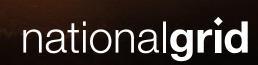
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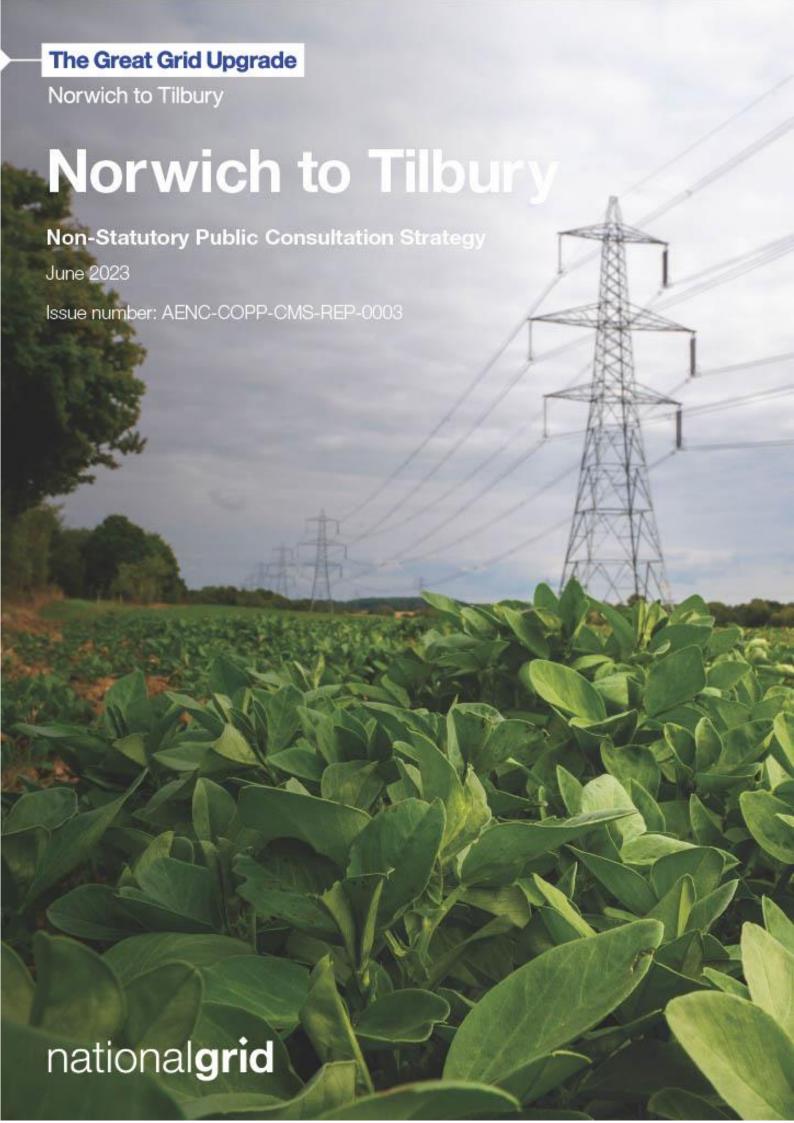
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Introduction

This document outlines how National Grid Electricity Transmission (National Grid) intends to carry out a non-statutory consultation in summer 2023 on proposals to provide additional network capability in East Anglia.

National Grid needs to build a new 400 kV electricity transmission line between existing substations in Norwich to Bramford in the north, and from Bramford to Tilbury in the south, and a new substation to connect new offshore wind close to the coast.

Since the close of our first non-statutory consultation in spring 2022, we have taken the time to carefully review your feedback in detail. The information you gave us, along with findings from environmental surveys and assessments, is helping us to develop our plans in more detail.

We were pleased to receive such a high number of responses to the consultation and this feedback is vital to help inform preliminary decisions we make about the project. This includes refining the route of the draft alignment and we will be asking for your feedback on this during this round of consultation.

We have consulted with representatives of all host local authorities on our reasoning and approach to this non-statutory consultation. These comprise: Norfolk County Council, Suffolk County Council, Essex County Council, South Norfolk Council, Babergh District Council, Mid-Suffolk District Council, Colchester Borough Council, Tendering District Council, Braintree District Council, Chelmsford City Council, Basildon Borough Council, Brentwood Borough Council and Thurrock Council.

A Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) will be prepared ahead of statutory consultation, which is proposed to take place in 2024. The content of the SoCC will build on this consultation approach. It will be discussed with representatives of the relevant local planning authorities and finalised ahead of the formal stage of consultation as per the Planning Act 2008.

National Grid Electricity Transmission – what we do in the UK

National Grid sits at the heart of 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. We believe that by acting now, the UK can become the world's first major clean economy, with net zero carbon emissions by 2050, creating growth and jobs for communities across Britain.

National Grid Electricity Transmission (National Grid) owns, builds and maintains the transmission network in England and Wales. It is National Grid Electricity Transmission that is developing the proposals for the Norwich to Tilbury Reinforcement.

National Grid ESO is the Electricity System Operator (ESO) which operates the transmission network in Great Britain, including the networks in Scotland owned by Scottish Power Transmission and Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks. National Grid ESO manage the

network, ensuring the right amount of energy is provided where it is needed. In April 2019, National Grid ESO became a legally separate business within the National Grid PLC family and is regulated independently by Ofgem.

National Grid Ventures is the unregulated commercial arm of National Grid PLC, investing in technologies and partnerships that help accelerate our move to a clean energy future. That includes interconnectors - connecting the UK with countries across the North Sea, allowing trade between energy markets and efficient use of renewable energy resources.

National Grid Electricity Distribution owns and operates the electricity distribution networks for the Midlands, the South West of England and South Wales, with 8 million customer connections serving a population of over 18 million people.

The world we live in is changing, and the UK is at a turning point as we embrace the enormous opportunities a cleaner, greener future brings. The Government has made it clear that its net zero targets are an important milestone in creating a cleaner, greener future.

The UK has set a world-leading target for tackling climate change, which is to achieve net zero by 2050. Put simply, this means that we will remove the same amount of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere as we produce.

As a country, we are already making progress. The UK has the largest offshore wind capacity in the world, with some 13.6 GW in operation and a further 8 GW under construction.

Recent years have been record-breaking for renewables on the GB transmission network. Summer 2020 saw the longest run since the industrial revolution without burning coal, stretching almost 68 days. Solar power set new records with 10.1 GW of power being produced in April 2023. In January 2023, wind power generated more than it ever has, with 21.6 GW contributing to meeting our energy needs.

The way we generate electricity in the UK is therefore changing rapidly. We are transitioning to cleaner technologies like new offshore windfarms. That means we need to make changes to the grid so the whole country has access to the clean electricity from these new renewable sources.

When developing transmission network proposals, we must, under the Electricity Act 1989, do that in an efficient, coordinated and economical way, and have regard to the desirability of preserving amenity. Options to deliver additional network capability and the options we take forward are evaluated against these statutory duties. We must balance the need to develop the network in a way that is efficient, coordinated and economical, and reduces effects on people and places.

National Grid only develops new infrastructure where the existing transmission system cannot be further upgraded, system changes cannot be satisfied by other means or where customer connections are required. The Norwich to Tilbury project meets all those requirements for new infrastructure to be developed.

We have explained how we set out to meet these responsibilities and our commitments relating to engagement and consultation about our proposals in our <u>Stakeholder, Community</u> and Amenity Policy.

For further clarification on any of the detail included within this document, National Grid has a glossary of terms and acronyms which can be found at the following website address:

https://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/electricity-transmission/about-us/glossary-terms-and-acronyms.

Norwich to Tilbury Reinforcement

East Anglia is an important and developing region for renewable and low carbon energy.

The existing network in East Anglia currently carries around 4,500 MW of electricity generation. By 2031, we expect between 14,000 MW and 18,500 MW of new generation and interconnection to connect in the region. Today there is 4,100 MW of existing generation in East Anglia. By the end of the decade, with new nuclear, offshore wind and interconnectors, that is set to rise to approaching 25,000 MW – far exceeding the capability of the existing network. It is that change that is driving the need to provide additional transmission network capability out of the region.

Our existing power lines do not have sufficient capacity to accommodate this new generation. We are already carrying out work to upgrade the existing transmission network in East Anglia, however even with these upgrades the network will not be sufficient.

Norwich to Tilbury is a key part of our wider investment programme to upgrade our electricity transmission network in East Anglia to ensure we meet this future energy transmission demand.

Key activities since the last consultation

Between April and June 2022, we held our first consultation, writing to more than 50,000 homes and businesses in the local community.

The consultation was non-statutory with the purpose to:

- introduce our proposals and explain why we need to reinforce our network in East Anglia
- explain the options that have been considered and how we identified a preferred corridor and substation site
- listen to local communities and stakeholders, answer questions and ensure stakeholders had the opportunity to provide feedback on our work to date.

Since this initial consultation, we have:

- sought landowner access for surveys
- published the summary newsletter of our first non-statutory consultation online and issued to over 50,000 properties
- continued to engage with elected representatives, including MPs and councillors
- undertaken Environmental Impact Assessment scoping
- carried out environmental surveys and appraisals to provide more detail on the potential environmental effects of our proposals.

In addition to these activities, the project has been confirmed within Ofgem's Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment (ASTI) framework. More information about this can be found in our Project Background Document (2023).

Purpose of the 2023 non-statutory public consultation

Following the close of our first non-statutory public consultation in June 2022, we have been carefully reviewing all consultation feedback in detail. We have made good progress and we want to share this at the earliest opportunity to enable people to give feedback on our indicative developing proposals.

The feedback from the 2022 non-statutory consultation, alongside the surveys and assessments, has been taken into account as we develop the project and identify a preliminary draft route alignment.

During the summer 2023 consultation, we will present the following:

- a preferred draft alignment which shows potential positions for overhead line and associated pylons, underground cables, cable sealing end compounds and connection substations
- an explanation of how consultation feedback, along with the findings of surveys and assessments, have informed our preliminary decision-making to date
- a Feedback Report which will summarise the feedback we received during the spring 2022 consultation and how it has been considered.

We will ask for feedback on the preferred draft alignment and if there is anything else we should consider as we further develop the project.

Consultation timing

This non-statutory consultation will run from Tuesday 27 June 2023 to Monday 21 August 2023. Consultation will be open for eight weeks.

Consultation area

We have mapped out a Primary Consultation Zone (PCZ) and a Secondary Consultation Zone (SCZ) to inform our engagement activities. They are shown in the appendices.

The PCZ (see Appendix A) will include people whose property postcodes lie within 1km of the preferred draft alignment. Where appropriate, the PCZ has been extended to include whole streets and postcodes rather than the 1km boundary dissecting hamlets or neighbourhoods. All relevant stakeholders within this area will be consulted including contacting each residential and business addresses directly.

We have extended the PCZ to include all properties which were included within the PCZ of the 2022 consultation, even though they may fall more outside of the 1km limit from the preferred draft alignment.

Before the start of the consultation, we will mail a newsletter to all properties within the PCZ. The newsletter will include:

- an introduction to the project and an explanation of what we are consulting on
- details of the project website, public exhibitions, webinars and how stakeholders can leave their feedback on our proposals
- information on further project materials and where these can be accessed

- a map showing the preferred draft alignment
- an updated project timeline.

We will include details on how people without access to the internet can view paper copies of materials and project contact details to find out more information.

The SCZ (see Appendix A) will extend to 4km from the edge of the preferred draft alignment. The SCZ will include stakeholders who are further from the project but may have concerns about it, such as construction traffic and long-distance views. Anyone can register to receive all project information and be engaged with the project as they wish.

We will seek to raise awareness of the project and public consultation with stakeholders within the SCZ through the broad dissemination of information. This will include:

- placing advertisements in local and regional newspapers providing information about the consultation and how to get involved
- providing project documents at information point locations within and beyond the SCZ for public viewing
- placing advertisements on social media to target different demographics and to include those who might not otherwise engage with the consultation
- publishing details of consultation events on the project website
- providing contact details for queries and how to request paper copies of consultation materials on the project website.

