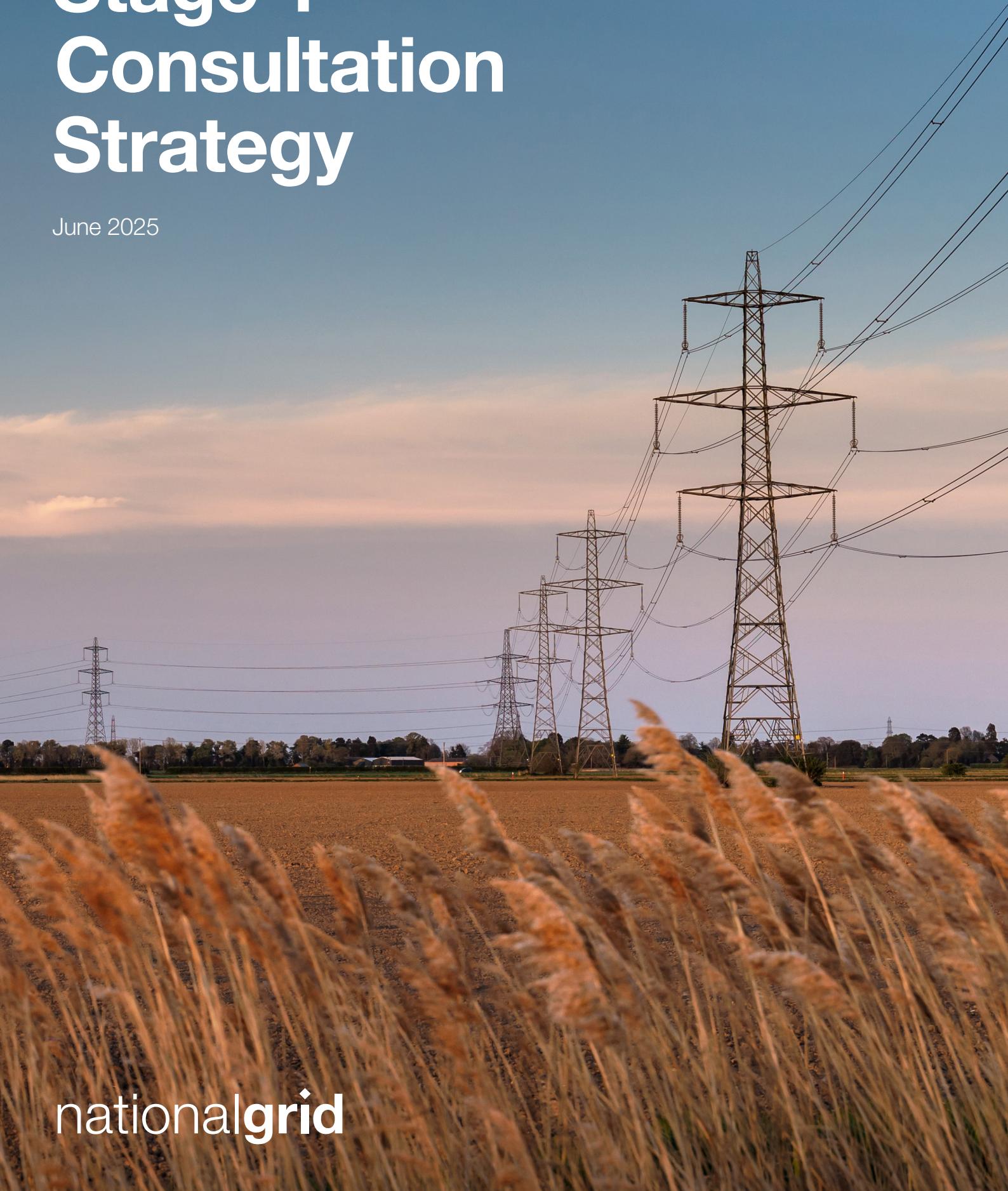


The Great Grid Upgrade

Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire

Stage 1 Consultation Strategy

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Introduction

This document outlines how National Grid Electricity Transmission (National Grid) intends to carry out a pre-application Stage 1 consultation in summer 2025 on proposals to provide additional network capability in Lincolnshire and Leicestershire by carrying electricity flows west and joining with two existing north – south overhead lines.

National Grid needs to build approximately 60 kilometres (km) of new 400 kilovolt (kV) electricity transmission line between Weston Marsh and East Leicestershire, two new substations and the reconductoring of approximately 55 km of existing overhead line. These proposals are part of The Great Grid Upgrade – the largest overhaul of the grid in generations.

As set out in the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) Clean Power 2030 Action Plan¹, the Government's ambition is to deliver a significant increase in renewable energy generation. This includes deploying new solar power, battery capacity, long-duration battery storage, onshore and offshore wind alongside further flexibility technologies. Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire is one of the major transmission projects necessary to facilitate the UK's transition to clean power by 2030 and comprises a new 400 kV reinforcement from the east of England bringing electricity flows west.

The emerging preferred corridor for the new 400 kV electricity transmission line element of the project will pass through the local authority areas of Lincolnshire County Council, Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority, Leicestershire County Council, South Holland District Council, South Kesteven District Council, and Melton Borough Council.

While the reconductoring element of the project covers Leicestershire County Council, Melton Borough Council, Harborough District Council, North Northamptonshire Council, and West Northamptonshire Council.

We have consulted with representatives of all host local authorities on our reasoning and approach to this Stage 1 consultation.

