### The Great Grid Upgrade

Norwich to Tilbury

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# **Consultation Feedback Form**

June-August 2023

### **Overview**

National Grid Electricity Transmission is consulting on proposals to upgrade the transmission network between the existing substations at Norwich Main in Norfolk, Bramford in Suffolk and Tilbury in Essex, as well as development of a new substation on the Tendring Peninsula that will connect offshore wind generation.

Norwich to Tilbury will support the UK's net zero target by reinforcing the electricity transmission network in East Anglia and facilitating the connection of planned offshore wind generation and interconnectors with other countries, allowing more energy from renewable and low carbon sources to be carried on the network.

### Norwich to Tilbury was formerly known as East Anglia Green Energy Enablement (GREEN).

We've changed the name to make it clear that this project is part of The Great Grid Upgrade, the largest overhaul of the grid in generations.

### Your feedback

We are seeking your views on our preferred draft alignment and our work to date. Knowing what matters to you matters to us. Your feedback is important to help us as we develop our proposals in more detail. This non-statutory consultation is open between **Tuesday 27 June and Monday 21 August 2023.** 

You can provide feedback by completing this feedback form, or by completing the form online.

We have published a set of documents that will provide you with information on Norwich to Tilbury:

- Community Newsletter June 2023
- Project Background Document 2023
- Design Development Report 2023
- 2022 Non-statutory Consultation Feedback Report
- Maps of our proposals 2023.

These documents, and an online version of this feedback form, are available on our website **nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury.** 

If you wish to receive paper copies of these documents or need them in another format, please get in touch by freephone on **0800 151 0992** or by email at **contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com** (please note print charges may apply).

Please submit your response by **11.59pm Monday 21 August 2023.** Responses received after this date may not be considered as part of this consultation.

To return this feedback form free of charge, please address your envelope to **Freepost N TO T** (no stamp or further address details are required).

## **Developing our proposals**

Since our 2022 non-statutory consultation, we have been reviewing feedback and undertaking further technical work to develop our proposals to the next stage. As a result of this work, we have made some changes to our proposed plans, both inside and outside of the 2022 preferred draft corridor.

While we are very much still at an early stage of the proposed project, we have started to develop a preferred draft alignment which is being presented for consultation. This also shows potential positions for overhead line and associated pylons, underground cables, cable sealing end compounds and connection substations.

This is the second non-statutory public consultation on our proposals for Norwich to Tilbury. We will carry out further consultation on our project as it develops. We will carefully consider all feedback received and report it in a Feedback Report, which will also set out how we have had regard to your comments.

The technology and other routeing matters remain open to further consideration. Any decisions will be subject to an ongoing backcheck and review process.

As our current plans propose more than 2 km of overhead line, we expect the project to be classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). In this case, we would need to submit an application for a 'Development Consent Order' (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008. As part of the project's development, we would carry out a statutory consultation before submitting a DCO application.

This feedback form includes questions about each section of the route as set out below. Information about these changes is provided in the Project Background Document 2023.

You are welcome to answer all or only some of the questions in this form, depending on which locations and issues are most important to you. There is also space to comment generally about the project and this consultation.

Section A: South Norfolk Section B: Mid Suffolk Sections C and D: Babergh, Tendring and Colchester Section E: Braintree Section F: Chelmsford Section G: Basildon and Brentwood (and Chelmsford east of Ingatestone) Section H: Thurrock

### **About You**

Name: Organisation/Group (if applicable): Address:

Email address:

Please tick here if you would like us to keep you updated about our proposals via email

### Q1. How would you describe your interest in Norwich to Tilbury?

- Local resident
- □ Local representative (e.g. Councillor, MP)
- Detentially affected landowner or tenant/occupier
- Local business owner
- Regular visitor
- □ Local interest group member (please specify in the text box below)
- □ Statutory organisation (please specify in the text box below)
- □ Other (please specify in the text box below)

Postcode:

text box below) x below)

### **Section A: South Norfolk**



## Please refer to pages 34-35 of the Project Background Document for more information on our current proposals in this section.

