

The Great Grid Upgrade

Norwich to Tilbury

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Targeted consultation

Location reference: Suffolk 1a

12 noon 30 January 2025 to 11:59 pm 10 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 10 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 Palgrave and Mellis to the south-east of the location that was proposed at our statutory consultation in summer 2024. You can see both the alignment presented at our consultation in summer 2024 and our proposed changes on the maps overleaf. This would affect the pylons between RG94 and RG102 (previously presented at statutory consultation as RG095 and RG102).

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

- adjust the alignment to follow more of the existing 132kV route for a longer distance to reduce visual effects
- remove more of the 132kV overhead line to reduce cumulative effects
- reposition pylons to reduce potential effects on an airstrip.

The proposed change would include removing approximately a further 2 km of the 132 kV pylon line and

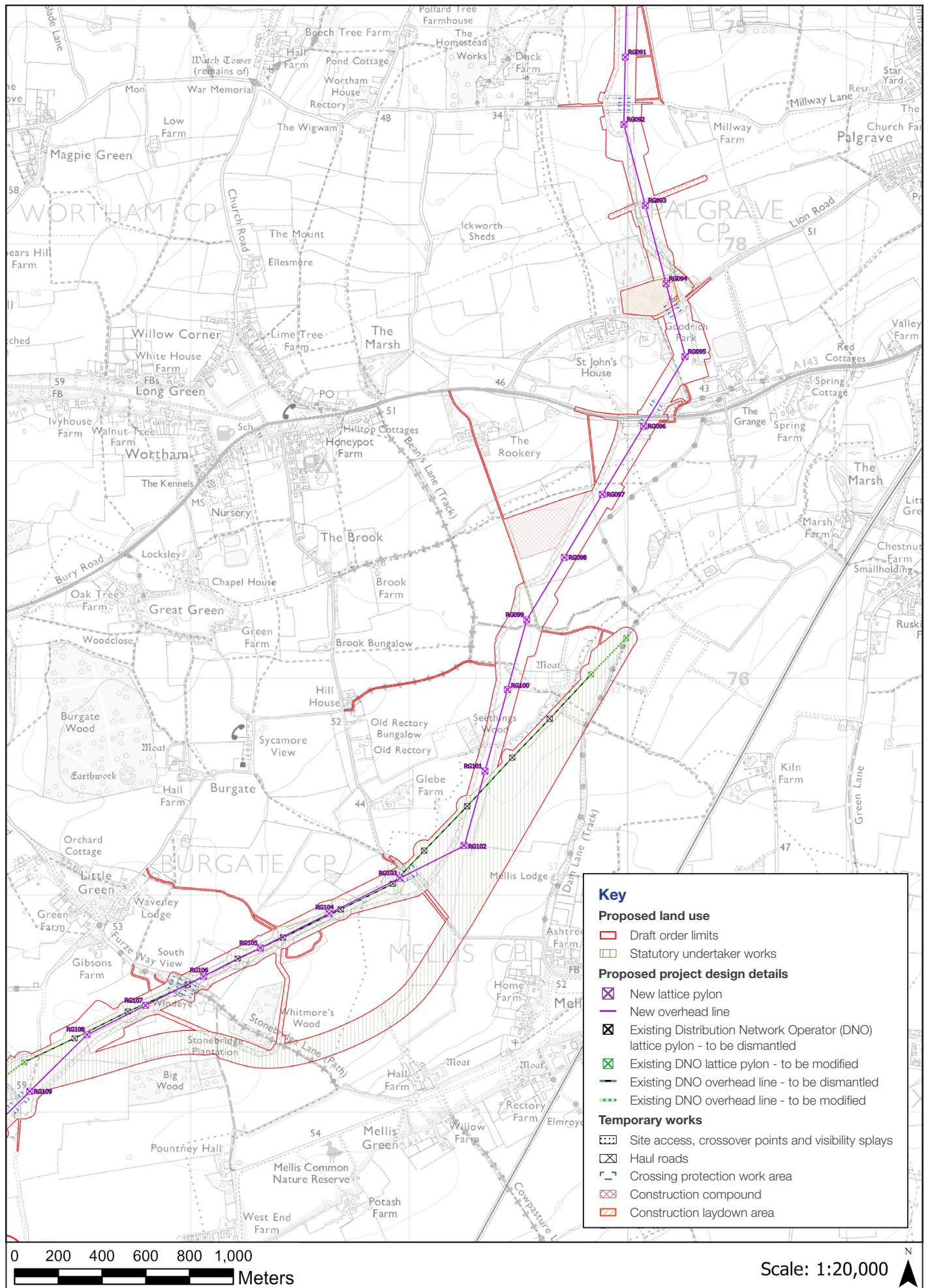
replacing it with underground cable (with the total length of underground cable increased to around 5 km in this section), routed where possible to follow field boundaries. This would allow pylons RG95 to RG101 to more closely follow the alignment of the existing 132 kV line. This would reduce visual impact through positioning of the line using existing trees to screen views. We propose that from RG94 (previously presented during statutory consultation as RG095), the line would go south before turning southwest and following the existing 132kV line alignment before connecting to RG102 at a slightly reduced angle.

