

# You Said and We Did

Yorkshire Green Energy  
Enablement (GREEN) Project



## A summary of the key messages we received from the feedback to our non-statutory consultation

We carried out non-statutory consultation between Thursday 11 March and Thursday 15 April 2021. Your responses to our non-statutory consultation have helped us understand your views on Yorkshire GREEN and what is important to you. We have carefully reviewed all of the feedback received and where feasible, reflected your comments within our detailed design.

This document summarises the key points we have picked up from the non-statutory consultation. We have prepared a Non-statutory Consultation Report which sets out the comments we have received and our response to those comments in detail. This report is available to view on our website [nationalgrid.com/yorkshire-green](https://nationalgrid.com/yorkshire-green).

### You said

“Avoid nature conservation areas such as Overton Wood and Moorlands Nature Reserve”

“Protect the Green Belt”

“Include pictures of relevant infrastructure to help understand what is proposed”

### We did

We have avoided all international, national and local ecological designated sites in our more detailed design which we are consulting on at the statutory consultation stage.

Our network transports energy from where it is generated, often in rural areas, to where it is used, often in urban areas. This is why electricity networks are an established feature in our landscapes, taking energy across open countryside or around towns and cities. Green Belts are located to prevent urban sprawl and by their nature, usually surround large urban areas.

To ensure the national electricity network can transport energy efficiently there are electricity transmission connections crossing some Green Belts.

We looked at many options to address the need for Yorkshire GREEN. The most suitable option is identified in the Options Appraisal and Corridor and Preliminary Routing and Siting Study (the CPRSS).

Yorkshire GREEN utilises large sections of existing infrastructure which is already located in the Green Belt, and as a result we cannot completely avoid the Green Belt around York and Leeds, but we have identified the shortest and most feasible option to minimise effects.

Our statutory consultation booklet provides a number of photographs, maps and plans to illustrate the different types of infrastructure being proposed for Yorkshire GREEN, including illustrative substations, cable sealing end compounds and overhead lines with pylons.

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## You said

## We did

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“Minimise landscape impacts by undergrounding”

We recognise that overhead lines can give rise to adverse landscape and visual effects, and we carefully consider these along with technical requirements and cost when developing our projects. Yorkshire GREEN, the majority of which will involve the refurbishment of an existing overhead line, is proposed to have approximately 7km of new overhead line. This overhead line does not affect any nationally designated landscapes as we seek to avoid these in the first instance. We have carefully considered potential impacts of a new overhead line, and potential mitigation required through careful routeing and screening.

“Maximise the distance of the overhead line from local villages”

We have sought to locate all new infrastructure, including the overhead lines away from built up areas and local villages.

“Please provide more detail on what the proposed development is, and where it will be located”

We recognise that the non-statutory consultation provided broad areas for the proposed new infrastructure for Yorkshire GREEN. Based on the responses we have received from consultation, technical and environmental consultants, consultees and the wider public, we are now in a position to share with you the more detailed design that has been developed to date. This is set out in our proposals during the statutory consultation.

“Ensure PRow, cycle routes and routes used by horse riders are kept safe and accessible”

We understand the importance of the public right of way network and the rural roads around the area used by cyclists and other users. We will be preparing a number of management plans (including a traffic management plan, and a construction environmental management plan) to ensure access for all road users continues throughout the construction works. We don't anticipate any permanent impacts on these routes.

“There is flood risk in localised areas”

We understand the issues around flooding in the local area, and are in contact with the Environment Agency to obtain up to date data to help inform our design and any mitigation requirements. Construction works associated with Yorkshire GREEN will avoid areas prone to flooding, and the design works being carried out will take account of any flood risk management requirements.

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In addition to the comments received above, we understand from the non-statutory consultation responses received that:

- People generally supported Corridor B.
- There was more support for Option 1 for the routeing of the new 275kV overhead line, than Option 2.
- On the whole, people were supportive of the preferred location of the substation in the north west of York (Overton Substation).
- People were generally supportive of the preferred locations of the cable sealing end compounds.

Our statutory consultation runs between **Thursday 28 October** and **Thursday 9 December 2021**.

The statutory consultation will present more details in terms of the design of Yorkshire GREEN including the proposed areas for new infrastructure and areas where we need to replace or upgrade existing infrastructure.

Further details are available on our website at: [nationalgrid.com/yorkshire-green](https://nationalgrid.com/yorkshire-green).

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