

Last week to give views on Viking Link cable project

Public consultation closes on 14 October 2016

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- **People urged to have their say on cable routes and converter station sites**

There is only one week left for the public to have their say on routes for a proposed underground and undersea electricity cable between Denmark and Lincolnshire.

National Grid Viking Link Ltd (NGVL) is reminding people that they have until 14 October to give their views on potential options for a route to take two underground cables between the landing point on the coast to the preferred converter station site at North Ing Drove, near Bicker Fen.

NGVL is also asking for thoughts on the potential design of the converter station. The converter station is an essential piece of electrical infrastructure.

In September 2016, NGVL launched a six-week public consultation. The consultation has included 10 public consultation events across the area attended by local residents, landowners, farmers, and others affected by the project.

National Grid Viking Link project director, Oliver Wood, said: "We are grateful to all those who have already responded to the consultation. Your feedback will be important in helping us to decide a route for the DC cables and your comments on the potential design for the converter station will be useful in helping us develop our proposals for the building."

Mr. Wood added: "Local opinion is important to us. Feedback received during our phase 1 consultation earlier in the year has already influenced our decisions on our preferred locations for a landfall point and converter station."

There are many ways to respond to the consultation. Log on to the web site www.viking-link.com where you can either complete and submit an online feedback form or download the form, complete and send via email to vikinglink@communityrelations.co.uk. You can also contact the Community Relations Team on 0800 377 7340 (phone lines are operational between 9am and 5.30pm, Mondays to Fridays – excluding bank holidays. A voicemail recorder is available outside these times), or send them an email at vikinglink@communityrelations.co.uk, or write to the team at the freepost address: FREEPOST VIKING LINK.

After 14 October 2016, National Grid Viking Link Ltd will review all comments received to see if there are any issues they should consider when deciding the preferred corridor for the high voltage direct current (DC) cables and converter station design.

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An interconnector allows countries to exchange power, helping to ensure safe, secure and affordable energy supplies.

An interconnector is made up of two converter stations – one in each country – connected by cables. Converter stations convert electricity between Alternating Current (AC) and Direct Current (DC). AC is used on land, to power our homes, businesses and services, while DC is used for sending electricity along the high voltage subsea cables.

Viking Link is a proposed 1400 Mega Watt, high voltage DC electricity link between the British and Danish electricity transmission networks, connecting at Bicker Fen substation in Lincolnshire and Revsing in Denmark. The project will involve building a converter station in each country and installing subsea and underground cables between the two converter stations. Underground cables would then take power from the converter stations to electricity substations in each country, from where the electricity can be transmitted to homes and businesses across each country.

The Viking Link interconnector project is being jointly developed by National Grid Viking Link Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Grid Group, and Energinet.dk, which owns, operates and develops the Danish electricity and gas transmission systems.

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