

Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement

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September 2022

National Grid is seeking further feedback on our plans to reinforce the electricity network between Bramford substation in Suffolk and Twinstead Tee in Essex, in particular from the community in the western part of the Stour Valley.

Earlier this year, we held a statutory consultation on our proposals for the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement. We would like to thank everyone who took part in this consultation, to which we received a total of 575 pieces of feedback.

After reviewing this feedback, undertaking further studies, and holding further landowner discussions, we are proposing to make several changes to our proposals. The biggest changes to the plans are in the western part of the Stour Valley, in the parishes of Lamarsh, Alphamstone, Twinstead, Pebmarsh and Little Maplestead.

We would like to hear your feedback on the changes, before we submit an application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate early next year. The consultation is open for four weeks, starting on **Thursday 8 September 2022** and ending at **23:59 on Friday 7 October 2022**. More information on how to get involved in our consultation can be found on the reverse of this newsletter.

Other smaller changes

We are also proposing a number of smaller changes to our proposals across the length of the reinforcement. These include small changes to the size of the draft Order Limits (the land we would need to build the reinforcement), identifying locations where temporary works to the existing highway network may be needed or where existing utilities need diverting, and refining the environmental areas.

We will also write to landowners directly affected by these changes.

What has changed?

Route of undergrounding in the western part of the Stour Valley

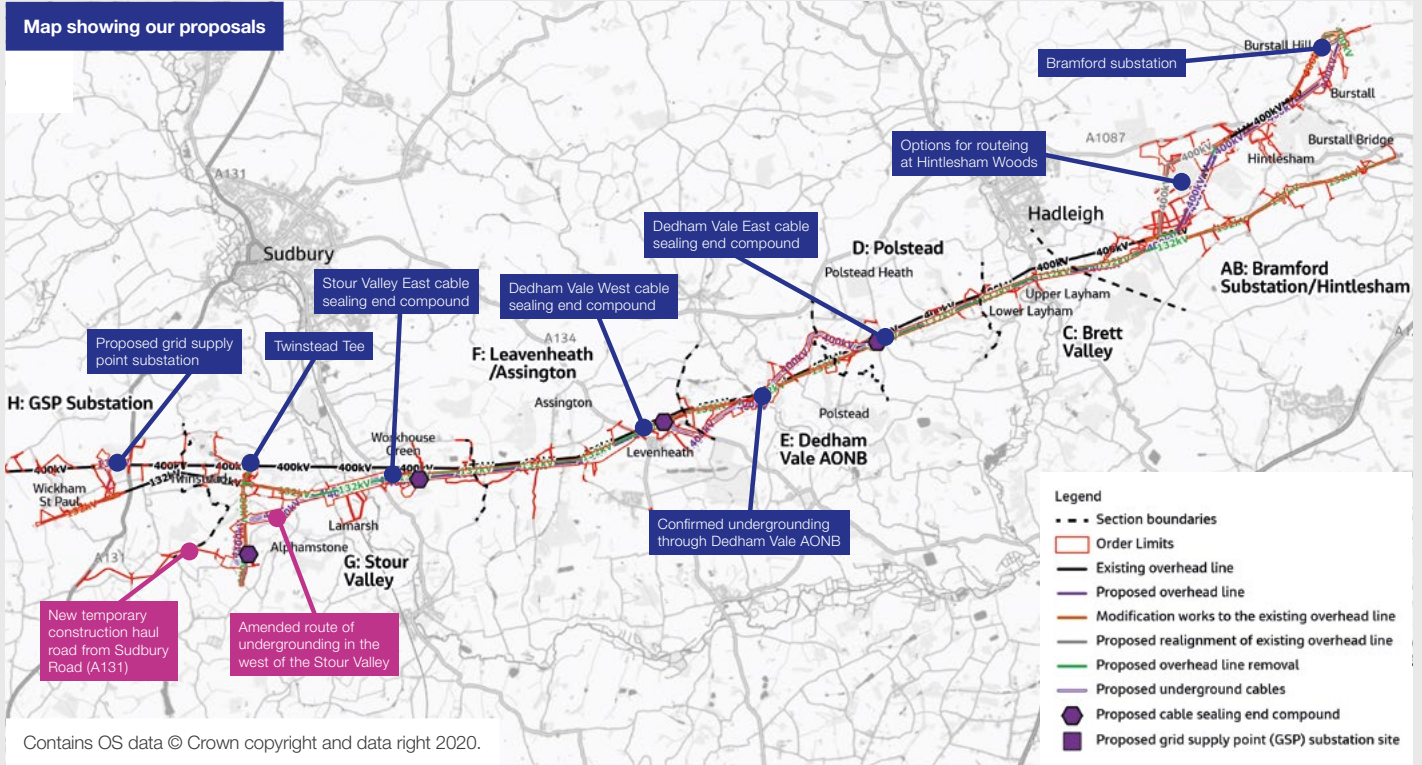
We are proposing to change the route of underground cables between Moat Lane and the proposed Stour Valley west cable sealing end compound, to the west of Alphamstone. The proposed route of the underground cables is now located to the northern side of Henny Back Road. Alongside this, we are now proposing to install a section of these underground cables beneath the wooded valley to the south of Ansell's Grove using trenchless construction methods.

Temporary construction haul road

We are proposing to build a temporary construction haul road connecting Sudbury Road (A131) to the Stour Valley west cable sealing end compound. This would reduce the need to modify the existing road network to accommodate the larger construction vehicles required in this area, and would avoid the need to use roads such as Cripple Corner, where respondents raised concerns.

The changes are shown at a high level in the map overleaf. See our consultation documents for more detailed plans and drawings at nationalgrid.com/bramford-twinstead from 8 September 2022.

Map showing our proposals



Larger maps are available on our website from 8 September 2022.

Have your say

Our consultation is running from **Thursday 8 September 2022** until **Friday 7 October 2022**. You can take part in the following ways:



Attend our public exhibition

Attend our public exhibition on **Thursday 15 September 2022** between **12pm and 7pm** at Sudbury Masonic Hall, North St, Sudbury CO10 1NA.



Book an appointment at an 'ask the experts' session

Book an appointment with our team on **Friday 16 September** between **10am and 2pm** at Twinstead Village Hall Church Rd, Twinstead, Sudbury CO10 7NA. You **must** book an appointment via our website, by email or by phone to attend this session.



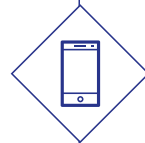
Attend a webinar

Join our online webinar on **21 September 2022 at 5pm** by signing up on our project website, over the phone, or by emailing us.



Visit our website

nationalgrid.com/bramford-twinstead, where you will find all the information about our plans and our online feedback form.



Book a telephone appointment

Book a telephone or video appointment with the team by contacting us using the details below.



Complete a feedback form

Complete and return a feedback form to us, you can do this online or with a freepost envelope. Please get in touch to request a paper copy of the feedback form and freepost envelope.

If you or someone you know does not have access to the internet and would like a paper copy of our consultation materials, please contact us. Paper copies will also be available at Hadleigh, Sible Hedingham, Sudbury and Halstead libraries from 8 September 2022.

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