Notice is hereby given that National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“National Grid”) of National Grid House, Warwick Technology Park, Gallows Hill, Warwick, CV34 6DA intends to apply to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) to authorise the construction of Norwich to Tilbury.

Norwich to Tilbury (the “Project”) is a proposal by National Grid to upgrade the electricity transmission system in East Anglia between Norwich and Tilbury. The Project includes a new 400 kilovolt (“kV”) electricity transmission connection of approximately 184 kilometres ("km”) in overall length from Norwich Main Substation and Tilbury Substation via Bramford Substation.

National Grid will consult on all aspects of the proposed development for the Project, including:

* approximately 159 km of new overhead line supported on approximately 510 steel lattice pylons (approximately 50 metres (“m”) in height) some of which are gantries (typically up to 15 m in height) within proposed Cable Sealing End (“CSE”) compounds, or existing or proposed substations
* approximately 25 km of 400 kV underground cabling some of which is located through the Dedham Vale National Landscape (formerly known as Dedham Vale AONB)
* six new CSE compounds, each with a permanent access, to connect the overhead lines to the underground cables
* a new 400 kV East Anglia Connection Node (“EACN”) substation, with a new permanent access, on the Tendring Peninsula. This is proposed to be an Air Insulated Switchgear (“AIS”) substation
* substation extension works at the existing Norwich Main, and Bramford substations and works within the existing Tilbury Substation to connect and support operation of the new transmission connection
* temporary works associated with the construction of the Project.

An alternative design at the Waveney Valley (referred to as the Waveney Valley Alternative) is also being considered and is the subject of consultation and ongoing assessment. This design alternative, if taken forward, would result in changes to those elements of the Project set out below. This would instead comprise:

* installation of approximately 157 km of new 400 kV overhead line
* installation of approximately 27 km of 400 kV underground cabling (some of which is located through the Dedham Vale National Landscape)
* eight new CSE compounds (each with a permanent access) to connect the overhead lines to the underground cables.

All works listed above would be consistent with either alternative.

In other words, the Waveney Valley Alternative, if taken forward and based on the 2024 preferred draft alignment would comprise approximately 2 km less new 400 kV overhead line and approximately an additional 2 km of 400kV underground cabling and two additional new CSE compounds, each with a permanent access, to connect the overhead lines to the underground cables.

Third party utilities diversions and / or modifications would also be required to facilitate the construction of the Project. There would also be land required for mitigation, compensation and enhancement of the environment including Biodiversity Net Gain.

As well as the permanent infrastructure, land would also be required temporarily for construction activities including for example working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, welfare, storage and temporary construction access.

The Project would be designed, constructed and operated in accordance with applicable health and safety legislation. The Project would also need to comply with design safety standards including the National Electricity Transmission System (“NETS") Security and Quality of Supply Standard, which sets out the criteria and methodology for planning and operating the NETS. This informs a suite of National Grid policies and processes, which contain details on design standards required to be met when designing, constructing and operating assets such as proposed for the Project.

The proposed application will seek authorisation for the compulsory acquisition of land and interests in and rights over land, overriding easements and other rights, the temporary use of land, and other ancillary powers.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) development, as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended). An Environmental Statement will therefore be submitted as part of the proposed application, which will contain information about the environmental effects of the Project.

All documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development, including the preliminary environmental information, will be available to download free of charge from 12:00 noon on 10 April 2024 until 11:59pm 18 June 2024 on <http://www.nationalgrid.com/n-t> (via the document library page).

Reference copies of certain documents showing the nature and location of the proposed development will also be available to view free of charge from 12:00 noon on 10 April 2024 at the following inspection points in the vicinity of the Project for the duration of the consultation (until 18 June 2024):

