

North Humber to High Marnham

# Localised consultation newsletter

July 2024

**Between 9 July and 6 August 2024, we are consulting on a potential alternative corridor, referred to as the eastern corridor, between South Wheatley and High Marnham.**

These proposals are a continuation of the work we have undertaken for North Humber to High Marnham, following our first consultation in summer 2023.

North Humber to High Marnham is a proposed network reinforcement that is currently being developed by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET). The Project will support the UK's net zero targets by reinforcing the electricity transmission network between the North of England and the Midlands and facilitating the connection of planned offshore wind generation and interconnectors with other countries, allowing low carbon energy to be carried on the network.

Our existing power lines do not have sufficient capacity for all the new sources of electricity that we expect to connect to the network over the next ten years and beyond. The North of England and the Midlands are at the heart of a modern electricity network and an improved network is critical to carrying more clean green energy and increasing our energy security.

NGET introduced the proposals for reinforcing the electricity network between North Humber and High Marnham last summer. Our proposals are part of The Great Grid Upgrade – the largest overhaul of the grid in generations.

Our proposals include building approximately 90 kilometres (km) of new 400,000 volt (400 kV) overhead electricity transmission lines between two new substations – one to the north of Hull, near Creyke Beck, and one at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire.


**Consultation feedback and the backcheck of our previous assessment work have led us to identify an eastern corridor for a section of the project between South Wheatley and High Marnham in Nottinghamshire.**

**This newsletter provides a high-level summary of our plans, how you can get involved in our consultation and where more detailed information can be found.**



## About National Grid Electricity Transmission

NGET is working to build a cleaner, fairer and more affordable energy system that serves everyone, powering the future of our homes, transport and industry. We own, build and maintain the electricity transmission network in England and Wales. It is NGET that is developing proposals for North Humber to High Marnham.



# Our proposals between South Wheatley and High Marnham

## The first stage of public consultation took place over an eight-week period between 1 June and 27 July 2023.

During this consultation, we introduced the need to build new electricity transmission infrastructure in the area and a consideration of our early stage proposals, including an emerging preferred corridor.

We wanted to ensure people could provide feedback about our work to date and we welcomed views about where the proposed overhead line might best be routed as part of our consultation. The route of the emerging preferred corridor was split into 11 sections to make it easier for everyone to provide feedback. Within these sections of the route, we asked respondents to state their preference regarding where we should route the new overhead line.

In Section 10 (A620 to Fledborough), a number of respondents suggested that the new overhead line should be routed further to the east, outside of the emerging preferred corridor, closer to the existing overhead lines. Feedback suggested that this would reduce the impact of the new infrastructure in the area, keeping it closer to existing infrastructure. Feedback also commented that this would reduce impacts on sensitive sites, including nature reserves, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and a number of unlicensed airstrips.

The feedback received and the backcheck and review of our previous work, have led us to the identification of a potential alternative corridor for a section of the North Humber to High Marnham project between South Wheatley and High Marnham, which we are referring to as the eastern corridor.

We haven't made a decision on the preferred corridor in this southern-most section of the route. Feedback from both the non-statutory consultation 2023 and localised non-statutory consultation 2024, together with further technical assessments, including environmental surveys, will be considered when making a decision on the overall preferred corridor and identification of the route alignment ahead of the subsequent statutory consultation in 2025.

A consultation on the proposals for the new High Marnham Substation took place in April and May 2024 ahead of the intended submission of the planning application in early 2025. The new 400 kV substation at High Marnham is currently being progressed as a separate project, called Brinsworth to High Marnham. You can find more information on the project website – [nationalgrid.com/b-hm](https://nationalgrid.com/b-hm)

Following the identification of the eastern corridor, we further considered where it might be more, or less, appropriate to site the new overhead line within the corridor. We took account of factors such as sensitive local sites and features, including residential properties, larger woodlands and existing infrastructure.

The outcome of this work is shown by the blue shaded 'graduated swathe' which indicates where, at this stage, we believe the proposed transmission line might best be located. Darker blue areas of shading represent where it may be more appropriate to route the new line. Lighter blue and unshaded areas, represent where we believe it would be less appropriate.

