

A young person with dark curly hair, wearing a white t-shirt and dark shorts, is hiking on a dirt path in a lush green forest. They are wearing a black backpack and looking upwards with a thoughtful expression. Another person is partially visible behind them on the path. The background is filled with tall trees and dense foliage.

# Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) Project

Statement of Community Consultation

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of the document

- 1.1.1 This document is a Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) which sets out how National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“NGET”) intends to consult people ahead of its application for development consent for the Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) Project (hereinafter referred to as “Yorkshire GREEN” or the “Project”). The Project proposes to provide a new link on the transmission system by upgrading and reinforcing the electricity transmission system in Yorkshire.
- 1.1.2 The Project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and requires consent from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (the “SoS”), via a Development Consent Order (“DCO”). This document has been prepared pursuant to section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”) and regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.
- 1.1.3 In developing the SoCC, we consulted with and had regard to comments from the following local planning authorities:
- Selby District Council
  - City of York Council
  - Harrogate Borough Council
  - Hambleton District Council
  - Leeds City Council
  - North Yorkshire County Council.

## 1.2 Nationally Significantly Infrastructure Projects

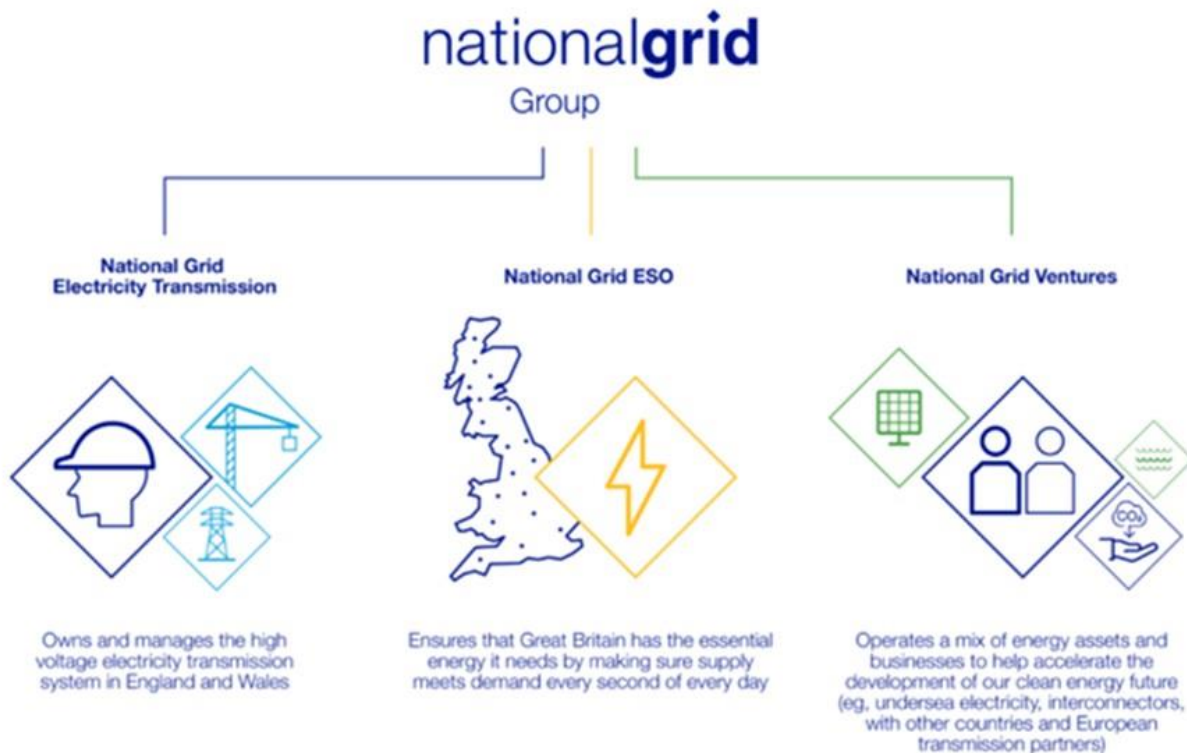
- 1.2.1 The Project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under Part 14(1)(b) of the Act because it comprises new overhead electricity transmission connections of more than 2km, with an operating voltage of above 132kV. NGET intends to submit an application for a DCO under Section 37 of the Act to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 1.2.2 The application for development consent will be submitted to, and examined by, the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS. The Planning Inspectorate will provide a recommendation to the SoS, who will ultimately decide whether to grant development consent for our Project.
- 1.2.3 Before submitting an application, the Act requires us to carry out consultation with people living in the vicinity of the land and prescribed stakeholders.
- 1.2.4 Early involvement of communities, local authorities and other stakeholders helps to ensure we identify valuable information about the potential effects of the Yorkshire GREEN Project, where feedback from stakeholders can help shape the Project’s development.

- 1.2.5 Early involvement also ensures that potential mitigation measures can be considered and, where appropriate, built into our designs before an application for development consent is submitted.

## 1.3 About National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET)

- 1.3.1 NGET sits at the heart of Great Britain’s energy system, connecting millions of people and businesses to the energy they use every day. We bring energy to life: in the heat, light, and power we bring to our customer’s homes and businesses; in the way that we support our communities and help them to grow; and in the way we show up in the world. It is our vision to be at the heart of a clean, fair, and affordable energy future.
- 1.3.2 Within the National Grid Group there are distinctly separate legal entities, each with their individual responsibilities and roles (see Figure 1.1 below). Yorkshire GREEN is being promoted by NGET.
- 1.3.3 **NGET** holds the transmission licence for England and Wales under the Electricity Act 1989 (the “Electricity Act”). This means NGET must ‘develop transmission network proposals in an efficient, coordinated and economical way, whilst minimising effects on people and places.’
- 1.3.4 NGET owns, builds, and maintains the infrastructure – overhead lines, buried cables and substations as a few examples – to allow power to move around the country.
- 1.3.5 **National Grid Electricity System Operator (“NGESO”)** controls the movement of electricity around the country, transporting power from generators (such as wind farms) to local distribution network operators, such as Northern Powergrid, ensuring that supply meets demand.
- 1.3.6 Both NGET and NGESO are licensed by the UK Government as electricity transmission companies, and are regulated by Ofgem, which sets price controls and monitors how the companies develop and operate their networks on behalf of consumers.
- 1.3.7 **National Grid Ventures** sits outside the core regulated businesses, investing in technologies and partnerships that help accelerate our move to a clean energy future. This includes interconnectors; connecting the UK with countries across the North Sea, allowing trade between energy markets and efficient use of renewable energy resources.

Figure 1.1 – Structure of National Grid Group of companies



1.3.8 NGET has a statutory duty to develop and maintain an efficient, coordinated, and economical system of electricity transmission under the Electricity Act. This includes a statutory obligation to offer to connect any new generating stations or interconnectors applying to connect to the transmission system.