Materials

The following materials will published at the start of the consultation:

Material type	Description
Community newsletter	Direct mailout to all in the PCZ summarising details of the
June 2023	project and public consultation.
Project Background	Non-technical document providing an overview of the project
Document 2023	and detailing our proposals and how we are consulting.
Design Development	An in-depth technical document detailing the work we have
Report 2023	undertaken to date, focusing on the work since the 2022
	consultation.
Strategic Options	Providing an overview of the appraisal approach we have used
Backcheck and Review	to date to consider strategic options. These are reviewed and
2023	backchecked on as part of the ongoing strategic options
	assessment and decision-making process.
2022 Non-Statutory	Summarising the feedback we received during the 2022
Consultation Feedback	consultation and how it has been considered.
Report	
Maps of our proposals	Maps showing the location of the preferred draft alignment and
2023	the graduated swathe.
Interactive map	An interactive map of the route alignment will be produced to
	provide a more detailed view of the proposed route.
Advertisements/	Adverts (print and social) and posters to inform people in the
posters	SCZ of the consultation. Posters will be provided to local
	stakeholders to display throughout the consultation.
Website	Hosting all project information, including downloadable versions
	of all the above documents, FAQs, an online feedback form

	and interactive map.
Non-statutory	To gather consultation comments and feedback. Available on
Consultation Feedback	the website, and in paper form at consultation events,
Form 2023	information points or by request.
Exhibition boards 2023	For display at consultation events, providing an overview of key
	aspects of the scheme. The information will reflect the content of
	the consultation website pages.

Stakeholder briefings and meetings

At the start of public consultation, we will offer briefing meetings with the following stakeholders:

- Members of Parliament where all or part of their constituencies lie within the PCZ
- elected representatives of District and County Councils that fall within the PCZ
- parish councils where all or part of the parish fall inside the PCZ.

We will engage with other organisations on request. These may include:

- third party groups such as Local Enterprise Partnerships and Business Groups
- community groups or residents' associations with a close geographical relationship to the project
- parish councils which fall outside of the PCZ
- interest groups with a close relationship to the project
- local Youth Parliaments/Councils, Youth Advisory Boards (YABs), youth groups, and universities.

These stakeholders will be sent digital copies of project information (paper copies will be provided upon request) along with details on how to respond to the consultation and engage with the project team. We will keep them updated at key project milestones.

Public consultation

We are proposing to use a blend of digital and traditional engagement channels for this public consultation. This will involve using the project website and other digital tools to present information on the project and gather feedback on our proposals.

We remain committed to engaging with all stakeholders throughout the consultation period. We want to ensure that all our engagement and consultation is inclusive and will reach those who otherwise may not engage with us.

We also recognise that some people may not have access to or use of the internet. We have taken steps to ensure that paper copies of all our materials are available either upon request or at specified locations along the route.

We will work with local authorities to ensure we have identified suitable locations for information points and wherever possible aim to accommodate suggestions beyond the venues and locations already identified in past consultation rounds.

Project website

We will update the project website so that people can easily access and download project information and documents and find links to other resources that will also be available to view at a traditional public consultation event. It will include:

Function	Rationale
Document library with access to the information	The library will be the 'go to' deposit location for all project information. It will ensure that all project information is available in one, easy to access location. We will encourage third parties hosting information point locations (such as local authorities, libraries, etc) to provide links to this page.
Consultation pages to display all relevant information and material being presented for consultation	Project documents will be laid out in a simple, visual and interactive format, with pointers and instructions throughout to aid easy navigation.
Find out more pages	Details of dates and timings of consultation events and webinars during the consultation period.
FAQs	This will help visitors to find answers to frequently asked questions.
Project videos and infographics	A way of explaining the plans in a way that is accessible and understandable to the general public, ensuring greater levels of inclusion.
Project news section	This section will enable members of the public to stay updated on the project and provides an easily accessible place for all recent updates to be hosted.
Project contact details	Telephone, email and freepost details are on the website and all consultation materials for the public to get in contact and request further details or ask questions.
Feedback form	The online form will enable members of the public to provide their feedback easily and send it back directly to the project team.
GDPR (Legal statement)	All personal data will be held in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 and personal data will not be transferred outside of the European Economic Area, or used for purposes other than those outlined. The website will be made accessible for all users through the provision of audio guides, videos, other visual material, and the ability to request translation.

Interactive map

An interactive map of the entire route and supporting points of interest, such as the ability to zoom to specific locations. There will be pointers to further information, which may contain images, text or signpost to a different page that expands on the subject.

Public information events and webinars

A programme of public events and webinars will provide stakeholders opportunities to find out more about the proposals and to provide feedback.

Public events are organised to be accessible to as many stakeholders as possible and held at suitable venues. In person public events will provide the opportunity to speak to technical experts within the team. If events need to be cancelled for any reason, we will hold an online event on the published date, where practicable.

Online webinars will be organised to enable the project team to present the same information as that at the public events to a large number of interested stakeholders. At least one webinar will be recorded and made available on the project website for playback by those who cannot attend the webinar sessions. The sessions will also include time for questions and answers.

Both in person and online webinar events will be held over a number of weeks during the consultation to provide multiple opportunities for people to take part.

Information helpline

Contact details including a freephone information line, email address and freepost address will be widely publicised, including in paper copies of consultation publicity materials and on the website. People will be able to request information over the phone.

Providing feedback on our proposals

We want to make providing feedback on our proposals as easy as possible for all stakeholders. Paper copies of the feedback form will be available at public events (Appendix B) and at information points along the route (see Appendix C). Visitors to our project website will be able to fill out a feedback form online and send it back directly or download and print and return via our freepost address.

Members of the public will also be able to telephone our freephone contact number and request a paper copy of the feedback form, enabling them to send their feedback to the project team free of charge.

We will review all returned feedback forms. Comments will analysed and considered as the project is developed further.

Advertising

We will use advertising to raise awareness of the public consultation on the project proposals.

Traditional media

To raise general awareness of the project within the area and to advertise the consultation programme, we will place advertisements in key local and regional publications. These advertisements will help ensure that stakeholders without access to the internet, or who do not frequently use sites which will receive targeted virtual advertisement, are made aware of the project consultation.

Advertisements will published at the start of public consultation to inform stakeholders of deadlines for feedback and public information event and webinar dates.

We will also engage proactively with local news media including radio and broadcast to provide a briefing on the proposals to inform coverage of the consultation and will be responding constructively to any requests for media interest throughout the consultation.

Digital media

Where newspapers have a related digital outlet, we will publish corresponding adverts on the digital publications of those newspapers where ads are printed in paper copy. These ads will target postcodes within the SCZ.

Social media

We will use social media to advertise the consultation. Advertisements will target the postcodes within the PCZ. Social media advertisement may draw in stakeholders who wouldn't otherwise engage with the consultation, for example, young people. We will also ask local authorities, and other identified groups, to use their own social media channels to advertise the consultation.

Engaging with Hard to Reach and interest groups

Hard to Reach groups are defined as being inaccessible to most traditional and conventional methods of consultation for any reason. We recognise that some people and groups may not have access to, or use of, the internet or be able to access traditional consultations easily.

To ensure our consultation is accessible to all, we will:

- publish and advertise our contact details widely so people can call, email or write to us for assistance
- directly mail a newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and provide details of how to access paper copies of other project documents, and provide feedback by post
- set up information points along the route where people can collect paper copies of some documents and feedback forms, including in the north section where internet access is more limited
- make important information available in 'plain English' in both digital and non-digital formats to make it as accessible as possible for people to understand and take part in consultation, enhanced with supporting images, drawings and graphics to make it easier for people to understand technical information

- wherever possible, upon request aim to provide materials in different formats, including easy-read, large print and in different languages. To request this, we ask that consultees and/or stakeholders contact the project team
- advertise the availability of the telephone helpline.

Hard to Reach groups may include the following:

- ethnic minority groups and people for whom English is a second language
- the Traveller community
- the elderly
- people with visual and hearing impairments
- people with limited mobility/disability
- the 15-19 and 20-39 age groups
- carers and families with young children
- · economically inactive individuals
- geographically isolated communities or individuals.

Interest groups will include:

- business groups such as Local Enterprise Partnerships and Chambers of Commerce
- community groups such as residents' associations with a close geographical relationship to the project
- educational establishments like universities, colleges and schools along the route.

Communication tools for Hard to Reach and interest groups

Leading up to and during the consultation period we will carry out the following:

Communication tool	Objective(s)	Result
Direct engagement	Engagement with	National Grid can make
	representative groups and	use of existing
	organisations, building links	communications channels
	with the project and helping	that these community
	identify Hard to Reach and	groups have in place to
	interest groups in local	communicate with a wider
	communities. These could	audience of harder to
	include community groups,	reach groups and
	youth groups, business individuals.	
	groups, activity centers,	
	ethnic minority groups,	
	religious groups.	
Website	An online hub for the	This will support easy
	consultation, providing two-	access to information for
	way communication between	anyone with either visual or
	the public and the project. hearing impairments.	
Engagement with	Identify community leaders	Feedback is received from
ambassadors/	who can help facilitate wider	Hard to Reach group
champions	consultation beyond	representatives and individuals.
(for example, parish	traditional channels and assist	

councils which have their	the project team in	
own communications channels)	identifying likely issues and	
concerns from stakeh		
	and ways to overcome them.	
Online awareness -	To engage with a wide	To enable participation in
consultation will be publicised	range of audiences and	the consultation process.
through the following	spread awareness of the	
channels:	proposals and	
 printed materials 	consultation to those who	
 press releases 	may not otherwise hear	
 paid advertising 	about them or have the	
social media advertising	opportunity to participate.	
These may be integrated		
	with other consultation	
	activities.	
Telephone helpline	Offering a further	To engage with those who may
	alternative to paper copy	have difficulty accessing online
	or online materials,	information or attending in-
	especially for people who	person events.
	may be visually impaired.	
Paper copy materials	Providing paper copies of	To engage with those who may
	materials to those without	have difficulty accessing online
	access to the internet on	information or attending in-
	request.	person events.

Hard to Reach and interest groups contact database

We have created a database of identified relevant contacts at Hard to Reach and seldom heard community groups and other interest groups and organisations.

We will use this contact database to ensure these groups and organisations are kept up to date with the development of the scheme.

We will also continue to monitor the success of our communications tools to test the suitability of our approach to engagement.

Depending on the reception of our early communications with these interest groups, we will adjust our approach to engagement accordingly.

Youth engagement

Young people will be the greatest beneficiaries of net zero. As a result, we have increased our focus on youth engagement for the 2023 non-statutory consultation.

In order to better engage with young people in the region, we will look to hold additional youth-focused events.

Along with our public webinars, we propose to hold an additional youth engagement forum which will provide an opportunity for young people to meet and discuss our plans with the project team. The key discussions and actions will be documented and outlined in a report circulated to all participating groups.

We intend to maintain this engagement post-consultation, holding online and in-person events in collaboration with education providers. These events will look to give attendees an opportunity to not only give their views on the project, but help shape our approach to future youth engagement.

We will ask local authorities, and other identified groups, to use their own social media channels to advertise the consultation and distribute key project information to young people within their Hard to Reach database.

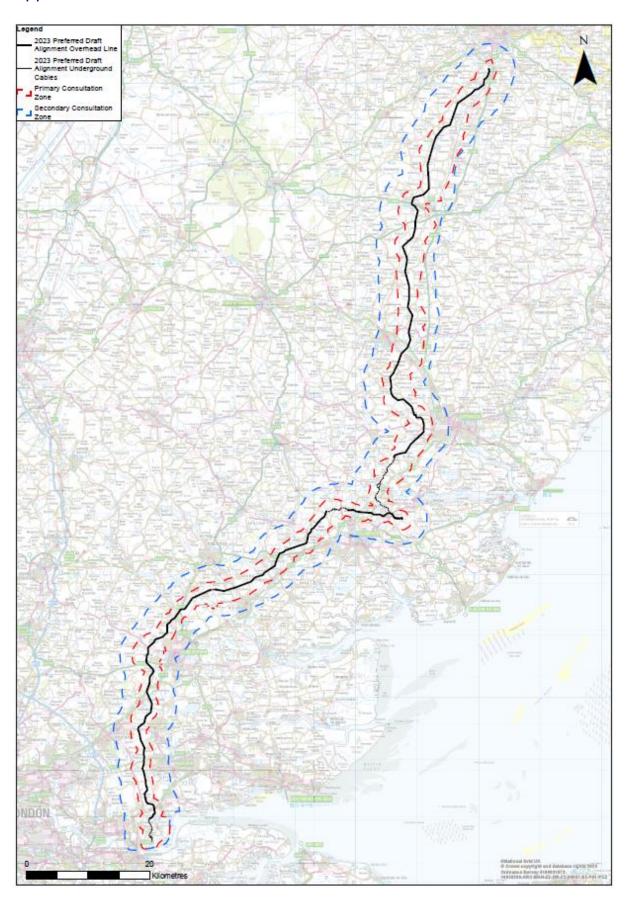
Reporting on the consultation

The outcomes from the 2023 non-statutory consultation will be made available to the public and stakeholders in a range of ways. Initially, our aim will be to publish an update newsletter following the consultation which will provide an overview of the key matters raised, how we're considering them and what the timescales and next steps are.