**The eastern corridor and graduated swathe are shown on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter and a more detailed explanation is provided in our Addendum to the Project Background Document. Your feedback is important in helping to inform the further development of our proposals.**

**You can use our interactive map online to focus in on areas of interest. If you require assistance with navigating our plans, please get in touch using the contact details provided at the end of this newsletter.**

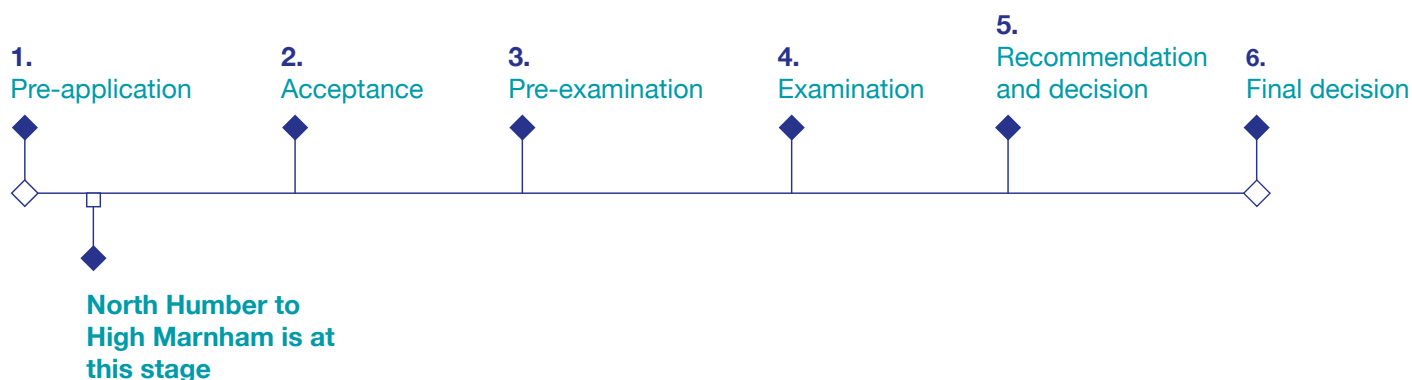


# Our public consultation

## North Humber to High Marnham is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008.

We will need to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate. After considering the DCO application, the Planning Inspectorate will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. The minister will then decide whether development consent should be granted for the project.

