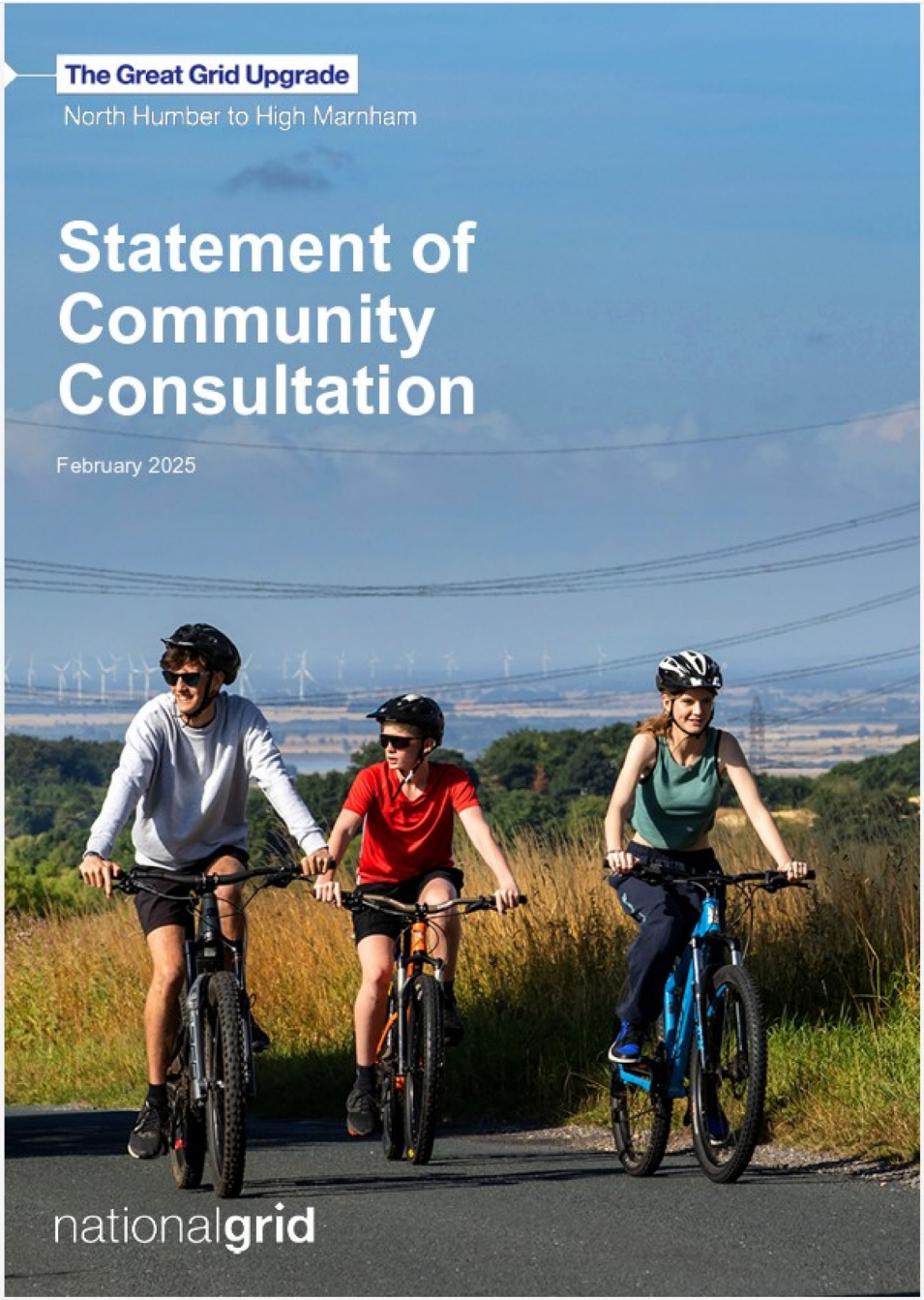
A printable copy of the Feedback questionnaire is available to download from this page. You can also submit your feedback online.

- Project background document
- Feedback questionnaire
- Community newsletter
- Non-technical summary of the Preliminary environmental information report
- Non-technical summary of the Preliminary environmental information report - Figures
- Consultation banners
- Strategic options report update
- Design development report
- Statement of community consultation
- Non-statutory consultation feedback report
- Section 47 notice
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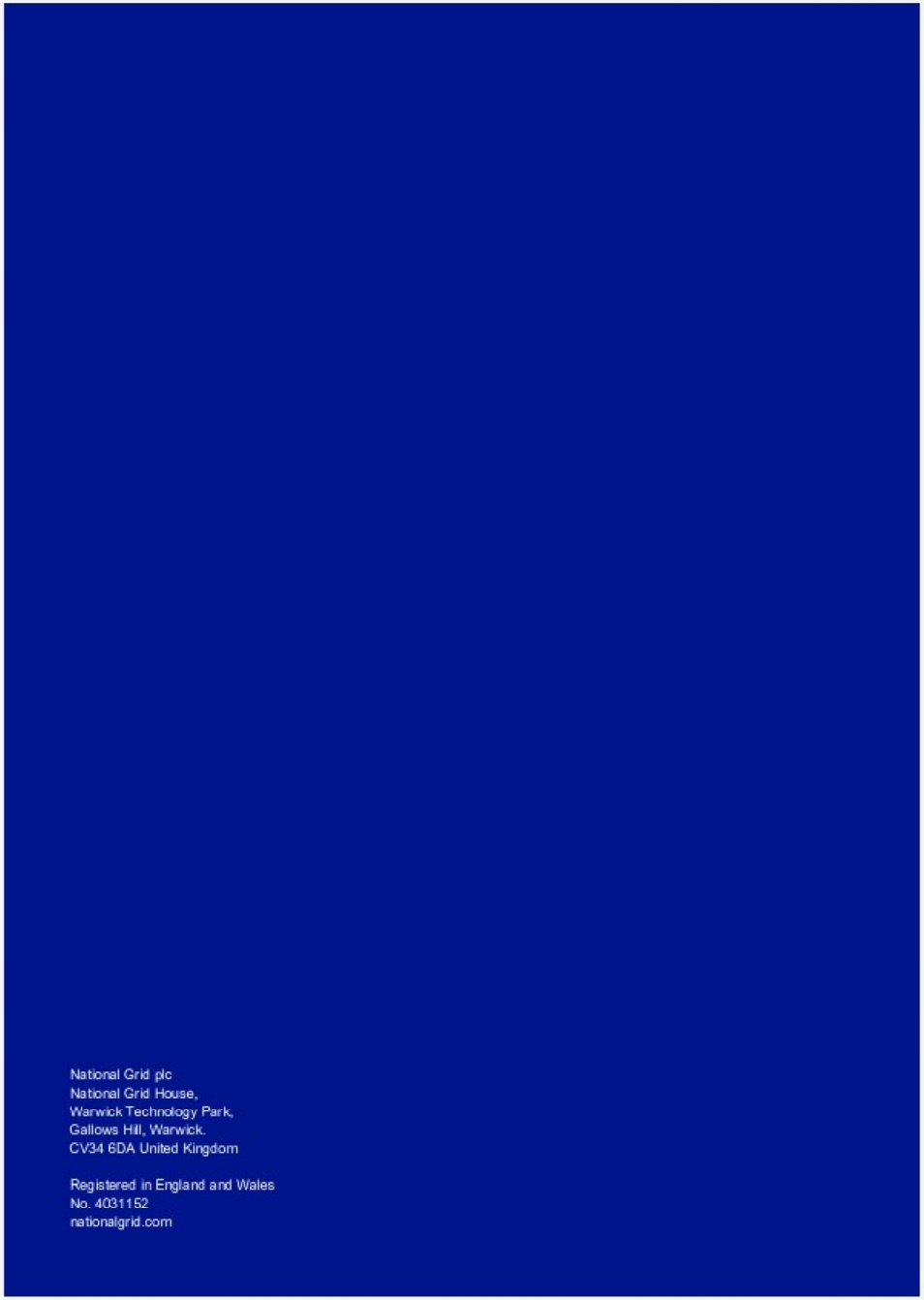
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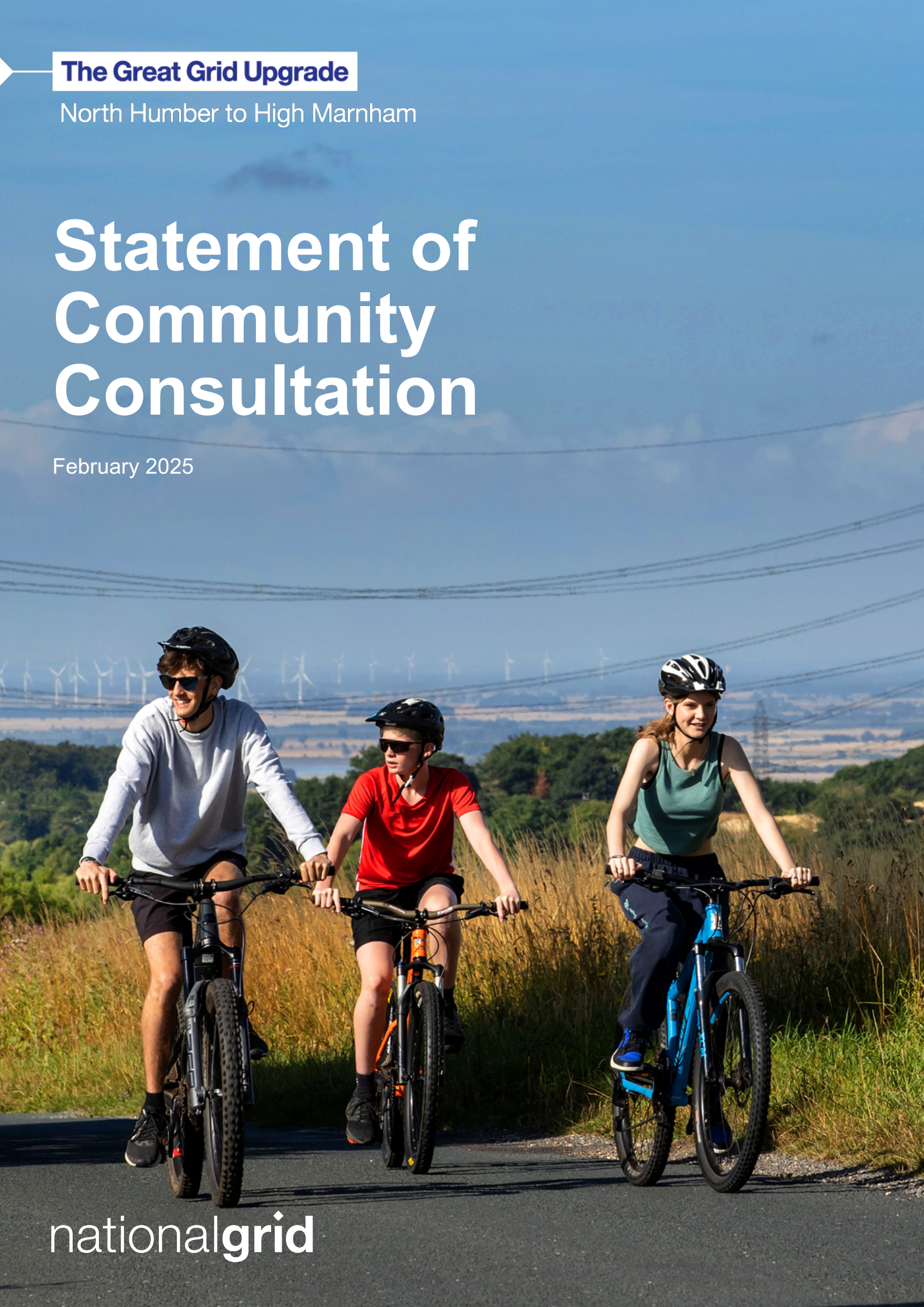