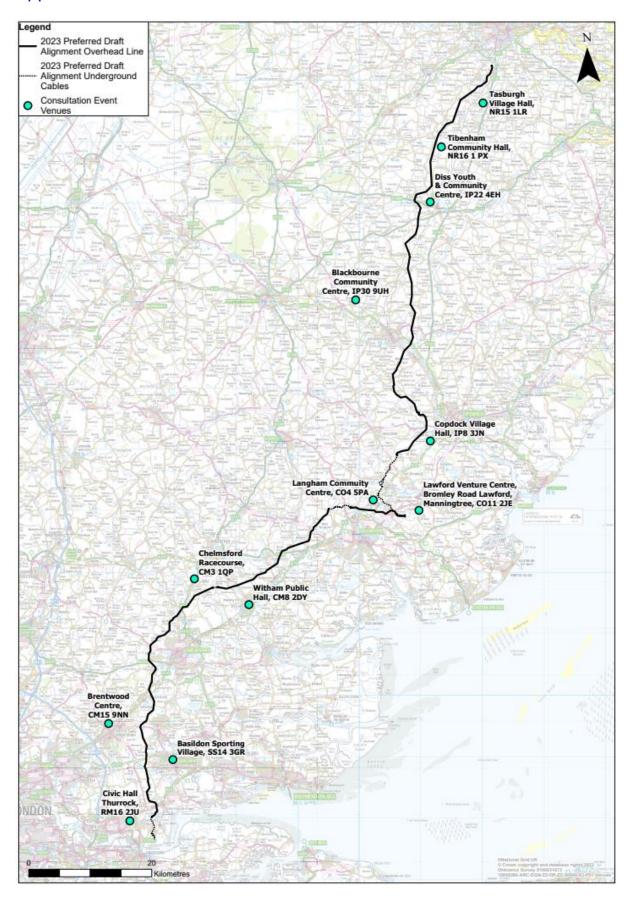
At statutory consultation, we will provide a full consultation feedback report detailing how we've had regard to the feedback received.

Appendices follow

Appendix A - Consultation zones



Appendix B – Public event and online webinar details



Date and time	Venue
Thursday 6 July 2-7pm	The Brentwood Centre, Doddinghurst Road, Pilgrims Hatch, Brentwood, CM15 9NN
Friday 7 July	Diss Youth & Community Centre,
2-7pm	Shelfanger Road, Diss, IP22 4EH
Saturday 8 July 11am-4pm	Lawford Venture Centre 2000, Bromley Road, Lawford, Manningtree CO11 2JE
Monday 10 July 1-6pm	Tibenham Community Hall , Pristow Green Lane, Tibenham, Norwich NR16 1PX
Tuesday 11 July 11am-4pm	Blackbourne Community Centre, 71 Blackbourne Road, Elmswell, Bury St Edmunds, IP30 9UH
Wednesday 12 July	Chelmsford City Racecourse,
2-7pm	Chelmsford, CM3 1QP
Thursday 13 July 2-7pm	Langham Community Centre, School Road, Langham, Colchester, CO4 5PA
Monday 17 July	The Civic Hall,
2-7pm	Blackshots Lane, Grays, RM16 2JU
Tuesday 18 July	Tasburgh Village Hall,
1-6pm	Grove Lane, Tasburgh, NR15 1LR
Wednesday 19 July	Copdock Village Hall,
2-7pm	Old London Road, Copdock, IP8 3JN
Thursday 20 July	Witham Public Hall,
2-7pm	Collingwood Road, Witham, CM8 2DY
Friday 21 July	Basildon Sporting Village,
2-7pm	Cranes Farm Road, Basildon, SS14 3GR

In addition to in person events we are also holding online webinars where we will present details of the proposals followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

Date	Time
Wednesday 5 July	1-2pm
Tuesday 25 July	7-8pm
Saturday 12 August	10-11am
Thursday 17 August	10-11am

Appendix C – Information point locations

The following information points have been set up along the route. You can collect paper copies of selected consultation documents, as well as the feedback form from these throughout the duration of the consultation.

Please note that opening hours may vary. It is advised to check ahead to ensure that the information point venue will be open and has the materials available before travelling. This can be done either by contacting the locations directly or by contacting the Norwich to Tilbury Community Relations team on 0800 151 0992 who will be happy to assist.

Information Point	Address
Norfolk County Council*	County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 2DH
Lange Chapthan Library	
Long Stratton Library	The Street, Long Stratton, NR15 2XJ
Diss Library	Church Street, Diss, IP22 4DD
Stowmarket Library	Milton Road, Stowmarket, IP14 1EX
Suffolk County Council	Endeavour House, 8 Russell Rd, Ipswich, IP1 2BX
Capel Library	The Street, Capel St Mary, Ipswich, IP9 2EF
Tendring District Council	88-90 Pier Avenue, Clacton on Sea, Essex, CO15 1TN
Manningtree Library*	High Street, Manningtree, CO11 1AD
Colchester Library	Trinity Square, Colchester, CO1 1JB
Coggeshall Library	29 Stoneham Street, Coggeshall,
	Colchester, CO6 1UH
Witham Library*	18 Newland Street, Witham, CM8 2AQ
Writtle Library	45 The Green, Writtle, Chelmsford, CM1 3DT
Chelmsford Library	County Hall, Market Road, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH
Ingatestone Library	High Street, Ingatestone, CM4 9EU
Billericay Library*	143 High St, Billericay, CM12 9AB
Brentwood Borough Council	Town Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood,
Ŭ	CM15 8AY
Tilbury Library	Kanmore House, 16 Civic Square, Tilbury RM18 8AD

^{*} Availability may vary from other locations listed. Please contact the Community Relations team on 0800 151 0992 for more information.

Appendix B LPA Feedback to the draft Public Consultation Strategy

Summary of matters raised	National Grid's response
BDC reserve further comment until the draft publication of the appendices:	Noted. We'll provide the appendices once finalised and as part of the consultation launch materials and activity.
How do National Grid "Support our communities and help them to grow"? It would be useful to see what they have done in Thurrock to 'support communities'	We'll provide information about what National Grid has done and is doing to support communities as part of our consultation materials. This will include a dedicated section in the launch newsletter and at our public exhibitions about our work in the community. In particular we'll focus on how younger people can learn more about the sector. There's also more information available on our website: Our communities National Grid Group.
How many of the 52,000 homes and businesses from the first consultation are in Thurrock?	At the first phase of non-statutory consultation, we wrote to just over 4,700 homes and businesses in Thurrock.
Consultation open for eight weeks seems like a reasonable timescale	Noted.
Will there be an easy read version of the newsletter be made available?	Our approach is to ensure consultation material is written in 'plain English' to make it as accessible as possible for people to understand and take part in consultation. While some documents are more technical than others, we write as much as possible with public audiences in mind.
	Wherever possible, upon request we'll also aim to provide materials in different formats, including easy-read, large print and in different languages. To request this, we ask that consultees and/or stakeholders contact the project team who'll be happy to help.
Can we influence where the information points will be if physical copies are being made available?	Yes, we're keen to work with local authorities to ensure we've identified suitable locations for information points. Wherever possible we'll aim to accommodate suggestions beyond the venues and locations we've already identified and have used in the past.

National Grid's response

with a close geographical relationship to the project) so we can see if anyone strategy. we hold info for has been missed. I'd also suggest local faith groups are added.

It would be useful to see this list (of community groups or resident associations Lists to be included in the final appendices and will be published as part of the

Public events - As much notice of these as possible would be good, to allow In person public events will commence approximately one week after the people time to make arrangements to attend.

publicity and launch of the 2023 non-statutory consultation and will run for three/four weeks into the consultation to allow people to make arrangements to attend.

Both in person and online webinar events will be held over a number of weeks during the consultation to provide multiple opportunities for people to take part.

Alternative formats on request – will it include easy read and other languages?

Consultation documents have been written in 'plain English' and enhanced with supporting images, drawings and graphics to make it easier for people to understand technical information. While some documents and drawings are more technical than others, we try to make all material as accessible for the public as possible.

If consultees require, alternative formats such as easy read and translations, are available on a case-by-case basis on request by getting in touch with the project team depending on the consultees' specific requirements to ensure the consultation is accessible and inclusive in line with legislation and Government guidance.

they have on here if possible.

Hard to reach and interest groups contact database - Would be great to see who Lists to be included in the final appendices and will be published as part of the strategy.

Appendices – can we see these?

Final appendices will be published as part of the strategy.

Following our review of the draft non-statutory public consultation strategy Noted, thank you. document dated 2023, I write to confirm that we have no objections to the approach set out in the draft non-statutory public consultation strategy document ahead of a future application for a Development Consent Order [DCO/NSIP] but I am enclosing the document with comments made contained within

National Grid's response

I am also attaching a weblink that has been identified by our Public Health team Noted, thank you. WHIASU Population Groups Checklist.pdf (phwwhocc.co.uk).

Overall, the strategy provides a suitable framework for guiding the non-statutory Noted, thank you. consultation and the proposed methods are supported.

It would be helpful if the need for why the proposal is required is explained in Noted. We want to make the consultation as accessible as possible for people, energy and improve existing energy transmission.

very simple terms as it is felt that this is lost within the information provided. The which includes making the proposals and the wider need case easy to proposal is a response to a changing national energy situation and would understand. We've taken a few steps to do this, including setting the context for effectively rewire the East of England / UK to deliver improved lower carbon the proposals out as clearly as possible within the consultation materials – such as the newsletter and website, as well as within more technical documentation.

> It is also worth noting that National Grid recognises the need to engage the wider public too and is aiming to do so via The Great Grid Upgrade campaign that's currently running across the UK, including in key project areas. As part of this activity, the project's name is changing from East Anglia GREEN to the Norwich to Tilbury connection project to make the project's location and purpose more easily understood for the public. It's our aim through this activity to engage a wider audience but also make it easy for people to understand what, where and why we're proposing to build new grid infrastructure, to bring new sources of renewable energy to homes and businesses across the UK.

respond.

CCC asks that consideration is given to the timing of the consultation strategy. We're committed to making sure the public and stakeholders have enough time It is stated that the consultation will be open for 8 weeks throughout to view and respond to the proposals. As this stage of non-statutory consultation, Spring/Summer 2023. There is potential for the consultation to take place during we believe eight weeks is sufficient time to advertise, run and close consultation the school holiday period, when consultees are less able to respond. - and it is consistent with our previous phase of non-statutory consultation in Consideration should be given to the feasibility of allowing a longer period of 2022. We do recognise that consultation will extend into the school holidays, but consultation, for example to 12 weeks, to allow consultees sufficient time to we will arrange public events in the earlier weeks of consultation to avoid school holidays as best we can.

> It's also important to note that there will be a further phase of statutory consultation in 2024.

It would be helpful if the consultation material could show the 2022 proposed As part of the 2022 non-statutory public consultation National Grid consulted on two routes.

alignment overlaid with the 2023 alignment to enable comparison between the a preferred corridor within which an alignment could go, including a graduated swathe showing areas within the corridor it was more or less likely this could be.

National Grid's response

Our 2023 consultation material will show our preferred draft indicative alignment. Where this alignment is either outside of the 2022 corridor or through an area previously thought less likely within the graduated swathe this will be specified including the reasons for that preliminary routing decision.

Again, discretion and a 'flexible approach' should be given to the use of the Noted, thank you. Secondary Consultation Zone (SCZ) to ensure that stakeholders along the 4km boundary of the proposed draft alignment are consulted on.

offered briefing meetings as a matter of course and not by request as proposed. they will be offered briefings as a matter of course. Parish Councils within 4km of the proposed draft alignment have potential to be affected by the proposal.

Parish Councils where all / part of the parish falls within the SCZ should be Noted, thank you. Where all or part of a parish falls between the PCZ and SCZ

National Grid having given due regard and consideration to CCC's comment believes that its proposed approach of offering briefings to parishes within the PCZ and accommodating requests for briefings from parishes within the SCZ is still proportionate and reasonable.

As noted previously, CCC would be happy to discuss providing a link to the Noted, thank you. project website on its consultation page on a computer available to members of the public in our Customer Service Centre.

CCC strongly recommends that the use of virtual exhibition software is utilised Noted, thank you. In National Grid's experience it has found mixed success in to view exhibition content at a time convenient to them.

as part of the consultation. From experience, CCC has found that this approach the utilisation of specific virtual exhibition software in achieving reach and range will achieve a wider reach and better range of respondents and will allow users of respondents, compared to the blended approach of in person and other virtual methods proposed.