As the project has two distinct elements (new overhead line and new substations; and reconductoring of existing overhead line), which will have different impacts on the different communities and stakeholders, we want to clearly distinguish between these aspects.

Our approach to the Stage 1 consultation will mirror this. This document sets out how we will consult and engage based on how people will interact with the project.

A Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) will be prepared ahead of statutory consultation, which is proposed to take place in 2026. The content of the SoCC will build on this consultation approach. It will be discussed with representatives of the relevant local planning authorities and finalised ahead of the formal stage of consultation on the SoCC as per section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).



What is reconductoring?

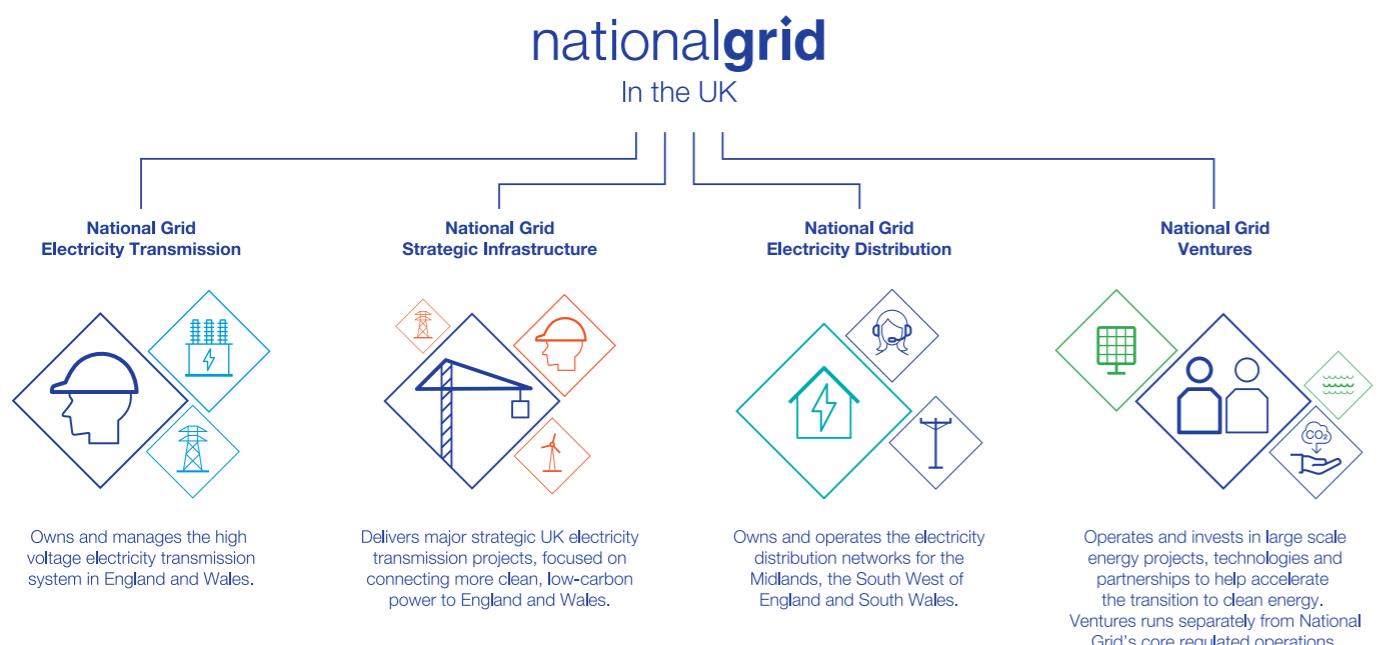
Reconductoring involves replacing pylon fittings and upgrading the conductors (the wires strung between pylons). It increases the amount of electricity that can be transmitted over the existing lines by using more efficient conductors that generally operate at higher temperatures and carry more power.

¹ assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/677bc80399c93b7286a396d6/clean-power-2030-action-plan-main-report.pdf

National Grid Electricity Transmission – what we do in the UK

National Grid delivers electricity safely, reliably, and efficiently to the customers we serve – all while working towards building a cleaner, fairer energy system for the future.

The parts of National Grid involved in ensuring we all have the essential electricity supplies we need are shown in the diagram below – each with its own role and responsibilities across England and Wales.



National Grid Electricity Transmission sits at the heart of Britain's energy system, connecting millions of people and businesses to the energy they use every day. Every time a phone is plugged in, or a switch is turned on, we've played a part, connecting you to the electricity you need. It is Strategic Infrastructure, which is part of National Grid Electricity Transmission, that is developing the proposals for Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire.

National Grid Ventures sits outside the above businesses, investing in technologies and partnerships that help accelerate our move to a clean energy future. That includes interconnectors – connecting the UK with countries across the North Sea, allowing trade between energy markets and efficient use of renewable energy resources. The authorities in the Southeast Lincolnshire Partnership will be familiar with their work to develop the Viking Link Interconnector.

In South East Lincolnshire, along with the Midlands, South Wales and the South West, another National Grid Group company, National Grid Electricity Distribution, is the local distribution network operator, connecting 8 million customers and delivering electricity to 18 million people.

Our world is changing fast. Upgrading to cleaner, greener and more affordable energy will create exciting new opportunities for growth across the UK and speed up our efforts to tackle the global climate challenge. The time for action is now.