1.3.9 NGET is also required, under Section 38 of the Electricity Act 1989, to comply with the provisions of Schedule 9 of the Act. Schedule 9 requires licence holders, in the formulation of proposals to transmit electricity, to preserve amenity, as outlined below.

*Schedule 9(1)(a) ‘...have regard to the desirability of preserving natural beauty, of conserving flora, fauna and geological or physiographical features of special interest and of protecting sites, buildings and objects of architectural, historic or archaeological interest;’ and*

*Schedule 9(1)(b) ‘...do what [it] reasonably can to mitigate any effect which the proposals would have on the natural beauty of the countryside or on any such flora, fauna, features, sites, buildings or objects.’*

1.3.10 How we set out to meet these environmental responsibilities and our commitments relating to engagement and consultation about proposals, is explained in our [Stakeholder, Community and Amenity Policy](#).

## 2. Project timeline

### 2.1 The Project

- 2.1.1 Yorkshire GREEN is a proposal by NGET to provide a new link on the transmission system by upgrading and reinforcing the electricity transmission system in Yorkshire.
- 2.1.2 The Project would include the construction of new infrastructure to reinforce the system to increase the capacity of the transmission network in this area. Work proposed includes approximately 7km of new overhead lines, underground cables, two substations, and cable sealing end compounds that link up two existing overhead lines.
- 2.1.3 The Project would also include upgrading works to existing infrastructure, including reconductoring (the replacement of wires on an existing transmission line), steelwork strengthening and replacement of some existing pylons along the 275kV Poppleton to Monk Fryston (XC/XCP) overhead line.
- 2.1.4 The Project also involves carrying out additional works at the Osbaldwick Substation.

### 2.2 Project Need

- 2.2.1 The increase in renewable energy generation, in line with the Government's Net Zero legislative agenda<sup>1</sup>, is driving a need to expand the capacity of National Grid's transmission system.
- 2.2.2 With increasing power flows set to double within the next ten years as a result of offshore wind, and other sources of green energy and expanding interconnection capacity in both Scotland and north east England, the Project would contribute towards strengthening the national electricity transmission network so that it can accommodate this growth.
- 2.2.3 Reinforcement would ensure that the network is not overwhelmed and would ensure that pressure is relieved in the north and north-east of England, while balancing supply and demand. Without additional reinforcement, the existing transmission system would become overloaded.
- 2.2.4 As a result, it is necessary and economical to invest in network reinforcement in the long term, and critically to ensure that the Project is operational by 2027. This would enable an increase in clean power transfers, relieving network congestion and avoiding constraint costs which are likely to come into play at the end of 2027 from projects connecting to the network at that time.
- 2.2.5 These projects include Scotland England Green Link ("SEGL"), a 2GW offshore link from Torness in East Lothian to Hawthorn Pit in County Durham; Continental Link Multi-Purpose Interconnector; Atlantic Superconnection, a 1GW interconnector (with Iceland) at Creyke Beck near Hull; and Hornsea Project Four, a 2.6GW offshore wind farm at Creyke Beck near Hull.

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<sup>1</sup> Energy white paper: Powering our net zero future (updated December 2020). Available at: [Energy white paper: Powering our net zero future \(accessible HTML version\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/921210/energy-white-paper-powering-our-net-zero-future-accessible-html-version.pdf)

## 2.3 Approach to consultation

- 2.3.1 NGET is committed to engaging and consulting with communities and stakeholders at an early stage of the Project, giving people the opportunity to provide feedback and insight at a formative stage ahead of more detailed design work being carried out.
- 2.3.2 NGET's approach to engagement for Yorkshire GREEN is to carry out two phases of consultation. Phase one, referred to as 'non-statutory' consultation, was held between Thursday 11 March and Thursday 15 April 2021. This will be followed by phase two (statutory consultation), as set out in Section 3.
- 2.3.3 The approach to both non-statutory and statutory consultation is guided by the requirements of the Planning Act 2008<sup>2</sup> and the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Guidance<sup>3</sup>.
- 2.3.4 During the non-statutory consultation, NGET sought to identify and understand the views and opinions of all the stakeholders and communities who may be affected by the works. NGET consulted with stakeholders at an early stage to ensure technical advice and local knowledge was taken into account in the early development of the Project. These stakeholders included local councils, elected representatives, local residents, hard-to-reach groups, and local interest groups.
- 2.3.5 An interim consultation feedback report has been produced to present the results of the non-statutory consultation and will be made available at the start of the statutory consultation period.
- 2.3.6 NGET implemented a digital-first approach to consultation to ensure that the Project proposals could be viewed online, and feedback provided through a comprehensive Project website. Non-digital methods were also utilised to provide alternative means for consultees to engage with the Project, including providing a hard copy version of all materials on request and enabling consultees to provide feedback verbally and in writing.
- 2.3.7 Following this period of non-statutory consultation, NGET is committed to continuing engagement with stakeholders ahead of the statutory consultation. Methods used to raise further awareness of the Project ahead of the statutory consultation period include:
- Issuing an interim newsletter to all addresses within the core consultation zone, providing an update following the non-statutory consultation (issued August 2021);
  - Offering to brief and update elected representatives, local interest groups, and hard to reach groups about the current status of the Project, plans for the forthcoming statutory consultation, and how people can get involved;
  - Outreach to hard to reach groups to ensure that they are aware of the Project and are receiving information in an appropriate format ahead of the statutory consultation; and

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<sup>2</sup> HMSO (2008) Planning Act 2008. Available at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/contents> [last accessed: 20/05/2021]

<sup>3</sup> Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Guidance. Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/department-for-communities-and-local-government-appraisal-guide> [last accessed: 20/05/2021]



- Providing regular updates to the Project website when new information is available, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (“PEIR”).

2.3.8 A more detailed overview of methods to raise awareness of the consultation is provided in Section 3.4.

## 2.4 Project Timeline

2.4.1 Yorkshire GREEN is currently in the pre-application stage of the national infrastructure planning process. Table 2.1 sets out the timeline for each stage of the Project and indicative dates from pre-application consultation through to construction.