> It is noted and agreed the importance of allowing users to view content at a time convenient to them. In addition to in person exhibitions and physical public information points National Grid will also be hosting a number of online webinars at alternative times, alongside providing freephone, email and FREEPOST methods of contact, and making all materials including exhibition board content available at the events available to view on the project website throughout the consultation.

National Grid's response

We'll continue to look at the performance of our various tools following this phase of consultation and keep any other methods under assessment before statutory consultation.

CCC supports the proposed methods of promoting the project. CCC would be Noted, thank you. happy to discuss advertising the consultation on its social media channels.

Essex

You may also wish to use local radio stations such as BBC Essex and Heart We'll use a blended approach to advertising and promoting this phase of consultation, which includes engaging paid for advertising through local print media. We will also engage proactively with local news media including radio and broadcast to provide a briefing on the proposals to inform coverage of the consultation and will be responding constructively to any requests for media interest throughout the consultation.

Another way of raising awareness of the project could be through posters, and Noted, thank you. Posters will be provided to local venues, parishes and at website with a QR code that can be scanned by smart phone users.

site notices on telegraph poles, lamp posts etc in locations where the new information points to display throughout the consultation. In our experience powerline would be particularly visible. These could provide details of the project putting posters in locations where people tend to gather is the most effective approach. We'll also be sending all properties within the PCZ a copy of the latest project newsletter, which contains event and consultation details.

> The newsletter will provide details of the project website with a QR code that can be scanned by smart phone users.

CCC suggests approaching Parish Councils within the PCZ or SCZ to see if they Noted, thank you. Material will be provided to parish councils and other venues can publicise the proposals on their noticeboards.

within the PCZ to display throughout the consultation.

groups.

CCC welcomes the approach to youth engagement. However, this should be in Noted, thank you. National Grid is committed to ensuring that the consultation is addition to, and should not be to the detriment/disadvantage of other interest open and accessible and that all those with an interest in getting involved are able to do so. None of our activity will preclude anyone from taking part.

As commented previously, it would be helpful if the strategy includes details Noted, thank you. The outcomes from the 2023 non-statutory consultation will be statutory consultation e.g., will there be a report published on your website?

about how National Grid will feedback to communities the results of the non- made available to the public and stakeholders in a range of ways. Initially, our aim will be to publish an update newsletter following the consultation which will provide an overview of the key matters raised, how we're considering them and what the timescales and next steps are.

National Grid's response

At statutory consultation, we'll provide a full consultation feedback report

It would be helpful if details of the project timetable are included within the Noted, thank you. Details of the project timeline will be included within the public consultation strategy.

facing consultation materials.

detailing how we've had regard to the feedback received.

We remain concerned that until the issue of project design and the use of alternative technologies is afforded full and transparent consideration, further consultation on the preferred overhead transmission scheme should be suspended.

We have been targeted with a delivery date of 2030 and at this time we believe our current proposals best provide value for money to customers. Network reinforcements are required inland to accommodate the increased demand on the network, and to ensure we can effectively transport the power from where it comes from offshore generation to where it is used in people's homes and businesses. It is vital that we continue to progress our work. It would not be appropriate for us to delay this essential project which will contribute to more affordable energy bills. In order to meet these challenging deadlines to connect new offshore wind power we must continue to progress the project. However, we will continue to carefully consider and backcheck our proposals should this change.

The principal difference between the current strategy and the previous (for the first round of non-statutory consultation) is the use of larger venues which are sited further away from the current preferred route. The underlying reasoning is understandably health and safety considerations due to the large number of attendees at previous events. However, we are committed to achieving enhanced engagement with hard-to-reach groups, especially children and young people (18-25 years) but also older people.

It is noted with thanks that CCC is understanding of the rationale and methodology which National Grid has applied to determine venues for the public consultation. In addition to our approach to youth engagement, National Grid is committed to ensuring that the consultation is open and accessible and that all those with an interest in getting involved can do so.

The consultation strategy should involve simplified documentation and greater digitisation - possibly consultation events using up to date digital tools such as meetings with VR headsets to help understand proposals, online voting tools and interactive 3D mapping with flyovers. Enhanced tools to enable ease of migration through information, rather than inaccessible complicated technical reports, letter writing, in person attendance at events etc. Schools, FE colleges, universities and all relevant social media platforms are the best channel to effectively engage with young people.

Noted, thank you. National Grid is proposing a blended approach of in person and virtual/online methods to achieve a reach and range of respondents, allow users to view content at a time convenient to them, and host dedicated youth engagement events.

Digital methods include an online interactive map and a digital engagement platform for providing feedback, in addition to in person exhibitions. We will also be hosting online webinars and making all materials from these including exhibition board content available at the events available to view on the project website throughout the consultation.

National Grid's response

Conversely, although Covid has expanded participation in digital meetings across all age groups, much of the route corridor cuts through deeply rural areas with a greater proportion of elderly people. Whilst this is not universally the case, many of this group may lack digital skills and also may be less likely/able to attend meetings hosted at a greater distance from home. To achieve an inclusive engagement, a solution needs to be found to support local engagement with elderly people and participation with small groups potentially using parish council meetings for Q & A sessions.

Consultation documents have been written in 'plain English' including varying degrees of technical detail to enable people to access information in an understandable format in both paper copy and digitally.

Noted, thank you. National Grid is proposing a blended approach of in person and virtual methods to achieve a reach and range of respondents. National Grid is committed to ensuring that the consultation is open and accessible and that all those with an interest in getting involved are able to do so.

In addition to digital methods National Grid will also be hosting in person public exhibitions and local information points, alongside providing freephone and FREEPOST methods of contact.

Consultation documents have been written in 'plain English' including varying degrees of technical detail to enable people to access information in an understandable format in paper copy. If consultees require these, they are available on request by getting in touch with the project team.

National Grid will be engaging with both parish councils and a range of Hard-to-Reach interest groups including those representing the elderly as part of the consultation. Lists to be included in the final appendices and will be published as part of the strategy.

Rural communities in Essex need financial support from infrastructure developers to build the requisite capacity to facilitate effective engagement with NSIPs. If NGET funded independent planning support services e.g., from Planning Aid England, then this could facilitate more meaningful and effective engagement at parish level. We understand that a precedent exists for this approach with EDF commissioning Planning Aid to support town and parish councils to engage with the Sizewell NSIP

Noted. At this stage we don't believe additional funding is required for a project of this nature, but we're willing to work with local authorities should they identify any additional support is needed for parish councils.

Given that the eight weeks may fall in the school holidays it would be helpful to In person public events will commence circa one weeks after the launch and give stakeholders as much notice of the expected start date for the consultation as possible.

publicity of the consultation to allow people enough notice to attend. Events both in person and online will be held over a number of weeks during the consultation to provide multiple opportunities depending on people's availability to attend.

Summary of matters raised	National Grid's response
Paper copies can be made available for public inspection at our Endeavour House offices.	Noted, thank you.
I suggest all stakeholders who have already responded to the previous consultation / other engagement on the project be included, regardless of their location in relation to the PCZ / SCZ.	Noted, thank you. We will notify all those who have requested to be kept informed throughout the project development.
I note the intention to specify information point locations but that here is no appendix C yet provided. I would be happy to offer suggestions / comment on this further.	Noted, thank you. We will always seek to accommodate specific suggestions of information points where possible from LPAs and will share a list of potential locations with you ahead of consultation.
Our comms team have found Twitter to be a helpful platform to engage with some hard-to-reach audiences, particularly younger people.	Noted, thank you.
I note the intention to specify public information event locations but that here is no appendix B yet provided. I would be happy to offer suggestions / comment on this further.	Noted, thank you. Final appendices will be published as part of the strategy. We will always seek to consider specific suggestions of events for the statutory consultation where possible from LPAs.
It would be helpful to include axonometric drawings / images to help audiences understand the form and scale of some aspects of infrastructure such as sealing end compounds.	Noted, thank you. We'll provide a range of image and diagram types during non-statutory consultation so consultees can get a good understanding of the various elements of the scheme, including Cable Sealing End Compounds (CSECs).
I note the approach to hard-to-reach groups and this seems likely to cover hard to hear and BAME groups although there's no specific use of these terms. We don't have a current strategy for engagement with these groups but projects are being supported by Siobhan Kranjanasilp at the Ipswich & Suffolk Council for Racial Equality (ISCRE) is you need any information. Her email is Siobhan@iscre.org.uk. I'm aware that the TLO for the joint authorities has changed since the last time I worked with them so the email for the Norfolk and Suffolk GT service is NSGRTS@norfolk.gov.uk which will hopefully be helpful.	Noted, thank you.
The 8-week consultation period is likely to fall over the summer school holidays and as such it is felt that the consultation period should be extended	We're committed to making sure the public and stakeholders have enough time to view and respond to the proposals. As this stage of non-statutory consultation, we believe eight weeks is sufficient time to advertise, run and

Summary of matters raised	National Grid's response
to between 10 – 12 weeks, giving the maximum opportunity for Local Authorities; Community Groups; and members of the public time to respond.	close consultation – and it is consistent with our previous phase of non-statutory consultation. We do recognise that consultation will close in the early weeks of school holidays, but we'll have concluded our events programme by that point. If additional time to respond is required, we're happy to work with those individuals or groups to assess how we can support them.
	It's also important to note that there will be a further phase of statutory consultation in 2024.
Any documentation produced needs to be in Plain English; and where technical reports are produced these should be supported with Non-Technical Summaries (NTSs);	Noted, thank you. Consultation documents have been written in 'plain English' including varying degrees of technical detail to enable people to access information in an understandable format.
Public Exhibitions – while supporting such events there needs to be more venues in Norfolk compared to the first-round non-statutory consultation. It is suggested as a minimum there should be a venue in the North (e.g., Mulbarton); and one in the South (Diss or nearby). In addition, it might be useful to have an event/venue half way between – location to be agreed;	Noted: Three in person public events will be held in Norfolk at Tasburgh, Tibenham and Diss.
Stakeholder briefings – this should include elected County Councillors within the Secondary Catchment Zone (not just the Primary Catchment Zone);	Noted, thank you. Where part of a county electoral division falls between the PCZ and SCZ they will be offered briefing meetings as a matter of course. National Grid having given due regard and consideration to NCC's comment believes that its proposed approach of offering briefings to County Councillors within the PCZ and accommodating requests for briefings from County Councillors within the SCZ is still proportionate and reasonable.
Need to see Appendices 1-3, which have not been included;	Final appendices will be published as part of the strategy.
It is recommended that environmental Non-Government Organisations (e.g., Norfolk Wildlife Trust, RSPB, National Trust, Norfolk Rivers Trust etc.) and other local environmental interest groups are specifically identified within the strategy, for example as part of the groups listed in the Stakeholder briefings and Meetings section as those which EAG "will engage with on request".	Noted: We will consult a wide range of statutory government and non-governmental environmental groups and organisations as part of this phase of non-statutory consultation (and did so in 2022). Typically, these groups form part of our engagement and consultation as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the project in line with the relevant regulations.

Summary of matters raised	National Grid's response
	Wherever possible, we aim to consult as broad a range of groups and interested parties as possible, so we're always willing to receive comments and suggestions for any additional local groups we may not be immediately aware of.
It is also recommended that such environmental groups are recognised as interest groups within the Engaging with Hard to Reach and Interest Groups section.	Typically, details of engagement with these groups will form part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the project rather than community consultation – which the strategy outlines. That said, these groups are captured within our wider set of consultees and will be consulted at non-statutory consultation.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the East Anglia GREEN Consultation Strategy. At the earliest opportunity, ECC would appreciate NGET confirming the date of the consultation, venues/dates/times of any inperson events and who will be leading this workstream.	The specifics of the consultation (dates, locations, times etc) are still being confirmed, but we will be updating everyone on those details at the LPA workshop on Tuesday 13 June. Donna Burnell, our Regional External Affairs Manager, leads our consultation workstream.
BDC overall support the draft Non-Statutory Consultation 2023 Strategy	Noted, thank you.
SoCC - It would be good to know when this is expected and whether we will be able to comment on a draft ahead of it being finalised to ensure we feel it meets any accessibility needs of our communities.	National Grid will publish a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) as part of our statutory consultation in 2024. We will consult with relevant Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) on the development of the draft SoCC ahead of this under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.
Any health/community impact assessments or Equality Impact assessments undertaken as part of EIA scoping so far?	We'll provide more information on our assessment processes at statutory consultation in 2024.
I also note from your website that statutory public consultation will take place in 2024 ahead of a DCO application submission in 2025. I would be grateful if you can keep us informed of any updates to the timetable in case of any changes.	Noted. Stakeholders including LPAs will be kept updated throughout the development of the project up to DCO submission, including any substantive changes to the project programme and ahead of key milestones such as the statutory consultation.