The Clean Power 2030 Action Plan, published in December 2024, sets out the Government's ambition to see 43-50 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind, 27-29 GW of onshore wind, and 45-47 GW of solar power connected by 2030, significantly reducing our dependency as a country on fossil-fuels.

Britain is leading the way and can become the world's first clean economy, with net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

But we cannot stand still. A healthier, greener future for Britain requires significant upgrades to our energy infrastructure to reliably meet increased demand.

At National Grid Electricity Transmission, we are working to make this future possible, combining the best of British engineering and ingenuity with smart technology to power our homes, travel and work.

When developing transmission network proposals, we must, under the Electricity Act 1989, do that in an efficient, coordinated and economical way, and have regard to the desirability of preserving amenity. Options to deliver additional network capability and the options we take forward are evaluated against these statutory duties. We must balance the need to develop the network in a way that is efficient, coordinated and economical, and reduces effects on people and places.

National Grid only develops new infrastructure where the existing transmission system cannot be further upgraded, system changes cannot be satisfied by other means or where customer connections are required.

We have explained how we set out to meet these responsibilities and our commitments relating to engagement and consultation about our proposals in our Stakeholder, Community and Amenity Policy.

² assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/677bc80399c93b7286a396d6/clean-power-2030-action-plan-main-report.pdf

Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire project

Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire is one of a number of network reinforcements across the country that are needed to increase the capability of the network to meet our future energy needs. It will help deliver on the Government's targets for renewables.

There is a need for the transmission system to adapt to transport power from source to demand reliably and efficiently.

This will enable the significant amount of electricity from offshore wind, solar and interconnectors with Europe that is proposed in and around the Humber and adjacent regions to be transported to where it is required.

This increase in generation will lead to an increase in power flows on the transmission network. Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire will help to move the power inland and west.

Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire is a key part of our wider investment programme to upgrade our electricity transmission network in the area to ensure we meet this future energy transmission demand. It will interact with our other projects in the area, including Grimsby to Walpole.

Project scope

We are proposing to upgrade the electricity transmission network through the construction of approximately 60 km of new 400 kV overhead line between Weston Marsh and East Leicestershire.

This will include the construction of two new substations and also the upgrade (reconductoring) of approximately 55 km of existing overhead line between East Leicestershire and Grendon in Northamptonshire.

Proposed new overhead line

Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire will involve the construction and operation of approximately 60 km of new 400 kV electricity transmission line.

New pylons and conductors (electrical wires) would be located along the overhead line route. At this early stage, we have not decided on exactly what type of pylon we will use and where. We will consider this in more detail as we develop our proposals further.

As a starting position, we are considering the use of traditional steel lattice pylons. A typical pylon operating at 400 kV is approximately 50 m in height. A typical span distance between pylons is approximately 350 m. There are typically three pylons for every kilometre of overhead line.

Proposed new substations

We are proposing two new substations along the new overhead line route, WMEL-A and WMEL-B:

- We are proposing to locate the new WMEL-A substation to the north of the A151, west of the East Coast Mainline and alongside the existing overhead line near Corby Glen in Lincolnshire. The new substation will allow connection to new renewable energy generation sources and help transport power along the new overhead line.

Upgrade of the existing line

This project also includes the reconductoring (upgrading) of approximately 55 km of the existing 400 kV 'ZA' overhead transmission line from WMEL-B substation in Leicestershire to the existing Grendon substation, east of Northampton.

- We are proposing to locate the new WMEL-B substation where the new overhead line from Weston Marsh would reach the existing 400 kV line, southwest of Wartnaby in Leicestershire.

Reconductoring involves replacing pylon fittings and upgrading the conductors (the wires strung between pylons). It increases the amount of electricity that can be transmitted over the existing lines by using more efficient conductors that generally operate at higher temperatures and carry more power.

Purpose of the 2025 Stage 1 consultation

We want to introduce the project to communities and ensure that all stakeholders have the opportunity to provide feedback on our proposals.

We will present our emerging preferred corridor for the new overhead 400 kV line to show our early thinking about the area, where we may route the new line and where the emerging preferred areas are for potential new substations.

We will also present our proposals for the reconductoring element of the project.

The aim of our consultation is to:

- introduce our proposals to the public
- explain the different aspects of the project – a new overhead line, substation locations and reconductoring an existing line between WMEL-B and Grendon, east of Northampton
- explain why we need to reinforce the network and bring power west
- communicate our principles for design and seek any feedback

- explain the options for the new overhead line and substation sites that have been considered
- present and explain the emerging preferred corridor and graduated swathe for the overhead line and substation areas
- listen to local communities and stakeholders, answer questions and ensure stakeholders have the opportunity to provide feedback on our work to date
- outline the next steps of how we intend to further develop our proposals.

Consultation timing

This Stage 1 consultation will run for eight weeks from 11 June to 6 August 2025.

Consultation area

We have developed Primary Consultation Zones (PCZ) for both new overhead line and reconductoring elements of the project and a Secondary Consultation Zone (SCZ) to inform our engagement activities. They are shown in Appendix A.

The PCZ for the new overhead line and substation sites will include people whose properties lie within the emerging preferred corridor option or within 1 km of the corridor option boundary.

For the reconductoring aspect the PCZ will include properties within 250 m of the existing infrastructure, this is proportionate to the scale of works.

Where appropriate, the PCZ has been extended to include whole streets and postcodes rather than the 1 km boundary dissecting hamlets or neighbourhoods. All relevant stakeholders within this area will be consulted including contacting each residential and business address directly.

