

Stage 1 consultation feedback form

June 2025



We are consulting on proposals to build approximately 60 kilometres (km) of new 400,000 volt (400 kV) electricity transmission line between Weston Marsh and East Leicestershire, two new substations, and the upgrade (reconductoring) of approximately 55 km of existing overhead transmission line.

This is our first public consultation on proposals for Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire.

The aim of this Stage 1 consultation is to seek your feedback on our early proposals while also explaining how and why they have been developed.

We recognise the importance of local knowledge in developing projects and are keen to seek feedback at a point early enough in the process to allow people the opportunity to influence the proposals.

This Stage 1 consultation is open between **12 noon on Wednesday 11 June 2025** and **11:59pm on Wednesday 6 August 2025**.

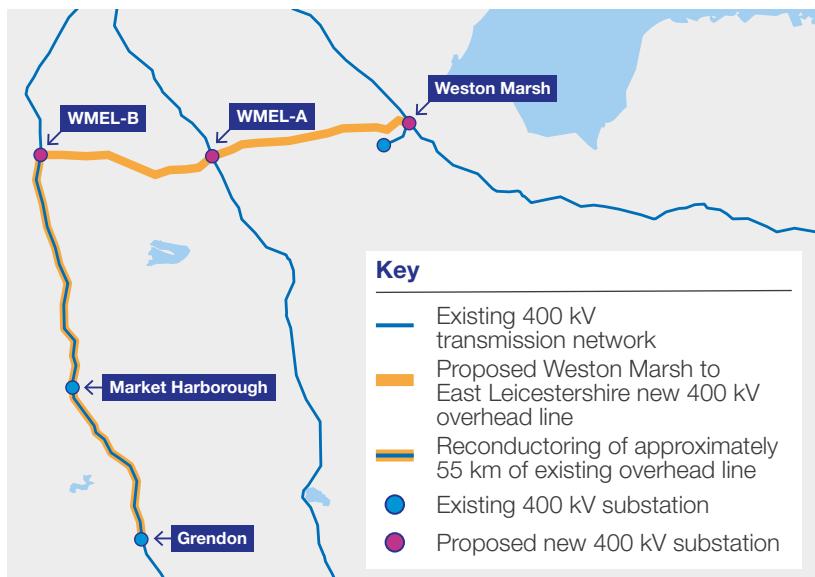
Consultation is an important part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) process, as it enables everyone to comment on our proposals. Feedback from our consultations – along with the outcome of technical assessments and environmental surveys – helps us to develop our proposals before we submit a DCO application.

Our proposals

During Stage 1 consultation, we are seeking views on our early proposals.

The key elements of our proposals include:

- approximately 60 km of new 400,000 volt (400 kV) overhead line from Weston Marsh 400 kV substation(s) in Lincolnshire to East Leicestershire;
- two new proposed substations, one near Corby Glen in Lincolnshire (known as WMEL-A) and one near Wartnaby in Leicestershire (known as WMEL-B); and
- upgrading (reconductoring) approximately 55 km of existing 400 kV overhead line from the proposed new substation near Wartnaby to the existing Grendon substation, east of Northampton.



Other requirements

We may use additional land to support the construction or upgrading of overhead lines or protect the natural environment.

This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- temporary land for construction activities including working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, welfare, storage and access
- land for mitigation, compensation and enhancement of the environment as a result of the environmental assessment process and delivering Biodiversity Net Gain.

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) is a way to ensure that the environment is left in a better state after construction than it was before the work started.

From mid 2026, it is due to be made mandatory for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects like Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire to achieve 10% BNG, this means the project would result in more or better quality natural habitat than there was before development. National Grid will also provide wider environmental and social benefits.

Stage 1 consultation materials

As part of this consultation, we have also published:

-  **Stage 1 Consultation Document** – Provides an overview of the project, details our proposals and how we are consulting.
-  **Community newsletters** – These provide the latest updates on the progress of the project and our plans for consultation.
-  **Interactive map** – Shows the location of the preferred overhead line route and substations, and the location of the reconductoring.
-  **Stage 1 Consultation Strategy** – A document detailing how National Grid intends to carry out its stage 1 consultation.
-  **Strategic Options Report (SOR)** – A technical document that shows the need case for Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire and what proposals we considered to address it.
-  **Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study (CPRSS)** – A technical document that shows how we developed our preferred strategic options.
-  **Project website** – Hosts all project information, including downloadable versions of all the above documents, frequently asked questions, and online feedback form: nationalgrid.com/wmel.

All these resources are available on the project website nationalgrid.com/wmel. Printed copies of most of our consultation documents are available free of charge on request. These can be requested by emailing ContactWMEL@nationalgrid.com or by calling 0800 138 9191. Some detailed technical documents may be subject to a printing charge.

Key consultation documents will be available to view at local information points (see our Stage 1 Consultation Document for details), and printed copies of all documents listed above will be available to view at our consultation events (details can be found on the project website, in the Stage 1 Consultation Document, and in the Community newsletter).

How to give feedback

Please submit your response to this consultation by 11:59pm on Wednesday 6 August 2025.

We cannot guarantee that responses received after this time will be considered.

Your feedback will play an important part in shaping our plans before we make our DCO application, planned for 2028.

At our Stage 2 consultation, planned for 2026, we will demonstrate how we have considered the feedback received as part of this Stage 1 consultation, along with the outcome of technical assessments and environmental surveys. Stage 2 consultation will be a further opportunity to share your views.

We encourage you to read our consultation materials and take the opportunity to ask any questions before providing your feedback.



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



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



Write to us:
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(no stamp or further address details are required)

Specific locations along the proposed route

Where possible, we encourage you to refer to specific locations that are most important to you. Our project overview map and interactive project map provide the emerging preferred corridor of the new overhead line and the proposed locations of the two new substations. The emerging preferred corridor is the area we have identified where the new overhead line and substations could be located.

The emerging preferred corridor for the new overhead line is divided into five sections (Route sections 1 to 5). Our project overview maps also show the area of the proposed reconductoring of the existing 400 kV overhead line. The reconductoring area is also divided into five sections (Route sections 6 to 10).

The Route section maps can be viewed at our public information events and on the project website at nationalgrid.com/wmel and will help you to provide feedback.

If you wish to receive paper copies of the consultation documents or need them in another format, please get in touch by freephone on 0800 138 9191 or by email at [ContactWMEL@nationalgrid.com](mailto>ContactWMEL@nationalgrid.com) (please note print charges may apply).

