

## Final countdown: People urged to give views as Richborough Connection Consultation enters last two weeks

The final countdown has begun for the end of the Richborough Connection Consultation which will close on Friday 27 March.

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Many people have already given their views on the project either at a consultation event or through a variety of other available channels, since the consultation launched on Tuesday 10 February.

Project Manager Steve Self said: "I'd like to thank all of those who have come along to one of our public events and given us feedback so far. For those who haven't, I'd like to remind you that time to give us your feedback is rapidly running out as our consultation will close on Friday March 27.

"All our consultation events have now finished but people can still give their views over the phone, online or by post."

He added: "It's very important that people use this opportunity to tell us what they think of our proposal as this is likely to be the last consultation we do before submitting our planning application in the autumn.

"The feedback that people give us on our proposal including the route, pylon type and pylon locations, is very important and will help us shape our thinking as we finalise our plans."

People can find out more about our proposals and have their say by:

- Visiting the project website – which includes a short film about the project - at [www.richboroughconnection.co.uk](http://www.richboroughconnection.co.uk)
- Visiting local libraries and council head offices (see notes to editors for more information)
- Following us on Twitter: @NGRichborough
- Calling our Freephone number 0800 157 7878
- Writing to our freepost address at FREEPOST RICHBCONNECTION
- Sending an email to [Richboroughconnection@communitycomms.co.uk](mailto:Richboroughconnection@communitycomms.co.uk)

The Richborough Connection is needed to join Nemo Link® (an electricity link between Belgium and the UK) to the electricity transmission network. A new electricity connection between Richborough and Canterbury is required to do this and the plans involve building a new overhead line. Informed by previous public feedback and

extensive studies the proposals recommend using a combination of standard and low height lattice pylons(see notes to editors for more information on pylon types), designed to ensure visual and environmental impact on the local area is minimised.

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#### Notes for editors

The proposed route for the Richborough Connection hasn't changed much since the draft route was announced in May 2014. It still has the least environmental impact and allows for UK Power Networks' existing line in the same area to be removed. It also still runs further away from homes in Hersden, Upstreet, Sarre and Gore Street than the UK Power Networks line. Additionally it is now also further away from homes in Monkton and Minster than the two existing UK Power Networks lines (including the one to be removed). The revised plans also propose to use low height lattice pylons in the Ash Levels, to minimise the impact on the local area and wildlife.

#### Typical high-voltage pylon dimensions

Standard lattice - height: around 46 to 50m, cross arm: 17.1m, base 7.5m square

Low height lattice pylon - height: 35-42m, cross arm: 29.2m wide, base: 7m square

T-pylon (solid structure) - height: 34m to 39m, cross arm: 30.5m, base: 2m

Height of existing lower voltage 132kV pylons in the area – approximately 26m

Comparison to a local landmark – Canterbury Cathedral is 72m tall.

#### Information points:

Pick up a copy of our project newsletter, Overview Report, Feedback Form and a CD containing all the latest reports and plans. The locations and opening times of these information points can be found below.

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Canterbury Library 18 High Street, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2RA	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-6pm Thursday: 9am-3pm Saturday: 9am-3pm
Hersden Community Centre The Avenue, Hersden, Canterbury, Kent, CT3 4HL	Monday-Friday: 9am-3pm
Monkton Village Hall 120 Monkton Street, Ramsgate, CT12 4JT	Monday-Sunday: 8am-11pm
Sandwich Library 13 Market Street, Sandwich, Kent, CT13 9DA	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am-6pm Saturday: 10am-2pm

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Dover District Council Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ	Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm
Kent County Council Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ	Monday-Friday: 7am-8pm
Thanet District Council Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ	Monday-Thursday: 8.45am-5.30pm Friday: 8.45am-5pm
Canterbury Library 18 High Street, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2RA	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-6pm Thursday: 9am-8pm Saturday: 9am-5pm
Minister in Thanet Library* 4A Monkton Road, Minister, CT12 4EA  *At Minister in Thanet Library, a full suite of plans will not be available due to lack of space available on site.	Monday: 2pm-6pm Tuesday, Thursday: 9am-1pm, 2pm-6pm Wednesday: closed Friday: 9am-6pm Saturday: 10am-2pm
Ramsgate Library Guildford Lawn, Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 9AY	Monday-Friday: 9am-6pm Saturday: 9am-5pm
Sandwich Library 13 Market Street, Sandwich, Kent, CT11 9DA	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am-6pm Saturday: 10am-2pm
Sturry Library Chafy Crescent, Sturry, Kent, CT2 0BA	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am-6pm Saturday: 10am-2pm
National Grid Company Secretariat Office, 1-3 Strand, London, WC2N 5EH	Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm

#### Nemo Link Limited

Nemo Link Limited is a joint project between National Grid International Ltd – a separately regulated National Grid company – and the Belgian electricity transmission system operator Elia.

Under the law Nemo Link must be treated the same as any other company applying to connect to the electricity transmission system.

For more information on this project go to [www.nemo-link.com](http://www.nemo-link.com)

For media information only on Nemo Link® contact:

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- 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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