

## The Great Grid Upgrade

Walpole Substation expansion

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# Consultation feedback form

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## Overview

**National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) owns and maintains the electricity transmission network in England and Wales. We transport electricity from where it is generated, such as solar and offshore wind farms, to regional substations, where it then continues on its journey to homes and businesses.**

To ensure that everyone can access electricity from renewable sources, we are working to build a cleaner, fairer, and more affordable energy system that serves everyone, and powers the future of our homes, transport and industry.

## Your feedback

The consultation period for Walpole Substation expansion will run for four weeks, from **Friday 10 May to 11:59pm on Thursday 06 June 2024** and is open to anyone with an interest in our proposals.

### You can contact the project team by:

Telephone on **0800 083 3149**. Our phone lines are open between 9am and 5pm.

Email at **walpole@nationalgrid.com**

Freepost address: Freepost **WALPOLE SUBSTATION EXPANSION PROJECT**  
(no stamp or further address details are required)

# Why is the substation expansion needed?

**The Walpole Substation expansion is required to accommodate new infrastructure at the existing substation. It is needed to connect new sources of renewable energy, manage power flows on the network and support future demand. We will also be upgrading the existing technology, which was originally installed when the substation was built in the 1960s.**

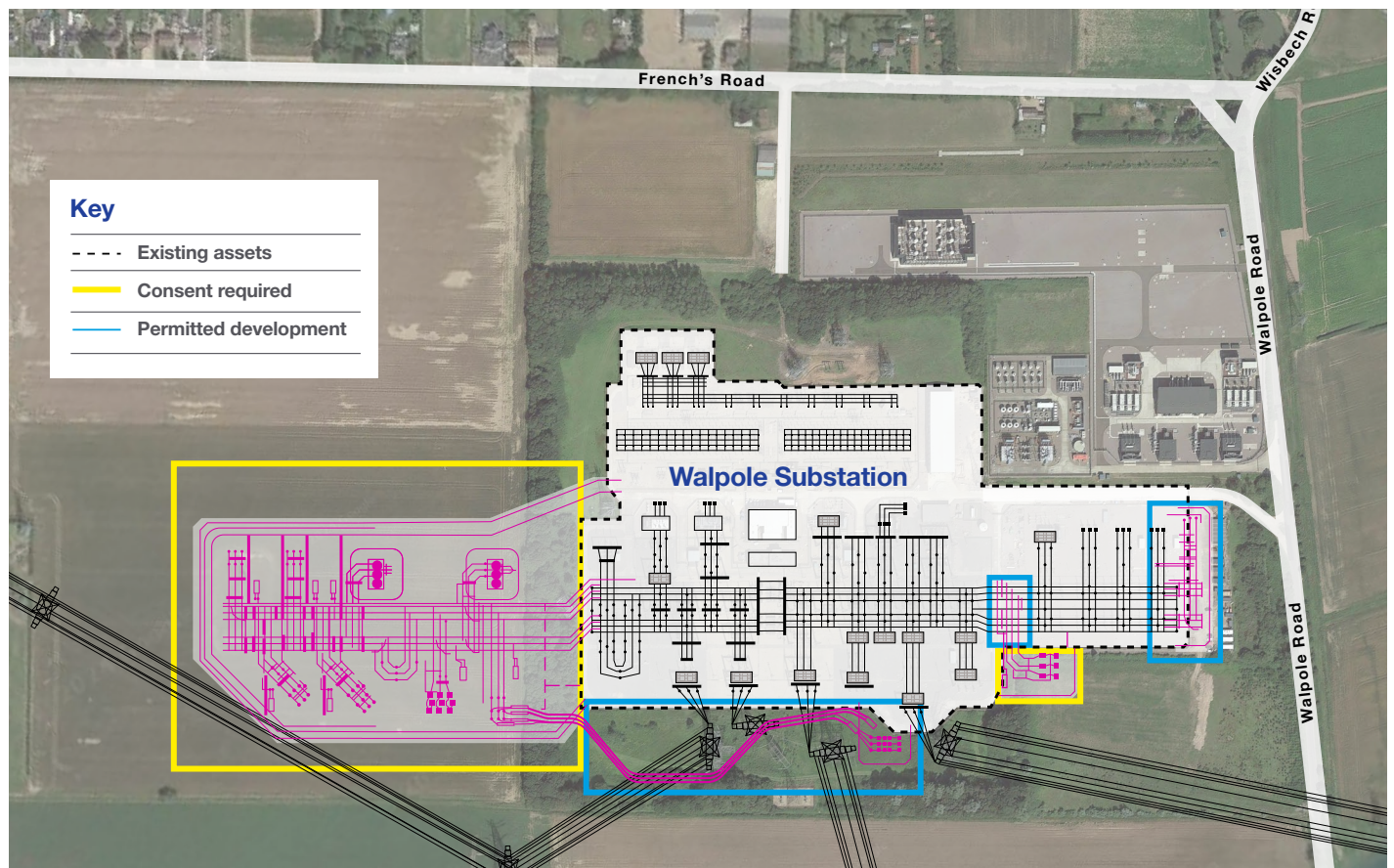
We are committed as an organisation to providing a minimum of 10% biodiversity net gain in areas where we are proposing to build new infrastructure. Surveys are underway to assess the expected level of vegetation removal, and plans for