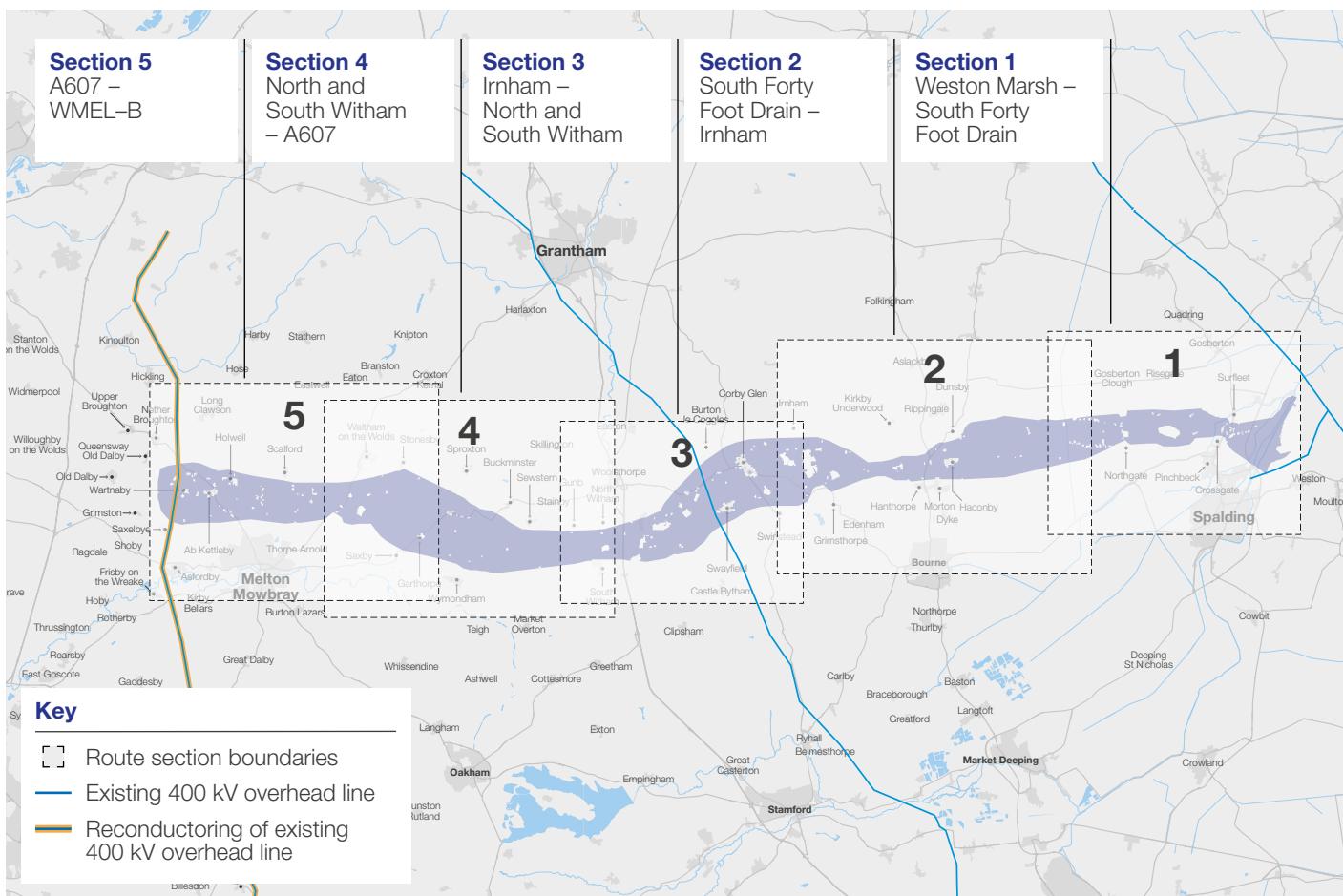
What is an emerging preferred corridor?



The emerging preferred corridor is the area of land we have identified following initial technical and environmental assessments where the new overhead line and substations could be located.

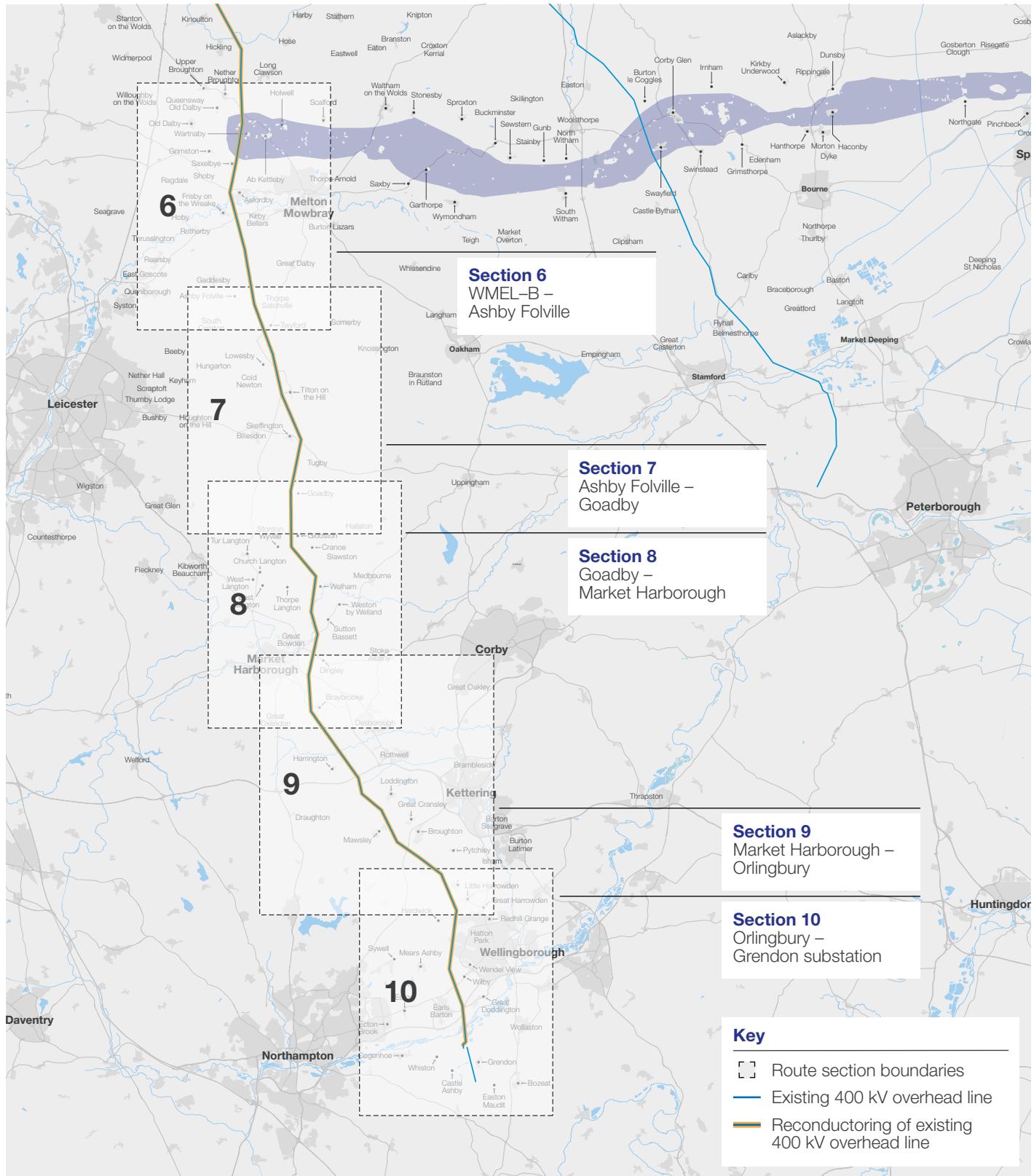
Within the emerging preferred corridor shown in the maps we are presenting a 'graduated swathe'. The shaded area of land is darker where we feel it is more likely for physical infrastructure such as the overhead line or substations to be located and lighter where it is less likely. This is due to consideration of environmental factors and identified constraints.