The village of Weston, which exceeds the 1 km distance from the boundary of the emerging preferred corridor, has been included in the Primary Consultation Zone (PCZ) as we will be holding a public information event in the village.

Before the start of the consultation, we will mail a newsletter to all properties within the PCZs. The newsletter will be tailored to present information on both the new overhead line and reconductoring.

The newsletter will include:

- an introduction to the project and an explanation of what we are consulting on
- details of the project website, public exhibitions, webinars and how stakeholders can leave their feedback on our proposals
- information on further project materials and where these can be accessed
- maps showing both the emerging preferred corridor and substation sites (new overhead line) and the reconductoring aspect of the project
- an updated project timeline.

We will include details on how people without access to the internet can view paper copies of materials and project contact details to find out more information.

The SCZ (see Appendix A) will extend to 5 km from the edge of the preferred new overhead line corridor and substation sites. The SCZ will include stakeholders who are further from the project but may have concerns, such as construction traffic and long-distance views. Anyone can register to receive all project information and engage with the project as they wish. The SCZ will refer mainly to communities near the new overhead line infrastructure.

We will seek to raise awareness of the project and public consultation with stakeholders within the SCZ through the broad dissemination of information. This will include:

- placing advertisements in local and regional newspapers providing information about the consultation and how to get involved
- providing project documents at local information point locations within and beyond the SCZ for public viewing
- placing advertisements on social media to target different demographics and to include those who might not otherwise engage with the consultation
- publishing details of consultation events on the project website
- providing contact details for queries and how to request paper copies of consultation materials on the project website.

Consultation materials

The following materials will be published as part of the consultation:

Material type	Description
Stage 1 Consultation Document	Non-technical document providing an overview of the project and detailing our proposals and how we are consulting.
Community newsletter June 2025	Direct mailout to all in the new infrastructure PCZ and the reconductoring PCZ summarising details of the project and public consultation.
Project website	Hosting all project information, including downloadable versions of all the above documents, FAQs, an online feedback questionnaire and interactive map.
Interactive map	An interactive map of the emerging preferred corridor will be produced to provide a more detailed view of the proposals.
Feedback form	To gather consultation comments and feedback. Available on the website, and in paper form at public information events, local information points or by request.
Public information event banners	For display at public information events, providing an overview of key aspects of the scheme. The information will reflect the content of the consultation website pages.
Strategic Options Report (SOR)	Providing an overview of the appraisal approach we have used to date to consider strategic options. These are reviewed as part of the ongoing strategic options assessment and decision-making process.
Corridor Preliminary Routing and Siting Study (CPRSS)	A detailed report on how the emerging preferred corridor and potential substation siting areas were identified and the graduated swathe has been developed.
Maps of our proposals	Maps showing the location of the emerging preferred corridor and the graduated swathe.
Advertisements/posters	Adverts (print and social) and posters to inform people in the SCZ of the consultation. Posters will be provided to parish councils to display throughout the consultation and in local information points packs.

Stakeholder briefings and meetings

At the start of public consultation, we will offer briefing meetings with the following stakeholders:

- Members of Parliament where all or part of their constituencies lie within the PCZs
- representatives of the Greater Lincolnshire Combined Authority
- elected representatives of district, borough and county councils that fall within the PCZs
- parish councils where all or part of the parish falls inside the PCZ – both for the new build and existing infrastructure.

We will engage with other organisations on request.

These may include:

- third party groups such as business groups, transport groups, energy groups

- parish councils where all or part of the parish falls inside the reconductoring PCZ
- parish councils which neighbour a parish in the new infrastructure PCZ
- community groups or residents' associations with a close geographical relationship to the project
- interest groups with a close relationship to the project
- local Youth Parliaments/Councils, Youth Advisory Boards (YABs), youth groups, and universities.

These stakeholders will be sent digital copies of project information (paper copies will be provided upon request) along with details on how to respond to the consultation and engage with the project team. We will keep them updated at key project milestones.

Public consultation

We are proposing to use a blend of digital and traditional engagement channels for this public consultation. This will involve using the project website and other digital tools to present information on the project and gather feedback on our proposals.

We remain committed to engaging with all stakeholders throughout the consultation period. We want to ensure that all our engagement and consultation is inclusive and will reach those who otherwise may not engage with us.

We also recognise that some people may not have access to or use of the internet. We have taken steps to ensure that paper copies of all our materials are available either upon request or at specified locations along the route.

We will work with local authorities to ensure we have identified suitable locations for local information points and, wherever possible, aim to accommodate suggestions beyond the venues and locations already identified.

Project website

We will launch the project website so people can easily find information relevant to them.