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The Great Grid Upgrade

North Humber to High Marnham

# Statement of Community Consultation

February 2025



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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of the document

1.1.1 This document is a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and relates to the North Humber to High Marnham Project (the Project), which is being promoted by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (National Grid). We are promoting the Project to provide an upgrade to the electricity transmission network between a new substation at Creyke Beck, Cottingham in the East Riding of Yorkshire and a new substation at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire. The SoCC sets out how we propose to consult people living in the vicinity of the land who would be affected by National Grid's application for the Project, including residents, businesses and the local community. This would take place alongside our consultation with statutory bodies and stakeholders.

1.1.2 National Grid expects the Project to be classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and requires consent from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the SoS) via a Development Consent Order (DCO).

1.1.3 Engagement with the local community is an important part of the development of the Project and has been ongoing with the community and other stakeholders since 2023. This document has been prepared in accordance with Section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act), which requires applicants to prepare a statement explaining how they will consult with people living in the vicinity of the land where the Project is to be located (from here called 'the local community') about the proposed DCO application, and to carry out pre-application consultation in accordance with this statement.

1.1.4 The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development. This SoCC therefore also sets out how National Grid intends to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information, in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations).

1.1.5 National Grid has already undertaken an earlier phase of non-statutory consultation in relation to the Project. Having engaged with local authorities, we produced the North Humber to High Marnham public consultation strategy[1] for the non-statutory consultation. In accordance with section 47(2) of the Act, 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
- Nottinghamshire County Council.

[1] https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/document/148911/download

## 1.2 Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

1.2.1 The Project is expected to be classified as an NSIP under Section 14(1)(b) and Section 16(1)(a) of the Act, because it comprises a new above-ground electric line of more than 2 kilometres (km), with an operating voltage of above 132 kilovolts (kV). National Grid intends to submit an application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate under Section 37 of the Act.

1.2.2 The application for development consent will be submitted to, and examined by, the Planning Inspectorate, who appoints an Examining Authority to examine the application on behalf of the SoS. The Examining Authority will provide a recommendation to the SoS, who will ultimately decide whether to grant development consent for the Project.

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. This early involvement of communities, host local authorities and other stakeholders helps to ensure that we identify valuable information about the potential impacts of the Project so that mitigation measures can be considered and, where appropriate, built into our design before an application for development consent is submitted.

## 1.3 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

1.3.1 The Project is an “EIA Development”. On 21 August 2023, National Grid submitted a Scoping Report to the SoS to inform the EIA proposed for the Project.

1.3.2 Within the Scoping Report, National Grid gave formal written notification under Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations that it considers the Project will (and that National Grid will in due course provide) an environmental statement in respect of the project, and that it is considered to be an EIA Development.

1.3.3 A scoping opinion for the Project was adopted by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the SoS) on 29 September 2023.

## 1.4 About National Grid Group plc

1.4.1 National Grid sits at the heart of Great Britain’s energy system, connecting millions of people and businesses to the energy they use every day. We bring energy to life: in the heat, light and power we bring to our customers’ homes and businesses, in the way that we support our communities and help them to grow, and in the way we show up in the world. It is our vision to be at the heart of a clean, fair and affordable energy future.

1.4.2 Within the wider National Grid plc group of companies, there are three separate legal entities, each with their own roles and responsibilities.

1.4.3 National Grid Electricity Transmission (referred to here as National Grid) holds the transmission licence for England and Wales under the Electricity Act 1989. National Grid owns, builds and maintains the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales – the overhead lines, buried cables and substations that carry power around the country. It is National Grid that is developing the proposals for the Project.

1.4.4 National Grid Electricity Distribution owns and operates the distribution networks for the Midlands, the southwest of England and south Wales.

1.4.5 National Grid Electricity System Operator (ESO), which has recently been replaced by the National Energy System Operator (NESO), operates the transmission network in Great Britain, including the networks in Scotland owned by Scottish Power Transmission and Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks. NESO manages the network, ensuring the right amount of energy is provided where it is needed.

1.4.6 In April 2019, ESO became a legally separate business within the National Grid plc group and is regulated independently by Ofgem.