Map of new overhead line and Route sections 1 – 5



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Proposed area of reconductoring and Route sections 6 – 10



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About you:

Name:

Organisation/Group (if applicable):

Address:

Postcode:

Email address:

Please tick here if you would like to be updated on our proposals via email.

Q1. How would you describe your interest in Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire?

Local resident

Regular visitor

Local representative (e.g. Councillor, MP)

Local interest group member
(please specify in the text box below)

Landowner or tenant/occupier within the
preferred corridor

Statutory organisation
(please specify in the text box below)

Local business owner

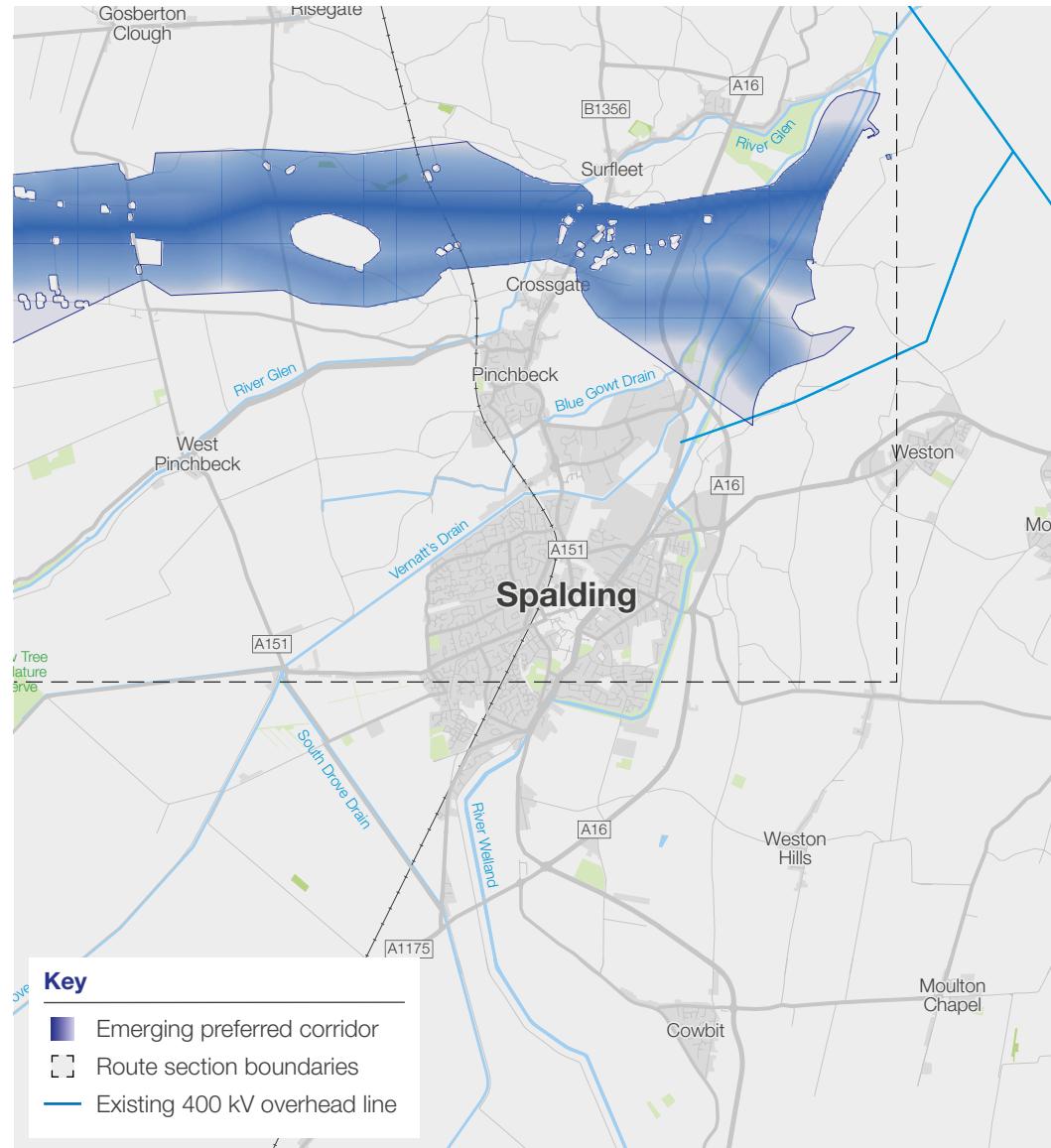
Other
(please specify in the text box below)

Proposed overhead line by location

Route section 1 Weston Marsh – South Forty Foot Drain

This section of the emerging preferred corridor runs from the connection point at the Weston Marsh substation(s) (part of the separate Grimsby to Walpole project¹) to a point immediately west of South Forty Foot Drain. More detail can be found on pages 26 to 27 of the Stage 1 Consultation Document.