The website will allow people to easily access and download project information and documents and find links to other resources that will also be available to view at a traditional public consultation event. It will include:

Function	Rationale
Document library with access to the information	<p>The library will be the ‘go to’ deposit location for all project information. It will ensure that all project information is available in one, easy to access location.</p> <p>We will encourage third parties hosting local information point locations (such as local authorities, libraries, etc) to provide links to this page.</p>
Consultation pages to display all relevant information and material being presented for consultation	<p>Project documents will be laid out in a simple, visual and interactive format, with pointers and instructions throughout to aid easy navigation.</p>
Find out more pages	<p>Details of dates and timings of public information events and webinars during the consultation period.</p>
FAQs	<p>This will help visitors to find answers to frequently asked questions.</p>
Project news section	<p>This section will enable members of the public to stay updated on the project and provides an easily accessible place for all recent updates to be hosted.</p>
Project contact details	<p>Telephone, email and freepost details are on the website and all consultation materials for the public to get in contact and request further details or ask questions.</p>
Feedback form	<p>The online form will enable members of the public to provide their feedback easily and send it back directly to the project team.</p>
GDPR (Legal statement)	<p>All personal data will be held in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 and personal data will not be transferred outside of the European Economic Area, or used for purposes other than those outlined. The website will be made accessible for all users through the provision of audio guides, videos, other visual material, and the ability to request translation.</p>

Interactive map

An interactive map of the emerging preferred corridor and supporting points of interest, such as the ability to zoom to specific locations using a postcode function. There will be pointers to further information, which may contain images, text or signpost to a different page that expands on what is being presented.

Public information events and webinars

A programme of public information events and webinars will provide stakeholders opportunities to find out more about the proposals and to provide feedback.

Public information events are organised to be accessible to as many stakeholders as possible and held at suitable venues. These events will provide the opportunity to speak to technical experts within the team. If events need to be cancelled for any reason, we will hold an online event on the published date, where practicable.

In person public information events will commence approximately one week after the publicity and launch of the Stage 1 consultation and will run for several weeks into the consultation to allow people to make arrangements to attend.

Online webinars will be organised to enable the project team to present the same information as that at the public information events to a large number of interested stakeholders. At least one webinar for each part of the project will be recorded and made available on the project website for playback by those who cannot attend the webinar sessions. The sessions will also include time for questions and answers.

Both in person and online webinar events will be held over a number of weeks during the consultation to provide multiple opportunities for people to take part. The events will be held in locations near to the new overhead line emerging preferred corridor and substation sites. A higher proportion of events will be hosted in the new overhead line areas, but we will also hold events along the length of the proposed reconductoring section.



National Grid in Lincolnshire

National Grid is currently consulting on a number of projects in the Lincolnshire area.

Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3) and Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 4) are currently undertaking Stage 2 consultation from Tuesday 13 May to Monday 23 June 2025 and Eastern Green Link 5 (EGL 5) is undertaking Stage 1 consultation at the same time.

Grimsby to Walpole is also undertaking its Stage 2 consultation from Wednesday 11 June to Wednesday 6 August 2025.

Information helpline

Contact details including a freephone information line, email address and freepost address will be widely publicised, including in paper copies of consultation publicity materials and on the website. People will be able to request information over the phone.

Providing feedback on our proposals

We want to make providing feedback on our proposals as easy as possible for all stakeholders. Paper copies of the feedback form will be available at public information events (Appendix B) and at local information points along the emerging preferred corridor and along the reconductoring route (see Appendix C).

Visitors to our project website will be able to fill out a feedback form online and send it back directly or download and print and return via our freepost address.

Members of the public will also be able to telephone our freephone contact number and request a paper copy of the feedback questionnaire, enabling them to send their feedback to the project team free of charge.

We will review all returned feedback forms. Comments will be analysed and considered as the project is developed further.

Advertising

We will use advertising to raise awareness of the public consultation on the project proposals.

Traditional media

To raise general awareness of the project within the area and to advertise the consultation programme, we will place advertisements in key local and regional publications. These advertisements will help ensure that stakeholders without access to the internet, or who do not frequently use sites which will receive targeted virtual advertisement, are made aware of the project consultation.

Advertisements will be published at the start of public consultation to inform stakeholders of deadlines for feedback and dates for public information events and webinars.

We will also engage proactively with local news media, including radio and broadcast, to provide a briefing on the proposals to inform coverage of the consultation and will be responding constructively to any requests for media interest throughout the consultation.

Digital media

Where newspapers have a related digital outlet, we will publish corresponding advertisements on the digital publications of those newspapers where adverts are printed in paper copy. These advertisements will target postcodes within the PCZ and SCZ.

Social media

We will use social media to advertise the consultation. Advertisements will target the postcodes within the PCZ and SCZ. Social media advertisement may draw in stakeholders who wouldn't otherwise engage with the consultation, for example, young people.

We will also ask local authorities, and other identified groups, to use their own social media channels to advertise the consultation.

Social media advertisement will include the use of Facebook and Instagram.

Engaging with seldom heard and interest groups

Seldom heard groups are defined as being inaccessible to most traditional and conventional methods of consultation for any reason. We recognise that some people and groups may not have access to, or use of, the internet or be able to access traditional consultations easily.

To ensure our consultation is accessible to all, we will:

- publish and advertise our contact details widely so people can call, email or write to us for assistance
- directly mail a newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZs and provide details of how to access paper copies of other project documents, and provide feedback by post
- set up local information points along the corridor where people can collect paper copies of some documents and feedback forms
- make important information available in ‘plain English’ in both digital and non-digital formats to make it as accessible as possible for people to understand and take part in consultation, enhanced with supporting images, drawings and graphics to make it easier for people to understand technical information
- wherever possible, upon request aim to provide materials in different formats, including easy-read, large print and in different languages. To request this, we ask that consultees and/or stakeholders contact the project team
- advertise the availability of the telephone helpline.

Seldom heard groups may include the following:

- ethnic minority groups and people for whom English is a second language
- the Traveller community
- the elderly
- people with visual and hearing impairments
- people with limited mobility/disability
- the 15-19 and 20-39 age groups
- carers and families with young children
- economically inactive individuals
- geographically isolated communities or individuals.