Appendix C Newspaper Adverts

Appendix C1 Eastern Daily Press 29 June 2023

Man was hit by lorry after leaving festival

hit by a lorry on the A47 shortly after leaving the Sundown Festival on foot, an inquest has heard.

Elvis Mudzengerere died on September 5 last year, from injuries suffered after he was struck in Easton, near the

Norfolk Showground. His death has sparked a number of safety improvements at the annual dance music festival.

The inquest heard that Mr Mudzengerere had travelled to Norfolk from his home in Chelmsford, Essex to attend the festival with two close friends

It heard the group were enjoying their weekend, but that on the Sunday, Mr Mudzengerere had taken ketamine, which he had acquired from a fellow reveller

Thomas Maudsley, one of the

friends, told the inquest that he had never known his friend to take drugs and that the incident was "very out of character". But he said that a while after

But he said that a while after taking the drug Mr Mudzengerere, who was born in Zimbabwe, "changed, stopped speaking and went so quiet". The following morning, he left the showground on foot and was seen by a number of people walking on the hard shoulder of the A47.

The inquest heard that one

The inquest heard that one lorry driver was forced to make an emergency stop after the 26-year-old "ran into the

carriageway waving his arms". However, a short while later, Mr Mudzengerere was struck by a second lorry and despite attempts to resuscitate him, died



The Sundown Festival

at the scene, shortly before 1pm.
A police report read during the

hearing said there was nothing the driver could have done to avoid the collision.

Assistant coroner Johanna Thompson concluded his death was as result of a road traffic collision.

Image: JAK HOWARD

Meanwhile the court heard that a raft of measures would be brought in for future festivals, including extra signs warning people against leaving on foot, increased bus services and increased awareness of travel arrangements for those attending the event.

» Arson charge

A man has appeared in court accused of setting fire to the home of his elderly mother in a blaze that engulfed neighbouring properties.

Pip Long, 53, has been charged with arson with intent to endanger life over the fire which ripped through four homes on Hall Road in Norwich.

Fire crews evacuated people from the neighbouring properties in the terraced homes after the blaze broke out at 11.33pm on Monday. No one was injured despite

homes being badly damaged with flames engulfing and destroying several roofs.

Long, of Southwell Road, Norwich, made a brief appearance in the dock at Norwich Magistrates Court yesterday.

Wearing a dark blue sweatshirt he was ordered back into the cells after repeatedly ranting, swearing and banging the security glass screen.

Prosecutors said the fire had allegedly been deliberately started at the home of his 77-year-old mother though she was not present at the time.

Magistrates committed the case to Norwich Crown Court for a hearing to be held on July 26.

Long was remanded in custody in his absence from the courtroom.



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Appendix C2 Thurrock Gazette 29 June 2023

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Windrush choir opens Glastonbury's main stage Festival feels the Windrush

By Rebecca Creed rebecca.creed@

MUSICAL group celebrating the descendants of the Windrush generation opened the main stage at Glastonbury on Sunday with a "hugely important" and "fantastic" performance. The Bristol Reggae Or-chestra and Windrush Choir,

a musical group from Bris-tol which celebrates the Windrush generation and its descendants, kicked off proceedings on the Pyramid Stage at 11am with a full orchestra accompanied by singers dressed in vibrant

singers dressed in vibrant red, green and yellow. The festival appearance came 75 years after the Em-pire Windrush docked in the

The ship carried workers from the Caribbean who had answered Britain's call for help to fill post-war labour shortages, arriving at the Port of Tilbury, Essex, on June 22, 1948.

Opening the set, one of

the lead singers said to the crowd of several hundred: "Glastonbury how you do-ing? We're going to give you Windrush style of reggae



■ Festival fever - The Bristol Reggae Orchestra featuring The Windrush Choir. Pic: Yui Mok/PA Wire

The group performed songs including Home and Windrush Child, as well as a medley of classics from reg-

gae legend Bob Marley.

A member of the band thanked the Eavis family, who organise the festival, for featuring them and helping to share the story of the Windrush generation.

"I just wanted to say thank-you very much to Mi-

chael, Emily, the family and

the whole organisation... they've treated us so well to-day" he said.

"The fact that they've rec-ognised the Windrush arriv-al... people here understand the story so I want to thank

you all for coming."

Jeff Peabody, 54, from
Street in Somerset near the festival site at Worthy Farm, described the performance

as "hugely important".

He said: "It was fantastic... just people just really enjoying themselves and just spreading the music, spreading love, and that's what Glastonbury is all about.

"Tm 54, when I grew up I didn't know the story, but everybody knows the story now and it's really important that story comes out and generations coming through

need to hear the story.
"We've got to remember
the tragedy the Windrush generation have had to suf-

fer:
"This is what makes Glastonbury so special because it gives a platform for huge stars, but also gives a plat-form for a choir from Bristol and a chance to remember Windrush and pass on that



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Appendix C3 Braintree and Witham Times and Halstead Gazette

29 June 2023

Plans are revealed for 130-acre solar farm

PLANS have been submitted for a solar farm the size of about 65 football pitches in a village.

BSR Energy has submitted a planning application to Braintree Council for a 49.99MW solar development on fields at Baker's Road

in Belchamp St Paul.

The application says the farm, which measures about 130 acres could power the equivalent of 12,500 homes every year. BSR Energy has highlighted "a

recognised need for green energy production in the area", with Braintree Council declaring a climate to become carbon neutral by 2030.

The planning application follows

a five-week consultation period with the local community.

The company says less than 10 per cent expressed strong views against the proposals, with the majority of respondents either expressing neutral

views or support.

Concerns raised mainly centred around the visual impact of the development, the impact on the local road network by construction traffic, and the belief the land should remain

In light of the feedback, the project team say they have "carefully considered" any amendments to the proposals which would seek to "further mitigate any perceived negative impacts of a solar development in this location".

This included the removal of a second construction compound to the north east of the site and the addition

norm east of the site and the addition of planting to reduce any visual impacts of the development.

BSR senior project manager Sarah Hymas said: "BSR is excited to have submitted a planning application to Braintree Council following a positive consultation with the community." consultation with the community

"Should planning permission be granted, the land can be reverted back to agricultural use at the end of its 40-year operational lifespan with no detrimental impact to the quality of the land – something we hope will be a comfort to those respondents who were keen for the land to be returned to agricultural use.



GREEN ENERGY: Plans for a solar farm in Belchamp St Paul have

Rotary names new president

HALSTEAD Rotary Club has named its new presi-

Keith Brownlie (pictured) took over the reins of the club at an event in Great Maplestead.

Mr Brownlie was previously Rotary district gov-ernor for Essex and East Herts, and took over from outgoing president David

Ainge.

He has set out his agenda

he has set out his agenda hy priorfor the year ahead by prior-itising growing the current club membership and also setting up a new youth-fo-cused group, targeting young farmers.

Mr Brownlie will also focus on the environment, encouraging action with similar like-minded organ-

isations.

He is actively working with the Wilderness Foundation and Yarra Farm, which are both local re-wilding projects.

Willow's precious legacy to help grieving parents

Couple raise £9k after loss of their baby daughter

By Daniel Rees

A GRIEVING couple who underwent the tragedy of a stillborn baby are doing what they can to

help others.

Laura Dornan and Liam Austin were expecting Willow in

January.
Since losing Willow, the Halstead couple have made it their mission to raise as much money as they can for what are known as 'cold cots'

By lowering the temperature, cold cots allow parents to spend more time than they would normally have with their stillborn child.

child.

Their campaign has been inspired by the care and compassion which staff showed Laura, 32, and Liam, 44, at Colchester Hospital earlier this year.

Liam said: "The staff were absolutely incredible – the materials."

ternity midwives were amazing and you could feel the compassion for all of them, from the receptionist all the way through to the surgeon who delivered the

"It was the absolute care they showed, and nothing was too much for them – it was just amazing."
The cold cot at Colchester

Hospital allowed Laura and Liam to go through some of the activities a parent would share with their newborn.

"The cold cot allowed us to spend time with Willow," said Liam.

"It keeps their body temperature at a level so it doesn't deteriorate. You can take them



PRECIOUS MOMENTS: Laura and Liam with baby Willow

out, cuddle them, dress them or

whatever you want to do.
"Without that, you only get
two hours and the baby is taken away from you.

away from you.

In the months since their tragic loss, Liam and Laura have raised more than £9,000 for the Colchester and Ipswich Hospitals (Peterstrand) tals Charity.
Some of the money has gone

towards memory boxes known as sweet dream boxes - which include keepsakes such as a cud-dly toy and a candle – for par-ents to remember their baby by.

"It's helped us not to forget er," said Liam.

"Without dying, she would not have been able to help other people – it gives us a little bit of comfort."



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Appendix C4 Colchester Gazette

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GYM INSTRUCTOR DIES AFTER SHE WAS KNOCKED OFF HER FEET IN MELEE

Man denies manslaughter of mum-of-three in Jaywick

By DANIEL REES

A MANSLAUGHTER trial has

opened following the death of a gym instructor. Bobby Nethercott, 33, whose address was given as HMP Chelmsford, appeared in Chelmsford Crown Court where he was accused of the manslaughter of 40-year-old Michelle Cooper in April 2021. He denies the charge. The court heard after falling

to the floor and smacking her head off the road, Mrs Cooper initially regained conscious-ness, but her condition deteriorated and she later died at Colchester Hospital.

colchester Hospital.

The jury was told a party had been taking place on a Friday night in Beach Way, Jaywick, before a misunderstanding sparked an argument resulting in a 16-year-old being chased from the property. chased from the property.

chased from the property.
Wayne Cleaver, prosecuting, said: "What was a minor misunderstanding sparked violence which spiralled along the street, which led to an attack on Michelle Cooper."

In the melee which ensued, the court heard Nethercott allegedly landed what turned out to be a fatal blow on Mrs Cooper, who was a mother-of-there.

three. Mr Cleaver said: "He was Mr Cleaver said: "He was prepared to use violence, even against a woman, and that's exactly what he did to Mi-chelle Cooper he struck her in such a way so as to have deadly affect.

Mr Cleaver then recounted evidence from an individual who witnessed the incident in Beach Way.
"The witness saw a man in a

white t-shirt who punched Mrs Cooper to the face so hard that it knocked her off her feet and knocked her to the ground, leaving her in a star fish posi-

"We say that the man who dealt that blow was Nether-



cott." Mr Cleaver said Mrs Cooper was then kicked in the head whilst she lay unconscious on

"Whilst she lay motionless on the ground, she was then assaulted again by Nethercott and others"

and others."

As the incident continued, the court heard how Mrs Coop-

er's daughter Chloe dialled 999, and relayed to the opera-

999, and relayed to the opera-tor what was unfolding.
Reading out the call tran-scription, Mr Cleaver sad: "She was saying 'We got jumped by people they are all beating up my nieces and that.
"The geezer just knocked every bird out."
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Man boasted: 'I knocked woman out'

A MAN who is accused of manslaughter boasted to a friend about his assault of several women, a court has

Bobby Nethercott, who appeared in Chelmsford Crown Court yesterday accused of manslaughter. was involved in an assault which took place in Jaywick in April 2021.

Mr Cleaver, prosecuting, told the court footage recorded in the aftermath of the incident saw Nethercott. 33, boast to a friend how he knocked out women as part of the fracas.

Mr Cleaver said: "There are cameras on Beach Way and they pick up Nethercott with a young woman [to whom he said] 'I knocked Kelly out, I knocked the woman out I knocked them all out.

"He is then recorded saying, 'I can't breathe, I battered them all I knocked

them all out."

"'I knocked Kelly out, I knocked the woman out, I knocked the boy out I knocked them all out didn't

Mr Cleaver added: "He's Mi Cleavel added. He's bragging and relishing in what he has just done. "Nethercott was at the forefront of the violence that developed that right."

developed that night.'

Nethercott denies manslaughter.

The trial continues.

Appendix C5 Harwich and Manningtree Standard 30 June 2023

Club to mark Royal Oak ground's anniversary

HARWICH and Parkeston FC is staging a player reunion to mark 125 years at the town's Royal Oak ground.

The get-together will take place on Saturday, September 9, at the club in Main Road.

The Shrimpers will be playing at home in Eastern Counties League on the day.
As part of the festivities, the club aims

to attract many of its former greats including members of the 1976 team which reached the first round of the FA Cup, players who won the Essex Senior Trophy in 1990 and a number of those who won promotion out of Division One of the Eastern Counties League in the 2003/04 season.

However, all former Shrimpers are invited to attend.

Club chairman Tony Armstrong was a member of the 1976 side which lost to Enfield in a replay.