Please refer to the Stage 1 Consultation Document and Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study (CPRSS) for more information on our proposals in this Route section, including how we selected our preferred corridor. You can view these documents at nationalgrid.com/wmel.



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¹ Grimsby to Walpole, National Grid, nationalgrid.com/g-w

Q2. Do you have any comments on Route section 1, in relation to:

- our preferred route corridor
- your local knowledge on the most appropriate location within the preferred route corridor to locate the new overhead line
- local features and impacts that are important to you
- construction activities we have outlined
- anything else we should consider as we develop our proposals further?

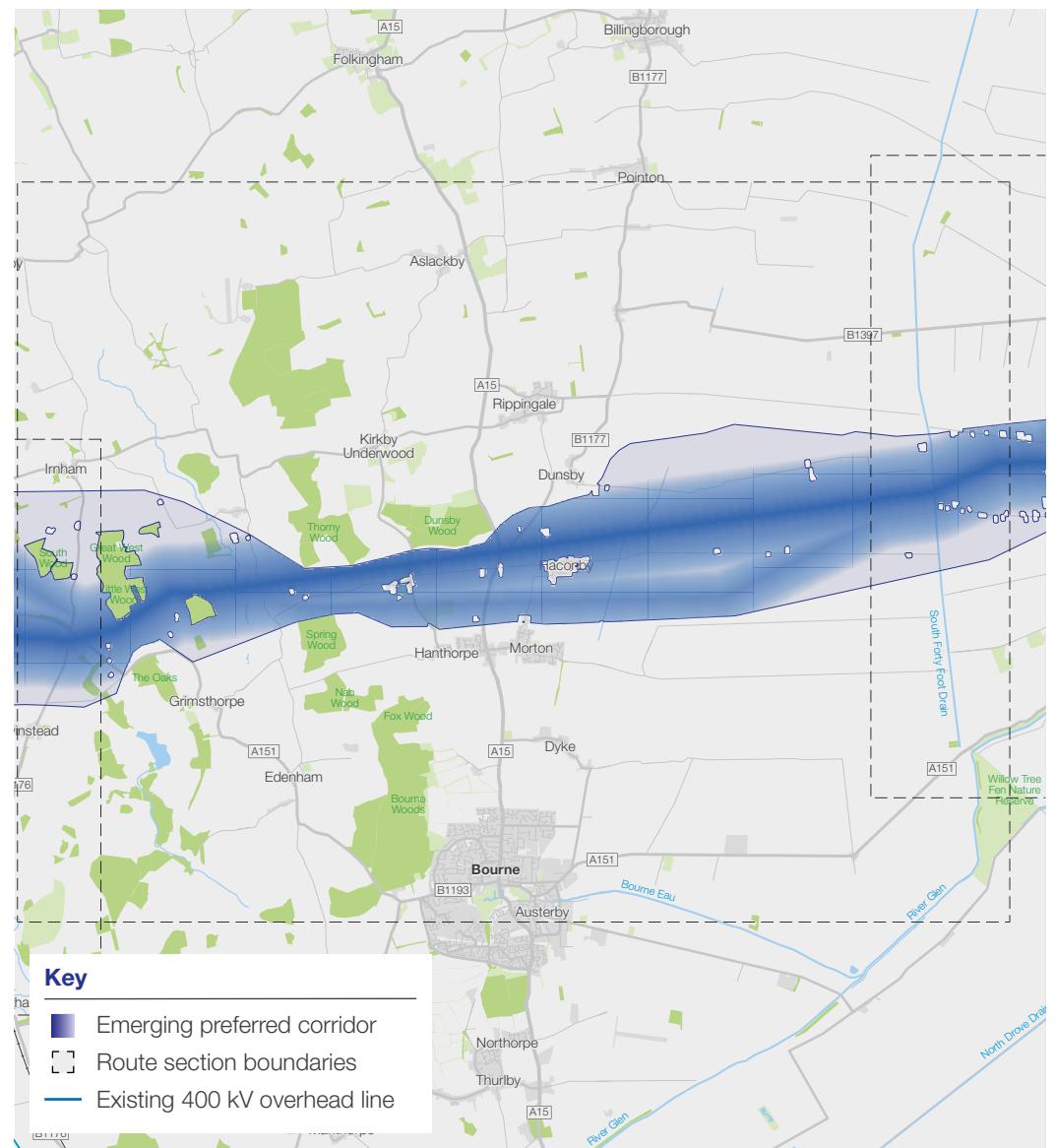
We are not seeking feedback as part of this consultation on the proposed new Weston Marsh substation. This is part of the separate National Grid Grimsby to Walpole project. Details can be viewed at nationalgrid.com/g-w.

Route section 2

South Forty Foot Drain – Irnham

This section of the emerging preferred corridor runs from the area immediately west of South Forty Foot Drain to a point south of Irnham and north of Grimsthorpe Castle. More detail can be found on pages 28 to 29 of the Stage 1 Consultation Document.

Please refer to the Stage 1 Consultation Document and Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study (CPRSS) for more information on our proposals in this Route section, including how we selected our preferred corridor. You can view these documents at nationalgrid.com/wmel.



Q3. Do you have any comments on Route section 2, in relation to:

- our preferred route corridor
- your local knowledge on the most appropriate location within the preferred route corridor to locate the new overhead line
- local features and impacts that are important to you
- construction activities we have outlined
- anything else we should consider as we develop our proposals further?

Route section 3

Irnham – North and South Witham

This section of the preferred corridor runs from the area immediately west of a point between Irnham and Grimsthorpe Castle to a point between North and South Witham. This is also the area where we are proposing to situate the new WMEL-A substation, which is demonstrated on the map. More detail can be found on pages 30 and 31 of the Stage 1 Consultation Document.

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Q4. Do you have any comments on Route section 3, in relation to:

- our preferred route corridor
- your local knowledge on the most appropriate location within the preferred route corridor to locate the new overhead line
- local features and impacts that are important to you
- construction activities we have outlined
- our proposed location for the new substation near Corby Glen (known as WMEL-A)
- anything else we should consider as we develop our proposals further?

Route section 4

North and South Witham – A607

This section of the preferred corridor runs from a point between North and South Witham to the A607, south of Waltham on the Wolds. More detail can be found on pages 32 to 33 of the Stage 1 Consultation Document.

Please refer to the Stage 1 Consultation Document and Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study (CPRSS) for more information on our proposals in this Route section, including how we selected our preferred corridor. You can view these documents at nationalgrid.com/wmel.



