

The Great Grid Upgrade

Norwich to Tilbury

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Targeted consultation

Location reference: Norfolk 3

12 noon 30 January 2025 to 11:59 pm 3 March 2025

Norwich to Tilbury is a proposal for a new electricity transmission connection. It will play an important part in connecting low carbon, more affordable electricity from where it is generated to where it is needed.

From 10 April to 26 July 2024, we held a statutory consultation, inviting local communities, land owners and stakeholders to share their views on our proposals.

Since then, we have been carefully reviewing all the feedback we received as well as considering the findings of ongoing assessment work.

This has identified some places where there is potential to make a change to the proposals we published at our statutory consultation. These potential changes do not

materially change the effects or fundamentally change the project as a whole.

We intend to submit our application for development consent in summer 2025. Before we make any decisions, we want to give nearby residents and local communities the opportunity to provide feedback on proposed changes near to them.

We are consulting on the proposed changes described below and overleaf between 30 January and 3 March 2025 and we welcome your feedback.

What we are proposing to change in your area and why

We are proposing to reposition a line of pylons between Tibenham and Bunwell Hill to the west of the location that was proposed at our statutory consultation in summer 2024. The proposed change would affect the location of the pylons between RG46 and RG52. You can see the alignment presented at our statutory consultation in summer 2024 and our proposed changes on the maps overleaf.

This change is being proposed in response to consultation feedback which asked us to consider:

- avoiding a veteran tree and active Honey Bee population
- using existing tracks for access to reduce impact on arable land
- reducing effects on an area of grassland considered particularly important to farm activities.

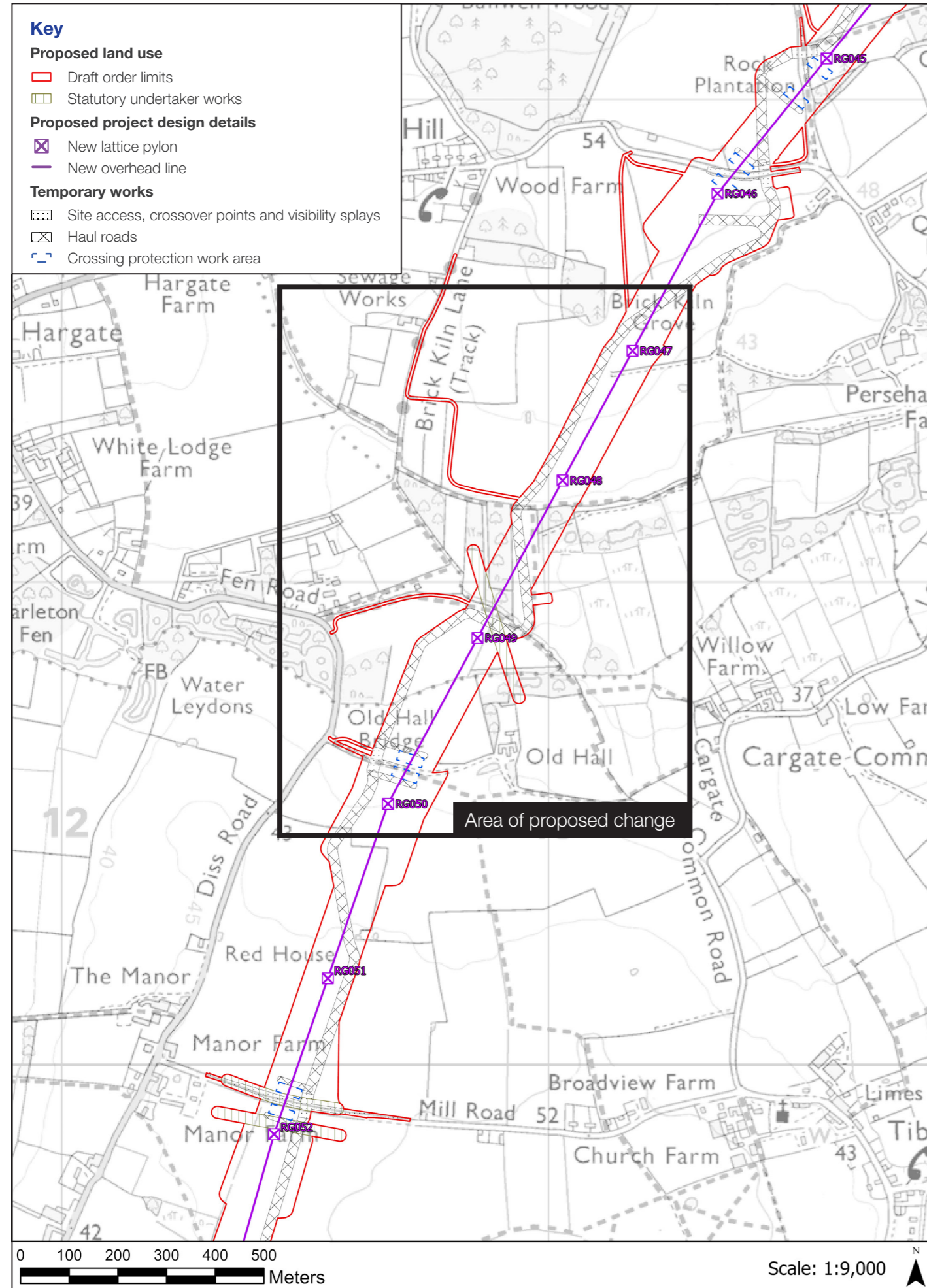
We are proposing that pylons RG48 and RG49 would be relocated roughly 60 m to the west of the location presented at statutory consultation in 2024, and associated pylons to the north and south would also be slightly adjusted. This