### Q2. Do you have any comments on the following within this section?

- Proposed overhead line alignment
- Proposed pylon locations (If you would like to comment on specific pylon locations, please refer to the numbering in the plans, which can be found here <u>nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury</u>)
- Work to connect the proposed new overhead line into the existing Norwich Main substation

Q3. Do you have any further comments on our current proposals within this section?

### **Section B: Mid Suffolk**



## Please refer to pages 36-37 of the Project Background Document for more information on our current proposals in this section.

### Q4. Do you have any comments on the following within this section?

- Proposed overhead line alignment
- Proposed pylon locations (If you would like to comment on specific pylon locations, please refer to the numbering in the plans, which can be found here <u>nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury</u>)
- Works to connect the proposed new overhead line in and out of the existing Bramford substation

Q5. Do you have any further comments on our current proposals within this section?

### Sections C and D: Babergh, Tendring and Colchester



#### Please refer to pages 38-39 of the Project Background Document for more information on our current proposals in this section.

### Q6. Do you have any comments on the following within this section?

- Proposed overhead line alignment
- Proposed pylon locations (If you would like to comment on specific pylon locations, please refer to the numbering in the plans, which can be found here <u>nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury</u>)
- Proposed underground cable locations
- Proposed cable sealing end (CSE) compound locations
- Proposed East Anglia Connection Node (EACN) substation

Q7. Do you have any further comments on our current proposals within this section?

### **Section E: Braintree**



## Please refer to pages 40-41 of the Project Background Document for more information on our current proposals in this section.

### Q8. Do you have any comments on the following within this section?

- Proposed overhead line alignment
- Proposed pylon locations (If you would like to comment on specific pylon locations, please refer to the numbering in the plans, which can be found here <u>nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury</u>)
- Proposed underground cable locations
- Proposed cable sealing end (CSE) compound locations

Q9. Do you have any further comments on our current proposals within this section?

### **Section F: Chelmsford**



Please refer to pages 42-43 of the Project Background Document for more information on our current proposals in this section.

### Q10. Do you have any comments on the proposed locations for the following within this section?

- Proposed overhead line alignment
- Proposed pylon locations (If you would like to comment on specific pylon locations, please refer to the numbering in the plans, which can be found here <u>nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury</u>)

Q11. Do you have any further comments on our proposals within this section?

### Section G: Basildon and Brentwood (and Chelmsford east of Ingatestone)



## Please refer to pages 44-45 of the Project Background Document for more information on our current proposals in this section.

### Q12. Do you have any comments on the proposed locations for the following within this section?

- Proposed overhead line alignment
- Proposed pylon locations (If you would like to comment on specific pylon locations, please refer to the numbering in the plans, which can be found here <u>nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury</u>)

Q13. Do you have any further comments on our current proposals within this section?

### **Section H: Thurrock**



#### Please refer to pages 46-47 of the Project Background Document for more information on our current proposals in this section.

### Q14. Do you have any comments on the following within this section?

- Proposed overhead line alignment
- Proposed pylon locations (If you would like to comment on specific pylon locations, please refer to the numbering in the plans, which can be found here <u>nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury</u>)
- Proposed underground cable locations
- Proposed cable sealing end compound location
- Work to connect the proposed new underground cables into the existing Tilbury substation

Q15. Do you have any further comments on our current proposals within this section?

### **Pylon design**

We will be carrying out further assessments on pylon design. Our assessments will include visual impacts and mitigation, environmental and ecological considerations, construction and lifetime maintenance effects.

Different designs in use in the UK include:

- standard lattice
- lower height lattice
- T-pylons.

For the purposes of this initial assessment, the preferred draft alignment reflects the use of standard lattice pylons. The use of other pylon designs is still under consideration.

We will present the findings from our assessments at our statutory consultation.

Q16. Is there anything you would like us to consider as we carry out our assessments?







## **Our consultation**

Please let us know your views on the quality of our printed and online consultation materials, our public consultation events and online webinars, how we have notified people about our proposals and anything else related to this consultation.