Interest groups will include:

- business groups such as Local Enterprise Partnerships and Chambers of Commerce
- community groups such as residents’ associations with a close geographical relationship to the project
- educational establishments like universities, colleges and schools along the emerging preferred corridor.

Communication tools for seldom heard and interest groups

Leading up to and during the consultation period we will carry out the following:

Communication tool	Objective(s)	Result
Direct engagement	Engagement with representative groups and organisations, building links with the project and helping identify Hard to Reach and interest groups in local communities. These could include community groups, youth groups, business groups, activity centres, ethnic minority groups, religious groups.	National Grid can make use of existing communications channels that these community groups have in place to communicate with a wider audience of harder to reach groups and individuals.
Website	An online hub for the consultation, providing two-way communication between the public and the project.	This will support easy access to information for anyone with either visual or hearing impairments.
Engagement with ambassadors/champions (for example, parish councils which have their own communications channels)	Identify community leaders who can help facilitate wider consultation beyond traditional channels and assist the project team in identifying likely issues and concerns from stakeholders and ways to overcome them.	Feedback is received from group representatives and individuals.
Online awareness – consultation will be publicised through the following channels:	Engagement with representative groups and organisations, building links with the project and helping identify Hard to Reach and interest groups in local communities. These could include community groups, youth groups, business groups, activity centres, ethnic minority groups, religious groups.	National Grid can make use of existing communications channels that these community groups have in place to communicate with a wider audience of harder to reach groups and individuals.
Telephone helpline	Offering a further alternative to paper copy or online materials, especially for people who may be visually impaired.	To engage with those who may have difficulty accessing online information or attending public information events.
Paper copy materials	Providing paper copies of materials to those without access to the internet on request.	To engage with those who may have difficulty accessing online information or attending public information events.

Seldom heard and interest groups contact database

We have created a database of identified relevant contacts at seldom heard community groups and other interest groups and organisations. This database also includes details of youth organisations across the project area. We will seek the input of local authorities to ask for recommendations on additional groups or organisations to include.

Youth engagement

Young people will be the greatest beneficiaries of net zero.

In order to better engage with young people in the region, we will look to hold additional youth-focused events.

Along with our public webinars, we propose to hold an additional youth webinar which will provide an opportunity for young people to find out more about the project and discuss our plans with the project team.

We will use this contact database to ensure these groups and organisations are kept up to date with the development of the scheme and are aware of how to participate in the development of the project, including each stage of public consultation. We will also continue to monitor the success of our communications tools to test the suitability of our approach to engagement.

Depending on the reception of our early communications with these interest groups, we will adjust our approach to engagement accordingly.

We intend to maintain this engagement post-consultation, holding online and in-person events in collaboration with education providers. These events will look to give attendees an opportunity to not only give their views on the project but help shape our approach to future youth engagement.

We will ask local authorities, and other identified groups, to use their own social media channels to advertise the consultation and distribute key project information to young people within their hard-to-reach database.

We will also make our consultation more directly accessible through social media channels including Instagram and Facebook.

Reporting on the consultation

The outcomes from the Stage 1 consultation will be made available to the public and stakeholders in a range of ways.

Initially, our aim will be to publish an update newsletter following the consultation which will provide an overview of the key matters raised, how we're considering them and what the timescales and next steps are.

At Stage 2 consultation, we will provide a full consultation feedback report and will detail how the feedback from the Stage 1 consultation has shaped and influenced the proposals.