Q5. Do you have any comments on Route section 4, in relation to:

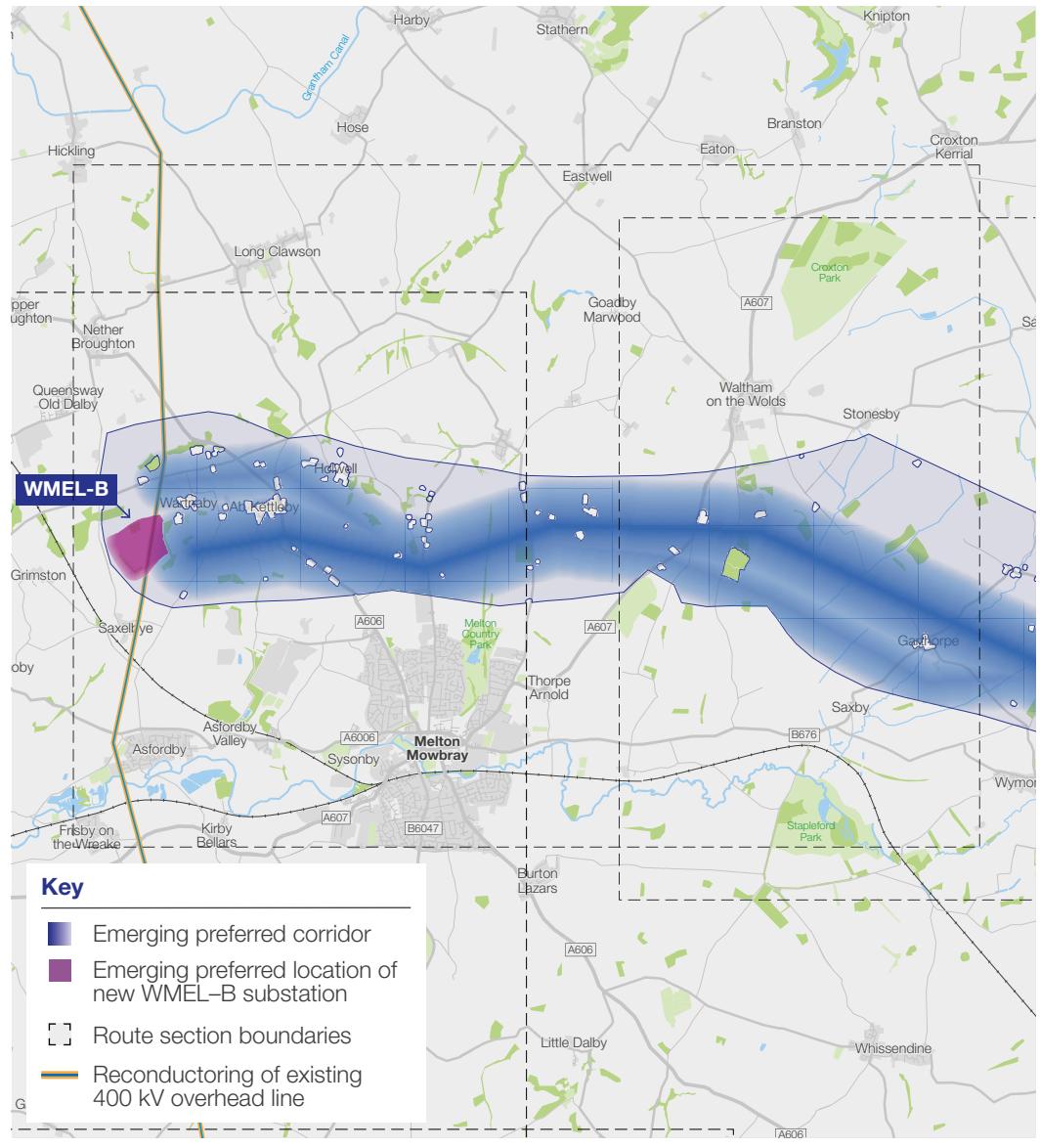
- our preferred route corridor
- your local knowledge on the most appropriate location within the preferred route corridor to locate the new overhead line
- local features and impacts that are important to you
- construction activities we have outlined
- anything else we should consider as we develop our proposals further?

Route section 5

A607 – WMEL-B

This section of the preferred corridor continues west from the potential crossing locations of the A607 south of Waltham on the Wolds to the emerging preferred site for the new WMEL-B substation at the existing 400 kV overhead line. More detail can be found on pages 34 to 35 of the Stage 1 Consultation Document.

Please refer to the Stage 1 Consultation Document and Corridor Preliminary Routing and Siting Study (CPRSS) for more information on our proposals in this Route section, including how we selected our preferred corridor. You can view these documents at nationalgrid.com/wmel.



Q6. Do you have any comments on Route section 5, in relation to:

- our preferred route corridor
- your local knowledge on the most appropriate location within the preferred route corridor to locate the new overhead line
- local features and impacts that are important to you
- construction activities we have outlined
- anything else we should consider as we develop our proposals further?