### Stage of North Humber to High Marnham in the Planning Act 2008 process

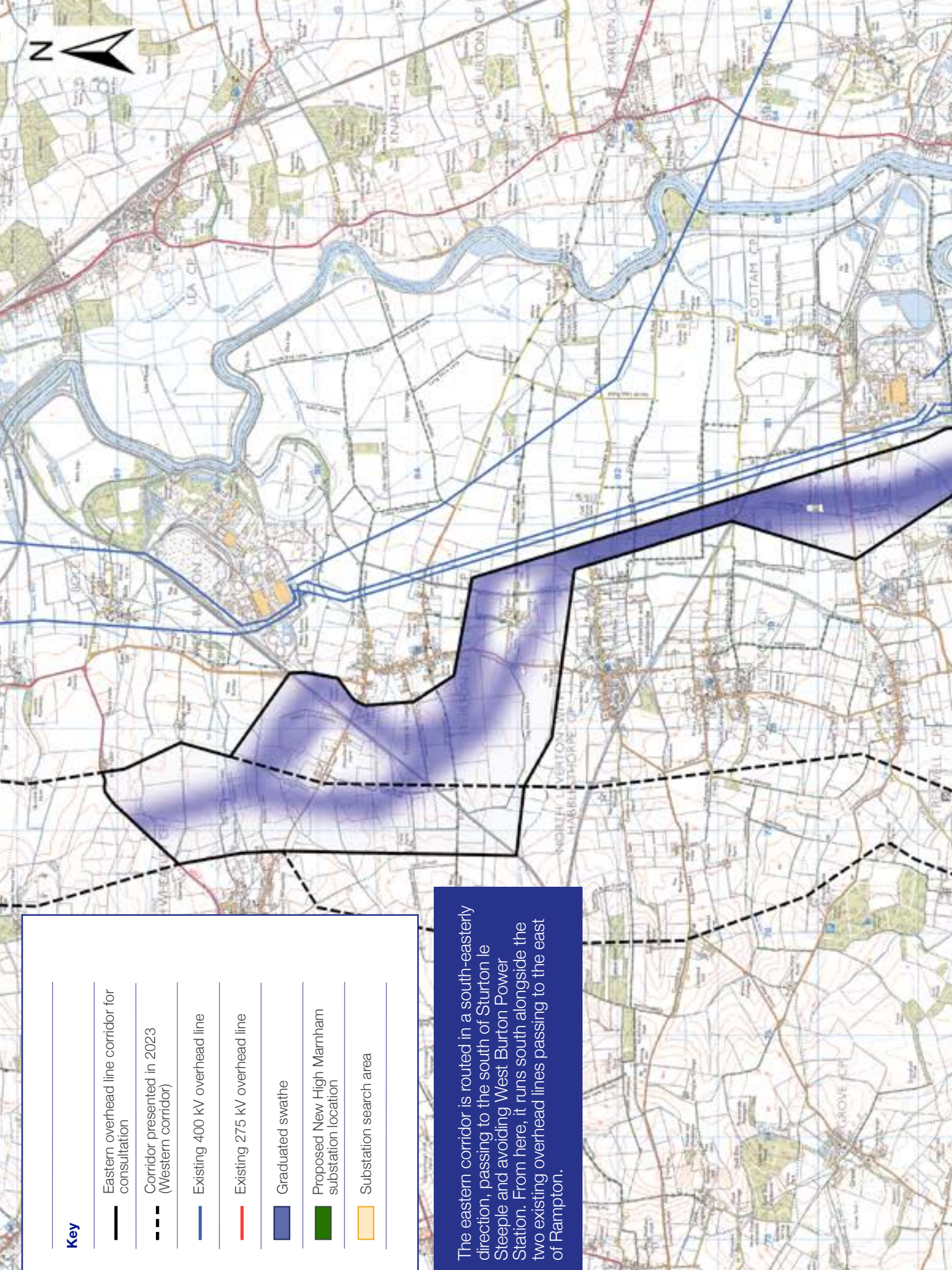


We want to ensure that all stakeholders are engaged in the development of our proposals and have the opportunity to comment on them at key decision-making points. We want to hear your thoughts on our proposals. Your feedback will be carefully considered as we develop our plans further.

Consultation feedback, along with technical work and our ongoing environmental assessment, will help to shape our plans. We will share our updated proposals at a further stage of consultation, now planned for 2025, where we will present more developed plans. Following this, we will finalise our proposals and will report all feedback and our responses to your comments in a Consultation Report, which will be submitted with our application for development consent.