Appendices

Appendix A

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Appendix B

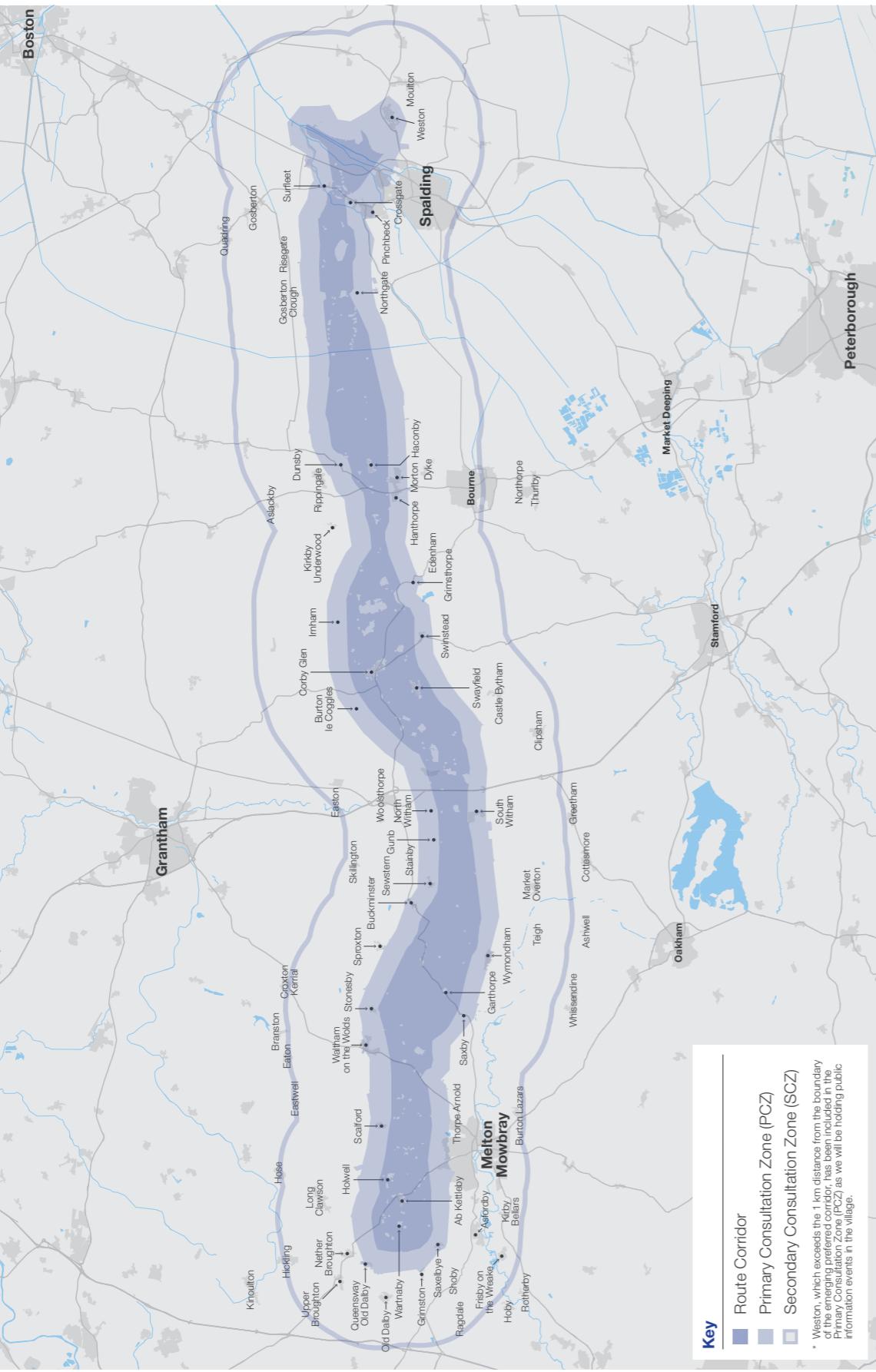
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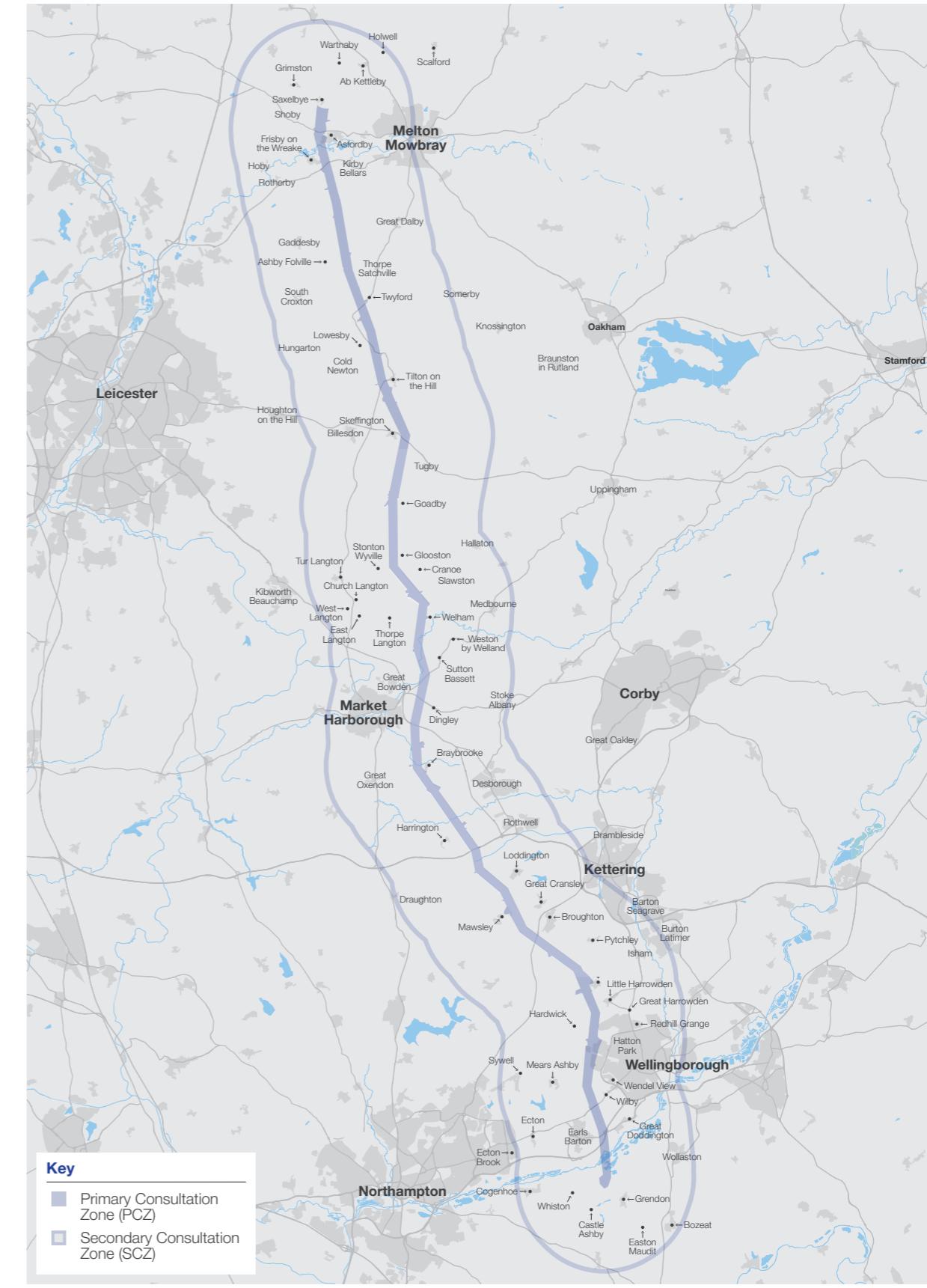
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Appendix A