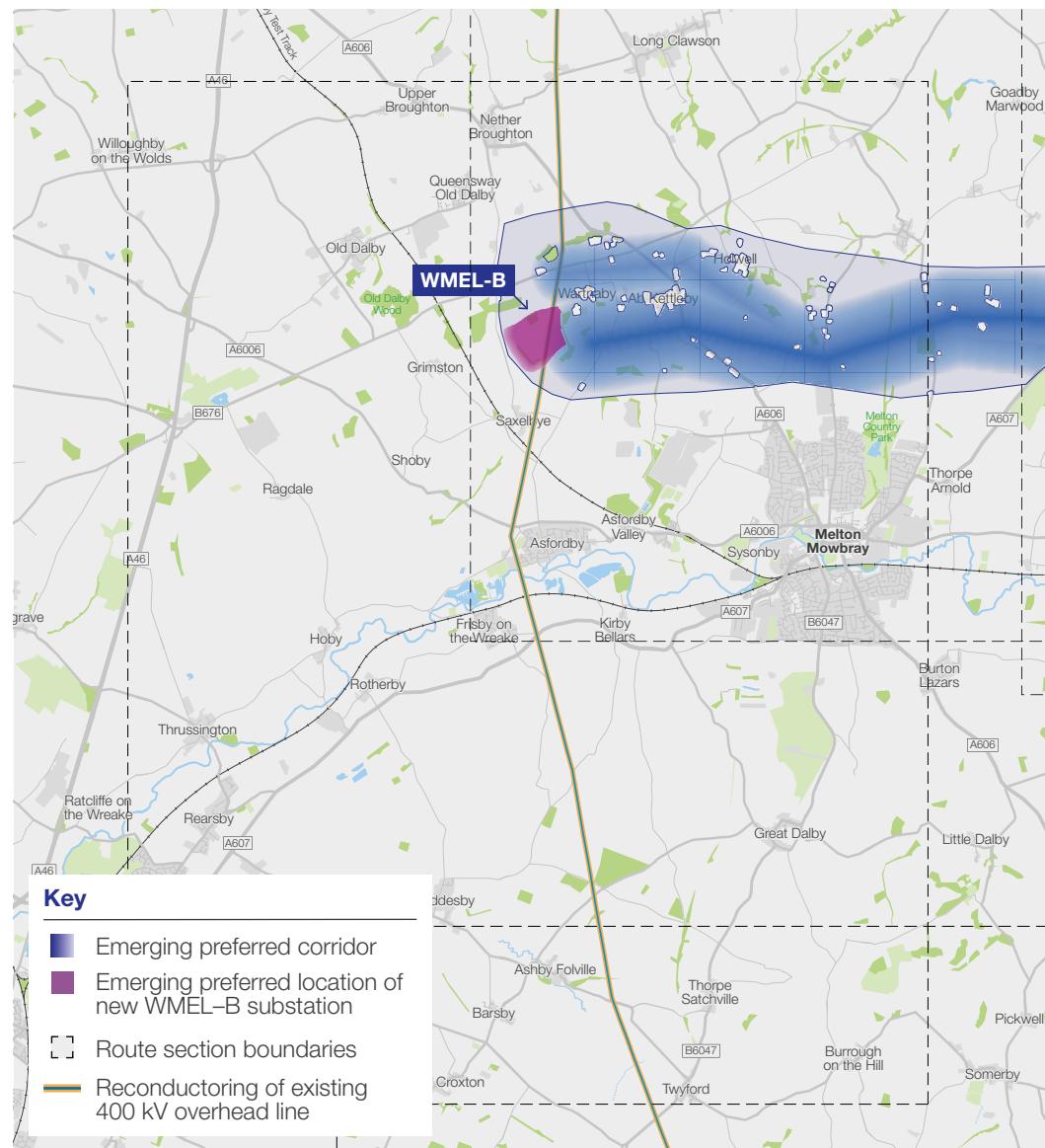
Reconductoring

Route section 6 represents the start of the proposed reconductoring

Route section 6 WMEL-B – Ashby Folville

Section 6 begins at the proposed new WMEL-B substation. The existing line (coloured blue and orange in the map) travels south to Ashby Folville Road, east of Gaddesby. More detail can be found on pages 36 to 37 of the Stage 1 Consultation Document.

Please refer to the Stage 1 Consultation Document and Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study (CPRSS) for more information on our proposals in this section of reconductoring. You can view these documents at nationalgrid.com/wmel.



Q7. Do you have any comments on Route section 6, in relation to:

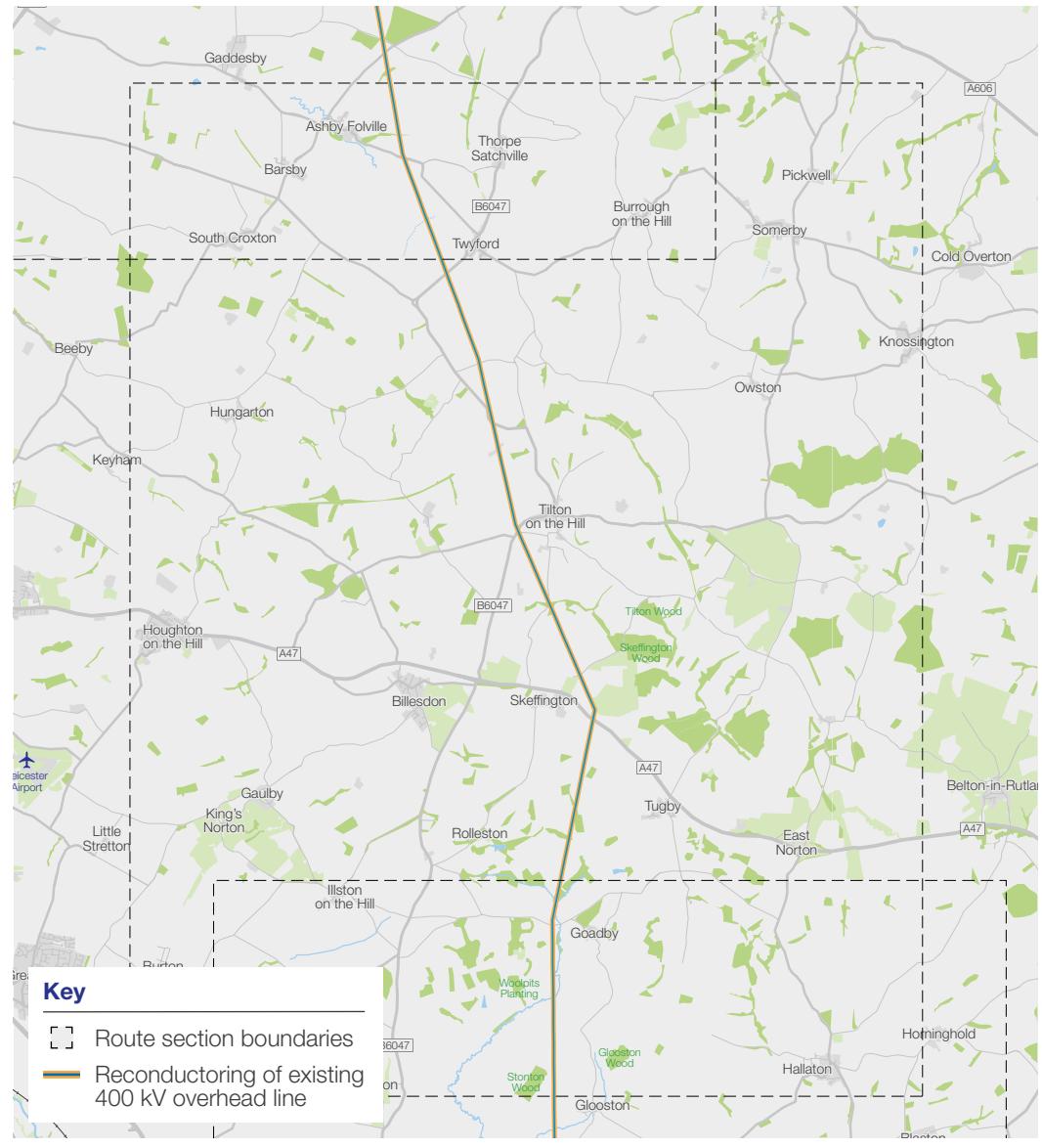
- our plans for the reconductoring (upgrading) of the existing overhead line
- local features and impacts that are important to you
- is there anything else we should consider as we develop our proposals further?

