

# Feedback questionnaire

April 2024

## Our statutory consultation

National Grid Electricity Transmission (National Grid) is consulting on proposals to upgrade the transmission network between the existing substations at Norwich Main in Norfolk, Bramford in Suffolk and Tilbury in Essex.

**This is our third public consultation on our proposals for Norwich to Tilbury (the Project). It is called a statutory consultation because it is being carried out in line with the formal requirements of the Planning Act 2008.**

It follows two previous non-statutory public consultations on our draft proposals which were held in 2022 and 2023.

This statutory consultation is open between **12.00 noon** on **Wednesday 10 April 2024** and **11.59pm** on **Tuesday 18 June 2024**.

Consultation is an important part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) process as it enables everyone to comment on the proposals, with feedback helping inform their development – along with technical assessments and environmental surveys – before we submit our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate.

# Our proposals

Our proposals have been revised in light of feedback received at previous non-statutory consultations in the spring of 2022 and in the summer of 2023.

**More information on both non-statutory consultations and how the feedback received helped influence and shape the proposals can be found in the 2022 Non-statutory Consultation Feedback Report and the 2023 Non-statutory Consultation Feedback Report. These are available on the Project website.**

As part of our statutory consultation we are asking for your feedback on all aspects of the Project, including:

- approximately 159 kilometres (km) of new overhead line supported on approximately 510 steel lattice pylons (typically around 50 m in height) some of which are gantries (typically up to 15 m in height) within proposed Cable Sealing End (CSE) compounds, or existing or proposed substations
- approximately 25 km of 400 kilovolt (kV) underground cabling, some of which is located through the Dedham Vale National Landscape (formerly known as Dedham Vale AONB)
- six new CSE compounds, each with a permanent access, to connect the overhead lines to the underground cables
- a new 400 kV East Anglia Connection Node (EACN) substation with a new permanent access on the Tendring Peninsula. This is proposed to be an Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) substation
- substation extension works at the existing Norwich Main and Bramford substations, and works within the existing Tilbury Substation to connect and support operation of the new transmission connection
- temporary works associated with construction of the Project.

We would also need to divert and/or modify some third party utilities to facilitate the construction of the Project.

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## Land requirement

**We would need to acquire land where we would site the permanent infrastructure, and would also need land on a temporary basis for construction activities, including working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, welfare, storage and temporary construction access.**

Additional land would be required for mitigation, compensation and enhancement of the environment including for Biodiversity Net Gain.

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## The Waveney Valley

**An alternative design at the Waveney Valley (referred to as the Waveney Valley Alternative) is also being considered and is the subject of consultation and ongoing assessment.**

- two CSE compounds (to join the high-voltage underground cables to the overhead line) with associated access roads. This would increase the number of CSE compounds from six to eight.

This design alternative, if taken forward, would result in changes to some of the elements of the Project listed on page 2.

All other works not listed above would be the same as on page 2 for both the overhead line or underground cable designs in this area.

The proposals would include:

- installation of approximately 2 km of underground cabling (with 2 km of overhead line being removed from our baseline proposals)

We are asking for feedback on both the overhead line proposals and the Waveney Valley Alternative at this consultation.

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## Preliminary Environmental Information Report

**We are also consulting on the preliminary findings from our environmental studies and assessments as well as preliminary mitigation proposals.**

**Full details of this can be found in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).**

Knowing what matters to you matters to us.  
Your feedback is important in helping us finalise our plans for Norwich to Tilbury.

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## Further information

We have published further information on Norwich to Tilbury including:



Project Background Document



2023 Non-statutory Consultation Feedback Report



Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEIR



2024 Strategic Options Backcheck and Review



2024 Design Development Report



Project maps / Project area maps showing the extent of the proposed Project



Community Newsletter



Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

These documents, along with others, are available on our website to help inform your feedback. Our website, [nationalgrid.com/Norwich-to-tilbury](https://nationalgrid.com/Norwich-to-tilbury), also includes an interactive Project map.