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| **Location**  | **Address** | **Opening hours** |
| Long Stratton Library  | The StreetLong StrattonNR15 2XJ | Monday - 11am-7pm Tuesdays - 1pm-7pm Wednesday - 8am-7pm (unstaffed)Thursday - 1pm-7pm Friday - 8am-7pm (unstaffed) Saturday - 11am-4pm Sunday - 10am-4pm (unstaffed).  |
| Norwich Library  | Unit 3The ForumMillenium Plain Norwich NR2 1AW | Monday - Friday - 10am-7pmSaturday - 9am-5pm  |
| Tuckswood Library  | Robin Hood Road EatonNR4 6BX | Monday - 8am – 7pm (unstaffed) Tuesday - 11am-7pm Wednesday - 8am-7pm (unstaffed)Thursday - 8am-7pm (unstaffed)Friday - 11am-7pm Saturday - 10am-4pm Sunday - 10am-4pm (unstaffed).  |
| Diss Library  | Church StreetDissIP22 4DD | Monday - 10am-7pmTuesday - 8am-7pm Wednesday - 10am-7pmThursday - 10am-7pm Friday - 10am-7pm Saturday - 10am-7pm Sunday - 10am-4pm  |
| Stowmarket Library  | Milton Road    Stowmarket         IP14 1EX | Monday - Closed Tuesday - 8.30am-6.45pmWednesday - 8.30am-5.45pmThursday - 8.30am-5.45pmFriday - 8.30am-6.30pm Saturday - 8.30am-4pmSunday - 10am-4pm.  |
| Capel St Mary Library  | Village HallThe Street Capel St Mary IP9 2EF | Monday - Closed Tuesday - 9am-12.30pm, 2pm-5.30pmWednesday and Thursday - 9am-12.30pmFriday - 2pm-5.30pm Saturday - 9am-3pmSunday - 10am-3pm.  |
| Coggeshall Library | The Friends Meeting HouseStoneham Street CoggeshallCO6 1UH | Monday - Closed Tuesday - 2pm-5.30pm Wednesday - Closed Thursday - 9am-5.30pm Friday - Closed Saturday - 9am-5pm Sunday - Closed.  |
| Chelmsford Library  | Market Road Chelmsford CM1 1QH | Monday - 9am-5.30pm Tuesday - 9am-5.30pm Wednesday - 9am-5.30pm Thursday - 9am-7pm Friday - 9am-5.30pm Saturday - 9am-5pm Sunday - 10.30am-1.30pm  |
| Colchester Library  | Trinity Square Colchester CO1 1JB | Monday - 9am-5.30pm Tuesday - 9am-5.30pm Wednesday - 9am-7pmThursday - 9am-5.30pm Friday - 9am-5.30pmSaturday - 9am-5pm Sunday - 1pm-4pm  |
| Tilbury Library  | Civic Square Tilbury   RM18 8AD | Monday - 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pmTuesday - Closed Wednesday - 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pmThursday - Sunday - Closed  |
| Greenstead Library  | Hawthorn Avenue   Colchester   CO4 3QE | Monday - 9am-5.30pmTuesday - 9am-5.30pmWednesday - Closed Thursday - 9am-5.30pmFriday - Closed Saturday - 9am-5pmSunday - Closed  |
| Stanway Library  | 10 Villa Road StanwayCO3 0RH | Monday - Closed Tuesday - 2pm-7pmWednesday - Closed Thursday - 9am-1pm Friday - Closed Saturday - 9am-1pmSunday - Closed  |
| Prettygate Library  | Prettygate Road   Colchester             CO3 4EQ | Monday - ClosedTuesday - 9am-7pmWednesday - 9am-5.30pmThursday - Closed Friday - 9am-5.30pmSaturday - 9am-5pmSunday - Closed  |
| Wivenhoe Library  | 104/6 High Street   Wivenhoe        CO7 9AB | Monday - Closed Tuesday - 2pm-7pm Wednesday - Closed Thursday - 9am-5.30pmFriday - Closed Saturday - 9am-5pmSunday - Closed  |

Prior to attending these locations, it is advised opening times are checked.

Requests for paper copies of the technical documents will be reviewed on a case by-case basis. To cover printing costs a reasonable copying charge may apply, to be paid for by the recipient and up-to a maximum value of £500 for the whole suite of consultation documents. Please get in touch with us using the details below if you would like a printed or alternative format copy of materials.

**How to respond to the consultation**

The consultation is running between **12:00 noon on 10 April 2024 and 11:59pm on 18 June 2024.**

Responses to the consultation can be submitted in the following ways:

* online via the Project’s website (<http://www.nationalgrid.com/n-t>)
* scanning a paper copy of the Feedback questionnaire or submitting a free text letter or email
* by post at Freepost N TO T
* by email (contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com).

A printed copy of the consultation Feedback questionnaire can be requested by contacting the Project team on the details below.

National Grid must receive all responses by 11:59pm on 18 June 2024 to ensure their consideration. Please note that responses are likely to be made public, but that contact/personal details will be redacted.

When deciding on the final form of the proposed application for a DCO for the Project, National Grid will consider any response to this publicity or the consultation that is received before the specified deadline.

National Grid may be required to make copies of representations available to the Secretary of State. However, National Grid will request that personal details are not placed on the public record. Personal details will be held securely in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and the development of this Project and, except as noted above, will not be disclosed to any third parties. National Grid’s privacy policy can be found on its website: https://www.nationalgrid.com/privacy-policy.

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

**Email:** contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com **Telephone:** 0800 915 2497