

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

Notice is hereby given that National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“National Grid”) of National Grid House, Warwick Technology Park, Gallows Hill, Warwick, CV34 6DA has now published a Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) for Norwich to Tilbury in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

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, comprising:

- 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 other 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 400 kV 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.

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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.

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

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) development, as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended).

The consultation will take place between 12:00 noon on 10 April 2024 and 11:59pm 18 June 2024. Between these dates the SoCC is available to view free of charge on the Project website at: www.nationalgrid.com/n-t

Reference copies of the SoCC will also be available to view free of charge from 12:00 noon on 10 April 2024 for the duration of the consultation which ends at 11:59pm on 18 June 2024 at the following inspection points in the vicinity of the Project:

Location	Address	Opening hours
Long Stratton Library	The Street Long Stratton NR15 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 3 The Forum Millenium Plain Norwich NR2 1AW	Monday - Friday - 10am-7pm Saturday - 9am-5pm
Tuckswood Library	Robin Hood Road Eaton NR4 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 Street Diss IP22 4DD	Monday - 10am-7pm Tuesday - 8am-7pm Wednesday - 10am-7pm Thursday - 10am-7pm Friday - 10am-7pm Saturday - 10am-7pm Sunday - 10am-4pm

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Stowmarket Library	Milton Road Stowmarket IP14 1EX	Monday - Closed Tuesday - 8.30am-6.45pm Wednesday - 8.30am-5.45pm Thursday - 8.30am-5.45pm Friday - 8.30am-6.30pm Saturday - 8.30am-4pm Sunday - 10am-4pm.
Capel St Mary Library	Village Hall The Street Capel St Mary IP9 2EF	Monday - Closed Tuesday - 9am-12.30pm, 2pm-5.30pm Wednesday and Thursday - 9am-12.30pm Friday - 2pm-5.30pm Saturday - 9am-3pm Sunday - 10am-3pm.
Coggeshall Library	The Friends Meeting House Stoneham Street Coggeshall CO6 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-7pm Thursday - 9am-5.30pm Friday - 9am-5.30pm Saturday - 9am-5pm Sunday - 1pm-4pm
Tilbury Library	Civic Square Tilbury RM18 8AD	Monday - 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm Tuesday - Closed Wednesday - 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm Thursday - Sunday - Closed
Greenstead Library	Hawthorn Avenue Colchester CO4 3QE	Monday - 9am-5.30pm Tuesday - 9am-5.30pm Wednesday - Closed Thursday - 9am-5.30pm Friday - Closed Saturday - 9am-5pm Sunday - Closed
Stanway Library	10 Villa Road Stanway CO3 0RH	Monday - Closed Tuesday - 2pm-7pm Wednesday - Closed

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		Thursday - 9am-1pm Friday - Closed Saturday - 9am-1pm Sunday - Closed
Prettygate Library	Prettygate Road Colchester CO3 4EQ	Monday - Closed Tuesday - 9am-7pm Wednesday - 9am-5.30pm Thursday - Closed Friday - 9am-5.30pm Saturday - 9am-5pm Sunday - Closed
Wivenhoe Library	104/6 High Street Wivenhoe CO7 9AB	Monday - Closed Tuesday - 2pm-7pm Wednesday - Closed Thursday - 9am-5.30pm Friday - Closed Saturday - 9am-5pm Sunday - Closed

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

To request a printed or alternative format copy of the SoCC, please contact the Project team via the details at the bottom of this notice.

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

Method	Contact details	Hours of operation
Online	http://www.nationalgrid.com/n-t	24/7
Email	contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com	9am-5pm weekdays
Freephone	0800 915 2497	9am-5pm weekdays
Post	FREEPOST N to T	24/7