Table 2.1 – Project timeline

Time	Stage
March–April 2021	<b>Non-statutory Consultation</b> – We held a period of non-statutory consultation, between Thursday 11 March 2021 and Thursday 15 April 2021, on the draft proposals.
May–June 2021	<b>Consideration of non-statutory feedback</b> – We reviewed and had regard to the feedback received from the non-statutory consultation to inform the draft design of the Project.
October–December 2021	<b>Statutory Consultation</b> – We will consult the public and statutory consultees (as outlined in sections 42 and 47 of the Act) on the draft proposals.
December 2021–Winter 2022	<b>Consideration of feedback</b> – We will review and have regard to the feedback received from the statutory consultation and finalise the proposed design. We will also continue engagement with stakeholders prior to submission of our DCO application.
Winter 2022	<b>Application submission</b> – We plan to submit our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate in winter 2022. The Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the SoS, has up to 28 days to decide whether or not the application meets the standards required to be accepted for examination.
Winter 2022–Winter/Spring 2023	<b>Examination</b> – If the application is accepted, it will go through a six-month examination period. Prior to this period, stakeholders can register with the Planning Inspectorate to become an Interested Party by making a Relevant Representation.  Interested Parties are invited to provide more details of their views in writing during this phase. Careful consideration is given by the Examining Authority, including to all relevant representations, and supporting evidence.

Time	Stage
Winter/Spring 2023	<p><b>Recommendation and Decision</b> – The Planning Inspectorate must prepare a report on the application to the SoS, including a recommendation, within three months of the close of Examination. The SoS has a further three months to make a decision on whether to grant or refuse development consent.</p>
2024–2027	<p><b>Post-decision</b> – Once a decision has been issued by the SoS, there is a six-week period in which the decision may be challenged in the High Court, known as Judicial Review. If granted development consent, construction could begin in 2024 and be completed by 2028.</p>

# 3. Consulting on the proposed application

## 3.1 When will the consultation take place?

3.1.1 The statutory consultation will run for six weeks, between **Thursday 28 October** and **Thursday 9 December 2021**. All responses to the consultation must be received by 11:59pm on Thursday 9 December 2021.

## 3.2 What proposals will be consulted on?

3.2.1 The Project comprises a major reinforcement and upgrade of the Electricity Transmission System in Yorkshire and is illustrated in Figure 3.1. This figure shows the geographical extent of the Project, including the locations where new infrastructure is proposed and existing National Grid infrastructure, including:

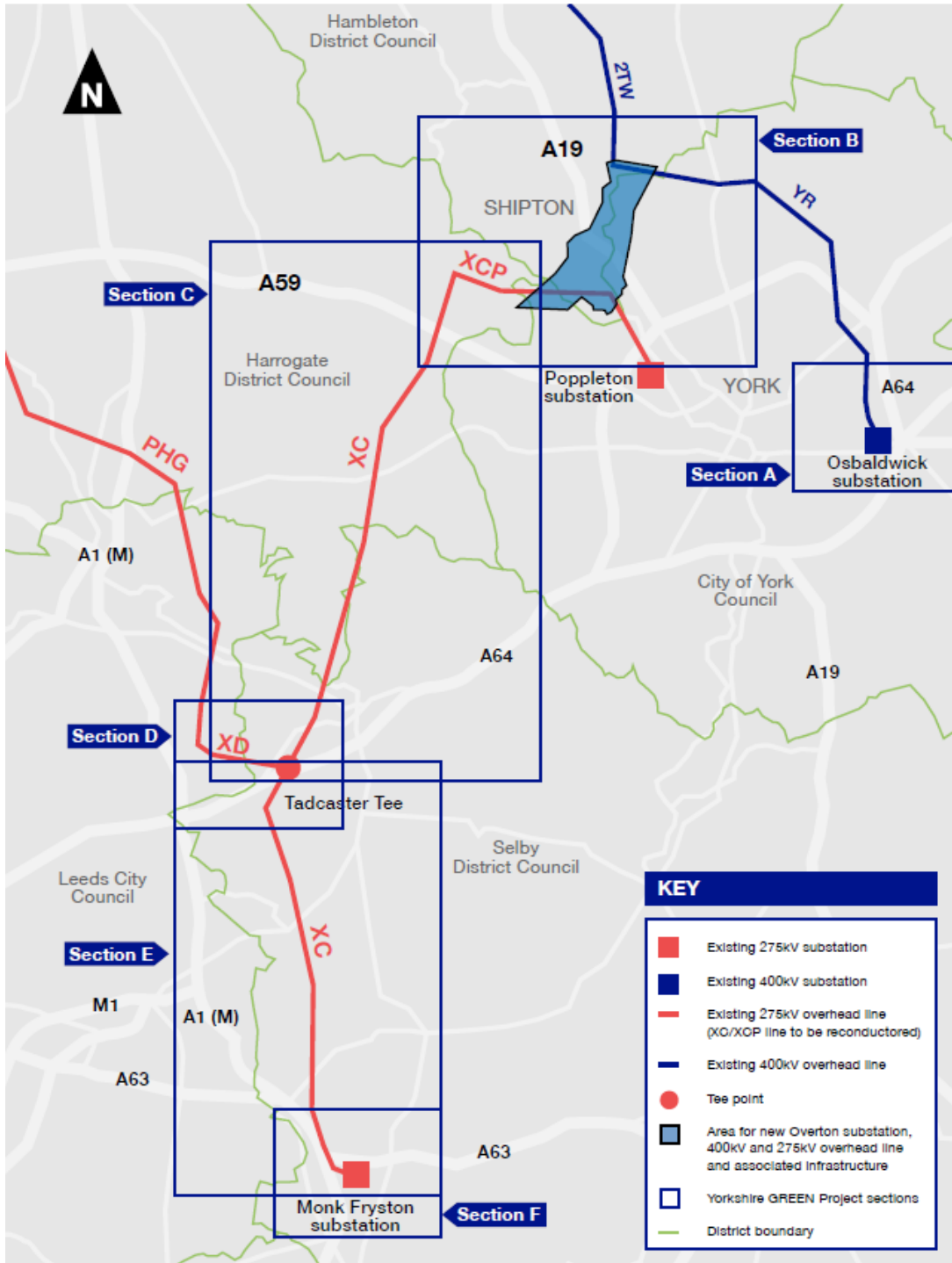
- the 275kV overhead line running between Poppleton and Knaresborough (XD/XC)
- the 275kV overhead line running between Monk Fryston and Poppleton (XC/XCP)
- the 275kV overhead line running between Tadcaster Tee and Knaresborough (XD/PHG)
- the 400kV overhead line running between Norton and Osbaldwick (2TW/YR).

3.2.2 Overall location plans will be used to describe sections of the Project and will be provided during the statutory consultation (split into sections 'A-F').

3.2.3 We will consult on all aspects of the proposed development for the Project, including:

- Proposals in the north-west of York, including the location of two 400kV cable sealing end compounds and underground cables, a new 400kV overhead line, a 275kV substation (called 'Overton substation'), and two 275kV overhead lines.
- Proposals in the Tadcaster area, including the location of two 275kV cable sealing end compounds and underground cables, replacement of an existing pylon, and two temporary construction compounds.
- Proposals in the Monk Fryston area, including the location of a 400kV substation and reconfiguration of the existing 275kV and 400kV overhead lines.
- Proposed replacement and re-alignment of approximately 2.8km of the existing XCP overhead line route, along with additional reconductoring works.
- Likely environmental effects arising from the Project.
- Proposed environmental mitigation.

