

The Great Grid Upgrade

Norwich to Tilbury

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Targeted consultation

Location reference: [Essex 1](#)

12 noon 25 February 2025 to 11:59 pm 27 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 25 February and 27 March 2025 and we welcome your feedback.

What we are proposing to change in your area and why

We are proposing to reposition the underground cable route near Langham to the west of the previous alignment proposed at statutory consultation in summer 2024. You can see both the alignment presented at our statutory consultation and our proposed changes on the maps overleaf.

We are proposing this change in response to consultation feedback which asked us to consider:

- reducing impact on areas of mature woodland and the associated protected species
- minimising impact on rural business activities
- avoiding the removal of trees along tree lined access roads where practicable.

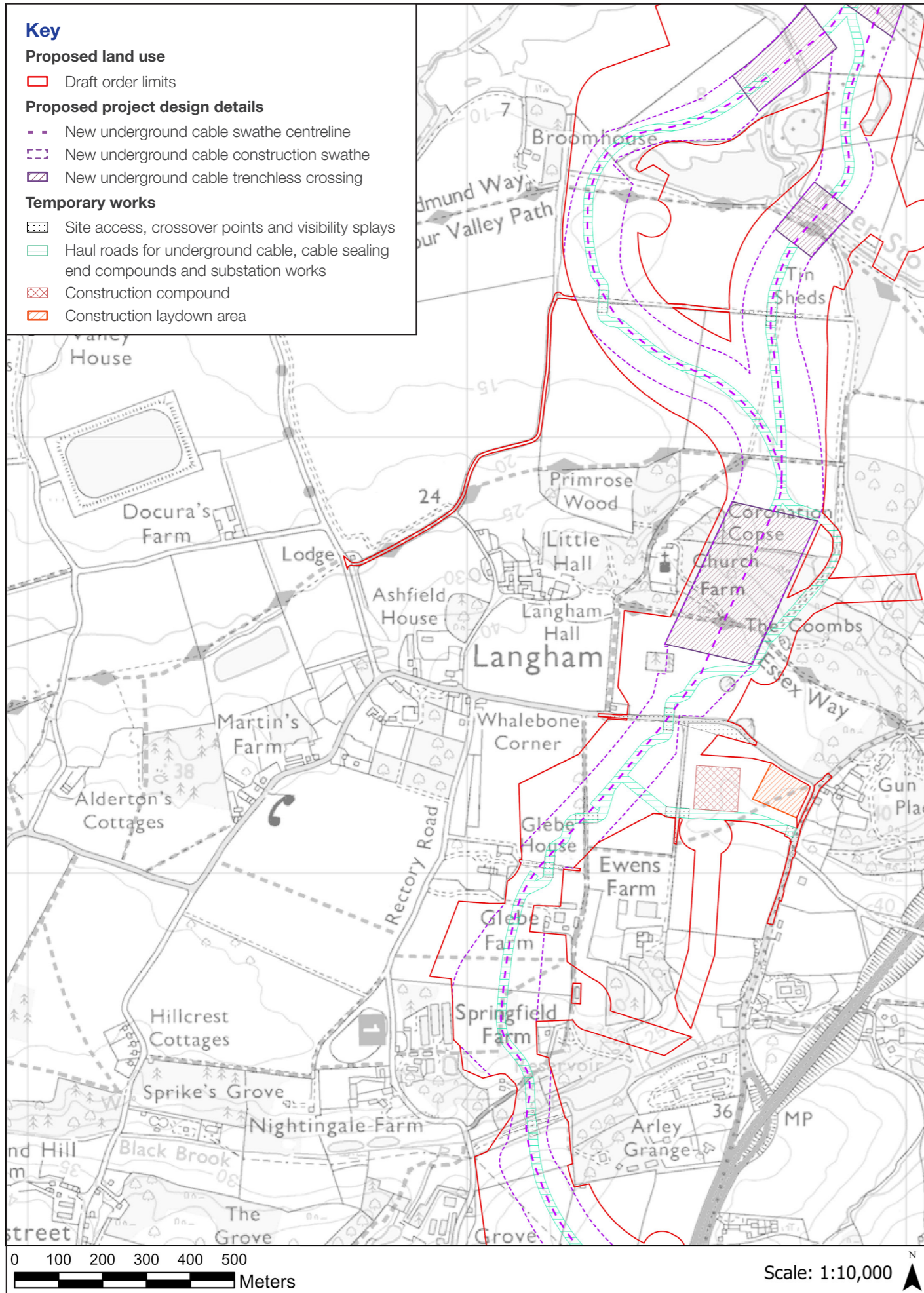
The proposed alignment would divert west after crossing the River Stour, avoiding parts of the Langham Hall Estate, and continue southwest before turning southeast near Alderton's Cottages and rejoining the route presented at statutory consultation in summer 2024 to the north of Black Brook.

The proposed change would remove the need for one section of trenchless crossing near Langham Church, reduce disturbance to wildlife and mature woodland, and would reduce tree removal along a number of tree lined avenues.