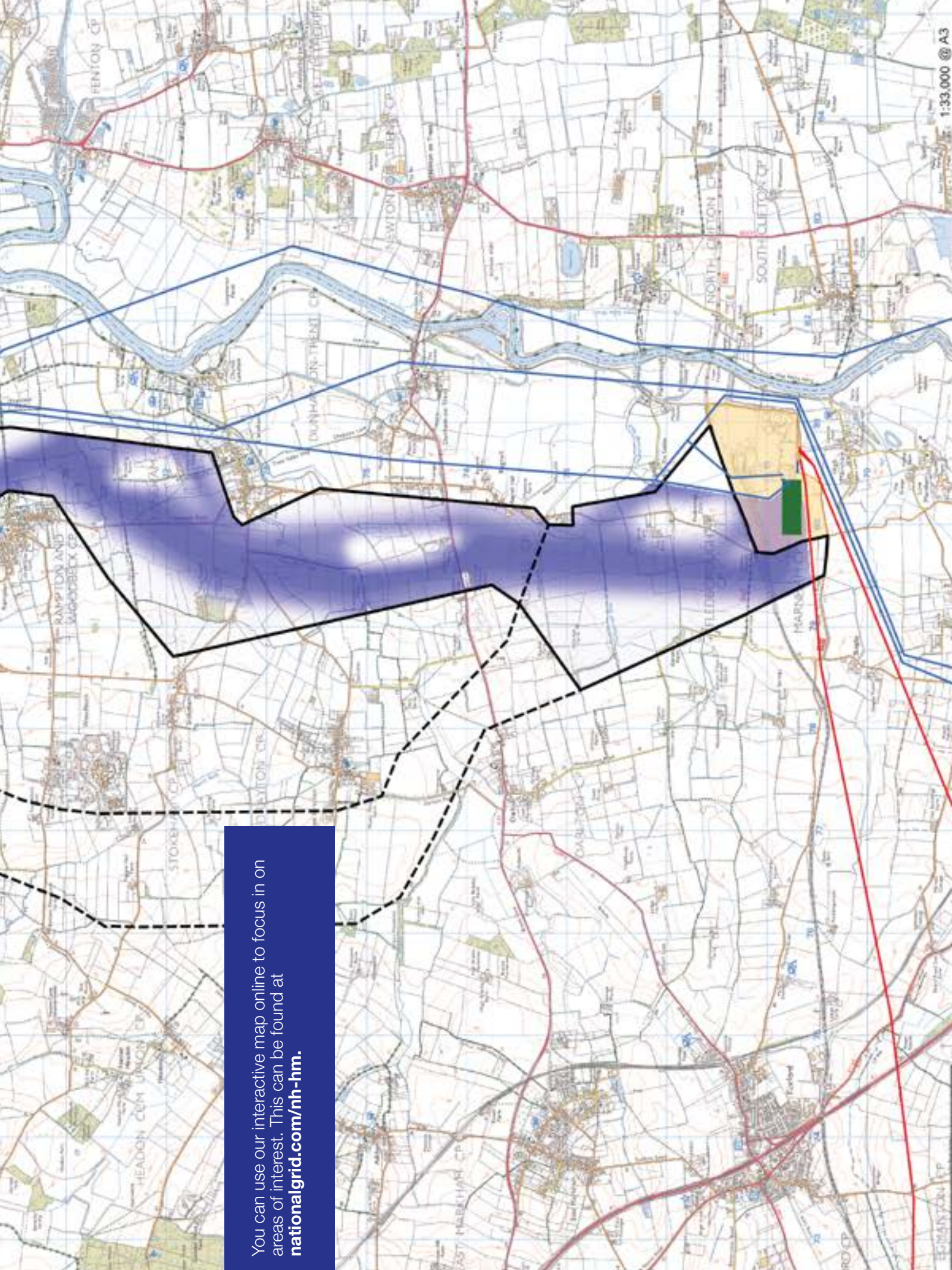


**Key**

- Eastern overhead line corridor for consultation
- - - Corridor presented in 2023 (Western corridor)
- Existing 400 kV overhead line
- Existing 275 kV overhead line
- ▭ Graduated swathe
- ▭ Proposed New High Marnham substation location
- ▭ Substation search area

The eastern corridor is routed in a south-easterly direction, passing to the south of Sturton le Steeple and avoiding West Burton Power Station. From here, it runs south alongside the two existing overhead lines passing to the east of Rampton.





You can use our interactive map online to focus in on areas of interest. This can be found at [nationalgrid.com/nh-hm](https://nationalgrid.com/nh-hm).





# How to find out more

Our consultation **is running from 9 July to 6 August 2024. You can take part in the consultation in the following ways:**

- **attend a public information event** – Come along to one of our face-to-face public exhibitions.
- **attend a webinar** – Join one of our online webinars by registering on our project website, over the phone, or by emailing us.
- **visit our website or get in touch** – All the latest information and consultation materials can be found on our website [nationalgrid.com/nh-hm](https://nationalgrid.com/nh-hm). You can also get in touch to speak with a member of the team by freephone on **0800 051 4430** or by email at [contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com).
- **request or pick up printed materials** – Printed materials are also available on request and from the information points listed on page 7 of this document.

More detailed information on the eastern corridor is available in the Addendum to Project Background Document, and in the Supplementary Corridor and Routeing Report (2024). Both documents can be found on the project website and in hard copy at the local information events or on request.

## How to respond

Your feedback is important in helping us to develop and refine our plans. You can provide your feedback in the following ways:

### Complete a feedback form

We have produced a feedback form for you to fill in and submit. Paper copies are available to pick up from our face-to-face consultation events and the local information points listed on page 7 of this document. You can also download and print a copy of the feedback form from our website and return it to us for free by post; alternatively, please get in touch and we will post one to you.

We encourage you to view our proposals online, where you can access our interactive map, view the locations of interest to you and link through to our feedback form, where you can submit your comments digitally.

### Email us

If you prefer to send us your comments via email, you can send them to us at [contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com)

### Send us a letter

You can send a letter or completed feedback form to **Freepost NH TO HM** (no stamp or further address details are required).

### Call us

If you have any questions about the project, or require any assistance with providing feedback, please give us a call on **0800 051 4430**. Lines are open Monday to Friday 9am–5:30pm, with an answerphone facility taking messages outside of these hours.

### Other information

If you would prefer to receive any information relating to the consultation through the post, or you need it in another format, please get in touch.

If you have difficulty writing down your feedback, a member of the Community Relations team will be able to take comments over the phone.