Figure 3.1 – Proposed Project



3.2.4 The Project is an ‘environmental impact assessment development’ under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Therefore we will also consult on preliminary environmental information as part of this consultation. We will make the full PEIR available on the Project website during statutory consultation, as well as a non-technical summary of the PEIR. We will seek views on the information in those documents.



### 3.3 Who will be consulted?

- 3.3.1 Under section 47 of the Act, we have a duty to consult people living in the vicinity of the land, i.e. the local community. Working with Selby District Council, City of York Council, Harrogate Borough Council, Hambleton District Council, Leeds City Council and North Yorkshire County Council, we have developed a core consultation zone for the distribution of our consultation materials, as shown in Appendix A.
- 3.3.2 The core consultation zone includes a 2km buffer either side of the Project's red line boundary (representing the anticipated maximum extent of land in which the Project may take place). This zone amounts to approximately 16,900 addresses.
- 3.3.3 An additional consultation zone has been developed to incorporate the closest areas to the proposed development at the existing Osbaldwick substation. Given that the works at this location would be primarily limited to the operational boundary of the substation, it was not considered proportionate to extend the core consultation zone to 1km in this location.
- 3.3.4 An additional wider consultation zone has been developed, comprising a 5km buffer around the red line boundary, whereby wider publicity of the Project will take place., including the methods set out in Section 3.5.
- 3.3.5 Communities within the core consultation zone and wider consultation zone will be notified about the consultation via methods outlined in Section 3.4.
- 3.3.6 We will also consult the following groups and individuals:
- Parish councils representing parishes within the core consultation zone;
  - Relevant host and neighbouring local authorities defined under section 43 of the Act, as listed in Appendix B;
  - Ward councillors and relevant council representatives within the core consultation zone;
  - Members of Parliament ("MPs") representing constituencies within the core and wider consultation zones;
  - Hard-to-reach groups within the core and wider consultation zone who have been drawn to our attention, representing people who are unlikely to respond to traditional consultation techniques and may need additional support to access materials; and
  - Local interest groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups with particular specialisms, such as local heritage or wildlife within the core and wider consultation zone, or who have been in touch through consultation and engagement to date.
- 3.3.7 In addition to the local community, we will consult prescribed bodies and local authorities under section 42(1)(a), (b) and section 43 of the Act. We will also consult Persons with an Interest in Land ("PILs") under sections 42(1)(d) and section 44 of the Act.

### 3.4 How will we consult?

- 3.4.1 As part of NGET's programme of consultation and engagement, we will promote the forthcoming statutory consultation through an initial awareness campaign. We will notify

stakeholders, landowners, and members of the local community in the core and wider consultation zones in advance of the upcoming consultation and include details of how to get involved. Details of this can be found in Section 3.5.

- 3.4.2 NGET will undertake a digital-led consultation, to ensure the consultation is inclusive and accessible for all stakeholder audiences. This approach also ensures that the consultation is able to go ahead and is not affected by any potential future restrictions and Government health guidance relating to COVID-19. In addition to making information available online, NGET will host a series of online consultation webinars to provide a platform for people to speak with members of the Project team to help inform their consultation response.
- 3.4.3 Alongside the digital-first approach to consultation, non-digital methods of consultation will also be used to provide alternative means for consultees to engage with the Project. We will continue to use non-digital methods where practicable to do so in line with government health guidance relating to COVID-19. A proposed schedule for these methods, including holding face-to-face consultation events, is set out in Table 3.1 below. However, NGET will reserve the right to cancel face-to-face engagement in the interests of safety, should that be required. The digital-first approach will meet the requirements for the statutory consultation. Any face-to-face events may be re-arranged to webinars should that be necessary.

Table 3.1 – Consultation activities

Method	Detail
Consultation events	<p>We are holding a series of face-to-face consultation events at suitable, publicly accessible venues located within the core and wider consultation zones. Events will be held in line with Government guidelines surrounding COVID-19 and we reserve the right to cancel the events should this guidance change.</p> <p>Our consultation events will take place as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Riley-Smith Hall, 28 Westgate, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire LS24 9AB on Monday 1 November 2021 from 3pm to 7:30pm</li> <li>• Old Girls' School Community Centre, 18 Kirkgate, Sherburn in Elmet, Leeds, LS25 6BL on Wednesday 3 November 2021 from 3pm to 7:30pm</li> <li>• Skelton Village Hall, 1 Brecksfield, Skelton, York, YO30 1YB on Friday 12 November 2021 from 3pm to 7:30pm</li> <li>• Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Centre, Old Vicarage Lane, Monk Fryston, Leeds, LS25 5EA on Saturday 13 November 2021 from 12pm to 4:30pm</li> </ul> <p>Printed copies of the consultation materials, including the PEIR, will be made available at consultation events, where attendees can review and take away hardcopy materials, request copies to be sent by post, or access the material in a digital format. Note that the PEIR (excluding the NTS) will not be available to take away, but a hard copy can be requested for a charge of £0.35 per page to cover printing and posting</p>

Method	Detail
Live question and answer (Q&A) webinars	<p>costs. Attendees will also be able to provide feedback at the consultation events using the feedback questionnaire.</p> <p>Details of where and when the events are taking place will be included on the Project website and in newspaper advertisements, along with a consultation newsletter sent to all stakeholders within the core consultation zone, at the start of the consultation period.</p> <p>Should these events be cancelled or changed, stakeholders will be notified of this in advance. Stakeholders may also wish to contact the Project team in advance of the events to ensure opening and closing times remain correct.</p> <p>We will hold a series of Q&amp;A webinar sessions throughout the consultation period, which can be accessed via an online platform. Attendees will be able to type questions to be answered by members of the Project team throughout the session.</p> <p>These sessions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 30 October from 12:30pm to 1:30pm</li> <li>• Monday 8 November from 6pm to 7pm</li> <li>• Thursday 11 November from 12:30pm to 1:30pm</li> <li>• Tuesday 16 November from 6pm to 7pm</li> <li>• Wednesday 24 November from 1pm to 2pm</li> <li>• Tuesday 30 November from 12pm to 1pm</li> <li>• Tuesday 7 December from 6pm to 7pm</li> </ul> <p>Members of the Project team will be available to answer specific questions throughout the sessions. A pre-recorded presentation will be made available throughout the consultation on the Project website.</p>
Video/telephone call	<p>Members of the public will be able to request a call back from a member of the Project team (subject to availability) by calling 0800 029 4359 or by emailing <a href="mailto:yorkshiregreen@communityrelations.co.uk">yorkshiregreen@communityrelations.co.uk</a>.</p>
Project website	<p>All consultation information will be published on the dedicated consultation website for the Project (<a href="http://www.nationalgrid.com/yorkshire-green">www.nationalgrid.com/yorkshire-green</a>). This includes the consultation leaflet, statutory consultation booklet and feedback questionnaire, along with the PEIR and non-technical summary.</p> <p>Consultation activities, including consultation events, Q&amp;A webinars, and telephone surgeries, will be publicised on the website. The website will meet standards in terms of accessibility and usability, allowing people to submit their comments online via a feedback questionnaire.</p> <p>The website will also facilitate interactive engagement through the inclusion of interactive Project maps, diagrams, and information pages</p>