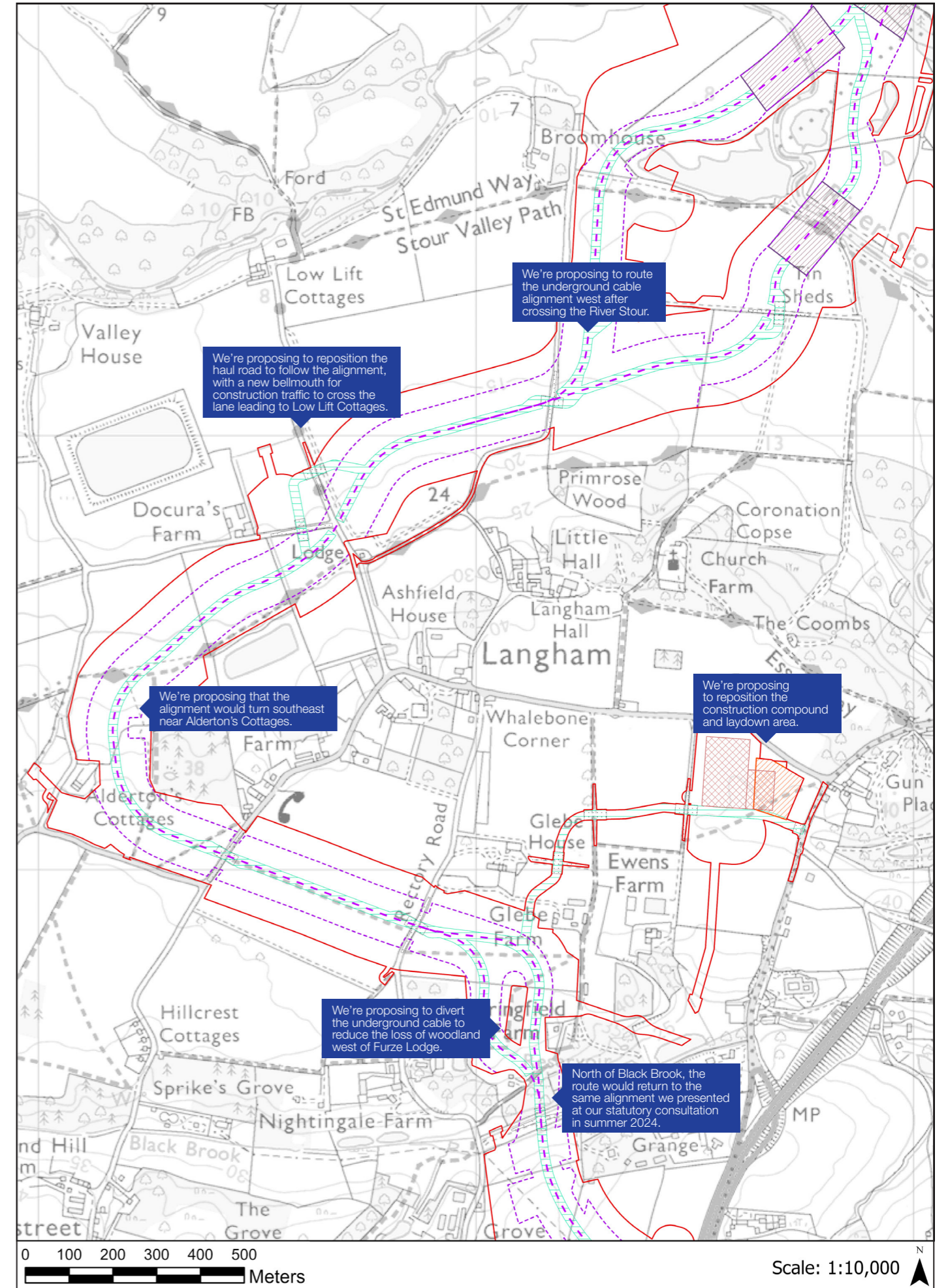
To accommodate the change, we are also proposing to reposition the haul road and the bellmouths, where project traffic would cross public highways or enter the project site, from the locations presented at statutory consultation in summer 2024. The haul road would follow the new proposed alignment, with project traffic crossing the unnamed track northwest of Whalebone Corner. The haul road and bellmouths associated with the compound west of Ipswich Road would remain as presented previously.

We are also proposing other minor amendments to the order limits as well as repositioning the temporary construction compound and laydown area.

Alignment presented at the 2024 statutory consultation



Area of proposed change February 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 **Essex 1**, 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 25 February 2025 to 27 March 2025**.

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

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 **17 March 2025 at 6:00 pm** and **18 March 2025 at 12 noon**.

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

- Essex – 17 March 2025 at 6:00 pm
- Essex and Thurrock – 18 March 2025 at 12 noon
- Thurrock – 18 March 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 27 March 2025.

Contact us

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

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