He said: "I'm not sure that many

people realise how long football has been played on the Royal Oak but 125 years is certainly a long time it really has played a big part in the town's history.
"We felt this was an occasion worth

celebrating and that a player reunion

would be a great way to do that.

"I'm looking forward to seeing plenty of my former team-mates and many others who have represented the club down the years."

The plans are still in progress but the

club is looking to get an idea of numbers on the day

Anyone planning to attend is asked to email the club at harwichfc@yahoo.com.

Harwich's first game on the Royal Oak took place on September 10, 1898, when a team from the Coldstream Guards, then based at the Tower of London were the visitors. The match ended in a 2-2 draw. In 1938, the ground saw its record

attendance when more than 5,000 fans watched a 2-0 defeat to Romford in the FA Amateur Cup.

The Shrimpers had previously played at Barrack Field and the Phoenix Ground.

TROPHY WINNERS: Terry Francis, president of Harwich and Parkeston FC with Paul Rogers of The Harwich Museum



'Graveyard' is voted the UK's messiest car

Manningtree motorist concedes car is a mobile tip

By Elliot Deady

A MOTORIST from Manningtree has been named the UK's messiest car owner.

Drivers from across the nation have shared shocking pictures of their atrocious automobiles as part of a nationwide competition by car service giant ATS Euromaster.

With stacks of rubbish rendering her rear seats unusable, Lindy Win-ship cashed in on her bad habits

and scooped a £200 Amazon voucher as the winner of the competition.
The 60-year-old joked she and her husband always thought their Saab estate car could be Britain's untidi-

The unrepentant driver said: "She is effectively known as the graveyard as she's used as a general run around and a mobile tip.

"Whatever needs clearing up or has been carried somewhere to clean up or repair around the farm, it all gets thrown in her: "My husband even has all the

bad snacks and drinks in there too.

"When my husband loses tools, I always say: 'It's probably in the graveyard' so a frantic search begins for a much-needed tool, which creates more mess.

"Apparently, everything in her comes in handy at some point.
"It's a mammoth task to clean

her, and I have to give my husband a day's notice at least." A Ford Fiesta owner from Ben-fleet also got an honourable men-

tion, with parcels and coffee cups filling their passenger-side footwell. Paul Maynard, who is ATS Euro-

master's technical training manag-er, warned drivers of the dangers of driving a cluttered car.



MESSY CAR: Lindy Winship's untidy vehicle

He said: "Many drivers will admit that their cars aren't squeaky clean, and it can be easy for them to build up with clutter.

"The messiest car competition highlighted the state of many driv-ers' cars and hopefully made them think about the dangers it could

create.

"As well as potentially obscuring a driver's view out of windows of

mirrors, if the driver needs to brake sharply the loose items could move forward and possibly interfere with the vehicle pedals and steering.

"A messy interior can be classed as dangerous driving, and results in a £100 fine.

"Having an excessive mess of any sort can also cause an MOT failure."

Have a say on village heritage

FOUR communities in Tendring will be able to have

their say on how heritage in their areas is protected. Tendring Council is de-veloping a series of Conser-vation Area Appraisals, re-viewing places that already have a heritage designation, to ensure they still work for those areas.

Conservation Areas contain details of why they are special places, and also set forward management pro-posals. Planning applica-tions within a Conservation Area have additional criteria to be considered against.

The council has already completed these for several areas, and is now looking for the public's views on appraisals of four more areas, including Great Clacton, Lawford, Bradfield and Ram-

sey.
Andy Baker, cabinet member for planning, said: "There are so many beautiful places in Tendring which are worthy of protection, and this process allows us to put

the right protection in place for heritage," Mr Baker said. A six-week public consul-tation will now be held. Go to tendringdc.gov.uk/consul-



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Appendix C6 East Anglian Daily Times 30 June 2023



Sergeant Brian Calver of Suffolk Constabulary's Rural and Wildlife Crime team

Image: CHARLOTTE BOND

Police chief slams illegal detectorists' 'planned criminality'

There are fears "we'll never know how much history has been lost" after four men were sentenced for illegal metal detecting in Suffolk.

Bradley Ling, 24, of Pond Lane, Surlingham, Kyle Mickleburgh, 25, of Donchurch Close, Norwich, Michael Travell, 37, of Beverley Road, Norwich and Aaron Williams, 25, of Fleeters Hill, Hingham have been given suspended prison sentences following the incident on October 12, 2022.

The men were arrested after they spotted were using a metal detector at the Baylham Roman Site, a protected place.

Sergeant Brian Calver, who as passing the site at about 10.15pm, said the offenders were carrying out their crime "purely

for selfish gain". He said: "This crime was not an opportunist moment. This was organised, planned criminality,

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targeting our heritage.
"We'll never know just how
much history and knowledge has been lost as a result of their offending, purely for selfish gain.
"I hope this result will make

them think about their actions in future and will send a message to others that we take heritage crime seriously.

"These are not victimless crimes, and we'd encourage any landowners that know they are suffering from illegal metal detecting to report it, so we can target those involved."

At Suffolk Magistrates' Court the prosecution highlighted that a gold ring worth between £20,000 and £50,000 had never been recovered, after a picture vas found on one of the defendant's phones.

Mark Harrison, Historic

England head of heritage crime strategy added: "Illegal metal detecting is not a victimless crime. This site has been identified as the Roman town of Combretovium and is designated as a scheduled monument, a nationally important archaeological site which

requires careful managing.
"Unlawful metal detecting and excavation can cause damage to the buried archaeological deposits and the loss of historic artefacts and objects.

"We will continue to work in

partnership with the police and the metal detecting community to identify those offenders who are intent on stealing from our past and to bring them to account, so we can protect these remarkable historic places for current and future generations."

At Suffolk Magistrates' Court. the group were handed a 16-week jail sentence, suspended for 18

» Town centre building society plans to move

A Sudbury bank has submitted plans for a move to a different premises within the town.

Suffolk Building Society submitted an application to Babergh District Council earlier this week for alterations to be made at 98 North Street ahead of a planned move from their current building at 10

The proposals include

changes to the internal layout, existing access arrangements and new signage to the

building's facade. A statement on behalf of Suffolk Building Society said the move is needed to meet the demands and needs of their customers.

The works proposed are all within the confines of the existing 77sqm building and no extensions are proposed.

External works include replacement of the existing doors with an automated door to all automated utor to allow for disable access as well as paint work to the shop front.

An application for

new signage and a hanging sign for the front of the building has also been submitted.

The unit, which used to be occupied by Clinton Cards and Mountain Warehouse, is currently empty.

» Car showroom could be transformed into church

A Bury St Edmunds car showroom could be transformed into a church as a change of use application has been submitted.

An application for the change of use of the change of use of the Cecil & Larter Seat car dealership at Fairview House in Lamdin Road was received by West Suffolk Council earlier this month.

In the plans, the car showroom would be

transformed into a church complete with offices and community spaces to allow applicant C3 Church to move in.

If approved, the church would use 219sqm for public space and the remaining 135sqm for staff offices and storage.

A statement submitted to West Suffolk Council said the building would be fully accessible to residents

and community groups to be used for events such as church services, kids, community meetings, educational classes and training as well as wellbeing activities.

C3 is a modern Christian church founded in 1982, with locations in Cambridge and Colchester.

It currently runs a Sunday service at King Edward VI School in Bury St Edmunds.



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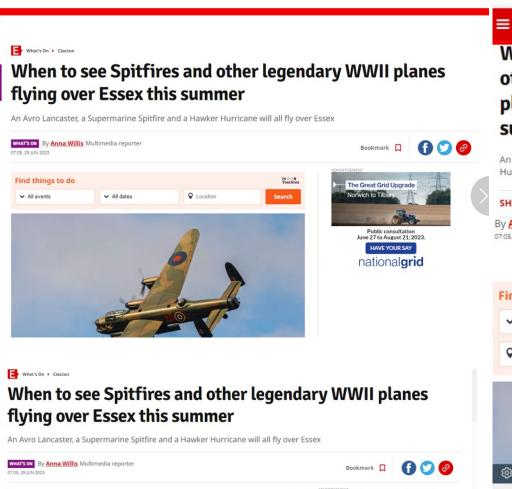
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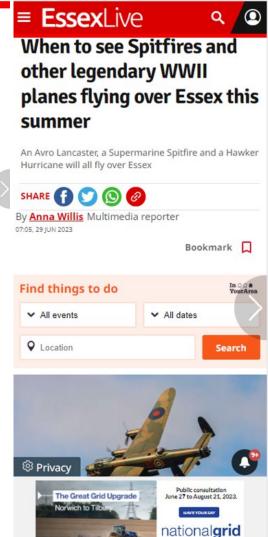


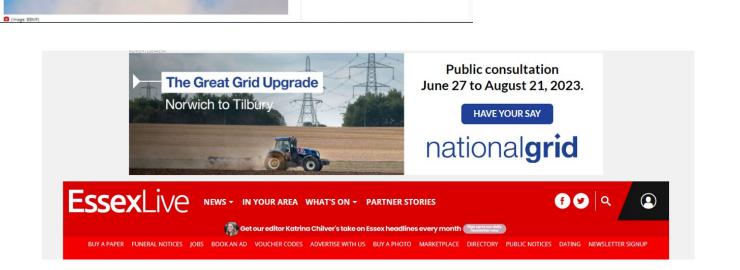
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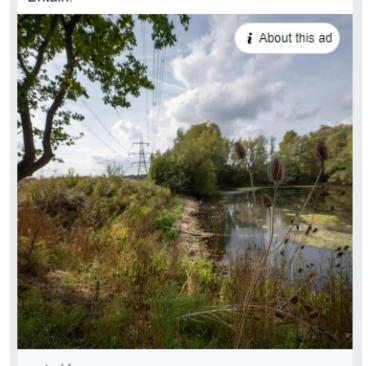
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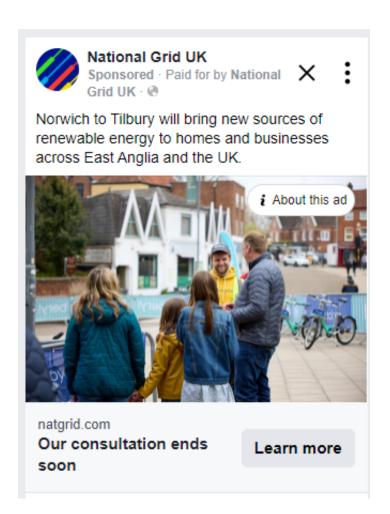


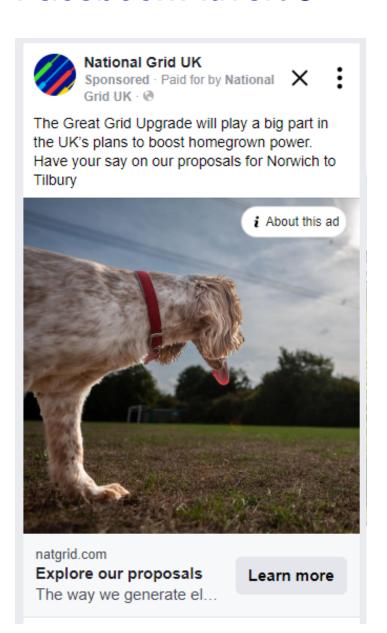
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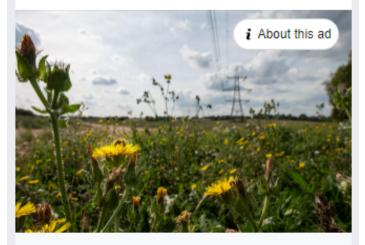
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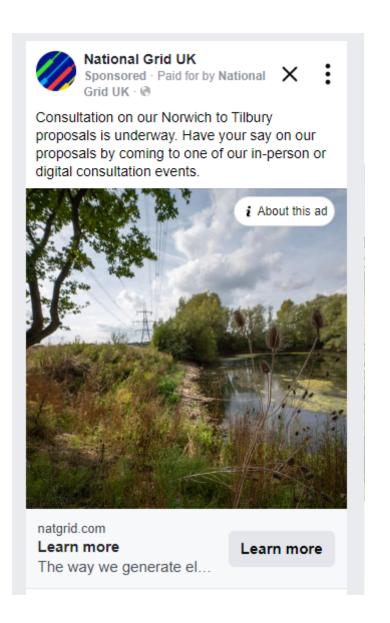