# Consultation events and webinars

We welcome you to visit our face-to-face public information events, which are being held at the following locations across the proposed eastern corridor:

Date and time	Venue
Friday 12 July 2024, 2pm–7pm	Dunham On Trent Village Hall, Low Street, Dunham, Newark NG22 0FJ
Saturday 13 July 2024, 10am–3pm	Sturton Hall & Conference Centre, Brickings Way, Sturton Le Steeple DN22 9HY
Tuesday 23 July 2024, 2pm–7pm	Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds, Rampton, Retford DN22 0JU

We also welcome you to attend one of our two one-hour long online webinar sessions, where we will present details of our eastern corridor. Details on how to sign up for a webinar (using Microsoft Teams) are available on the website or by contacting the project team.

Date and time	Webinar session
Friday 19 July 2024, 10am–11am	North Humber to High Marnham localised consultation – Our proposals between South Wheatley and High Marnham
Thursday 25 July 2024, 7pm–8pm	North Humber to High Marnham localised consultation – Our proposals between South Wheatley and High Marnham

## Local information points

Paper copies of this consultation newsletter and feedback form are available to collect. Reference copies of other documents are available to view at one of the following information points throughout the consultation period.

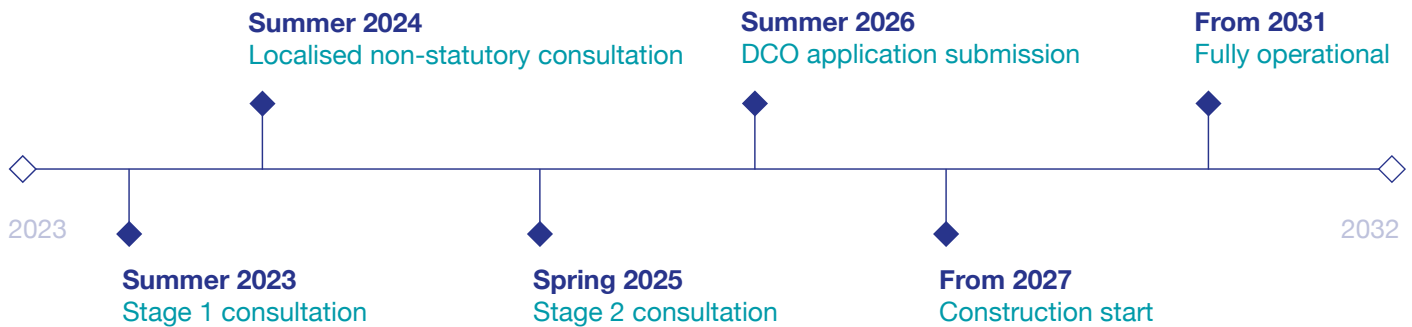
Opening times	Public information point
Monday to Friday 9am–5pm and Saturday 9am–1pm	Gainsborough Library, Cobden Street, Gainsborough DN21 2NG
Monday to Sunday 10am–4pm	All Saints Parish Church Misterton, High Street, Misterton, Doncaster DN10 4AL
Monday to Friday 6am–10pm, Saturday 7am–6pm and Sunday 7am–9pm	Retford Leisure Centre, Old Hall Drive, Ordsall, Retford DN22 7EA
Monday to Friday 9am–5pm	Bassetlaw District Council (Retford office), 17B The Square, Retford DN22 6DB

# Next steps

**The feedback received throughout this localised consultation will inform how our plans for North Humber to High Marnham are developed further and will influence the next stage in the design of the project.**

Following this consultation, we will review all the feedback we receive and decision-making alongside feedback received from our public consultation in 2023 and our environmental and technical surveys and assessment work as we further develop our proposals. We will also work on developing a detailed design for the proposed overhead line within the selected preferred corridor (whether eastern or western).

A further stage of public consultation will be undertaken in 2025. The statutory consultation will include preliminary environmental information, setting out what we know at that stage about environmental considerations for the proposed alignment. Feedback from the statutory consultation will also inform any further work on our proposals, prior to submission of the application for a DCO.



## Contact us

[contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com)

0800 051 4430

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(No stamp or further address details are required).

If you feel your land may be affected by these proposals, our dedicated Land Team will be pleased to speak with you. You can contact the North Humber to High Marnham Land Team at Dalcour Maclaren by calling **0333 188 3511** or by emailing **NH-HM@dalcourmaclaren.com**