1.4.7 The Energy Act 2023 legislated for the creation of a Future Systems Operator to replace ESO. In January 2024, ESO announced that the Future Systems Operator would be called the National Energy Systems Operator (NESO), which would be founded on the current activities of ESO and take a whole-system approach to strengthen energy security, help deliver the Government's Net Zero legislative agenda and ensure that household bills are affordable in the long term.

1.4.8 National Grid Ventures (NGV) is the unregulated commercial arm of National Grid plc. It invests in technologies and partnerships that help accelerate our move to a clean-energy future. This includes interconnectors, which connect the UK with countries across the North Sea, allowing trade between energy markets and efficient use of renewable energy resources.

## 1.5 National Grid's duties

1.5.1 National Grid has a statutory duty to develop and maintain an efficient, coordinated and economical system of electricity transmission under the Electricity Act 1989. This includes a statutory obligation to offer to connect any new generating stations or interconnectors applying to connect to the transmission system.

1.5.2 In developing proposals that affect the transmission system (including proposals to reinforce the network to accommodate new connections), National Grid is required to consider relevant National Policy Statements (NPSs). The NPSs relevant to the Project are the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) and the National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5). The National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy (EN-3) also includes support for the onshore infrastructure required to deliver new offshore wind development. These NPSs came into force in January 2024.

1.5.3 National Grid is also required, under Section 38 of the Electricity Act 1989, to comply with the provisions of Schedule 9 of the Electricity Act 1989. Schedule 9 requires licence holders, in the formulation of proposals to transmit electricity, to preserve amenity, as outlined below:

> *"Schedule 9(1)(a): "…have regard to the desirability of preserving natural beauty, of conserving flora, fauna and geological or physiographical features of special interest and of protecting sites, buildings and objects of architectural, historic or archaeological interest",*
>
> *"Schedule 9(1)(b): "…do what [it] reasonably can to mitigate any effect which the proposals would have on the natural beauty of the countryside or on any such flora, fauna, features, sites, buildings or objects."*

1.5.4 How we set out to meet these environmental responsibilities, and our commitments relating to engagement and consultation about proposals, is explained in our Stakeholder, Community and Amenity Policy[2].

[2] https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/document/81026/download

# 2. The Project

## 2.1 Project background and need

2.1.1 The way we generate electricity in the UK is changing rapidly, and we are transitioning to cheaper, cleaner and more secure forms of energy like new offshore windfarms. National Grid needs to make changes to the network of overhead lines, pylons, cables and other infrastructure that transports electricity around the country so that everyone has access to clean electricity from these new renewable sources.

2.1.2 The Project is required to increase the capability of the electricity transmission network between the north of England and the Midlands. It is needed to facilitate the connection of proposed new offshore wind that is planned to connect in the Creyke Beck area in the next decade. Should all of these be built, this would amount to just under 12 gigawatts (GW) of generation capacity by the early 2030s. The existing network serving the Creyke Beck area can export just under 7 GW of electricity while remaining compliant with the Security and Quality of Supply Standards to which the network is operated.

2.1.3 With around 18.7 GW of contracted generation and interconnector capacity by 2035, the network as it is today, notwithstanding local demand, would not have the capacity needed to export that amount of electricity out of the area or to accommodate the north–south power flows that are expected on the network.

2.1.4 The Project is a proposal by National Grid to reinforce the electricity transmission network through the construction and operation of approximately 90 km of new 400,000 volt (400 kV) overhead electricity transmission line from a new substation at Creyke Beck, Cottingham in the East Riding of Yorkshire, and a new substation in High Marnham, Nottinghamshire.

2.1.5 The Project is one of a number of network upgrades that needs to be accelerated to help meet increased Government targets for offshore wind. All of this work forms part of The Great Grid Upgrade – National Grid's programme to deliver over five times the amount of electricity transmission infrastructure in the next seven years than has been built in the past 30 years.

2.1.6 The Great Grid Upgrade will play a big part in the UK government's plan to boost homegrown power. It will help the UK switch to clean energy and make sure our electricity network is fit for the future; carrying more clean, secure energy from where it is generated to where it is needed. North Humber to High Marnham is one of 17 network reinforcements identified as 'essential' and which need to be accelerated to meet 2030 targets.

## 2.2 New substations

2.2.1 The Project would need to connect to two new substations – one at Creyke Beck, Cottingham, (known as Birkhill Wood Substation) in the East Riding of Yorkshire and a new substation at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire (part of a project called 'Brinsworth to High Marnham'). National Grid is applying for planning permission for the two new 400 kV substations from the relevant local planning authorities under the Town and Country Planning Act.

2.2.2 In 2025, a planning application is intended to be submitted to East Riding of Yorkshire Council for the new Birkhill Wood substation. In 2025, a planning application is also intended to be submitted to Bassetlaw District Council for the new High Marnham substation. Separate pre-application public consultations have been undertaken for the substation applications ahead of these planning applications being submitted. Further information on these consultations is provided in Section 3.

2.2.3 In addition to connecting the new overhead line reinforcement which this Project will provide, the substations are also needed to provide a connection point for third-party developments to connect into the transmission network in the Cottingham and High Marnham areas.

2.2.4 Further information on the pre-application consultations held for each of these substations is set out in Section 3 of this SoCC.

2.2.5 Once the planning applications for each substation have been submitted to the local planning authorities, members of the public and stakeholders may submit comments on the planning applications directly to the relevant local planning authority. Once planning application reference numbers have been provided by the local planning authorities, we will provide an update on the Project website.

## 2.3 Inclusion of the new substations in the North Humber to High Marnham statutory consultation

2.3.1 While the new substations did not form part of our proposals for North Humber to High Marnham during our non-statutory consultation 2023 and localised non-statutory consultation 2024, we have made the decision to include both substations within this statutory consultation for the Project. This approach allows National Grid to demonstrate that the Project can be delivered and that it can connect to the national transmission network.

2.3.2 National Grid is obligated to meet certain timescales for the delivery of the network reinforcement through the proposed new 400 kV overhead line, and the substations are integral to this. The inclusion of the substations within the Project does not change our intention to continue to progress with the separate planning applications for each substation, and it does not affect our continuing discussions and negotiations with relevant landowners and interested parties. We are committed to, and fully intend to pursue and deliver, the substations pursuant to those permissions and land agreements.

2.3.3 National Grid will continue to keep this approach under review as the Project progresses. The new proposed substations will play an important role in building a more secure and resilient future energy system.

2.3.4 Information on how feedback on the substations included as part of this statutory consultation will be analysed, is set out in Section 6 of this SoCC. In addition, substation feedback will also be shared with our teams responsible for the separate planning applications for both substations.

2.3.5 As set out in section 2.4 (project description) the works at the new High Marnham substation also include the replacement and realignment of the existing 4ZV and XE 275kV overhead line routes and existing 400kV ZDA and ZDF overhead line routes, to allow for connection into the new High Marnham substation. The uprating works

associated with the existing 4ZV route (between Chesterfield and High Marnham) extend into Newark and Sherwood District Council boundary for approximately 1.4 km.

2.3.6 Newark and Sherwood District Council were consulted during our localised non-statutory consultation in 2024, however, at that point they were not a host local authority. Due to the inclusion of the works to the existing overhead lines associated with High Marnham substation in our statutory consultation, Newark and Sherwood District Council have now been identified as a host local authority for the purposes of our statutory consultation.

## 2.4 Project description

2.4.1 North Humber to High Marnham ('the Project') is a proposal by National Grid to upgrade the electricity transmission system between new substations near Cottingham and High Marnham. The Project includes a new 400 kV electricity transmission connection of an overall length of approximately 90 km between two proposed new substations, Birkhill Wood 400 kV substation and High Marnham 400 kV substation. National Grid will consult on all aspects of the proposed development for the Project, including:

- approximately 90 km of new overhead line between the new Birkhill Wood and High Marnham 400 kV substations
- replacement and realignment of a section of the existing 400 kV 4ZQ overhead line route between Brantingham and east of Broomfleet
- replacement and realignment of a section of the existing 400 kV ZDA overhead line route between Ealand and west of Keadby
- a new 400 kV Birkhill Wood substation with a new permanent access. This is proposed to be a gas insulated switchgear substation
- replacement and realignment of a section of the existing 400 kV 4ZR route to allow for connection into the new Birkhill Wood substation
- a new 400 kV High Marnham substation, with a new permanent access. This is proposed to be an air insulated switchgear substation
- 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, 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 will also include utility diversions and drainage works. There would also be land required for mitigation, compensation and enhancement of the environment, including for biodiversity net gain.