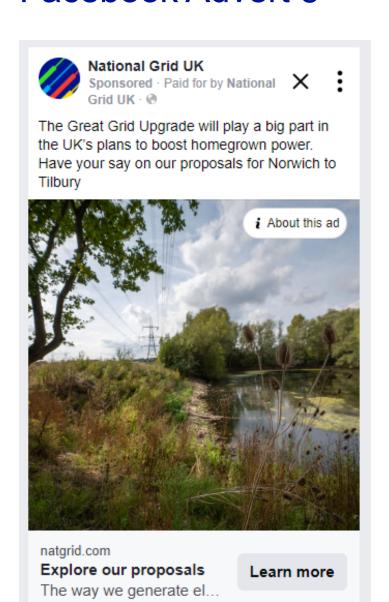
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Date and time	Venue
Thursday 6 July 2-7pm	The Brentwood Centre, Doddinghurst Road, Brentwood, CM15 9NN
Friday 7 July 2-7pm	Diss Youth & Community Centre, Shelfanger Road, Diss, IP22 4EH
Saturday 8 July 11am-4pm	Lawford Venture Centre 2000, Bromley Road, Lawford, Manningtree CO11 2JE
Monday 10 July 1-6pm	Tibenham Community Hall, Pristow Green Lane, Tibenham Pristow Green, Norwich NR16 1PX
Tuesday 11 July 11am-4pm	Blackbourne Community Centre, 71 Blackbourne Road, Elmswell, Bury St Edmunds, IP30 9UH
Wednesday 12 July 2-7pm	Chelmsford City Racecourse, Chelmsford, CM3 1QP

Date and time	Venue
Thursday 13 July 2-7pm	Langham Community Centre, School Road, Langham, Colchester, CO4 5PA
Monday 17 July 2-7pm	The Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, RM16 2JU
Tuesday 18 July 1-6pm	Tasburgh Village Hall, Grove Lane, Tasburgh, NR15 1LR
Wednesday 19 July 2-7pm	Copdock and Washbrook Village Hall, Old London Road, Copdock, IP8 3JN
Thursday 20 July 2-7pm	Witham Public Hall, Collingwood Road, Witham, CM8 2DY
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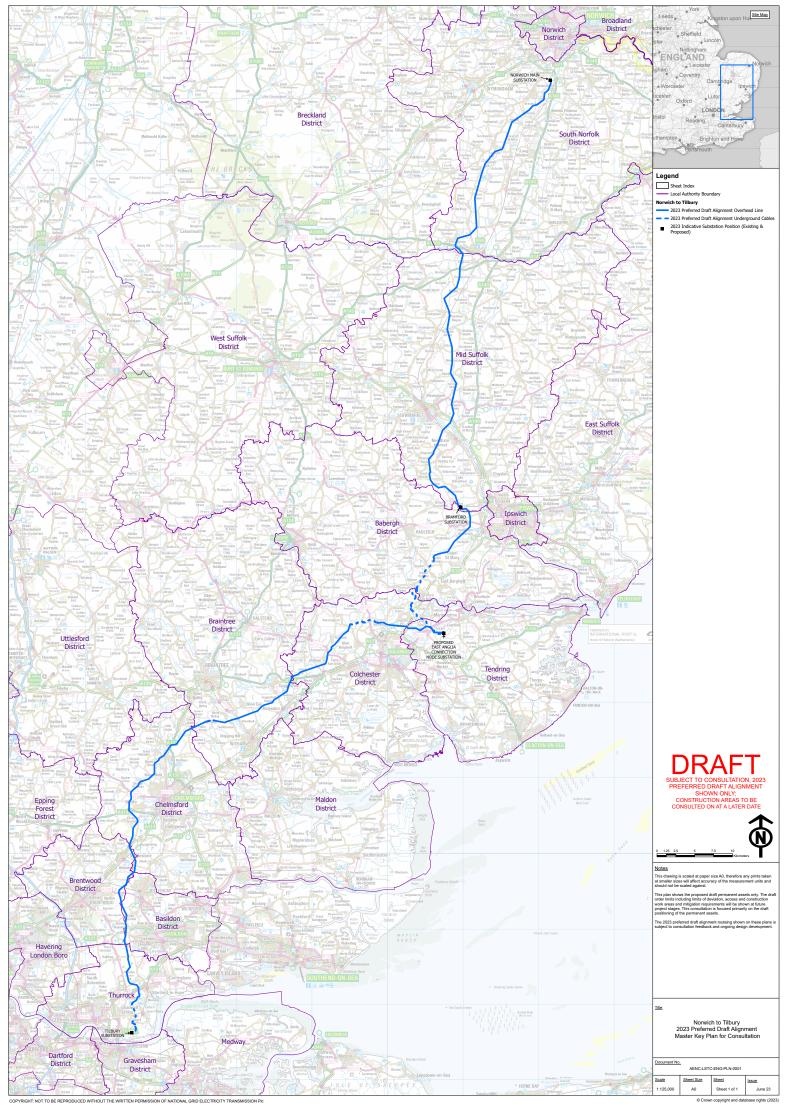
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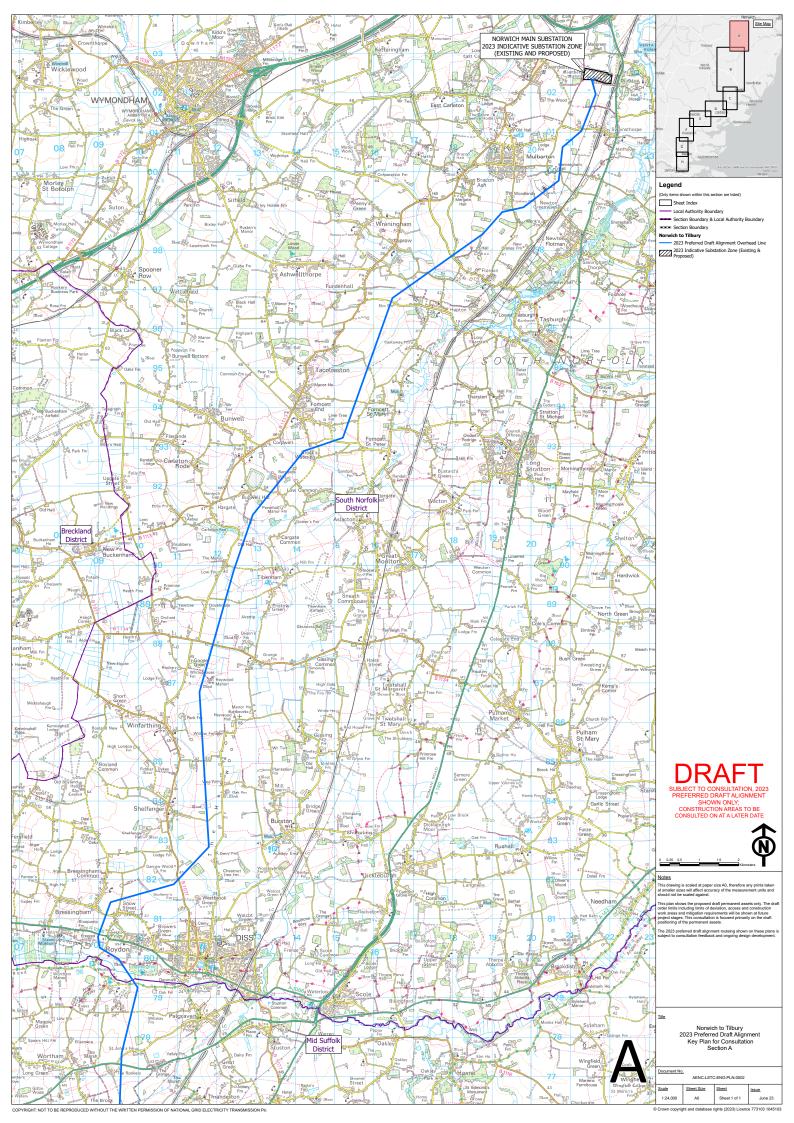


