

The Great Grid Upgrade

Norwich to Tilbury

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Targeted consultation

Location reference: [Suffolk 2](#)

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 the overhead line alignment further away from the village of Gislingham and to the west of the railway track. The proposed change would affect the location of the pylons between RG114 and RG119 (previously presented at statutory consultation as RG114 to RG118). You can see the alignment presented at our statutory consultation in summer 2024 and our proposed changes on the maps overleaf.

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

- moving the angle tower pylon and alignment of RG114 to RG118 further away from residential properties to the northern and eastern edges of the village
- the impact of the alignment on veteran trees between Thornham Road and Coldham Lane
- wider ecological concerns related to the alignment.

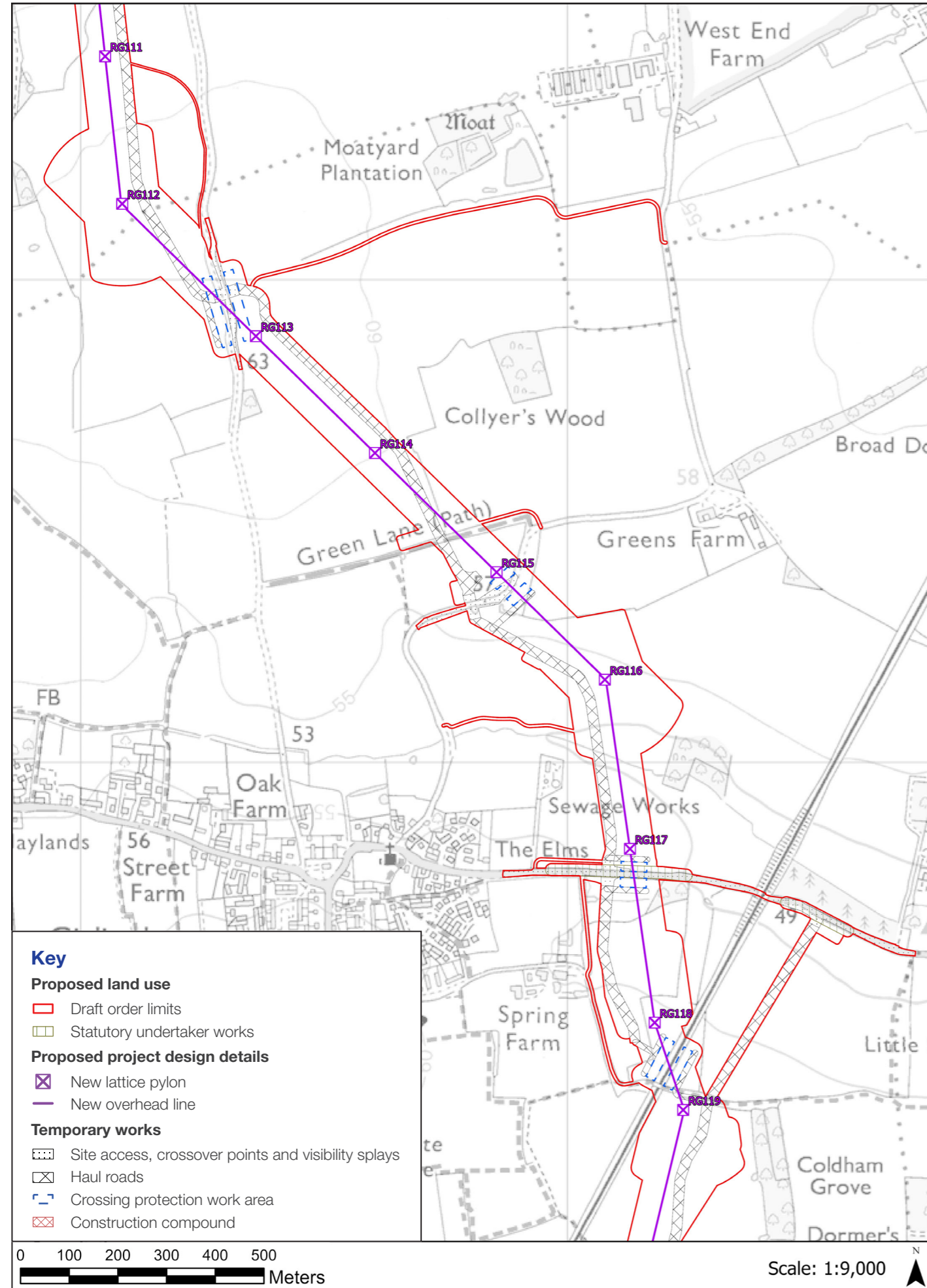
The proposed change involves the addition of one pylon, and the relocation of the angle tower further east to increase its distance from residential properties.

We also considered moving the pylons to the west of the village, but this would increase impacts arising from proximity to properties.