Method	Detail
	(via an interactive online tool called Participatr). The website, which will be accessible at all times during consultation, will provide an opportunity to provide feedback and raise questions.
Statutory consultation booklet	A non-technical document for the statutory consultation will be made available during the consultation. This booklet will set out the Project information and will be made available on the Project website. Hard copies will also be available at public information points (as listed in Table 3.3) and consultation events.
Community consultation leaflet	Local residents within the core consultation zone will be notified of the start of the consultation through a consultation leaflet, inviting them to get involved in the consultation. The leaflet will also be issued to section 42 consultees and wider consultees via email or post and will be available on the Project website during the consultation period.  The leaflet will set out the Project information, details about the consultation and how to provide feedback, along with a list of engagement activities throughout the consultation period.
Feedback questionnaire	We will provide a feedback questionnaire for anyone wishing to respond to the statutory consultation. The feedback questionnaire will be available online, via the Project website, or in hard copy at the consultation events and public information points. Copies can also be provided on request (and will be returnable free of charge using a Freepost address: FREEPOST YORKSHIRE GREEN CONSULTATION).

3.4.4 We will make the following documents available as part of the consultation:

Table 3.2 – Consultation documents

Document	Detail
Statutory consultation booklet	<p>This document will provide a summary of the Project including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the background to the Project.</li> <li>• information about design changes as a result of the non-statutory consultation.</li> <li>• information about potential benefits and impacts of the proposed Project.</li> <li>• how we propose to mitigate any significant effects; and</li> <li>• signposts for readers to more detailed information reports and how to provide feedback on the Project.</li> </ul> <p>This document will be available online and in hard copy on request, at public information points and at face-to-face events.</p>
Feedback questionnaire	The feedback questionnaire will be available online for people to provide their feedback on specific aspects of the Project. It will also



Document	Detail
	be available in hard copy on request and at face-to-face consultation events.
Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)	The PEIR will contain a description of the Project, and a preliminary assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the Project based on the initial information available at that time. It will also set out how we propose to reduce these effects and how we propose to maximise the benefits of the Project. A non-technical summary (“NTS”) of the PEIR will also be made available. The PEIR and NTS will be available on the Project website. Copies of the NTS will be available to the public at the consultation events for people to take away (subject to availability). Hard copies of the PEIR can be provided on request for a charge of £0.35 per page. to cover printing and postage fees.
Maps of the Project	A series of maps and plans showing the extent of the Project will be made available online and in hard copy at the consultation events for people to view during the consultation period.
A notice of consultation	We will publish a notice with details of the consultation and provide it to statutory consultees as required.
Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)	This SoCC document will be made available online as part of the consultation and in hard copy on request and free of charge.

3.4.5 All consultation documents, as outlined in section 3.4 will be made available to view in the following ways:

Table 3.3 – Methods to make consultation documents available

Document	Detail
Project website	All consultation documents will be published on the dedicated Project website: <a href="http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/yorkshire-green">www.nationalgrid.com/uk/yorkshire-green</a>
Deposit locations	<p>All consultation documents will be hosted on the Project website throughout the consultation period. We will also ask the following local authorities to provide a link to all the consultation documents on their website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selby District Council</li> <li>• City of York Council</li> <li>• Harrogate Borough Council</li> <li>• Hambleton District Council</li> <li>• Leeds City Council</li> <li>• North Yorkshire County Council</li> </ul> <p>Hard copies of selected consultation documents will also be available by request, free of charge. A full copy of the PEIR will be available by</p>

Document	Detail
Public information points	<p data-bbox="443 226 1417 293">request for a charge of £0.35 per page to cover printing and postage costs.</p> <p data-bbox="443 331 1474 488">Subject to COVID-19 restrictions, statutory consultation booklets and feedback questionnaires will be available to pick up at public information points. These will be at locations within the core and wider consultation zones, and are as follows:</p> <ul data-bbox="443 510 1474 1283" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poppleton Library, Main Street, Nether Poppleton, York YO26 6JT</li> <li>• Sherburn &amp; Villages Community Library, Finkle Hill, Sherburn in Elmet, Leeds LS25 6EA</li> <li>• Tadcaster Library, 8 Station Road, Tadcaster LS24 9JG</li> <li>• York Explore Library and Archive, Library Square, Museum Street, York YO1 7DS</li> <li>• Harrogate Library, Victoria Avenue, Harrogate HG1 1EG</li> <li>• Selby Library, 52 Micklegate, Selby YO8 4EQ</li> <li>• Knaresborough Library, 40 Market Place, Knaresborough HG5 8AG</li> <li>• Wetherby Library and Tourist Information, 17 West Gate, Wetherby LS22 6LL</li> <li>• Castleford Forum Library &amp; Museum, Carlton St, Castleford WF10 1BB</li> <li>• Airedale Library, The Airedale Centre, The Square, Castleford WF10 3JJ</li> <li>• Pontefract Library, 28-32 Market Place, Pontefract WF8 1BD</li> <li>• Snaith Library, 27 Market Place, Snaith, Goole DN14 9HE</li> <li>• Clifton Explore Library, Rawcliffe Lane, York YO30 5SJ</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="443 1350 1437 1417">Prior to attending these locations, it is advised that you check opening times.</p> <p data-bbox="443 1440 1474 1552">We will check, by telephone, on a weekly basis that consultation documentation remains at the information points throughout the consultation period.</p> <p data-bbox="443 1574 1406 1686">We will also try to use local and hyperlocal websites to act as public information points, by requesting they host a link to the Yorkshire GREEN Project website. These may include the following:</p> <ul data-bbox="443 1709 1114 1910" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• local authority websites</li> <li>• local library websites</li> <li>• parish websites</li> <li>• popular community magazines/news outlets</li> <li>• MP websites</li> </ul>
Request for documents	<p data-bbox="443 1944 1458 2056">Following the launch of the statutory consultation, people will be able to request hard copies of all consultation documents. The documents that will be made available, on request, free of charge will be the statutory</p>

