

The Great Grid Upgrade

Norwich to Tilbury

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Targeted consultation

Location reference: Suffolk 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 move a line of pylons near Cay Hill to the west of the location that was proposed at our statutory consultation in summer 2024. This proposed change would affect the locations of the pylons between RG136 and RG142 (previously presented at statutory consultation as RG135 to RG141). You can see the pylon alignment presented at our consultation in summer 2024 and our currently proposed changes on the maps overleaf.

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

- reposition the proposed alignment to reduce tree removal and increase the distance from residential properties
- use field edges to route diversions for lower voltage electricity lines to reduce potential effects on an area of perceived ecological interest
- use field edges or existing tracks for temporary and permanent works access where practicable.

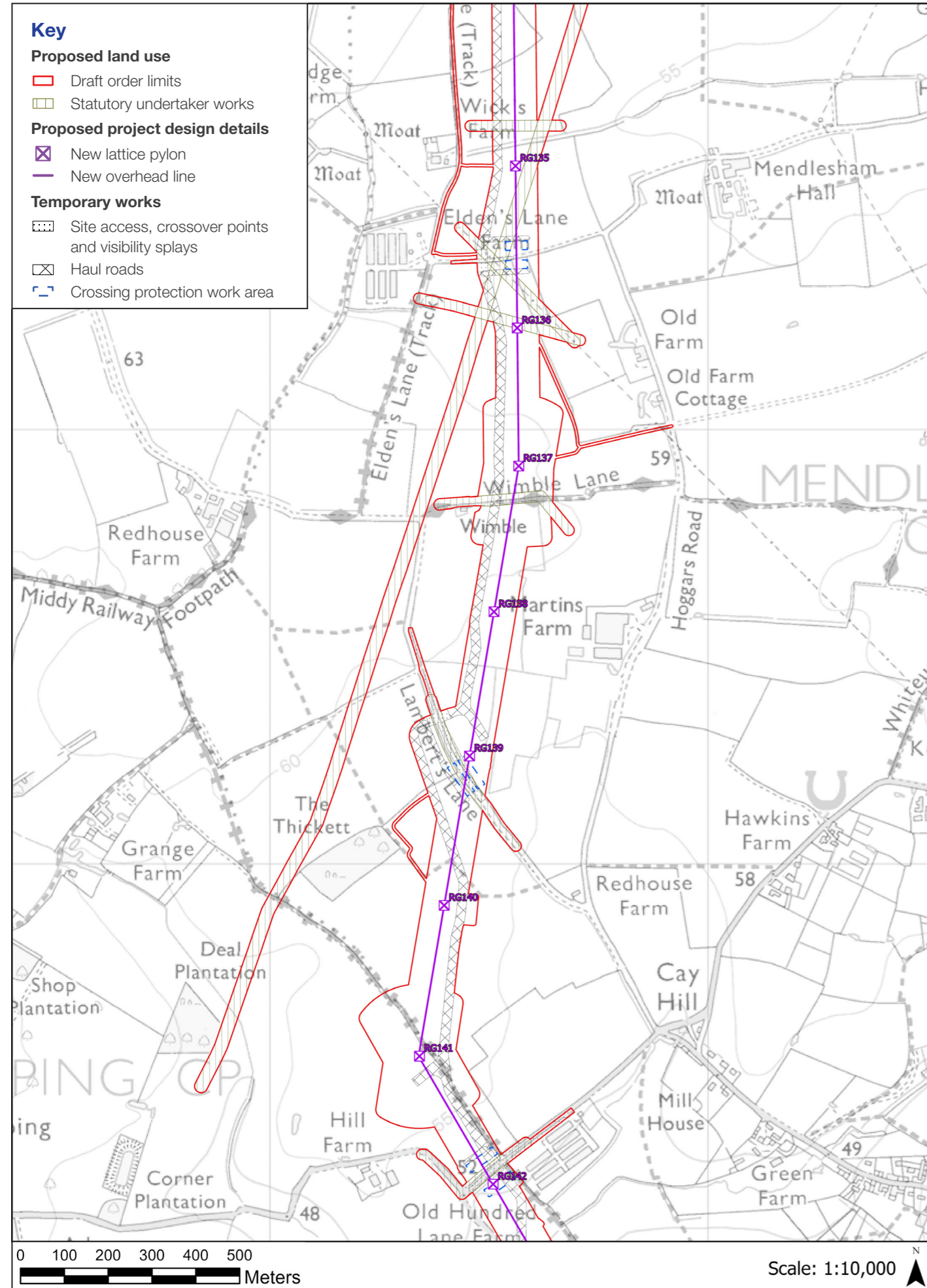
Moving these pylons to the west would increase the distance to properties without the need to materially lengthen the route or introduce any additional angle pylons. The pylons would also be located to the edge of main sight lines from some properties compared with the alignment presented at statutory consultation in 2024.