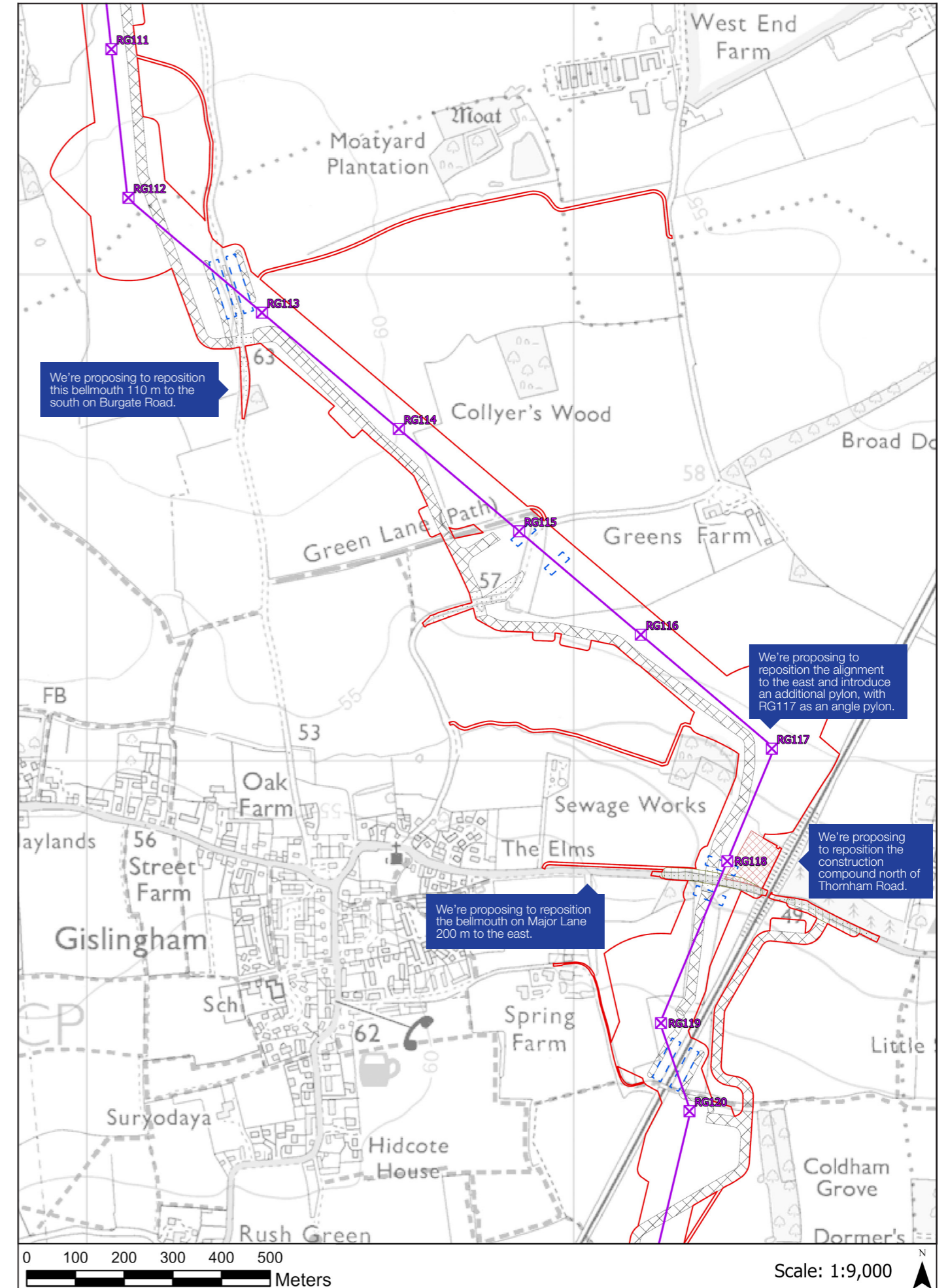
This proposed alignment change would result in the angle tower being positioned behind an established woodland, which would provide screening to the closest properties. As a result of the proposed alignment change, we are also proposing to reposition the construction compound to the north of Thornham Road to allow for better screening and reduce potential impacts on veteran trees. For more information on the construction access plans we presented at our statutory consultation, please visit our project website. A change to the proposed permanent access route for light maintenance activities would also follow the repositioned alignment.

To accommodate the proposed change in alignment, we are also proposing to move two bellmouths in the area - where project traffic would cross public highways or enter the project site - along with other minor amendments to the order limits. This includes the movement of the bellmouth on Burgate Road 110 m further south than was proposed at statutory consultation, and on Major Lane 200 m further east.

Alignment presented at the 2024 statutory consultation



Area of proposed change January 2025



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 Information 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 **Suffolk 2**, 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 **Suffolk 2**.

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: **FREEPOST N TO T**

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 **12 February 2025 at 12 noon** and **13 February 2025 at 6:00 pm**.

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:

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