If you wish to receive paper copies of these documents or need them in another format, please get in touch by freephone on 0800 915 2497 or by email at [contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com) (please note a reasonable charge may apply for printing and posting costs).



# Changes to the Project

Feedback received during our 2023 non-statutory consultation has resulted in a number of changes to the Project, so it's important to review our plans carefully even if you have previously provided feedback.

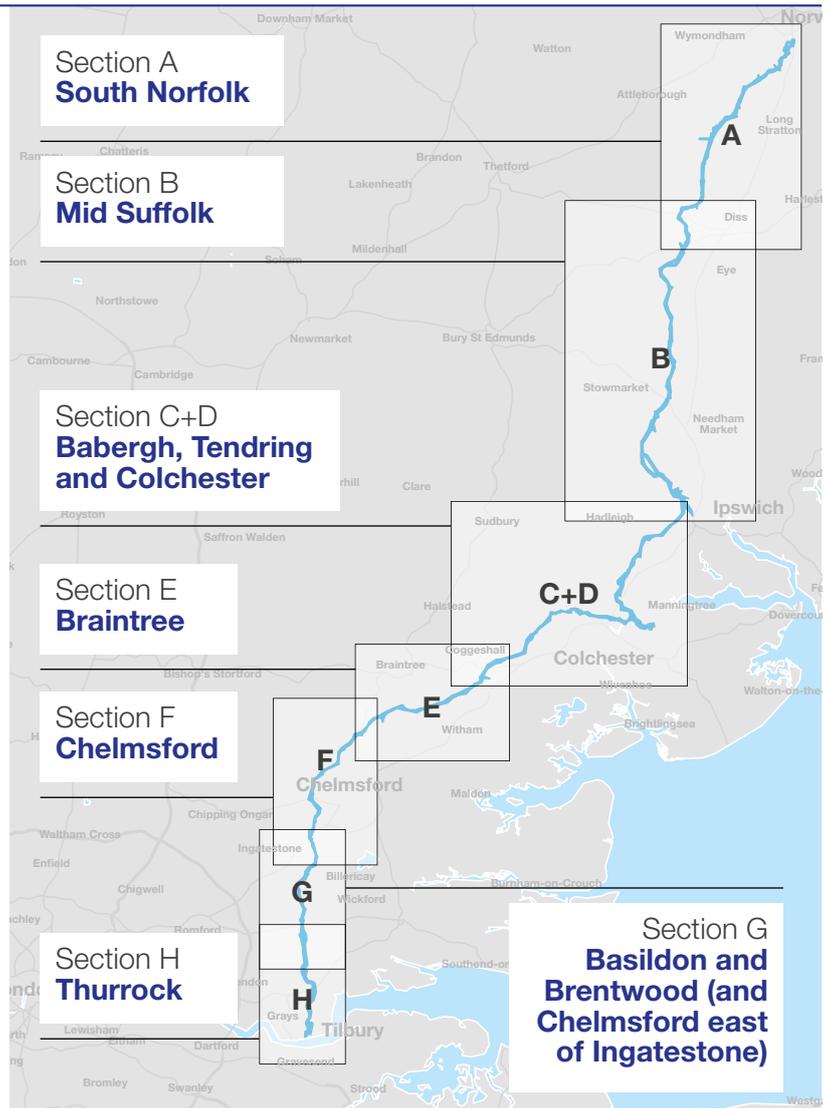
**These changes vary in scale and can include adjustments to the proposed locations of pylons, overhead line and underground cabling along the route.**

Information on the route and potential changes can be found in the **Project Background Document, 2024 Design Development Report**, and the **Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)**, all of which can be found on our website at [nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury).

## How to provide feedback

**We have divided the route into sections A-H. These sections are described in more detail in the Project Background Document.**

This feedback questionnaire includes questions about each section of the route as set out below. You are welcome to answer all or only some of the questions, depending on which locations and issues are most important to you. There is also space to comment generally about the Project and this consultation.



