

**NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC
SECTION 47 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED)
BRAMFORD TO TWINSTEAD
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF A STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Notice is hereby given that National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) of National Grid House, Warwick Technology Park, Gallows Hill, Warwick, CV34 6DA, has now published a Statement of Community Consultation for the Bramford to Twinstead project in accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

NGET proposes to reinforce the transmission network between the existing Bramford Substation in Suffolk, and Twinstead Tee in Essex. This would be achieved by the construction and operation of a new 400 kilovolt (kV) electricity transmission line over a distance of approximately 29 km.

The reinforcement would comprise approximately 19 km of overhead line (consisting of approximately 55 new pylons and conductors) and 10 km of underground cable system (consisting of 20 cables with associated joint bays and above ground link pillars).

Four Cable Sealing End Compounds would be required to facilitate the transition between the overhead line and underground cable technology.

It is proposed that approximately 27.5 km of existing overhead line and associated pylons would be removed as part of the proposals (25 km of existing 132 kV overhead line between Burstall Bridge and Twinstead Tee, and 2.5 km of the existing 400 kV overhead line to the south of Twinstead Tee). To facilitate the overhead line removal, a new grid supply point

substation is required at Butler's Wood, east of Wickham St Paul, in Essex.

Two options are proposed for the new 400 kV overhead line in the vicinity of Hintlesham Woods. Option 1 would utilise the alignment and pylons of the existing 400 kV overhead line through the woods, whilst the existing 400 kV overhead line would be re-routed to the north and west of Hintlesham Woods. Option 2 would parallel the existing 400 kV overhead line to the south, with pylons located outside of the woodland and the conductors crossing the woods.

The project will include:

- a) The construction of approximately 29 km (Option 1) of 400 kV electricity transmission line from Bramford Substation in Suffolk to Twinstead Tee in Essex (approximately 28 km for Option 2), comprising of:
 - i) Installation of approximately 19 km of 400 kV overhead lines (approximately 18 km in Option 2)
 - ii) Installation of approximately 10 km of 400 kV underground cable, of which approximately 6.3 km would be within the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Stour Valley Project Area
 - iii) Construction of four Cable Sealing End Compounds along the route (Dedham Vale East, Dedham Vale West, Stour Valley East and Stour Valley West).

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- iv) Modifications to, and realignment of sections of the existing 400 kV overhead line.
- b) Construction and operation of a new 400 kV/132 kV grid supply point substation and single circuit Cable Sealing End Compound at Butler’s Wood east of Wickham St Paul in Essex. The grid supply point substation, alongside accompanying works, including a single circuit cable sealing end compound, replacement pylons and underground cables to tie the substation into the existing 400 kV and 132 kV networks.
- c) Removal of approximately 25 km of existing 132 kV overhead line operated by UK Power Networks;
- d) Removal of approximately 2.5 km of existing 400 kV overhead line;
- e) Land for environmental mitigation, compensation and enhancement including Biodiversity Net Gain.
- f) Temporary land use to facilitate construction activities including (but not limited to) working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, welfare, storage and access.
- g) Temporary infrastructure to facilitate construction activities such as amendments to the highway including bellmouths for site access 0220 and construction access tracks/ haul roads, pylons and overhead line diversions, scaffolding to safeguard existing crossings, watercourse crossings and diversions of Public Rights of Way.
- h) Diversion of third-party assets and land drainage from the construction and operational footprint.

Under section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, NGET has a duty to consult the community on its proposals. The Statement of Community Consultation explains how NGET will undertake the consultation, where the consultation documents can be viewed, where public events will be held and how people can comment on the proposals and provide responses to the consultation.

The consultation will take place between 25 January 2022 and 21 March 2022.

Between those dates the Statement of Community Consultation is available to view free of charge on the project website at: www.nationalgrid.com/bramford-twinstead

Reference copies of the Statement of Community Consultation and all other consultation materials will also be available to view free of charge from 25 January 2022 for the duration of the consultation at the following locations in the vicinity of the project:

Location	Opening hours*
Hadleigh Library, 29 High Street, Hadleigh, IP7 5AG	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday – 9am-5pm Thursday – 9am-6pm Saturday – 9:30am-5pm Sunday – 10am-4pm
Sible Hedingham Library, 169 Swan Lane, Sible Hedingham, Halstead, CO9 3PX	Monday – 9am-1pm Thursday – 2pm-7pm Saturday – 9am-5pm
Sudbury Library, Market Hill, Sudbury, CO10 2EN	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday – 9am-5pm Tuesday – 9am-7:30pm Sunday – 10am-4pm

*Subject to any change in coronavirus restrictions that might impact the opening of these venues.

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To request a printed or alternative format copy of the SoCC,
please contact the project team on the details below.

If you have any questions about the project or the consultation, please get in touch:

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