would also avoid a veteran tree. To accommodate this change, pylon RG48 would become an angle pylon. Angle pylons are used where the route changes direction. These pylons may be heavier and need larger foundations to carry the stresses of the change of direction.

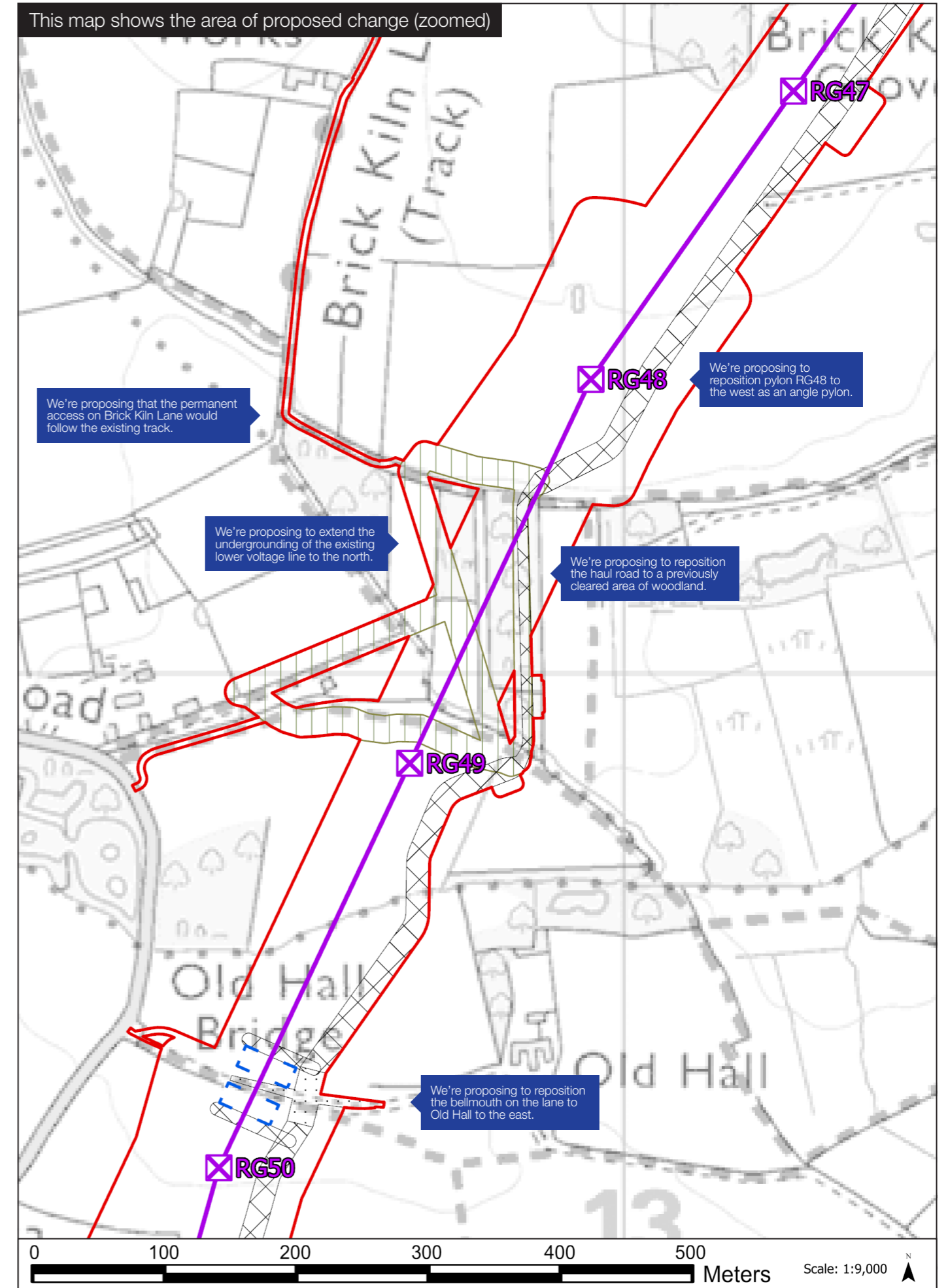
This proposed change would also require several changes to related temporary and permanent accesses - along with other minor amendments to the order limits. The proposed permanent access would use a longer stretch of Brick Kiln Lane and, instead of creating a new access off to the east through farmland, would make use of an existing track, which is located along the northern edge of existing woodland.