# 3. Consultation and engagement to date

## 3.1 Approach

3.1.1 National Grid is committed to engaging and consulting with communities and stakeholders at an early stage of the Project, giving local communities the opportunity to provide feedback and insight at a formative stage ahead of more detailed design work being carried out. The approach to engagement has been to carry out both non-statutory and statutory consultation, guided by the requirements of the Act.

## 3.2 Non-statutory consultation 2023

3.2.1 The non-statutory consultation was held between 1 June and 27 July 2023. This consultation aimed to:

- introduce National Grid and the early-stage proposals
- 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 emerging preferred route corridor and graduated swathe
- ensure all stakeholders had the opportunity to provide feedback on the work to date
- outline next steps and programme for how the proposals would be developed further.

3.2.2 The consultation provided stakeholders and the local community with digital and non-digital opportunities to engage with the early-stage proposals, including a dedicated website, face-to-face public events and online webinar sessions, as well as via email, phone and Freepost.

3.2.3 At this stage, National Grid presented a graduated swathe within which new infrastructure could be located in the corridor.

3.2.4 We consulted with a range of stakeholders, including local councils, elected representatives, local residents, seldom heard groups and local interest groups.

3.2.5 To raise awareness of the launch of the consultation, National Grid sent newsletters to all properties within the primary consultation zone (PCZ). The PCZ included all properties situated within 1 km of the edge of the emerging preferred route corridor. Where appropriate, the PCZ was extended to include whole streets rather than the 1 km boundary dissecting streets, hamlets or neighbourhoods. For the non-statutory consultation 2023, the PCZ amounted to 11,919 properties.

3.2.6 A secondary consultation zone (SCZ) was also established, which extended to 5 km from the edge of the emerging preferred route corridor. To raise awareness of the Project and consultation amongst communities and stakeholders in the SCZ, advertisements were placed in local newspapers and on social media.

3.2.7 Following the conclusion of this consultation, feedback was analysed. A backcheck and review of the Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Site Study (CPRSS) 2023 took place, taking into account new information received within the consultation feedback and further design and assessment work.

3.2.8 As a result, the Project identified a potential alternative corridor in the southernmost section of the route between the villages of South Wheatley and High Marnham. This is referred to as the 'eastern corridor'.

3.2.9 Due to the location of the alternative corridor, a localised non-statutory consultation took place between 9 July and 6 August 2024 to ensure all local communities were consulted.

## 3.3 Localised non-statutory consultation 2024

3.3.1 The localised non-statutory consultation was held between 9 July 2024 and 6 August 2024. This consultation aimed to:

- introduce and consult on the potential alternative corridor, referred to as the 'eastern corridor'
- outline the work carried out since the non-statutory consultation 2023 and why an alternative was being considered
- ensure all stakeholders (both previous and newly consulted) had the opportunity to provide feedback on the eastern corridor ahead of a more detailed design being developed and presented at during this statutory consultation
- outline next steps and programme for how the proposals would be developed further.

3.3.2 The consultation provided stakeholders and the local community with digital and non-digital opportunities to engage with the early-stage proposals, including a dedicated website, face-to-face public events and online webinar sessions, as well as via email, phone and Freepost.

3.3.3 We continued to use digital methods for consultation, including an online interactive map (with removable layers to show the 2023 and 2024 proposals), searchable frequently asked questions (FAQs), a document library with interactive PDFs and an online feedback questionnaire for people to provide comments.

3.3.4 As with the non-statutory consultation 2023, we consulted with a range of stakeholders, including local councils, elected representatives, local residents, seldom heard groups and local interest groups.

3.3.5 To raise awareness of the launch of the consultation, National Grid sent newsletters to all properties within the primary consultation zone (PCZ). The PCZ for the localised non-statutory consultation 2024 extended 1 km from the 'eastern corridor' that was the focus of the consultation. Where appropriate, the PCZ was extended to include whole streets rather than the 1 km boundary dissecting hamlets or neighbourhoods. For the localised non-statutory consultation 2024, the PCZ amounted to 2,108 properties.

3.3.6 A secondary consultation zone (SCZ) was also established, which extended to 5 km from the edge of the eastern corridor. To raise awareness of the Project and consultation amongst communities and stakeholders in the SCZ, advertisements were placed in local newspapers and on social media.

3.3.7 Paper copies of key consultation documents were placed at information points in publicly accessible venues – libraries and, where possible, council offices – along the route of the eastern corridor. Alternative formats of documents were available on request.

3.3.8 Feedback from both the non-statutory consultation 2023 and the localised non-statutory consultation 2024, together with further technical assessments and environmental surveys, has been important to consider when deciding on the overall preferred corridor and identification of the route alignment ahead of this statutory consultation.

3.3.9 More information on both non-statutory consultations and how the feedback helped influence and shape the proposals to date can be found in the Non-statutory consultation feedback report which is available on the Project website.

## 3.4 Previous consultation on Birkhill Wood substation

3.4.1 Consultation was carried out in July 2023 for a new substation located approximately 700 metres to the north of the existing Creyke Beck substation, which we are now calling Birkhill Wood substation. The consultation in July 2023 also included proposals to extend to the existing Creyke Beck substation, which we are now referring to as Wanlass Beck Substation (also known as the Creyke Beck extension and new substation project). Wanlass Beck substation does not form part of this Project's proposals.

3.4.2 Consultation was held between 29 June and 27 July 2023. Consultation activities included a launch letter and leaflet sent to addresses within 1 km of the proposed works, offers of briefings to local MPs, ward councillors and parish councillors within 1 km, and a public consultation event on 8 July 2023.

3.4.3 Since consulting in July 2023, the project team has been reviewing feedback and has continued to develop and refine the proposed design.

3.4.4 As the Birkhill Wood substation is also now included in this Project, there is also the opportunity to provide feedback in response to this statutory consultation. Any feedback about the Birkhill Wood substation received in response to this statutory consultation will be analysed and reviewed in the same way as all other feedback (see Section 6 of this SoCC for further details). In addition, feedback about the Birkhill Wood substation will be shared with the project team responsible for the separate planning application for this substation.

3.4.5 More information about the Creyke Beck extension and new substation project, previous consultation details for Birkhill Wood substation and the latest updates can be found at the dedicated project website: nationalgrid.com/creyke-beck.

## 3.5 Previous public consultation on High Marnham substation

3.5.1 Consultation on the proposals for a new substation at High Marnham, Nottinghamshire, took place in April and May 2024 as part of a project called Brinsworth to High Marnham.

3.5.2 Consultation was held between 22 April and 20 May 2024. Consultation activities included two in-person events, held on 26 April and 27 April 2024, one webinar, a letter sent to more than 300 addresses in the area around the proposed site, and editorial and press advertisements.

3.5.3 Since consulting in May 2024, the project team has been reviewing feedback and has continued to develop and refine the proposed design.

3.5.4 As the High Marnham substation is also now included in this Project, there is also the opportunity to provide feedback in response to this statutory consultation. Any feedback about the High Marnham substation received in response to this statutory consultation will be analysed and reviewed in the same way as all other feedback (see Section 6 of this SoCC for further detail). In addition, feedback about the High Marnham substation will be shared with the project team responsible for the separate planning application for this substation.

3.5.5 More information about the Brinsworth to High Marnham project, previous consultation details and latest updates can be found at the dedicated project website: nationalgrid.com/b-hm.

# 4. Project timeline

4.1.1 The Project is currently in the pre-application stage of the DCO process. Figure 4.1 sets out the DCO consenting process. Table 4.1 sets out the milestones for each stage of the consenting process for the Project and indicative dates from pre-application consultation through to construction.