Route section 7

Ashby Folville – Goadby

Section 7 begins around Ashby Folville Road. The existing line travels south to Goadby. More detail can be found on pages 38 to 39 of the Stage 1 Consultation Document.

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Q8. Do you have any comments on Route section 7, in relation to:

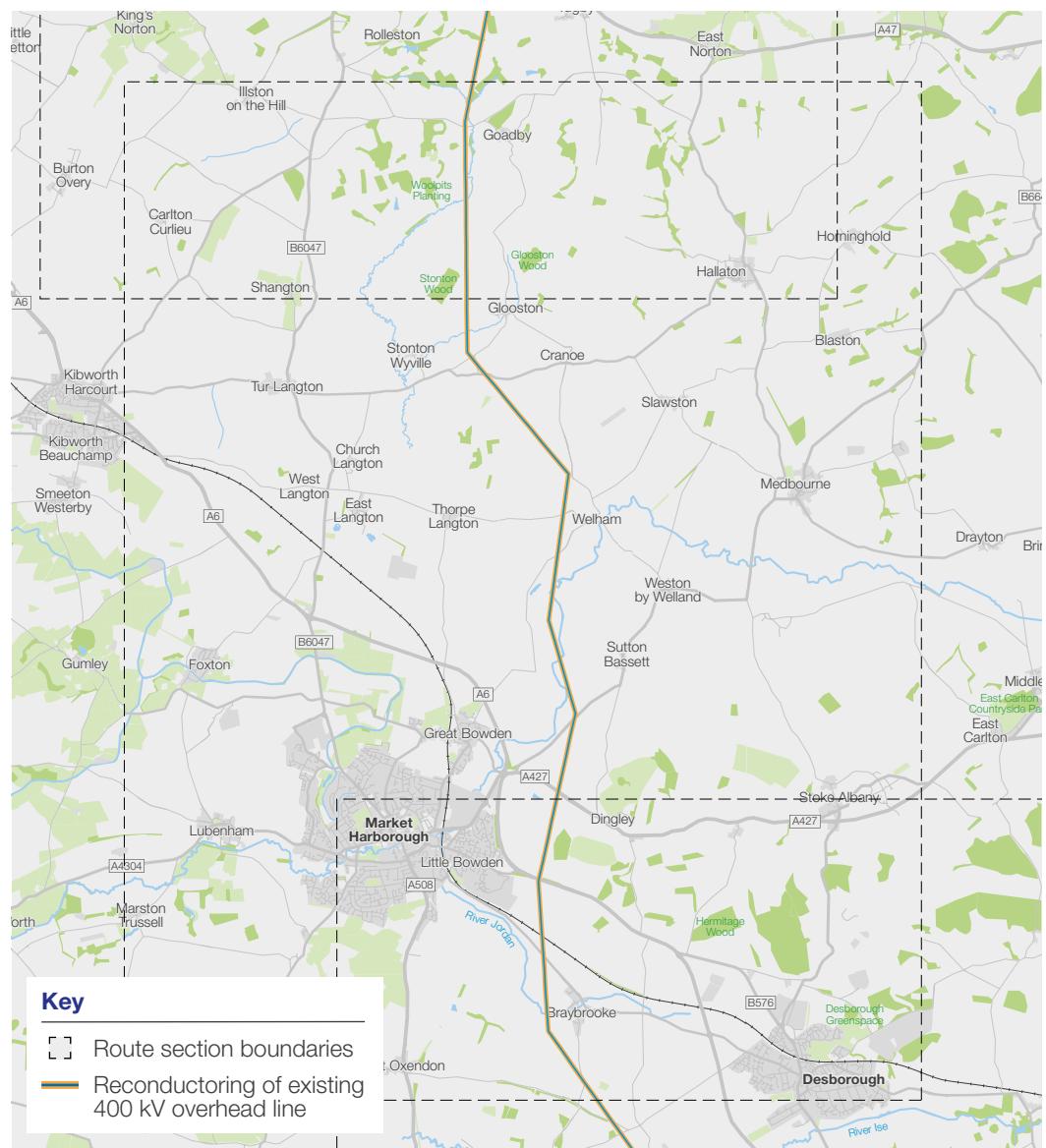
- our plans for the reconductoring (upgrading) of the existing overhead line
- local features and impacts that are important to you
- is there anything else we should consider as we develop our proposals further?

Route section 8

Goadby – Market Harborough

Section 8 begins just north of Goadby. From there the existing line travels directly south to the area immediately southeast of Market Harborough, south of the A6. More detail can be found on pages 40 and 41 of the Stage 1 Consultation Document.

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Q9. Do you have any comments on Route section 8, in relation to:

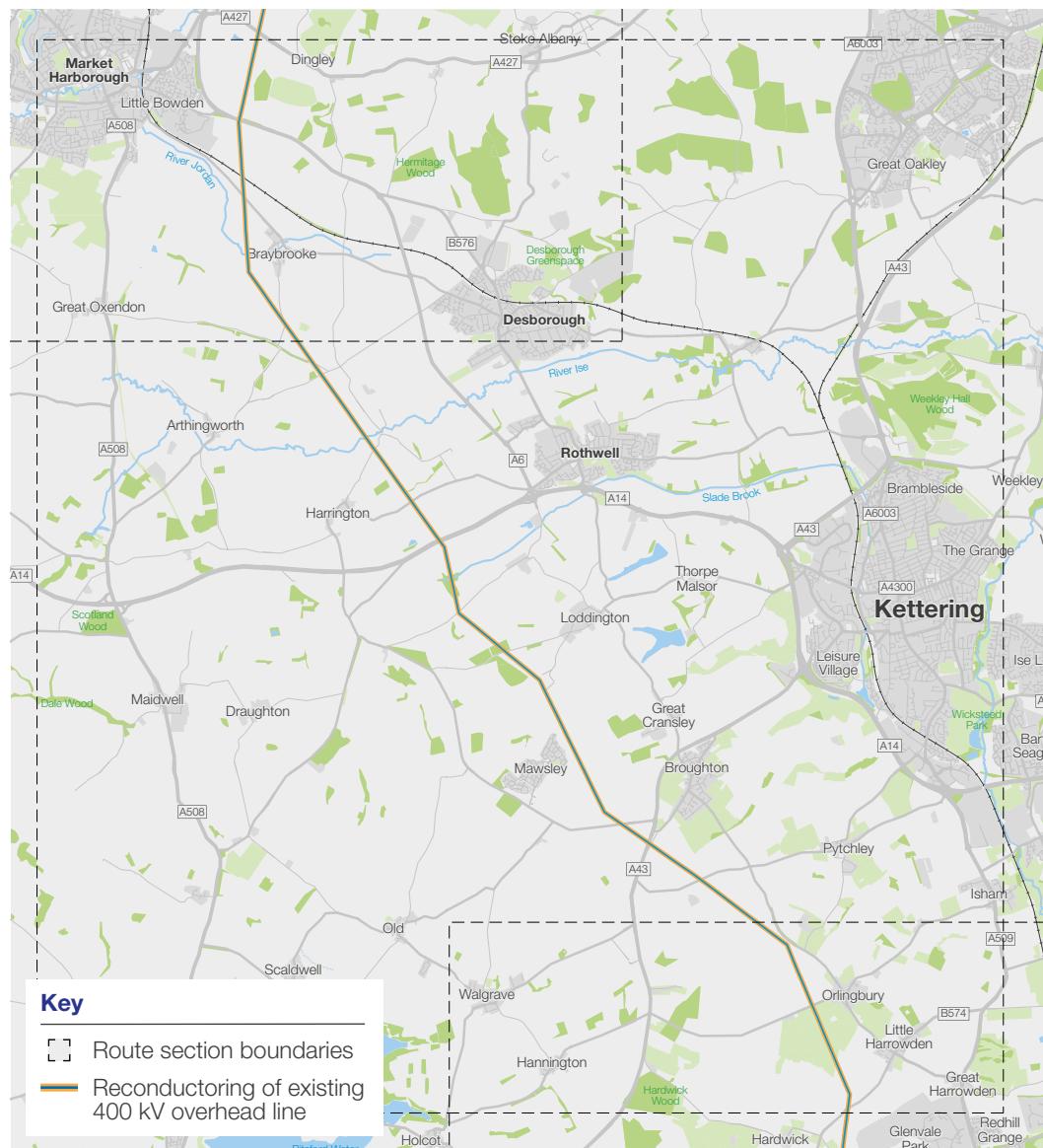
- our plans for the reconductoring (upgrading) of the existing overhead line
- local features and impacts that are important to you
- is there anything else we should consider as we develop our proposals further?

Route section 9

Market Harborough – Orlingbury

Section 9 begins southeast of Market Harborough, where the existing line crosses the A6 north of Braybrooke. The existing line then travels southeast to the area just west of Orlingbury. More detail can be found on pages 42 and 43 of the Stage 1 Consultation Document.

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Q10. Do you have any comments on Route section 9, in relation to:

- our plans for the reconductoring (upgrading) of the existing overhead line
- local features and impacts that are important to you
- is there anything else we should consider as we develop our proposals further?

Route section 10

Orlingbury – Grendon substation

Section 10 begins west of Orlingbury. The existing line then heads south to the Grendon substation, east of Northampton. More detail can be found on pages 44 and 45 of the Stage 1 Consultation Document.

Please refer to the Stage 1 Consultation Document and Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study (CPRSS) for more information on our proposals in this section of reconductoring. You can view these documents at nationalgrid.com/wmel.



Q11. Do you have any comments on Route section 10, in relation to:

- our plans for the reconductoring (upgrading) of the existing overhead line
- local features and impacts that are important to you
- is there anything else we should consider as we develop our proposals further?

Please note that the existing Grendon substation does not form part of this project.

Equality and diversity

We would be grateful if you could answer the following optional, demographic questions. We will use the information we receive to help understand whether our consultation has been useful to people of different backgrounds and requirements, and only in accordance with our Data Privacy Statement, as set out later in this form.

We may publish a summary of the results, but no information about an individual would be revealed. The answers you provide to some of these questions are defined as 'special category data'. If you agree to provide this information, you can withdraw your permission for us to use it in our reports at any time. To withdraw your permission, please contact us via email at [ContactWMEL@nationalgrid.com](mailto>ContactWMEL@nationalgrid.com).

Q12. What is your gender?

Male

Non-binary

Female

Prefer not to say

Q13. Do you consider yourself a person with a disability?

Yes

Prefer not to say

No

Q14. How would you describe your ethnic background?

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|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | White English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bangladeshi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> | Chinese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gypsy or Irish Traveller | <input type="checkbox"/> | Any other Asian background (please state) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Any other White background (please state) | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | White and Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> | Any other Black, African or Caribbean background (please state) |
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Q15. What is your age?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Under 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 35-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 65+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 16-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 45-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 55-64 | | |

Data privacy statement

We will use your personal data collected via this consultation for a number of purposes, including:

- to analyse your feedback to the consultation
- to produce a Consultation Feedback Report, based on our analysis of responses (individuals will not be identified in the Report)
- to write to you with updates about the results of the consultation and other developments (if you do not wish to be contacted, you can submit the form anonymously)
- to keep up-to-date records of our communications with individuals and organisations.

Any personal information you include in this form will be handled and used by (or made available to) the following recipients, to record, analyse and report on the feedback we receive:

- National Grid
- the Planning Inspectorate (who will consider our application for consent to build the project – any details published as part of this process will be anonymised)
- the Secretary of State (who will make the decision on our application)
- our legal advisers
- consultants working on behalf of National Grid.

Where you provide feedback as part of this consultation which is relevant to other National Grid projects, it may be included as indirect feedback for the other project(s).

Contact us

Please get in touch if you have any questions about our proposals for Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire.



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(lines are open 9am–5:30pm)



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Landowners

If you are a landowner and want to talk to our Lands team, please email **WMEL@Savills.com**, call on **0800 567 7600** or write to **Freepost WMEL LAND** (no stamp or further address details are required).

Further comments

Please provide any further comments you may have.



Contact us

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0800 138 9191

(lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am–5:30pm).

Please note, we do not accept feedback over the phone.

Please complete a feedback form or write to us.

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