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## Identifying the locations of specific pylons and other infrastructure

**Where possible, we encourage you to refer to specific locations that are most important to you.**

Project maps / Project area maps and the interactive Project map provide the numbers we are using to identify pylons which will help you to provide feedback. These can be viewed at the public information events and on the Project website.

A Guide to Interacting with our Consultation Plans has also been published to help you navigate to the maps and plans most relevant to you.



You can provide feedback by completing this feedback questionnaire and sending it back to us at FREEPOST N TO T. You can also provide feedback by emailing us at [contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com) or by completing the feedback questionnaire online at: [nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury).



# About you:

Name:

Organisation/Group (if applicable):

Address:

Postcode:

Email address:

Please tick here if you would like to be updated on our proposals via email.

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

Local resident

Regular visitor

Local representative (e.g. Councillor, MP)

Local interest group member  
(please specify in the text box below)

Potentially affected landowner or tenant/  
occupier (please include your landowner  
reference number if known)

Statutory organisation  
(please specify in the text box below)

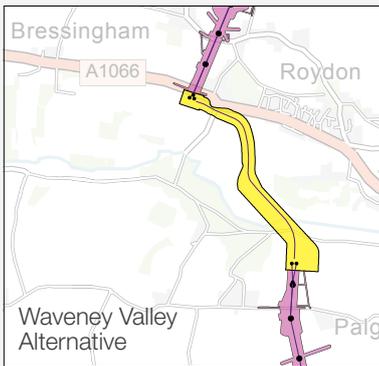
Local business owner

Other  
(please specify in the text box below)

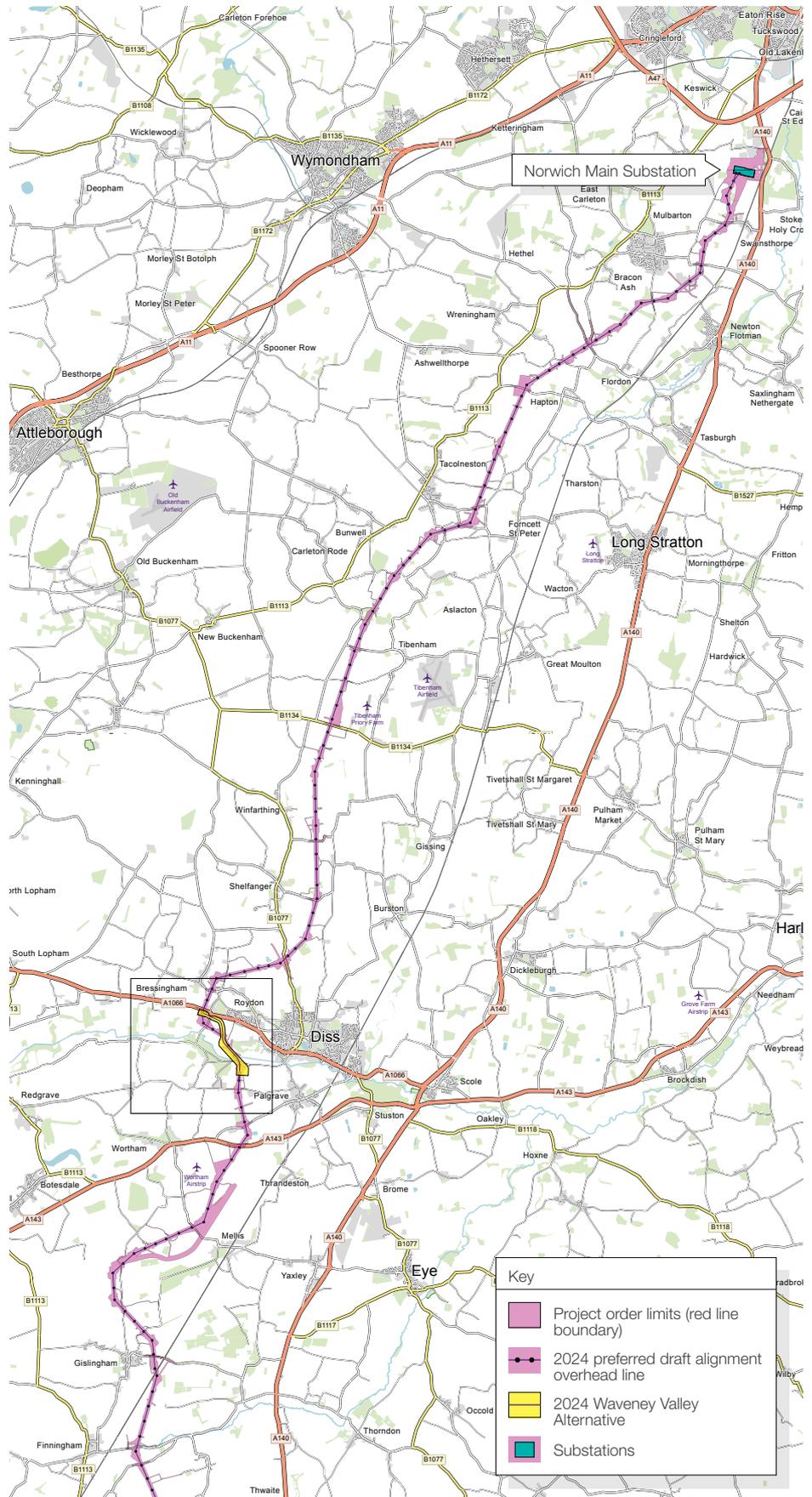
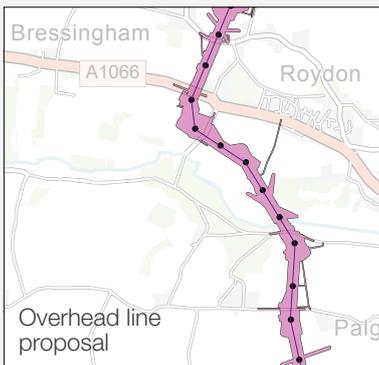
# Section A South Norfolk