We would also reposition the haul road to follow this amended alignment. The haul road alongside RG48 and RG49 would be repositioned west to an area of the woodland which was previously cleared. This would allow the haul road to avoid a field used for livestock over-wintering and would limit the amount of tree removal required. The temporary access to the north and south would also be repositioned to follow the alignment. This would move the bellmouth where project traffic would cross the lane leading to Old Hall to a location 100 m further east from the location presented at statutory consultation in summer 2024.

Alignment presented at the 2024 statutory consultation



Area of proposed change January 2025



We are also proposing to amend our proposals to replace a section of the existing lower voltage electricity overhead line with underground cables. The removal of the wooden poles between RG48 and RG49 would be extended further north to the field boundary, with more wooden poles remaining to the south than was proposed at our statutory consultation in summer 2024. The proposed underground cables would follow field boundaries and the haul road alignment to minimise the need for tree removal.

What are the environmental implications of the proposed changes?

The proposed changes would not materially change the conclusions that were reported within the Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) published as part of our summer 2024 consultation.

For more information on environmental implications, please see the Environmental Implications of Change document (EIC) with location reference **Norfolk 3**, where information on the environmental implications of the proposed change is provided and can be read alongside the information contained here.

If you received this leaflet in the post, the EIC will be enclosed. Alternatively, you can view the EIC on our website at nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury.

If, following careful consideration of any feedback we receive, we decide to make this change, baseline information, environmental surveys and assessments associated with this change will be provided in the Environmental Statement (ES) that will form part of our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

Have your say

Our targeted consultation on the proposed changes at this location runs from **12 noon 30 January 2025 to 11:59 pm 3 March 2025**.

If you have any comments regarding this proposed change, you can provide feedback by using the location reference **Norfolk 3**.

Feedback can be provided by:



Completing an online feedback questionnaire:
nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury



Filling out a paper feedback questionnaire and sending it to the Freepost address below – if you haven't been sent one, please call us on: **0800 915 2497** and we will post one to you



Sending us an email:
contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com



Writing to us (no stamp required) at:
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Attend a webinar

To give people an opportunity to ask the project team questions, we are holding three webinars via Microsoft Teams.

The webinars which will cover this change will be held on **11 February 2025 at 6:00 pm** and **12 February 2025 at 12 noon**.

You can sign up for a webinar on our website:
nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury

- Norfolk – 11 February 2025 at 6:00 pm
- Norfolk and Suffolk – 12 February 2025 at 12 noon
- Suffolk – 13 February 2025 at 6:00 pm

You can also call us on: **0800 915 2497** if you have any questions.

Visit our website

nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury where you will find maps, consultation materials, and our online feedback questionnaire.

The deadline for feedback is 11:59 pm on 3 March 2025.

Contact us

If you would like to contact the community relations team, please get in touch via:

T: 0800 915 2497 FreePost: **FREEPOST N TO T** **E: contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com**
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