#### Q17. Please let us know how you heard about this consultation. Please tick all that apply.

- Received a letter or email from National Grid
- Received a letter or email from Fisher German
- Received information from a local authority
- Informed by a local councillor or parish council
- □ Saw an advert in a local newspaper/publication
- Saw coverage in local and/or national media
- Saw social media coverage
- Word of mouth
- Other (please state)

#### Q18. Please rate the information we have published in terms of how clearly it was presented and how easy it was to understand

Very good	Good	Average
Poor	Very poor	Unsure

Reasons for answer

#### Q19. Did you attend any of the following? Please tick all that apply.

- Public consultation events
- Online webinars
- Meeting with Norwich to Tilbury land team (Fisher German)
- None

#### Q20. If you attended one of our public consultation events, how did you find it?

	Very informative		Quite informative		Not informative	No opinion
Q2	1. If you attended one o	of ou	r online webinars, how	did	you find it?	
	Very informative		Quite informative		Not informative	No opinion

#### Q22. Do you have further comments about our materials, consultation process or any suggestions for how we can improve our consultation?

### **Equality and diversity**

National Grid would be grateful if you could answer the following inclusion and diversity questions. We will use the information we receive to help understand whether our consultation has been useful to people of different backgrounds and requirements.

We may publish a summary of the results, but no information about an individual would be revealed. The answers you provide to these question are defined as 'special category data'. If you agree

#### Q23. What is your gender?

□ Male □ Female □ Non-binary □ Pre	Prefer not to say
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#### Q24. Do you consider yourself a person with a disability?

Yes No Prefer
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### Q25. How would you describe your ethnic background?

- White English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background
- Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups
- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background (please state)

	Asian	or	Asian	British
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- Indian
- Pakistani

#### Q26. What is your age?

Under 16	16-24	25-34
45-54	55-64	65+

to provide Inclusion and Diversity information, you can withdraw your permission at any time.

To withdraw your details, please contact us via email at contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com.

If you wish to receive consultation documents in hard copy, or in another format, please send us a request using the details provided within this response form and National Grid will organise for relevant materials to be issued.

not to say

- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background
- Black, African, Caribbean or Black British
- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black, African or Caribbean background (please state)
- Arab □ Any other ethnic group (please state)
- Prefer not to say
  - 35-44
  - Prefer not to say

### Data privacy notice

National Grid is committed to protecting your personal information. Whenever you provide such information, we are legally obliged to use it in line with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

## How will National Grid use the information we collect about you?

We will use your personal data collected via this consultation for a number of purposes, including:

- to analyse your feedback to the consultation
- to produce a Feedback Report, based on our analysis of responses (individuals will not be identified in the Report)
- to write to you with updates about the results of the consultation and other developments
- to keep up-to-date records of our communications
- with individuals and organisations.

Any personal information you include in this form will be handled and used by (or made available to) the following recipients to record, analyse and report on the feedback we receive:

- National Grid
- the Planning Inspectorate (which will consider our application for consent to build the Norwich to Tilbury reinforcement – any details published as part of this process will be anonymised)
- the Secretary of State (who will take the decision on our application)
- our legal advisers
- consultants working on Norwich to Tilbury.

#### What rights do I have over my personal data?

Under the terms of the UK GDPR you have certain rights over how your personal data is retained and used by National Grid. For more information, see our full data privacy statement: www.nationalgrid.com/privacy-policy.

### **Contact us**

Email: <u>contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com</u> Phone: **0800 151 0992** (open Monday to Friday 9:00am–5:30pm) Website: <u>nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury</u>

## How to provide feedback

Post: send your completed feedback form to **FREEPOST N TO T** (no stamp or further address needed) Website: **nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury** (online version of feedback form) Email: **contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com** 

#### Landowners

If you are a landowner or have an interest in any of the land which interacts with our current proposals, you can contact the Norwich to Tilbury Land Team at Fisher German by:

#### Phone: 0808 1753 314 Email: Norwich-Tilbury@fishergerman.co.uk Post: Norwich to Tilbury Land Team, Fisher German, Unit H2, Risby Business Park, Newmarket Road, Risby, Bury St Edmunds, IP28 6RD