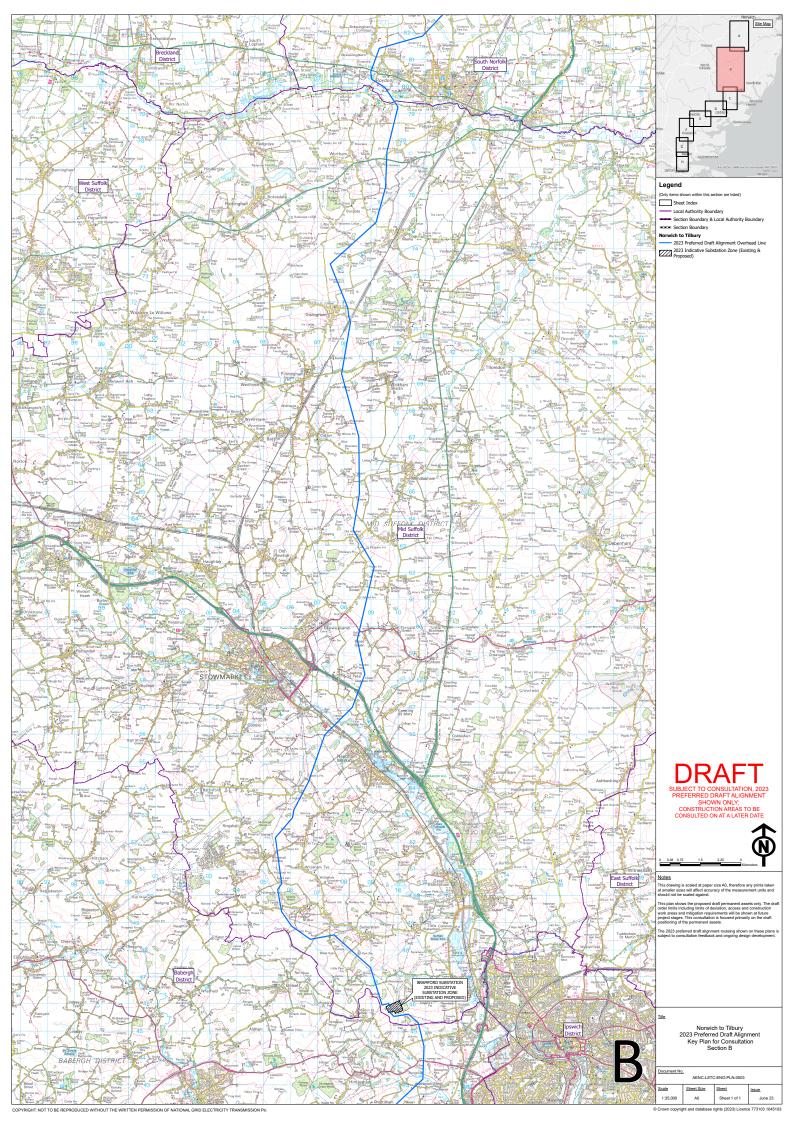
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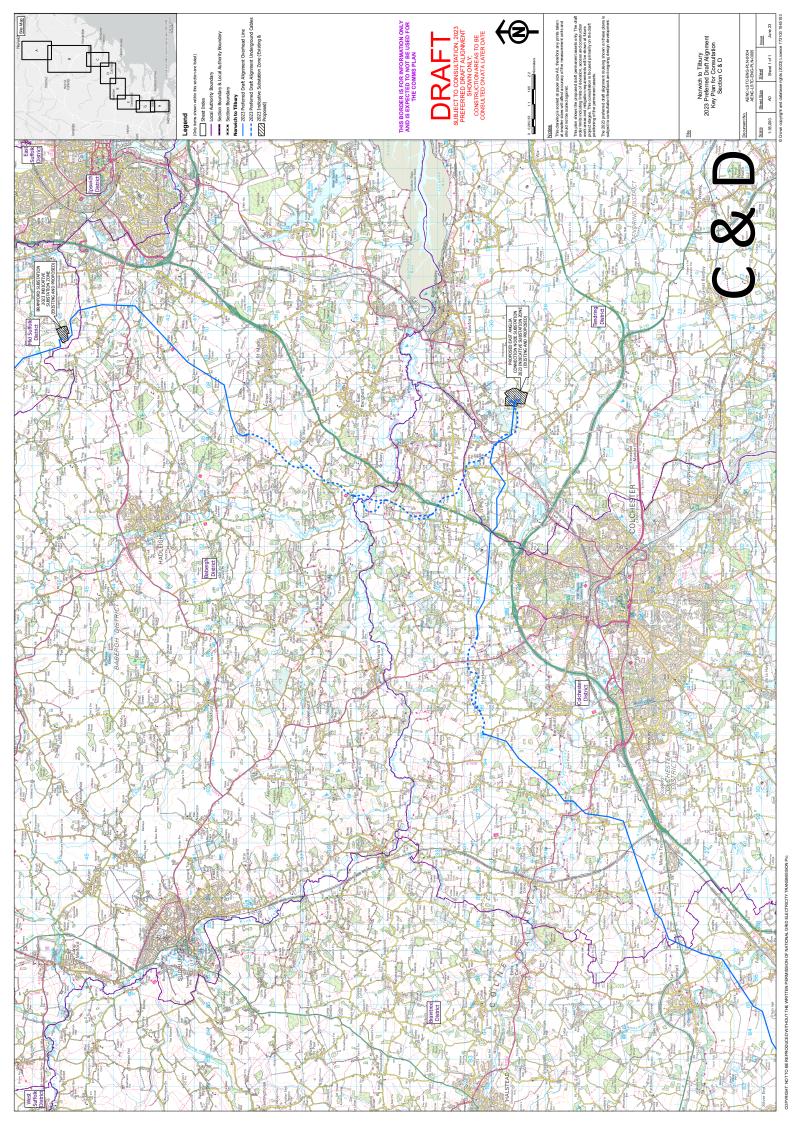
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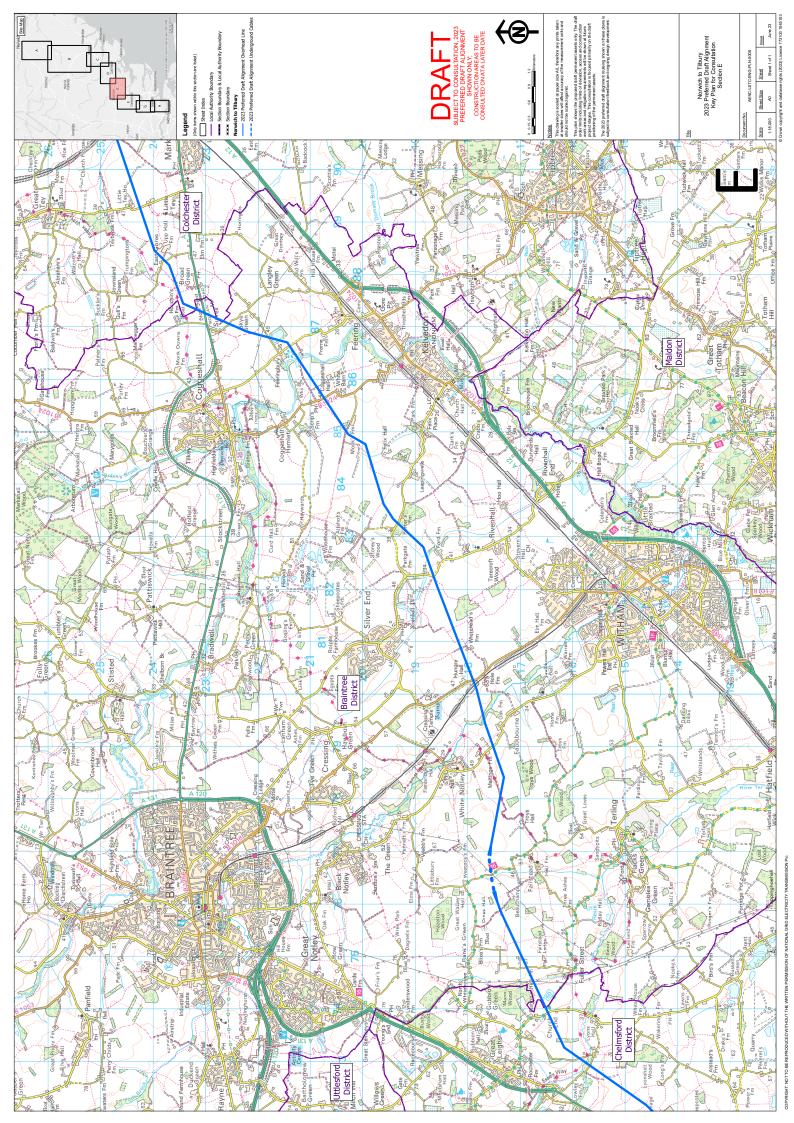
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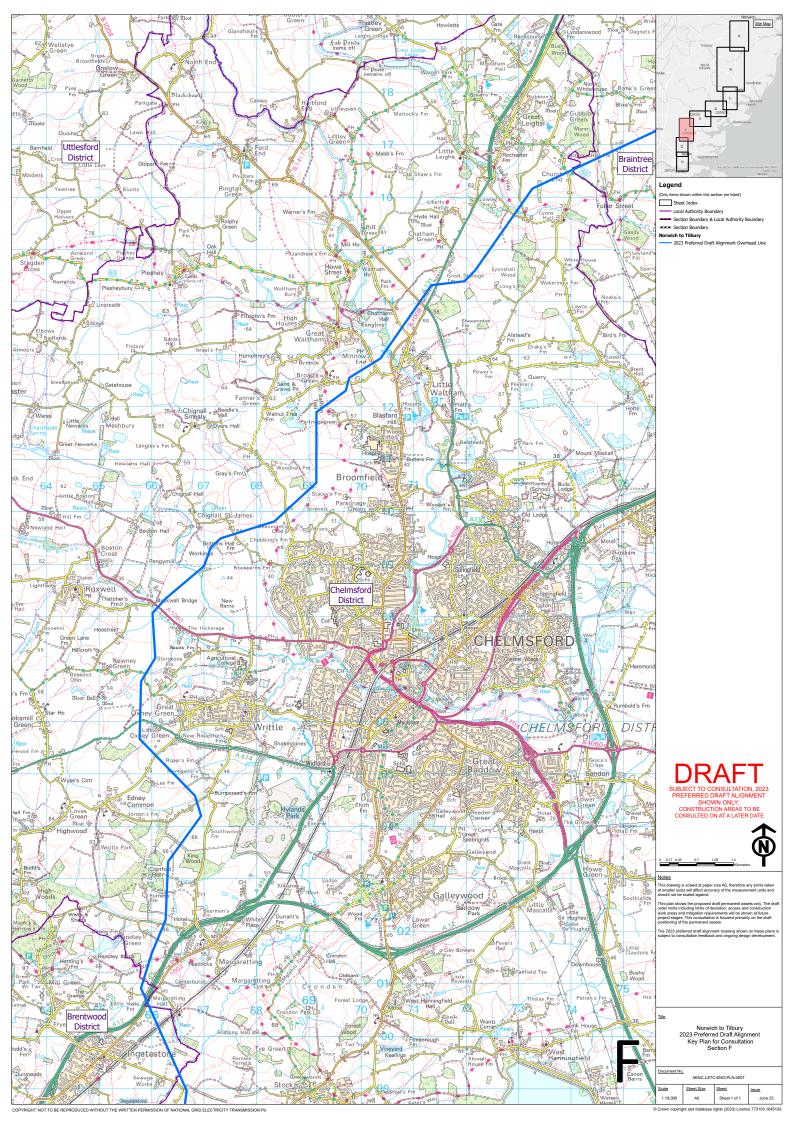


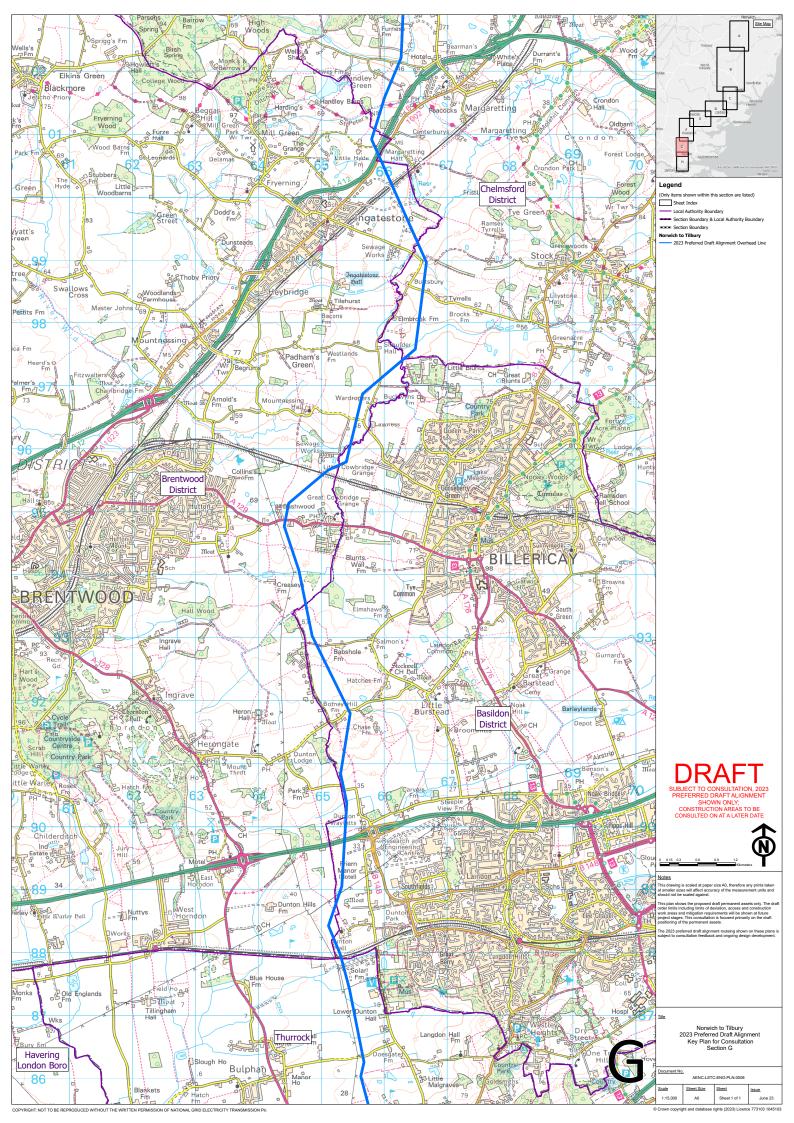


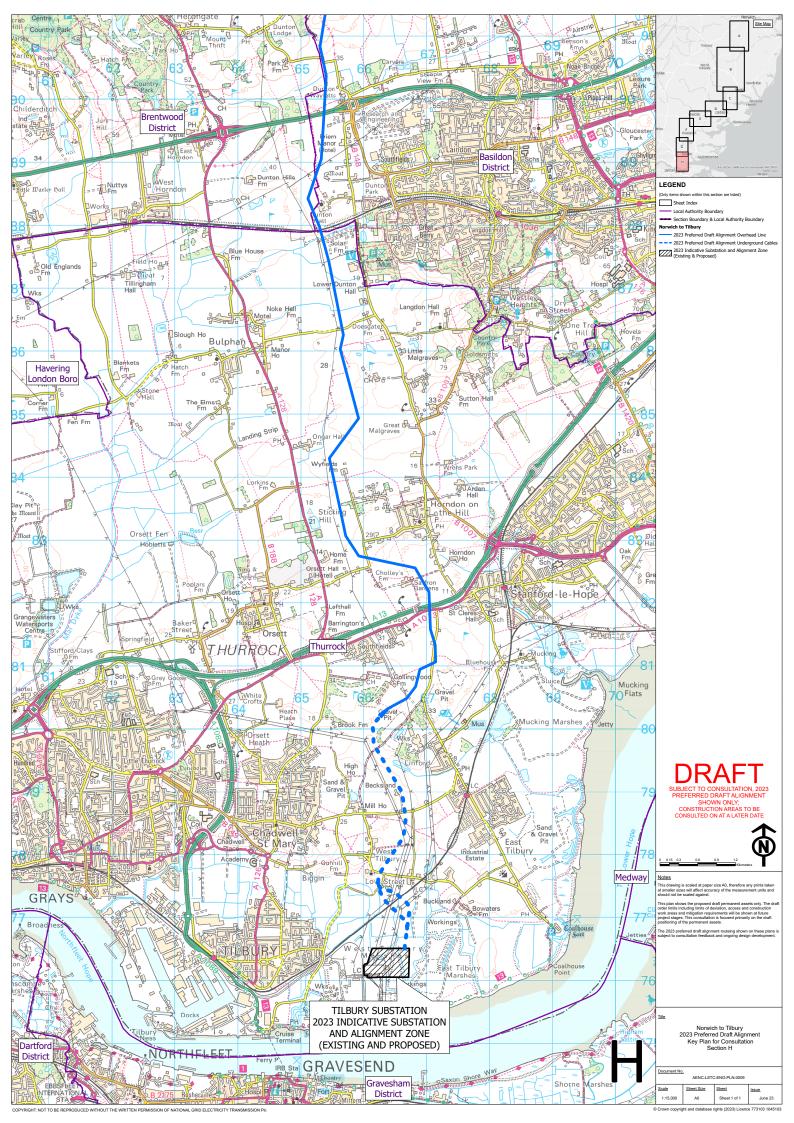












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