

National Grid urges residents to have their say on plans for replacing a vital gas pipeline under the River Humber

National Grid starts its public consultation events today, Thursday 25th September, for its proposal to replace an important natural gas pipeline which runs under the River Humber, east of Kingston upon Hull.

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The proposal is for a replacement pipeline to be built in a new tunnel under the river, connecting National Grid's existing gas transmission facilities near Paull and Goxhill.

National Grid is encouraging people to come along to one of the events, find out more about the project, talk to members of the project team and provide feedback to help inform National Grid's intended application for permission to construct the new tunnel and pipeline.

These events are being held at the following times and locations:

Date	Location	Address	Public Exhibition
Thursday 25 September	Paull Village Hall	Main Street, Paull, East Yorkshire, HU12 8AW	3pm – 7pm
Friday 26 September	East Halton Village Hall	Townside, East Halton, DN40 3NS	3pm – 7pm
Saturday 27 September	Goxhill Memorial Hall	Chapel Street, Goxhill, DN19 7JJ	12pm – 4pm

Paul Lee, project team manager at National Grid, said "This is an important project and we want to get it right. It's therefore extremely valuable when local people visit our exhibitions and give us their feedback and the benefits of their local knowledge. The information we receive will inform our thinking as we finalise these proposals and get ready to submit our application in the New Year. We would encourage people to come along to the exhibitions and we look forward to welcoming them."

This consultation runs from 22 September until 31 October. Feedback can be given (in writing) via post, online at the project website (www.riverhumberpipeline.com) or via email (nationalgrid@riverhumberpipeline.com).

National Grid intends to lay the replacement pipeline in a tunnel under the river to provide a better and more robust long-term engineering solution. Currently, the pipeline runs in a covered trench along the river bed and is therefore potentially susceptible to tides and erosion, requiring regular and active maintenance.

More information on the project and the consultation is available via freephone on: 0800 988 9144.

In winter 2012/13, National Grid consulted on potential routes and construction techniques for a replacement pipeline in this location. This upcoming consultation is part of the statutory consultation required for projects deemed as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). Following completion of the consultation and further technical work, an application for a Development Consent Order (ie planning permission) will be submitted by National Grid to the Planning Inspectorate (the organisation responsible for consenting NSIPs) and a final decision made by Government. If approved, construction for the new pipeline and tunnel could start in 2017 and become operational by 2021.

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In Britain, we run the gas and electricity systems that our society is built on, delivering gas and electricity across the country. In the North Eastern US, we connect more than seven million gas and electric customers to vital energy sources, essential for our modern lifestyles.

National Grid in the UK:

- We own the high-voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales, operating it across Great Britain
- We own and operate the high pressure gas transmission system in Britain
- Our gas distribution business delivers gas to 10.9 million homes and businesses
- We also own a number of related businesses including LNG importation, land remediation and metering
- National Grid manages the National Gas Emergency Service free phone line on behalf of the industry - 0800 111 999 (all calls are recorded and may be monitored).
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- National Grid delivers electricity to approximately 3.4 million customers in New England and upstate New York
- We own 3.8 gigawatts of contracted electricity generation, providing power to over one million LIPA customers
- We are the largest distributor of natural gas in northeastern U.S., serving approximately 3.5 million customers in New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

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National Grid in the UK:

- We own and operate the electricity transmission network in England and Wales, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. We also operate, but do not own, the Scottish networks. Our networks comprise approximately 7,200 kilometres (4,474 miles) of overhead line, 1,500 kilometres (932 miles) of underground cable and 342 substations.
- We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,660 kilometres (4,760 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 618 above-ground installations.
- As Great Britain's System Operator (SO) we make sure gas and electricity is transported safely and efficiently from where it is produced to where it is consumed. From April 2019, Electricity System Operator (ESO) is a new standalone business within National Grid, legally separate from all other parts of the National Grid Group. This will provide the right environment to deliver a balanced and impartial ESO that can realise real benefits for consumers as we transition to a more decentralised, decarbonised electricity system.
- Other UK activities mainly relate to businesses operating in competitive markets outside of our core regulated businesses; including interconnectors, gas metering activities and a liquefied natural gas (LNG) importation terminal – all of which are now part of National Grid Ventures. National Grid Property is responsible for the management, clean-up and disposal of surplus sites in the UK. Most of these are former gas works.

Find out more about the energy challenge and how National Grid is helping find solutions to some of the challenges we face at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/news>

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