Figure 4.1 – DCO consenting process

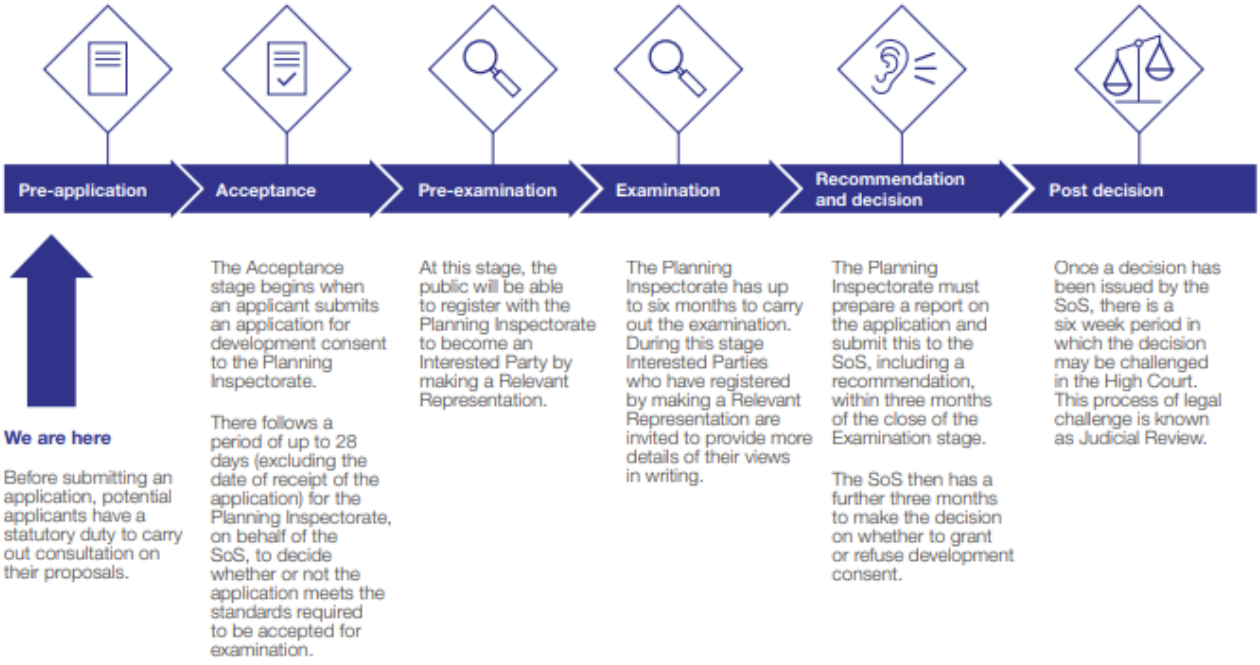



Table 4.1 – Stages of the DCO consenting process

| Stage |
|---|
| **Non-statutory consultation** – We held an initial stage of non-statutory consultation from 1 June to 27 July 2023 on our emerging preferred corridor route between Creyke Beck, north of Hull, and High Marnham in Nottinghamshire. |
| **Consideration of non-statutory consultation feedback –** We reviewed and considered the feedback received during non-statutory consultation to inform the design of the Project. We identified a potential alternative eastern corridor between South Wheatley and High Marnham. |
| **Localised non-statutory consultation** – We held a localised non-statutory consultation from 9 July to 6 August 2024 on a potential alternative eastern corridor between South Wheatley and High Marnham. |
| **Consideration of localised non-statutory consultation feedback –** We continued to consider the feedback from our non-statutory consultation and reviewed feedback from our localised non-statutory consultation. Both non-statutory consultations helped to inform the development of our proposed alignment as presented during statutory consultation. |

| Stage |
| --- |
| **Statutory consultation** – 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. |
| **Consideration of statutory consultation feedback –** 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. |
| **DCO application submission** – We will submit our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the SoS, has up to 28 days to decide whether or not the application meets the standards required to be accepted for examination. |
| **Examination** – If the application is accepted, it will go through a six-month examination period. Prior to the examination period, stakeholders can register with the Planning Inspectorate to become an 'Interested Party' by making what is called a 'Relevant Representation'. Interested parties are invited to provide more details about their views in writing during this phase. Careful consideration is given by the Examining Authority to all relevant and written representations and supporting evidence. The Examining Authority is the Inspector or the Panel of Inspectors appointed to conduct the examination of the application for the DCO. |
| **Recommendation and decision** – Within three months of the close of the examination, the Examining Authority that conducted the examination must prepare a report on the examination, including a recommendation for the SoS. The SoS has a further three months to make a decision on whether to grant or refuse the application. |
| **Post-decision** – Once a decision has been issued by the SoS, there is a six-week period in which the decision may be challenged in the High Court. This is known as Judicial Review. If the application is granted development consent, construction can begin.<br><br>If our application is granted development consent, we expect construction of the Project to begin in 2027, with the Project becoming fully operational from 2031. |

# 5. Consulting on the proposed application

## 5.1 When will the statutory consultation take place?

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.

## 5.2 What will be consulted on?

5.2.1 We will seek views and feedback on the following elements of the Project, which comprises a major reinforcement and upgrade of the electricity transmission network between a new substation at Creyke Beck, Cottingham, (known as Birkhill Wood Substation) in the East Riding of Yorkshire and a new substation at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire:

- 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 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.

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.

5.2.3 For the purposes of statutory consultation – and as presented during our non-statutory consultation – we have split the Project into 11 Route Sections to assist consultees in providing feedback:

- Route Section 1: Creyke Beck–Skidby
- Route Section 2: Skidby–A63 dual carriageway

- Route Section 3: A63 dual carriageway–River Ouse crossing
- Route Section 4: River Ouse crossing
- Route Section 5: River Ouse crossing–Luddington
- Route Section 6: Luddington–M180 motorway
- Route Section 7: M180 motorway–Graizelound
- Route Section 8: Graizelound–Chesterfield Canal
- Route Section 9: Chesterfield Canal–A620 east of North Wheatley
- Route Section 10: A620 east of North Wheatley–Fledborough
- Route Section 11: Fledborough–High Marnham.

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.

5.2.5 The Project would be designed, constructed and operated in accordance with applicable health and safety legislation. The Project would also need to comply with design safety standards, including the National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standard (SQSS), which sets out the criteria and methodology for planning and operating the national electricity transmission system (NETS). This informs a suite of National Grid policies and processes that contain details on design standards required to be met when designing, constructing and operating assets such as those proposed for the Project.

## 5.3 Who will be consulted?

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.

5.3.2 Under Section 47 of the Act, we have a duty to consult the local community. A geographic consultation zone has been created for this consultation (as seen in Appendix A). The consultation zone includes all addresses with property postcodes within 1 km of the Project's red line boundary (which represents the anticipated extent of land in which the Project may take place).

5.3.3 The zone has changed since the non-statutory consultation as a result of feedback and environmental studies, as well as the inclusion of information such as construction accesses, laydown areas and the traffic route we propose to use during construction. The latest primary consultation zone (PCZ) includes approximately 10,000 addresses. Where appropriate, the PCZ has been extended to include whole streets and postcodes rather than the 1 km extents that dissected hamlets or neighbourhoods.

5.3.4 An additional wider secondary consultation zone (SCZ) has been developed, comprising a 5 km buffer around the red line boundary, in which wider publicity of the Project will take place. The SCZ can be found in Appendix A.

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.

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.

5.3.7 In addition to the local community, we will consult prescribed bodies and local authorities under Section 42(1)(a), (b) and Section 43 of the Act. We will also consult persons with an interest in land under sections 42(1)(d) and 44 of the Act. 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.

## 5.4 Consultation materials

5.4.1 The consultation materials described in **Table 5.1** will be developed to help people understand the proposals for the Project and provide their feedback.