We considered other adjustments to the alignment including paralleling the existing overhead line to the east, but these would make the route longer to varying extents, present technical risks for construction and future maintenance, place the alignment on slightly higher ground, increase the need for more angle pylons, and increase effects for some residential properties. For these reasons these other adjustments were less preferable.

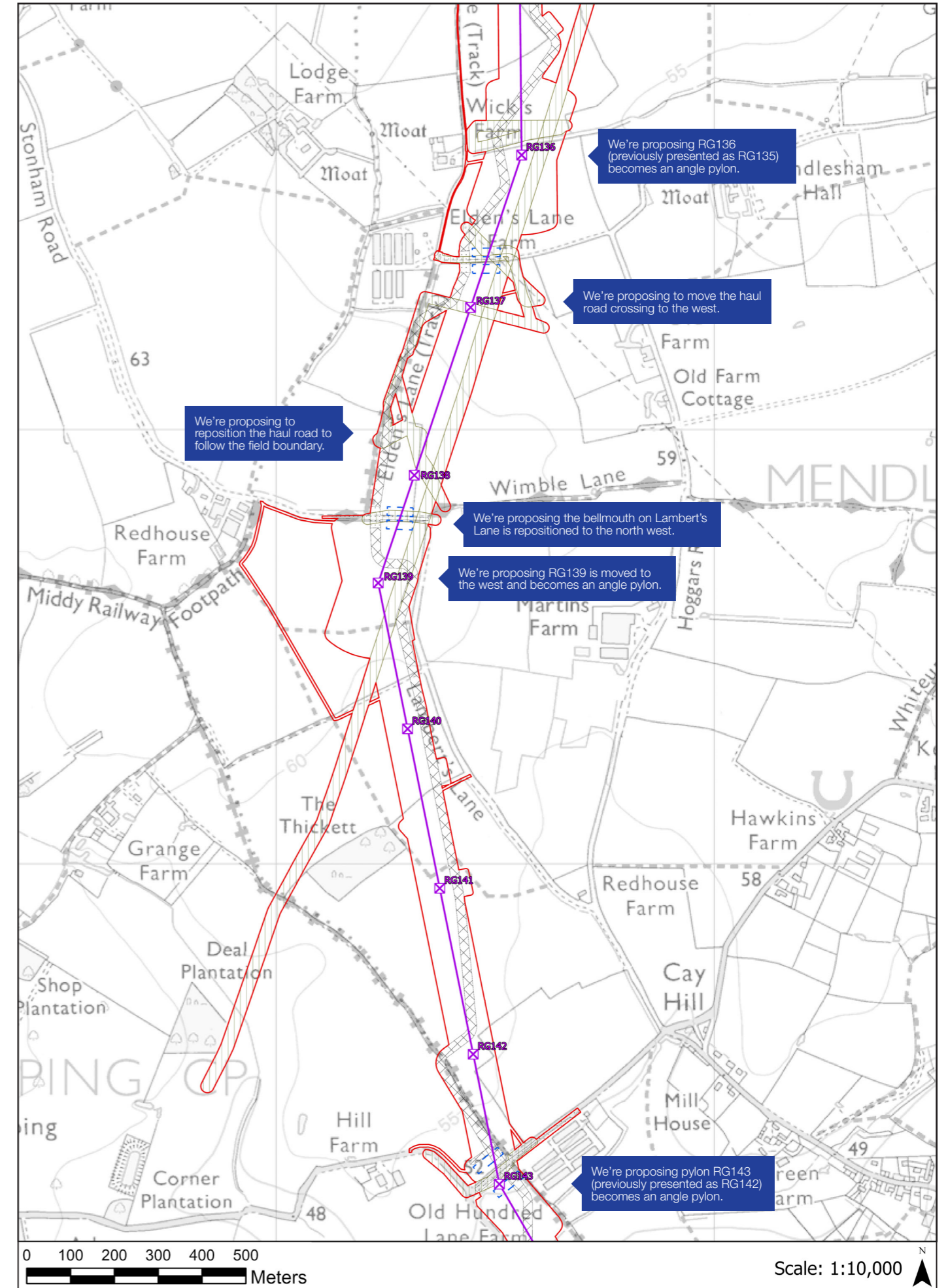
This proposed change also allows us to relocate the temporary access arrangements in this location to more closely follow field boundaries except where it would be unsafe to do so. We are also proposing to modify the diversions of lower voltage electricity connections to follow field edges, along with other minor amendments to the order limits.

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Alignment presented at the 2024 statutory consultation



Area of proposed change January 2025



To accommodate this proposed change, we are also proposing to reposition the haul road and the bellmouths. The crossing over the unnamed lane north of RG137 (previously RG136) which was proposed at statutory consultation in 2024 would move to the west, and the former crossing on Lamberts Lane would move to follow the proposed alignment, crossing Lamberts Lane to the north-west near Elden's Lane.

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 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 **Suffolk 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: **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:

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