additional landscaping and planting – this will form part of our planning application.

Our proposals are part of The Great Grid Upgrade – the largest overhaul of the grid in generations. The Great Grid Upgrade will play a significant part in meeting the UK Government’s plans to power all homes and businesses with green energy by 2030 ensuring our electricity network is fit for the future.

Walpole Substation expansion is not part of EGL 3 and EGL 4 or Grimsby to Walpole. Please be assured we are working closely with our colleagues on these projects to minimise disruption to local communities. We have permitted development rights to deliver some of the work needed for this project, which is indicated by the blue boxes on the map.

Other parts of the project will require planning permission – indicated by the yellow boxes on the map. This new infrastructure will facilitate new connections to our network, including renewable energy sources, and will support future demand.



**Above:** Detailed layout of our proposal including elements that will require planning consent.











## Equality and diversity

National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) would be grateful if you could answer the following inclusion and diversity questions. We will use the information we receive to understand whether our consultation has been useful to people of different backgrounds and requirements.

To withdraw your details, or request a paper copy or alternative forms of this feedback form, please contact us via email at: [walpole@nationalgrid.com](mailto:walpole@nationalgrid.com). These questions are optional.

### 12. What is your gender?

- Male  
 Female  
 Non-binary  
 Prefer not to say

### 13. Do you consider yourself a person with a disability?

- Yes  No  Prefer not to say

### 14. What is your age?

- Under the age of 13  
 13-17  
 18-24  
 25-34  
 35-44  
 45-54  
 55-64  
 65+  
 Prefer not to say

### 15. How would you describe your ethnic background?

- White English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British  
 Irish  
 Gypsy or Irish Traveller  
 Any other White background  
 Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups  
 White and Black Caribbean  
 White and Black African  
 White and Asian  
 Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background  
 Asian or Asian British  
 Indian  
 Pakistani  
 Bangladeshi  
 Chinese  
 Any other Asian background  
 Black, African, Caribbean or Black British  
 African  
 Caribbean  
 Any other Black, African or Caribbean background  
 Arab  
 Prefer not to say  
 Other

# Data privacy statement

National Grid is committed to protecting your personal information. Whenever you provide such information, we are legally obliged to use it in line with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

## How will National Grid use the information we collect about you?

We will use your personal data collected via this consultation for a number of purposes, including:

- to analyse your feedback to the consultation
- to produce a Consultation report, based on our analysis of responses (individuals will not be identified in the Report)
- to keep up-to-date records of our communications with individuals and organisations.

Any personal information you include in this form will be handled and used by (or made available to) the following recipients to record, analyse and report on the feedback we receive:

- National Grid Electricity Transmission
- our legal advisers
- consultants working on the Walpole Substation expansion project.

## What rights do I have over my personal data?

Under the terms of the UK GDPR you have certain rights over how your personal data is retained and used by National Grid. For more information, see our full data privacy statement: [nationalgrid.com/privacy-policy](https://nationalgrid.com/privacy-policy).



## Contact us

Please contact us if you have any questions and if you would like to receive a printed copy of our consultation materials, including our feedback form, which can be returned to our Freepost address.

[walpole@nationalgrid.com](mailto:walpole@nationalgrid.com)

0800 083 3149 (9am – 5pm Monday to Friday)

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