This change would reduce visual impact on nearby properties and allow flight activity at the nearby airstrip to continue.

Alongside the alignment shift, the proposed change would also require amendments to temporary and permanent access arrangements along with other minor amendments to the order limits. We are proposing to reposition the temporary construction compound and the associated construction access further north towards the A143.

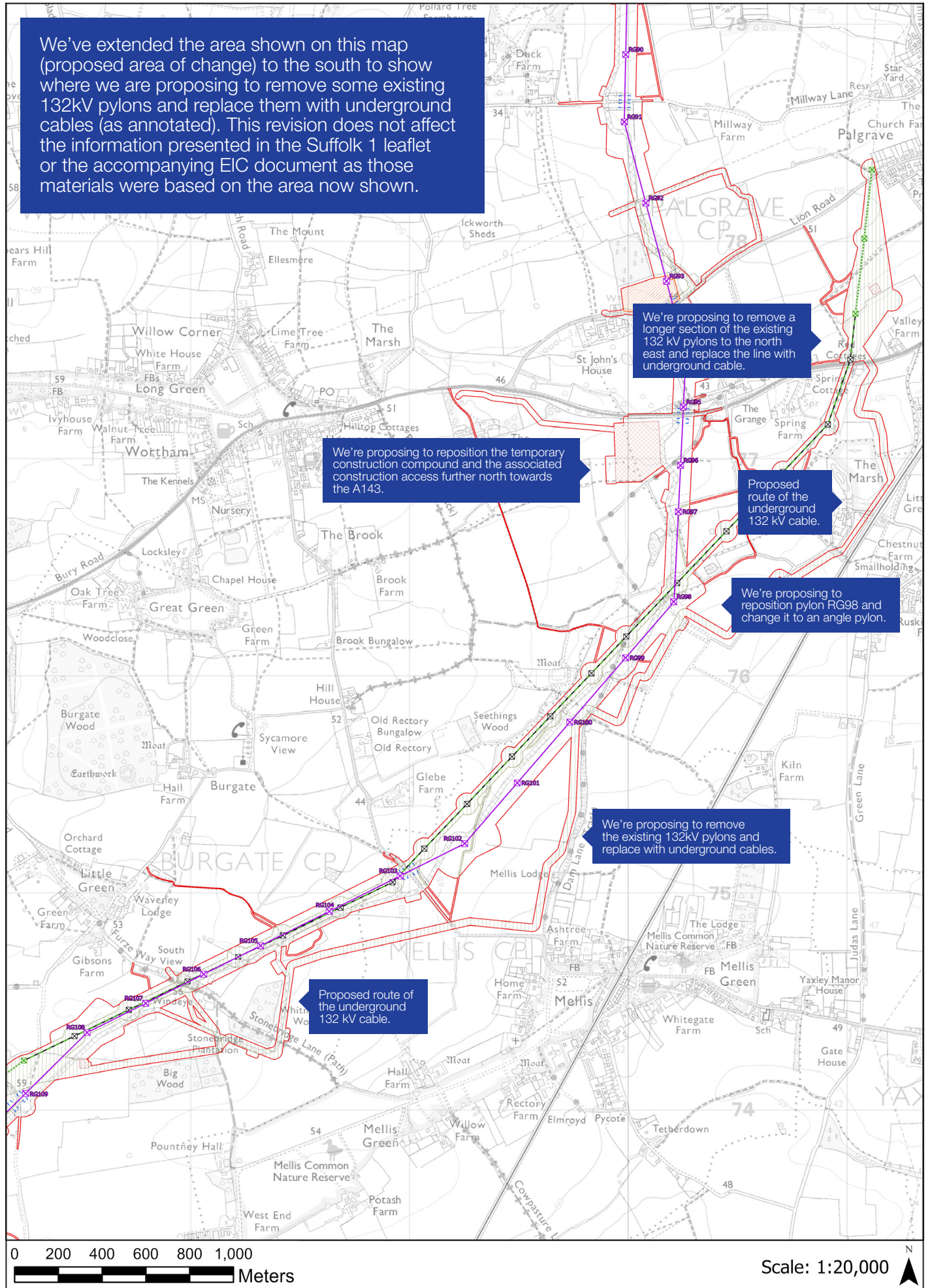
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Alignment presented at the 2024 statutory consultation



Area of proposed change January 2025

We've extended the area shown on this map (proposed area of change) to the south to show where we are proposing to remove some existing 132kV pylons and replace them with underground cables (as annotated). This revision does not affect the information presented in the Suffolk 1 leaflet or the accompanying EIC document as those materials were based on the area now shown.



To accommodate this proposed change in alignment, we are also proposing to move the haul road and the bellmouths - where project traffic would cross public highways or enter the project site. We're now proposing to reposition the bellmouth that would cross the A143 Old Bury Road to the east of its previously proposed location.

The temporary construction compound for undergrounding the UK Power Networks (UKPN) line would be accessed via the A143 Old Bury Road (identified as Primary Access Routes H05-A2 and H06-A1 in the previous statutory consultation).

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 1a**, 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 10 March 2025**.

If you have any comments regarding this proposed change, you can provide feedback by using the location reference **Suffolk 1a**.

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 10 March 2025**.

Contact us

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

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