Document	Detail
	<p>consultation booklet, feedback questionnaire and the non-technical summary of the PEIR.</p> <p>Requests for hard copies of the technical documents (PEIR) will be reviewed on a case by-case basis. To cover printing costs a reasonable copying charge of £0.35 per page will apply to be paid by the recipient to cover printing and postage costs. Requests can be made by contacting us using the details provided in Section 3.10.</p> <p>We will also consider requests for alternative formats of documents, such as translations and large print, on a case-by-case basis to take into account individual circumstances.</p>

### 3.5 Promoting the consultation

- 3.5.1 All residents, local businesses and community organisations within the core consultation zone will be notified of the start of the consultation through a consultation leaflet. A map showing the core consultation zone (approximately 16,900 addresses) can be found in Appendix A.
- 3.5.2 A range of methods will be utilised to promote the consultation, as set out in Table 3.4:

Table 3.4 – Methods to publicise the consultation

Method	Detail
Press releases	<p>Press releases publicising the upcoming consultation and how the community and wider stakeholders can get involved will be issued ahead of the consultation. The distribution list will include the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selby Times</li> <li>• Wakefield Express</li> <li>• Harrogate Advertiser, Knaresborough Post, Ripon Gazette and Wetherby News</li> <li>• Yorkshire Post</li> <li>• The Pontefract &amp; Castleford Express</li> <li>• Easingwold Advertiser</li> <li>• Northern Echo</li> <li>• Stockton Times</li> <li>• The York Press</li> </ul>
Newspaper advertisements	<p>Two rounds of newspaper advertisements will be undertaken before and during the consultation. Advertisements will provide details of the consultation, where more information can be found, how to respond, and the dates of the engagement activities.</p>

Method	Detail
	<p>Advertisements will be placed in both print and digital publications to ensure wider coverage within and beyond the core and wider consultation zones. The publications could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selby Times (print only)</li> <li>• Wakefield Express (print and digital)</li> <li>• Harrogate Advertiser, Knaresborough Post, Ripon Gazette and Wetherby News (print and digital)</li> <li>• Yorkshire Post (print and digital)</li> <li>• The Pontefract &amp; Castleford Express (print and digital)</li> <li>• Easingwold Advertiser (print only)</li> <li>• Northern Echo (print and digital)</li> <li>• Stockton Times (print and digital)</li> <li>• The York Press (print and digital)</li> </ul>
Emails and letters	<p>We will send either emails or hard copy letters about the consultation and how to get involved to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• host constituency and neighbouring constituency area MPs</li> <li>• elected representatives at Selby District Council, City of York Council, Harrogate Borough Council, Hambleton District Council, Leeds City Council, and North Yorkshire County Council.</li> <li>• host parish councils;</li> <li>• neighbouring local authorities; and</li> <li>• neighbouring parish councils.</li> </ul>
Statutory notices	<p>Statutory notices to publicise the consultation and the SoCC will be published as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• publicising the consultation – once in a national newspaper and the London Gazette and twice in local circulating newspapers; and</li> <li>• publicising the SoCC – once in local circulating newspaper(s).</li> </ul>
Information posters	<p>Posters including details of the consultation, how to access Project information, and how to get involved, will be displayed at well-used public locations within the core and wider consultation zone, subject to permission.</p>
Social media	<p>We will promote the consultation on National Grid UK’s Twitter and Facebook account, @NationalGridUK. Consultation feedback will not be accepted through social media channels.</p>

3.5.3 Any activity(ies) that cannot be undertaken due to circumstances beyond our control, where possible, will be substituted with similar activity(ies) and advertised in local newspapers (via press release) circulating in the vicinity of the Project. Any activity changes will also be published on the Project website and on National Grid UK’s Twitter and Facebook accounts @NationalGridUK.



## 3.6 Wider engagement

- 3.6.1 Ongoing engagement with relevant stakeholders will be undertaken ahead of the launch of the consultation, including local authorities, MPs, the Environment Agency, Natural England, and Historic England (where possible) and with local interest groups, residents, and landowners who get in touch.
- 3.6.2 All local and parish councillors, elected members for county, district/borough, and unitary wards; and MPs will be contacted at the launch of the consultation and will be kept informed about the Project. They will also be encouraged to share information about the consultation with members of their constituency/ local community.

## 3.7 Hard-to-reach groups

- 3.7.1 We want to ensure that all our engagement and consultation is inclusive, and we want to reach those who otherwise may not engage with us. Hard-to-reach groups are defined as being inaccessible to most traditional and conventional methods of consultation for any reason.
- 3.7.2 Our approach for engaging with hard-to-reach groups will consider the local requirements of identified groups. This includes a mix of face-to-face and digital engagement methods, as set out in Table 3.1, along with widely publicising the consultation, as set out in Section 3.5.
- 3.7.3 A list of organisations representing hard-to-reach and local interest groups can be found in Appendix C and consists of groups which have been outlined in Table 3.5.
- 3.7.4 Our consultation response to assist in engaging with hard-to-reach and local interest groups is set out in the table below.

Table 3.5 – Hard to reach group engagement tools

<b>Hard to reach group</b>	<b>Consultation Response</b>
The elderly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Directly mailing of the consultation leaflet to all stakeholders within the core consultation zone and providing details of how to access paper copies of other Project documents and provide feedback by post.</li><li>• Options to engage through conventional communications channels including the freepost and the freephone information line.</li><li>• Face-to-face events at a variety of locations and times across the route, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</li><li>• Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as dementia friendly, Braille and large print (upon request).</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement with community groups serving that demographic.</li> <li>• Providing paper copies of materials at information point locations along with contact details for the Project team, who will be able to provide further assistance and send information to those who are unable to access the material online.</li> <li>• Advertising the availability of telephone call backs for stakeholders with further questions or who would like to discuss the Project further with the Project team.</li> </ul>
People with visual impairments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as dementia friendly, braille and large print (upon request).</li> <li>• Face-to-face events at a variety of locations and times across the route, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</li> <li>• Option to enlarge text on Project website.</li> <li>• Providing telephone call backs for stakeholders with further questions or those who would like to discuss the Project further with the Project team.</li> </ul>
People with limited mobility/disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directly mailing the consultation leaflet to all stakeholders within the core consultation zone and provide details of how to access paper copies of other Project documents and provide feedback by post.</li> <li>• Online engagement through the consultation website and webinars to negate the need for travel.</li> <li>• Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as dementia friendly, Braille and large print (upon request).</li> <li>• Face-to-face consultations at a variety of locations and times across the route.</li> <li>• Providing British Sign Language signing at webinars, on request.</li> <li>• Advertising the availability of telephone call backs for stakeholders with further questions</li> </ul>

	<p>or who would like to discuss the Project further with the Project team.</p>
15-19 age group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online engagement.</li> <li>• Social media advertisement to encourage engagement with the Project.</li> <li>• Face-to-face events at a variety of locations and times across the route, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</li> </ul>
Carers and families with young children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Options to engage through conventional and digital channels to provide flexibility.</li> <li>• Face-to-face events at a variety of locations and times across the route, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</li> <li>• Social media engagement.</li> <li>• Advertising the availability of telephone call backs for stakeholders with further questions or who would like to discuss the Project further with the Project team.</li> </ul>
Economically inactive individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online engagement.</li> <li>• Social media advertisement to encourage engagement with the Project.</li> <li>• Options to engage through conventional and digital channels to provide flexibility.</li> </ul>
Geographically isolated individuals or communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directly mailing the consultation leaflet to all stakeholders within the core consultation zone and provide details of how to access paper copies of other Project documents and provide feedback by post.</li> <li>• Face-to-face events at a variety of locations and times across the route, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</li> <li>• Advertising the availability of telephone call backs for stakeholders with further questions or who would like to discuss the Project further with the Project team.</li> </ul>

## 3.8 Contact details

- 3.8.1 The following enquiry channels will be available throughout the consultation for members of the public and other stakeholders to ask questions, request further information or request printed copies of consultation materials and documents.