Proposed new overhead line route corridor



Reconductoring



Appendix B

Public information events:

Venue	Time and date
Corby Glen Village Hall (Ron Dawson Memorial Hall), Swineshead Road, Corby Glen, Grantham, NG33 4NU	Saturday 21 June 2025 2–7pm
Surfleet Village Hall , Glen Gardens, Station Road, Surfleet, Spalding, PE11 4BW	Thursday 26 June 2025 11am–5pm
Great Doddington Memorial Hall , High Street, Great Doddington, Wellingborough, NN29 7TQ	Friday 27 June 2025 1–7pm
Morton Village Hall , 11 High Street, Morton, Lincolnshire, PE10 0NR	Saturday 28 June 2025 11am–4pm
Braybrooke Village Hall , Griffin Road, Braybrooke, Market Harborough, LE16 8LH	Thursday 3 July 2025 2–7pm
South Witham Village Hall , Water Lane, South Witham, Grantham, NG33 5PH	Friday 4 July 2025 1–7pm
Ab Kettleby Community Hall (within Ab Kettleby School) , Wartnaby Road, Ab Kettleby, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE14 3JJ	Saturday 5 July 2025 11am–4pm
Weston Village Hall , Small Drove, Weston, Spalding, PE12 6HU *	Thursday 10 July 1–7pm

* Joint face-to-face public information event with Grimsby to Walpole

Table 1: Public information events

Webinars:

Webinar name	Date	Time
General – overview of proposals	Wednesday 18 June 2025	1–2pm
Sections 1, 2 & 3	Tuesday 15 July 2025	6:30–7:30pm
Sections 4 & 5	Thursday 17 July 2025	6:30–7:30pm
Reconductoring section	Monday 21 July 2025	6:30–7:30pm
General – overview of proposals	Thursday 24 July 2025	6:30–7:30pm

Table 2: Webinars

Appendix C

Local information points:

Information point	Address	Opening times	
Spalding Library	Victoria Street, Spalding, PE11 1EA	Monday – Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	9am–5pm 9am–6pm 9am–5pm 9am–1pm CLOSED
South Kesteven Community Point / Bourne Library	Corn Exchange, 3 Abbey Road, Bourne, PE10 9EF	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	9am–5pm CLOSED 9am–6pm CLOSED 9am–1pm 9am–1pm CLOSED
Stamford Library	30 High Street, Stamford, PE9 2BB	Monday – Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	9am–5pm 9am–6pm 9am–5pm 9am–4pm CLOSED
Grantham Library	Newton Street, Grantham, NG31 6EE	Monday – Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	9am–5pm 9am–6pm 9am–5pm 9am–4pm CLOSED
South Witham Village Hall	Water Lane, South Witham, Grantham, NG33 5PH	Monday – Friday Saturday Sunday	6:30am–7pm 7:30am–7pm 8am–7pm
Corby Library	The Cube, George Street, Corby, NN17 1QG	Monday – Friday Saturday Sunday	9am–6pm 9am–5pm CLOSED
North Northamptonshire Council Office	Tithe Barn, Tithe Barn Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1BZ	By appointment only	
Kettering Library	Sheep Street, Kettering, NN16 0AY	Monday – Friday Saturday Sunday	9am–6pm 9am–5pm CLOSED

Information point	Address	Opening times	
West Northamptonshire Council office *this office will be closing in July. From July documents can be found at their new location in One Angel Square.	The Guildhall, St Giles Street, Northampton, NN1 1DE	Monday – Friday Saturday – Sunday	9am–5pm CLOSED
Melton Mowbray Library	Wilton Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0UJ	Monday – Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	10am–6pm CLOSED 10am–6pm 10am–4pm CLOSED
Oakham Library	Catmose Street, Oakham, LE15 6HW	Monday – Friday Saturday Sunday	9am–5pm 9am–1pm CLOSED

* Local information point opening hours can be subject to change.
Please check with the relevant venue for the most up to date opening hours.

Table 3: Information points



To learn more about our proposals:

 Read this Stage 1 Consultation Document

 Visit a local information point (see Appendix C)

 Visit our website at: nationalgrid.com/wmel

 Sign up to receive project update emails (visit our website)

 Come to a public information event (see Appendix B)

 Call our freephone 0800 138 9191 between 9am and 5:30pm

 Join an online webinar session (see Appendix B)

 Email us: [ContactWMEL@nationalgrid.com](mailto>ContactWMEL@nationalgrid.com)

To respond to the Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire consultation:

 Complete the feedback form on our website nationalgrid.com/wmel

 Post your written responses (no stamp required) to: FREEPOST WM TO EL

 Email your comments to: [ContactWMEL@nationalgrid.com](mailto>ContactWMEL@nationalgrid.com)

 Complete a printed feedback form and return it using the freepost address

Your comments must be received by 11:59 pm on Wednesday 6 August 2025.



Contact us

If you would like to contact the Community Relations team, please get in touch via:

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