Please refer to the Project Background Document, the 2024 Design Development Report and Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) for more information on our proposals in this section, including changes made since the last consultation.

In response to feedback from the 2023 non-statutory consultation, we are considering proposals for a section of underground cables which we are calling the **Waveney Valley Alternative**.



This alternative would include the installation of approximately 2 km of underground cabling (and the substitution of 2 km of overhead lines from our proposals) and two additional CSE compounds (to join the high-voltage underground cables onto the overhead line) with associated access roads.



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

- Proposed overhead line alignment.
- Proposed pylon locations (if you would like to comment on specific pylon locations, please refer to the numbering in the Project maps / Project area maps, 2024 Design Development Report and the interactive Project map, which can be found at [nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury)).
- Works to connect the proposed new overhead line into the existing Norwich Main Substation.
- Our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds and associated infrastructure.
- Changes we have made to the Project in this area since the 2023 non-statutory consultation.

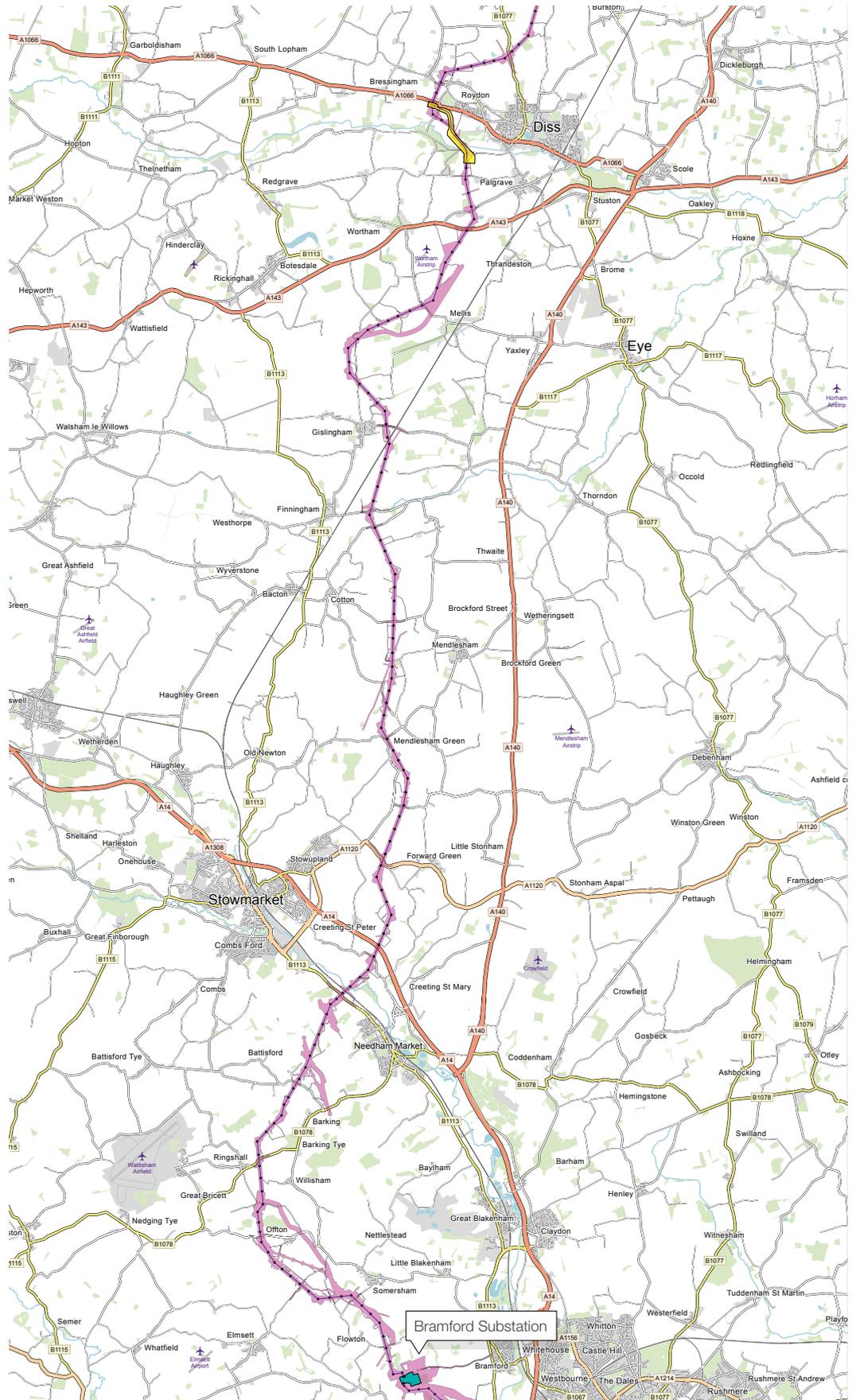
**Q3. Do you have any comments on both alternatives being presented at the Waveney Valley?****Q4. Do you have any further comments on our proposals in this section?**

# Section B Mid Suffolk

Please refer to the Project Background Document, the 2024 Design Development Report and Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) for more information on our proposals in this section including changes made since the last consultation.

Key

- Project order limits (red line boundary)
- 2024 preferred draft alignment overhead line
- 2024 Waveney Valley Alternative
- Substations



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**Q5. Do you have any comments on the following within this section?**

- Proposed overhead line alignment.
- Proposed pylon locations (if you would like to comment on specific pylon locations, please refer to the numbering in the Project maps / Project area maps, 2024 Design Development Report and the interactive Project map, which can be found here [nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury)).
- Works to connect the proposed new overhead line in and out of the existing Bramford Substation.
- Our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds and associated requirements.
- Changes we have made to the Project in this area since the 2023 non-statutory consultation.

