

Project Update

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The National Grid logo, featuring the word 'nationalgrid' in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The 'n' is white, and 'ationalgrid' is blue. A small diamond shape is positioned above the 'i' in 'grid'.

The National Grid team is preparing to hold a public consultation on the proposals for Norwich to Tilbury.

The project is an important part of The Great Grid Upgrade. It will carry more clean, secure and affordable energy from where it's generated to where it is needed and play a big part in helping the country switch to clean energy.

The next public consultation will be the statutory consultation, which is a significant milestone in the development of the project.

It will be a further opportunity for local residents and communities and landowners to comment on the finer detail of the proposals before we finalise our proposals and submit a planning application.

The team has reviewed all the feedback from last summer's consultation and the findings from ongoing technical and environmental surveys and we're developing our preferred

position on the key elements of the proposals. Additional work is underway to identify potential access routes for construction vehicles as well as where temporary construction compounds could be sited if the project is granted consent.

We will keep you updated as we move towards the start of consultation.

Project news

We've changed our Community Helpline number

New freephone number - 0800 915 2497

Due to some recent changes with our phone provider, we are changing our freephone information line number. From today, our new freephone number is **0800 915 2497**.

Our information line is available between 9am and 5:30pm Monday to Friday. Outside of those hours people can leave a message and we'll get back to them as soon as possible.

The old number will continue to work, but we'll be pointing people towards the new number in all our future materials.



Survey update

We've started archaeological surveys along the route. These will help us to assess and protect heritage assets, especially where there could be buried archaeology.

In addition to our desk-based research you may see our team carrying out surveys along the potential route.

Up to date information on our current surveys can be found [here](#).

Inspiring the next generation of young engineers



We've been talking careers with T-Level engineering students from Suffolk New College.

Engineers took time out from the project to meet with students in December and talk about the Great Grid Upgrade, the challenges and opportunities of a transition to net zero, and career opportunities at National Grid and the wider energy industry to deliver a cleaner future.

Over the next decade and beyond, our work at National Grid will be central to the solutions the country is developing to tackle climate change. And the industry will need thousands of new, young engineers to help deliver this. If you are interested in finding out more about a career with National Grid, see [here](#).

Around the Grid



2023: National Grid's net zero milestones

Earlier this month, the Government announced that the UK is the first G20 country to halve its carbon emissions. National Grid is proud to have played its part.

Every year we work harder than ever to find new innovative ways of decarbonising the energy system and in 2023, we plugged in over 3 GW of new clean electricity projects into the grid.

It is good to see that we are moving closer to reaching our net zero ambitions.

You can [read more](#) about our achievements in our 2023 yearly round-up.