Table 5.1 – Consultation materials

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| Project background document (2025) | This document will provide a summary of the Project, including:<br>• the background to the Project<br>• information about design changes as a result of the non-statutory consultation | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This document will be published on the Project website and be available in paper copy on request, at the local information points listed in **Table 5.2** and at public information events. |

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| | and localised non-statutory consultation<br>• information about potential benefits and impacts of the Project<br>• how we might propose to mitigate any significant effects<br>• signposts for readers to find more detailed information and reports, and how to provide feedback on the Project. | National Grid will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats on a case-by-case basis, taking into account individual circumstances. |
| Community newsletter (February 2025) | 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. | All residents and businesses with property postcodes within the PCZ.<br>The Community newsletter (February 2025) will be posted to all properties within the PCZ. It will be published on the Project website and be available as a paper copy on request, at the local information points listed in **Table 5.2** and at public information events.<br>National Grid will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats on a case-by-case basis, taking into account individual circumstances. |
| 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. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The PEIR will be available on the Project website and be available to view in paper copy at public information events. It will also be available to view electronically via USB sticks available at local information points.<br>The NTS will be available on the Project website and be available as a paper copy on |

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| | A non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEIR will also be made available. | request, at the local information points listed in **Table 5.2** and at public information events.<br>Paper copies of the PEIR can be provided on request. This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees. |
| Design development report (2025) | 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. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This document will be available on the Project website, and be available to view in paper copy at public information events.<br>Paper copies of the Design development report (2025) can be provided on request. This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees. |
| Strategic options report update (2025) | An updated overview of the appraisal approach we have used to date to consider strategic options.<br>These are reviewed and backchecked as part of the ongoing strategic options assessment and decision-making process. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This document will be available on the Project website, and available to view in paper copy at public information events.<br>Paper copies of the Strategic options report update (2025) can be provided on request. This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees |
| Non-statutory consultation feedback report (2025) | 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. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This document will be available on the Project website.<br>Paper copies of the Non-statutory consultation feedback report (2025) can be provided on request. This may |

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| | | be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees. |
| Project maps and location plans | A series of maps and plans showing the extent of the Project, as per the 11 sections listed in **Section 5.2** of this document. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>These will be made available on the Project website and at public information events. |
| Consultation banners | A series of exhibition banners with information relating to the Project, which will be used at public information events. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail). The consultation banners are primarily intended for use at public information events and will also be made available on the Project website. |
| Interactive Project map | An interactive map of the Project. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The interactive Project map will be made available on the Project website and on screen at the public information events, subject to technical constraints. |
| Consultation notices | We will publish notices with details of the consultation, provided to statutory consultees as required under Section 47, 48 of the Act. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>These will be available on the Project website, in paper copy on request and at the local information points listed in Table 5.2.<br>As required under Sections 47 and 48 of the Planning Act, the statutory notices will be published in local and national newspapers, along with the London Gazette, as necessary. |
| Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) | The SoCC sets out how National Grid intends to consult statutory consultees, stakeholders, affected residents, businesses and local | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The SoCC will be published on the Project website and be |

| Material | Description | Target audience |
|---|---|---|
| | communities ahead of its application for development consent for the Project. | available in paper copy on request, at the local information points (for inspection only) listed in Table 5.2 and at public information events. |
| Feedback questionnaire | An online and paper feedback questionnaire to gather responses to the statutory consultation. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The feedback questionnaire will be available on the Project website, and be available in paper copy on request, at the local information points listed in **Table 5.2** and at public information events.<br>Paper copies can be returned free of charge using a Freepost address: Freepost NH TO HM. |
| Guide to Interacting with our Consultation Plans | A guide outlining the consultation maps and plans, and how to use them. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>This document will be available on the Project website and in paper copy on request and at public information events. |
| Project website | An online site hosting all our Project information, including downloadable versions of all the above documents. | All those interested in the consultation (see **Section 5.3** for detail).<br>The Project website will be updated at key milestones throughout the pre-application stage. |

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.

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.

5.4.4 **Table 5.2** sets out how we will make consultation documents available.

Table 5.2 – Methods to make consultation documents available

| Activity | Detail |
|---|---|
| Project website | All consultation documents will be hosted on the Project website throughout the consultation period. We will provide the following local authorities with a website link to all the consultation documents:<br>• East Riding of Yorkshire Council<br>• North Lincolnshire Council<br>• Bassetlaw District Council<br>• Newark and Sherwood District Council<br>• Nottinghamshire County Council.<br>Paper copies of selected consultation documents will also be available on request, free of charge. Paper copies of the PEIR can be provided on request. This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees. |
| 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 throughout the consultation period (subject to availability and agreement). Additionally, the full PEIR will be available to view electronically via USB sticks available at the local information points.<br>• Beverley Library, Champney Treasure House, Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE. Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday (9:30am–4:30pm), Tuesday (9:30am–6:30pm), Saturday (9am–4pm), Thursday and Sunday (Closed)<br>• South Cave Library, 97 Church Street, South Cave, HU15 2EP. Opening hours: Tuesday (2–5pm), Thursday (2–7pm), Saturday (10am–12pm) and Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Goole Library, Carlisle Street, Goole, DN14 5DS. Opening hours: Monday and Wednesday (9:30am–7pm), Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (9:30am–5pm), Saturday (9am-4pm) and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Cottingham Library and Customer Service Centre, Market Green, Cottingham, HU16 5QG. Opening hours: Monday and Tuesday (9:30am–4pm), Thursday (9:30am–6:30pm), Friday (9:30am–1pm), Saturday (9:30am–12:30pm), Wednesday and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Crowle Library, The Market Hall, Market Place, Crowle, DN17 4LA. Opening hours: Monday to Friday (9:30am– |

| Activity | Detail |
|---|---|
| | 12:30pm and 1–5pm), Saturday (9am–12pm) and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Haxey Library, The Memorial Hall, Haxey, DN9 2HH. Opening hours: Monday (2–5pm), Tuesday and Friday (9am–12pm), Thursday (2–4pm), Saturday (10am–1pm), Wednesday and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Misterton Library, High Street, Misterton, DN10 4BU. Opening hours: Tuesday to Thursday (2–5pm), Saturday (9:30am–12:30pm), Monday, Friday and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Retford Library, Churchgate, Retford, DN22 6PE. Opening hours: Monday to Friday (9am–6pm), Saturday (9am–3:30pm) and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Bassetlaw District Council (Retford Office), 17B The Square, Retford, DN22 6DB[3]. Opening hours: Monday to Friday (9am–5pm), Saturday and Sunday (Closed)<br>• Epworth Library, Live Well Isle of Axholme, Burnham Road, Epworth, DN9 1BZ. Opening hours: Monday to Friday (9am–5pm), Saturday (9am–4pm) and Sunday (12–6pm)<br>• Gainsborough Library, Cobden Street, Gainsborough, DN21 2NG. Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (9am–5pm), Thursday (9am–6pm), Saturday (9am–1pm) and Sunday (Closed)<br>• All Saints Parish Church, High Street, Misterton, DN10 4AL. Opening hours: Monday to Sunday (10am–4pm)<br>• Nottinghamshire Mobile Libraries (North Route 11). To find out when the mobile library is in your area, email ask@inspireculture.co.uk or call 01623 677 200.<br>It is advised that opening hours are checked in advance of visiting. We will check that consultation documentation remains at the local information points throughout the consultation period.<br>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.<br>These may include:<br>• local authority websites<br>• local library websites<br>• parish websites<br>• MPs' websites. |
| Document requests | Following the launch of the statutory consultation, consultees will be able to request paper copies of consultation documents. |

[3] Bassetlaw District Council's Retford Office is operating from a temporary location until late-February 2025. For more information, visit the Council's website.

| Activity | Detail |
|---|---|
| | The documents that will be made available on request, free of charge, will be the:<br>• Community newsletter (February 2025)<br>• Project background document (2025)<br>• Feedback questionnaire<br>• NTS of the PEIR. Requests for paper copies of the technical documents forming the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis<br>• SoCC.<br>Paper copies of other consultation documents will also be available on request. To cover printing costs a reasonable charge may apply, to be paid by the recipient, to a maximum value of £500 for the whole suite of consultation documents. Requests can be made by contacting us using the details provided in Section 6.1. We will also consider requests for alternative formats of documents on a case-by-case basis. |
| Public information events | Paper copies of the consultation documents will be available for review at public information events.<br>More detail on the public events is available in Section 5.6. |

## 5.5 Promoting the consultation

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. A map showing the PCZ (approximately 10,000 addresses) can be found in Appendix A.