Table 3.6 – Contact details

<b>Method</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Hours of Operation</b>
Online	<a href="https://nationalgrid.com/yorkshire-green">nationalgrid.com/yorkshire-green</a>	24 hours
Email	<a href="mailto:yorkshiregreen@communityrelations.co.uk">yorkshiregreen@communityrelations.co.uk</a>	24 hours
Telephone	0800 029 4359	9am–5:30pm weekdays (with an answerphone facility to take messages outside these hours)
Postal	FREEPOST YORKSHIRE GREEN CONSULTATION	24 hours

## 4. Responses to the consultation

### 4.1 Methods of responding

- 4.1.1 Between Thursday 28 October 2021 and Thursday 9 December 2021, people will be able to submit their feedback relating to the Project.
- 4.1.2 This can be done in the following ways:
- Completing the feedback questionnaire online via the Project website: [www.nationalgrid.com/uk/yorkshire-green](http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/yorkshire-green).
  - Providing feedback by email ([yorkshiregreen@communityrelations.co.uk](mailto:yorkshiregreen@communityrelations.co.uk)) or in writing (FREEPOST YORKSHIRE GREEN CONSULTATION).
  - Completing a hard-copy feedback questionnaire, which can be provided on request, at one of the designated public information points, or completed in person at the face-to-face events. The questionnaire can be returned free-of-charge using the Freepost address: FREEPOST YORKSHIRE GREEN CONSULTATION (please write this in capitals, you do not need a stamp).
- 4.1.3 Consultation responses received via any other method than those listed above, such as through social media, will not be formally recorded as part of the consultation.
- 4.1.4 Responses given orally, such as via telephone (0800 029 4359) or via a meeting, will only be considered in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis where someone may not otherwise be able to respond to the consultation.
- 4.1.5 All responses must be received by **Thursday 9 December 2021 at 11:59pm**. Feedback submissions sent via post will be accepted for up-to five working days after this date.

### 4.2 Presenting the results

- 4.2.1 Following the close of the consultation, the feedback will be reviewed and analysed to understand key themes and concerns. The proposed application will be finalised, taking into consideration the feedback received from the consultation.
- 4.2.2 A Consultation Report will be produced as part of our application for development consent. The Consultation Report will set out how the feedback from the consultation has shaped and influenced the final proposals. All responses submitted during the statutory consultation will be responded to within the Consultation Report. Any responses that are published within the Consultation Report will have all personal details redacted.

### 4.3 Further consultation

- 4.3.1 If, following the statutory consultation, NGET considers it is necessary to undertake further targeted or supplementary consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.

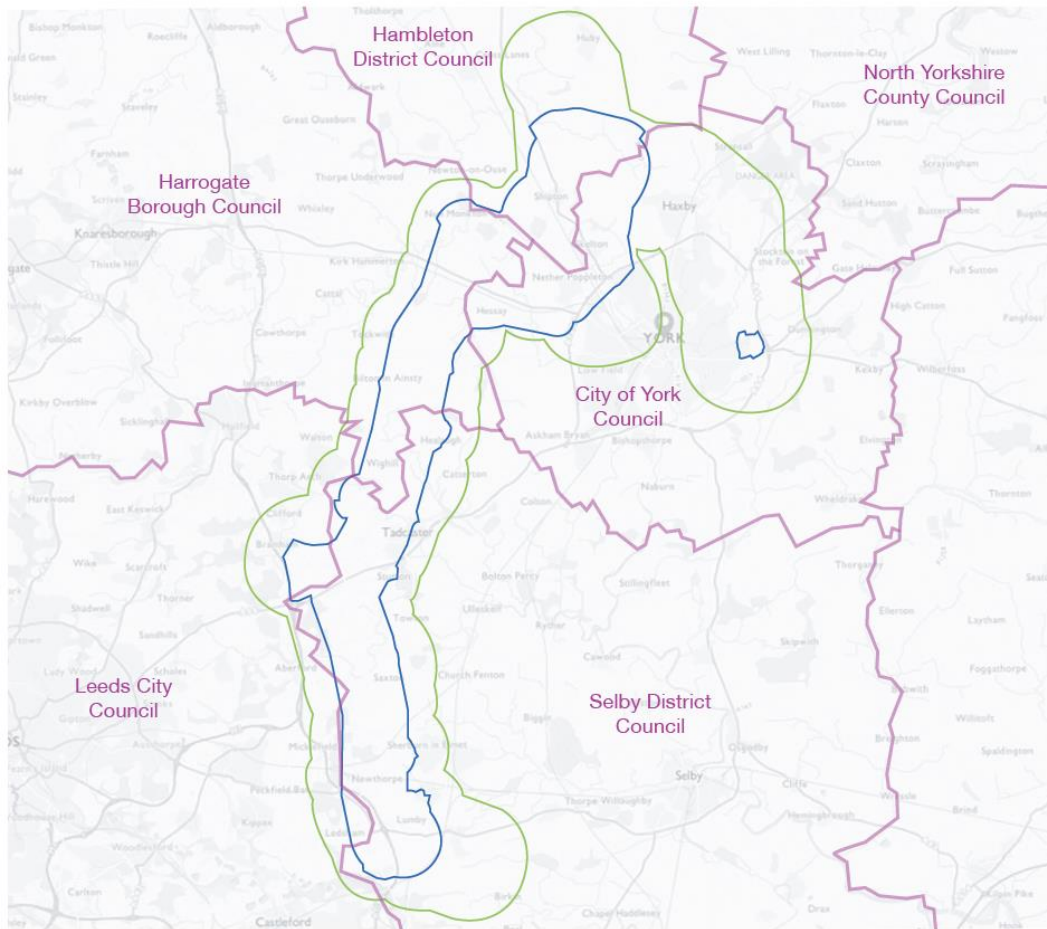


## 4.4 Other developers' consultations

4.4.1 We will work closely with other organisations (such as the local planning authorities) who are developing proposals in the area to ensure that the scope and context of the Project is clear in relation to the other consultations. This could include:

- Having headline information about the other consultations at our events.
- Seeking to avoid holding events or running advertisements and press releases at the same time as other consultations, where practical.
- Ensuring that any responses submitted to our statutory consultation that are intended for another consultation are passed on to the relevant community relations or consultation team.