5.5.2 A range of other methods will be used to promote the consultation to local communities, as set out in Table 5.3.

Table 5.3 – Promotion methods

| Method | Detail |
|---|---|
| Press release | A press release publicising the upcoming consultation and how the community can get involved will be issued ahead of the consultation. The distribution list is likely to include the following media:<br>• BBC East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire<br>• ITV Calendar<br>• BBC Radio Humberside<br>• Hull Daily Mail |

| Method | Detail |
|---|---|
| | • East Riding Mail<br>• Yorkshire Post<br>• BBC Radio Nottingham<br>• Nottingham Post<br>• BBC Radio Lincolnshire<br>• Lincolnshire Echo/Live<br>• The Lincolnite<br>• The Goole Times<br>• Worksop Guardian<br>• Retford Times<br>• Nottinghamshire Live. |
| 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.<br><br>Advertisements will be placed in the following publications, to ensure coverage within and beyond the PCZ and SCZ:<br><br>• Hull Daily Mail<br>• Yorkshire Post<br>• Lincolnshire Echo/Live. |
| Emails and letters | We will send, via email, letters details about the consultation and how to get involved to:<br><br>• MPs, where all or part of their constituencies lie within the PCZ and/or the SCZ<br>• 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<br>• parish councils within the PCZ and SCZ. |
| 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 |

| Method | Detail |
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| | Gazette, and twice in locally circulating newspapers. |
| 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. |
| Social media | We will promote the consultation on National Grid UK's X (formerly Twitter) account and on Facebook, @NationalGridUK.<br><br>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.<br><br>We are unable to accept feedback through social media channels, however we will monitor comments or questions received through our own channels and respond where practicable. We will aim to point people towards sources of information, including the Project website and the interactive Project map, and to formal feedback channels. |

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.

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.

## 5.6 Public information events

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Table 5.4 – Public information events

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

## 5.7 Webinars

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.

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.

5.7.3 The sessions will cover the proposals in detail and provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions of the project team.

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.

Table 5.5 – Webinars

| Date | Time | Topic |
|---|---|---|
| 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 |

## 5.8 Stakeholder briefings and meetings

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.

5.8.2 National Grid will consider meetings with other organisations and individuals upon request.

## 5.9 Underrepresented and local interest groups

5.9.1 Our approach to consultation will be to reach out to groups that are underrepresented for the purposes of the Project and the organisations that represent them, as identified in discussions with local authorities and other stakeholders.

5.9.2 Our approach to engaging with underrepresented and local interest groups will consider the local requirements of identified groups.

5.9.3 A list of local interest groups, and organisations representing underrepresented groups, can be found in Appendix B.

5.9.4 In the first instance, 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.

5.9.5 We will maintain and update the list of underrepresented groups and local interest groups as the consultation progresses to ensure that we have the correct contact details and that we can engage with any newly identified groups.

Table 5.6 – Underrepresented group engagement tools

| Group category | Methods to be used |
|---|---|
| Older people | • Directly mailing 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<br>• providing options to submit feedback through conventional communication channels, including by post and telephone if necessary<br>• face-to-face events at a variety of locations and times across the route<br>• holding webinars for people unable to attend in-person events<br>• considering alternative formats on a case-by-case basis<br>• engaging with community groups serving the demographic<br>• 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. |
| People with visual impairments | • Providing, on request, an audio guide of consultation banners<br>• considering alternative formats on a case-by-case basis<br>• providing options to enlarge text on the Project's website. |
| People with limited mobility/disability | • Providing options to submit feedback through conventional communication channels, including by post and telephone if necessary<br>• directly mailing the Community newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ, and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post, if needed<br>• providing online engagement opportunities through the Project website and webinars to negate the need for travel<br>• considering alternative formats on a case-by-case basis<br>• holding accessible face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times, across the route of the Project<br>• running virtual webinar sessions for those with further questions, featuring a booking system which will take into consideration individual needs |

| Group category | Methods to be used |
|---|---|
| | • endeavouring to provide a British Sign Language interpreter at one of our webinars. |
| Youth groups | • Providing online engagement and providing access to the Project website<br>• ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield<br>• holding face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the Project<br>• contacting local centres of education to offer engagement opportunities. |
| Carers and families with young children | • Directly mailing the Community newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ, and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed<br>• providing options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility<br>• holding face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the Project<br>• providing online engagement opportunities through the Project website and webinars to negate the need for travel<br>• ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield. |
| Economically inactive individuals | • Encouraging online engagement<br>• ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield<br>• offering options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility. |
| Geographically isolated individuals or communities | • Directly mailing the Community newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ, and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed<br>• holding face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the Project<br>• providing online engagement opportunities through the Project website and webinars to negate the need for travel<br>• ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield. |

| Group category | Methods to be used |
|---|---|
| Locally underrepresented minority ethnic groups (such as black, Asian and minority ethnicity) | • Emailing community groups representing underrepresented minority ethnic groups to offer engagement opportunities. |
| People with English as an additional language (EAL) | • Endeavouring to provide consultation materials in alternative languages, upon reasonable request. |
| Travellers | • Contacting community groups representing travellers to offer engagement opportunities<br>• trying to engage with traveller communities through the local authorities, should liaison officers be available<br>• ensuring social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield. |
| Digitally isolated | • Reaching out by email or telephone to community groups representing digitally isolated groups to offer engagement opportunities<br>• directly mailing the Community newsletter (February 2025) to all properties within the PCZ, and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and how to provide feedback by post if needed<br>• advertising the consultation in traditional media such as local newspapers circulating in the PCZ and SCZ<br>• providing paper copies of materials at local information points, along with contact details for 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. |

# 6. Responding to the consultation

## 6.1 Methods of responding

6.1.1 People will be able to submit their feedback on the proposals for the Project across the eight-week statutory consultation period.

This can be done by:

- completing the feedback questionnaire online via the Project website (www.nationalgrid.com/nh-hm)
- providing feedback by email (contact@hn-hm.nationalgrid.com)
- completing a paper feedback questionnaire, which can be provided on request, at one of the designated public information points or completed in person at the face-to-face events. The questionnaire can be returned free of charge using the Freepost address: Freepost NH TO HM (no stamp required).

6.1.2 Consultation responses received via any other method than those listed above, such as through social media, may not be formally recorded as part of the consultation.

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.

6.1.4 All responses must be submitted by **11.59pm** on the closing date. Feedback submissions sent via post will be accepted for up to five working days after this date.

6.1.5 All feedback will be handled in accordance with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

6.1.6 Responses may also be made public as part of the Consultation report submitted as part of our DCO application.

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.

## 6.2 Providing consultation feedback on the substations

6.2.1 As the Birkhill Wood and High Marnham substations are included in the statutory consultation for the Project, there will be the opportunity to provide feedback in response to this statutory consultation. Where feedback regarding the substations is received in response to this statutory consultation, this will be analysed and reviewed in the same way as all other feedback. In addition, feedback received about the substations will also be shared with the relevant substation teams responsible for preparing the separate planning applications for these substations.

6.2.2 In terms of the separate planning applications for each of the substations, once the planning applications have been submitted to the relevant local planning authorities, members of the public and stakeholders may submit comments directly to the relevant

local planning authority. Once planning application reference numbers have been provided by the local planning authorities, we will provide an update on the Project website.

## 6.3 Reporting on consultation feedback received

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.

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.

6.3.4 Responses to the consultation and extracts of responses may be published as part of the report. Any responses that are published will have all personal details redacted.

6.3.5 Upon receipt of an application for a DCO, the Planning Inspectorate will decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination and will determine whether the statutory consultation process has been adequate. As part of this process, local authorities will be invited to provide an 'adequacy of the consultation response' to the Planning Inspectorate.