# Appendix A Consultation Zones Map



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- KEY
- Wider Consultation Zone
  - Core Consultation Zone

## Appendix B Section 43 consultees (Local Authorities)

Council	Address
<b>Relevant “Host” local authorities (“B”) for the purposes of s43 Planning Act 2008<sup>4</sup></b>	
Hambleton District Council	Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Rotary Way, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL6 2UU
Selby District Council	Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, North Yorkshire YO8 9FT
City of York Council	West Offices, Station Rise, York YO1 6GA
Leeds City Council	Planning Services, Merrion House, 110 Merrion Centre, Leeds LS2 8BB
Harrogate Borough Council	Civic Centre, St Lukes Avenue, Harrogate HG1 2AE
<b>Relevant local authorities (“C”) for the purposes of s43 Planning Act 2008</b>	
North Yorkshire County Council	County Hall, Racecourse Ln, Northallerton DL7 8AD
<b>Relevant “Neighbouring” local authorities (“A”) for the purposes of s43 Planning Act 2008</b>	
Richmondshire District Council	Mercury House, Station Rd, Richmond DL10 4JX
Craven District Council	Belle Vue Square, 1 Broughton Rd, Skipton BD23 1FJ
Ryedale District Council	Ryedale House, Old Malton Rd, Malton YO17 7HH
Scarborough Borough Council	Town Hall, St Nicholas St, Scarborough YO11 2HG
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	Town Hall, Wood Street, Wakefield WF1 2HQ
Kirklees Metropolitan Council	1 Lidget St, Lindley, Huddersfield HD3 3JB

<sup>4</sup> HMSO (2008) Planning Act 2008. Available at: [Planning Act 2008 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk) (last accessed: 18/10/2021)

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	Britannia House, Hall Ings, Bradford BD1 1HX
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	Civic Office, Waterdale, Doncaster DN1 3BU
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Beverley County Hall, Beverley HU17 9BA

**Relevant “Neighbouring” local authorities (“D”) for the purposes of s43 Planning Act 2008**

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	Kirkleatham St, Redcar TS10 9SH
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Church Rd, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1TW
Middlesbrough Council	Town Hall, Middlesbrough TS1 2QQ
Darlington Borough Council	Town Hall, Feethams, Darlington DL1 5QT
Durham County Council	County Hall, Durham, Durham DH1 5UG
Cumbria County Council	Cumbria House, 117 Botchergate, Carlisle, Cumbria CA1 1RD
Lancashire County Council	County Hall, Fishergate, Preston PR1 8XB

**Relevant “National Park” authorities for the purposes of s43 Planning Act 2008**

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	Colvend, Grassington, Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 5LB
North York Moors Authority	The Old Vicarage, Bondgate, Helmsley, York, North Yorkshire YO62 5BP

## Appendix C List of Organisations Representing hard to reach groups and local interest groups

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### Organisations representing hard to reach groups

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#### Community Groups

Community Action Yorkshire	Hambleton Community Action - Covid-19 Support
CAMRA North West Yorkshire Branch	The Yorkshire Companions
CAMRA York	The Farming Community Network
Weaponness Valley Community Group	Upper Dales Community Partnership Ltd
Outlands Community Group	County Police Safety Officer
Upper Wharfedale Heritage Group	Sherburn Community Support Organisation
River Catchment Partnerships – The Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership (YDCP)	Local Nature Partnerships – North Yorkshire and York
English Tourism	Safety Regulation Group
Stokesley Cons Ad Group	South Kilvington Action Group

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#### Voluntary organisations – Residents' Associations

Broadacres Housing Association	Hayfield Green Residents Company
York Residential Landlords Association	Ash Residents Association
Mandale and Victoria Residents Group	Eston Residents Association
Eastfield Community Association Centre	Stonham Housing Association

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## Organisations representing hard to reach groups

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### Voluntary organisations – Charities

Hambleton Community Action	Little House Charitable Trust
Yorkshire Agricultural Society	The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust
Age UK (North Yorkshire)	The Hartley Charitable Trust
SSAFA North Yorkshire	The Principle Trust Children's Charity
Supporting Older People	

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### Sports clubs

Yorkshire Gliding Club	Keighley & West Yorkshire Sports & Social Club
Ryedale Sports Club	Cleakheaton Sports Club
Stilington Sports & Social Club	West Yorkshire Sports & Social Club
Dringhouses Sports Club	Yorkshire Main Officials Club
Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Shaw Lane Sports Club

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### Faith communities – Christian faith groups

Huddersfield Christian Fellowship	Quakers Religious Society of Friends
Christian Aid Scarborough	English Churches Housing Group
Yorkshire Baptist Association	Scargill Movement
Christian Science Society	Stonham Housing Association

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Pocklington Christian Fellowship

Christians Against Poverty

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**Faith communities – Islamic faith groups**

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Scarborough Islamic Centre

Calderdale British Muslim Association

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Harrogate Islamic Association Ltd

York Muslim Association

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The Muslim Association of Leeds

Barnsley Muslim Community Group

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Muslim Welfare Association

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**Faith communities – Other faith groups**

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Our Cultures C.I.C

Hindu Cultural Society of Bradford

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York Liberal Jewish Community

Sikh Alliance Yorkshire

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Indian Cultural Association

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**Healthcare providers**

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York Hospital

The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Tadcaster Medical Centre

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Spa Surgery

Bramham Medical Centre

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The Old School Medical Practice

Crossley Street Surgery

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Caremark

Aspen Hill Village

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Sunnyview House Care Home - Bupa

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**Policing and crime**

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Police & Crime Commissioner West Yorkshire

North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner

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South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner

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## Education providers

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Riverside School, Tadcaster

Tadcaster Primary Academy

Tadcaster Grammar School

Sherburn Hungate Primary School

Sherburn High School

Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

York College

York College

Selby College

Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College

Leeds City College

Elliott Hudson College

University of York

Leeds Beckett University

Leeds Beckett University

Leeds Trinity University

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## Youth groups

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North Yorkshire Youth

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## Older person networks

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Age UK York

U3A Yorkshire & The Humber Yes  
Yorkshire & Humber Dementia Action  
Alliance

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## Disability groups

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Disability Action Yorkshire

Leeds and District Autism, Behaviour  
and Communication Support Group

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People in Action

Leeds Society for Deaf and Blind People

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