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.

## 6.4 Further consultation

6.4.1 If, following the statutory consultation, National Grid considers it is necessary to undertake further statutory consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant, practicable and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC or any update to it.

# 7. Other developers' consultations

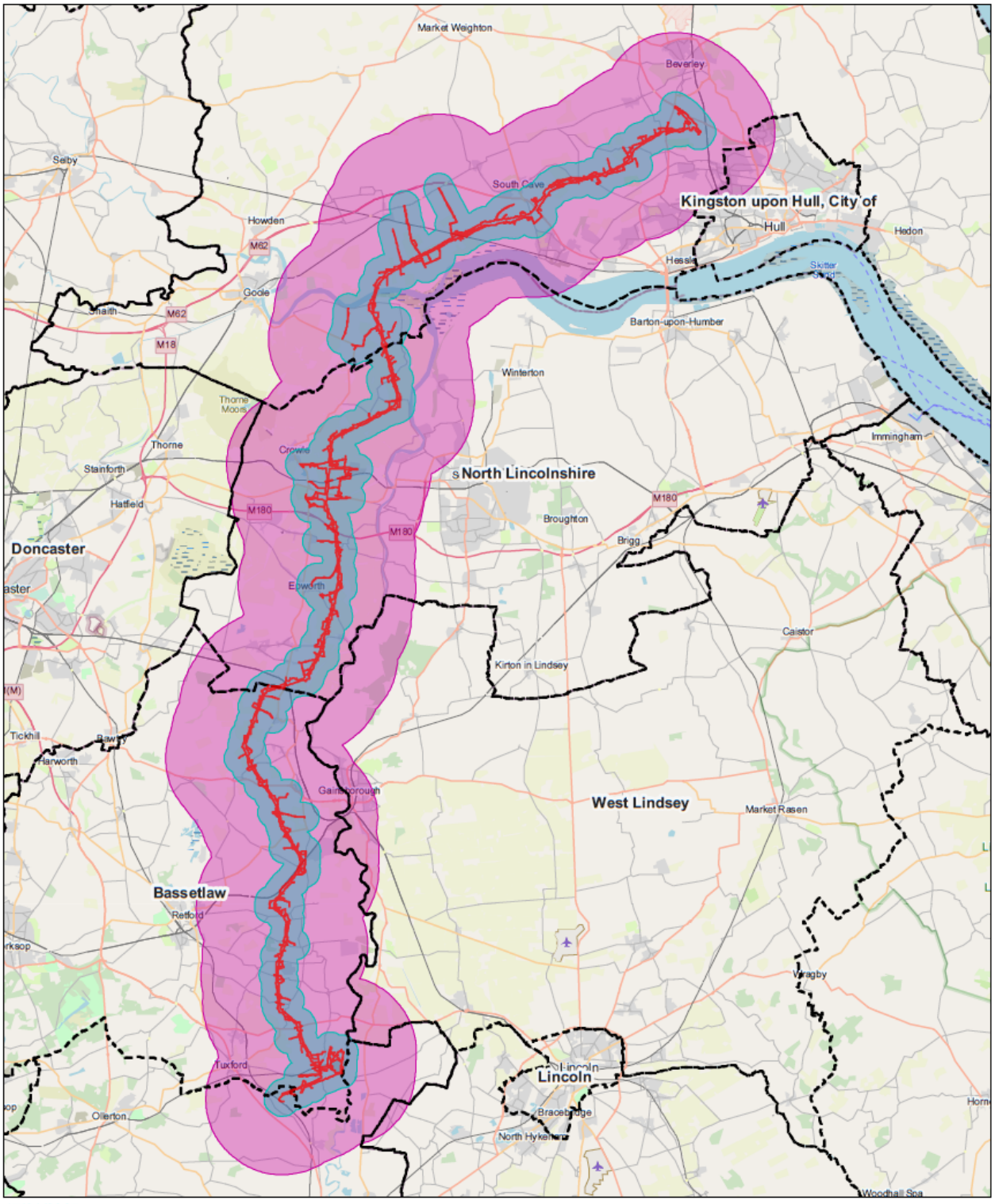
7.1.1 The Project team is aware of a number of other planned and proposed developments in the area and continues to monitor and engage with these.

7.1.2 The PEIR published as part of the statutory consultation will identify relevant existing and/or approved developments which will be considered for cumulative impact assessment through the EIA process.

7.1.3 You can find out more about National Grid's proposed separate planning applications for the new Birkhill Wood and High Marnham National Grid substations in Section 2 of this SoCC.

7.1.4 National Grid will continue to work to understand other local projects to ensure that the scope and context of this proposed Project is clear in relation to the other consultations.

# Appendix A
# Primary consultation zone and secondary consultation zone




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Draft order limits

Local authority boundaries

Primary consultation zone

Secondary consultation zone

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0 4.5 9 18 km

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# Appendix B
# Local interest groups

Windmill Walkers (Ramblers)
Beverly Ramblers
Ramblers Lincolnshire
Haxey Walkers
Guided Rides North Lincs
Retford & District Wheelers
Walking the Way to Health (East Riding of Yorkshire Council)
East Yorkshire Long Distance Walkers
East Yorkshire CTC
The Ramblers Group
Sustrans
Lincolnshire Ramblers
Scunthorpe Ramblers
Gainsborough Ramblers
Lincolnshire Walking Group
East Yorkshire Cycling UK
Retford Ramblers
Yorkshire Wolds Way Partnership
North Lincs Riding Club
South Humber Riding Club
Sport England
Cycling UK Lincolnshire
Darlton Gliding Club
Retford Golf Club
Milfield Golf Complex
Hessle Golf Club
Beverly RUFC
Beckingham and Saundby History Group
Retford u3a
Crowle Peatland Railway
Swanland u3a
Cottingham Local History Society
North Leverton Windmill
Swanland Village Organisations
We Live Here – Haxey
Eastoft Community Information
Epworth Community Wellbeing Hub
East Riding Leisure: South Cave
Bassetlaw Action Centre
Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service
Rural Action Community Action Nottinghamshire

Fledgelings Pre-School
Dot Spiritual Centre
Bassetlaw Youth Council
Manor Holiday Park, Retford
Open Spaces Society
Microflight Aviation
University of Hull
Hull College
East Riding College
North Lindsey College
Gainsborough College
Humber Education Trust
Humber Learning Consortium
EDTEC Humber
National Education Union (North Lincs District)
North Lincs Council Adult Education and Community Learning
Engineering UTC Northern Lincolnshire
Rampton Primary School
Sundown Adventureland
North Leverton Boarding Kennels & Cattery
Leverton CofE Academy
Sturton CofE School
Dunham-on-Trent CofE Primary School
North Clifton Primary School
Hull and Humber Chamber of Commerce – Northern Lincolnshire
Federation of Small Businesses
Confederation of British Industry
Hull and East Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership
Greater Lincolnshire LEP
Social Enterprise Yorkshire and Humber
Invest in North Lincolnshire
Invest Humber
Invest Gainsborough
Cottingham and District Traders Association
Invest East Riding
Business Lincolnshire
D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (Nottinghamshire)
Visit North Lincolnshire
Visit East Yorkshire
Lindsey AgeUK
SSAFA Lincolnshire
Supporting Older People
East Riding Health and Wellbeing
Beverley Leisure Group
The Countryside Charity Nottinghamshire
MySight Notts

Lincoln and Lindsey Blind Society
North Lincolnshire Youth Council
North Lincolnshire Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)
North Lincolnshire Autism Spectrum Education Team (ASET)
North Lincolnshire Dementia Action Alliance
Alzheimer's Society – North and North East Lincolnshire
Lincolnshire Jewish Community
Hull Mosque and Islamic Centre
Hull Hebrew Congregation
Lincolnshire Autistic Society
Hull and East Riding LGBTQIA+ Forum
CARE
Lincolnshire Jewish Community
JUST Lincolnshire
Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership
Humber Transforming Care Partnership (TCP)
Gainsborough Healthcare Group

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