**Q6. Do you have any comments on both alternatives being presented for the Waveney Valley area?****Q7. Do you have any further comments on our proposals in this section?**



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

- Proposed overhead line alignment.
- Proposed pylon locations (if you would like to comment on specific pylon locations, please refer to the numbering in the Project maps / Project area maps, 2024 Design Development Report and the interactive Project map, which can be found here [nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury)).
- Proposed underground cable locations.
- Proposed CSE compound locations.
- Proposed East Anglia Connection Node (EACN) substation.
- Our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds and associated requirements.

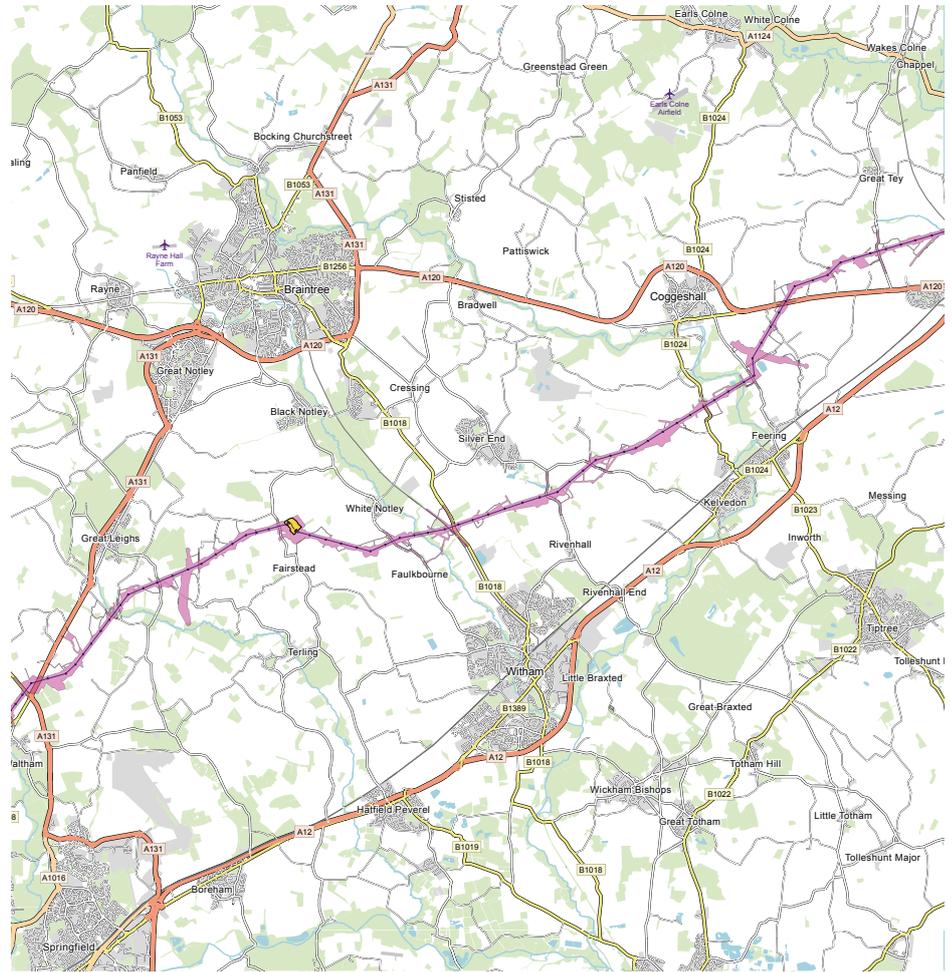
**Q9. Do you have any further comments on our proposals in this section?**

# Section E Braintree

Please refer to the Project Background Document, the 2024 Design Development Report and Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) for more information on our proposals in this section including changes made since the last consultation.

Key

- Project order limits (red line boundary)
- 2024 preferred draft alignment overhead line
- 2024 preferred draft alignment underground cable (where the Project crosses an existing overhead line)
- Substations



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**Q10. Do you have any comments on the following within this section?**

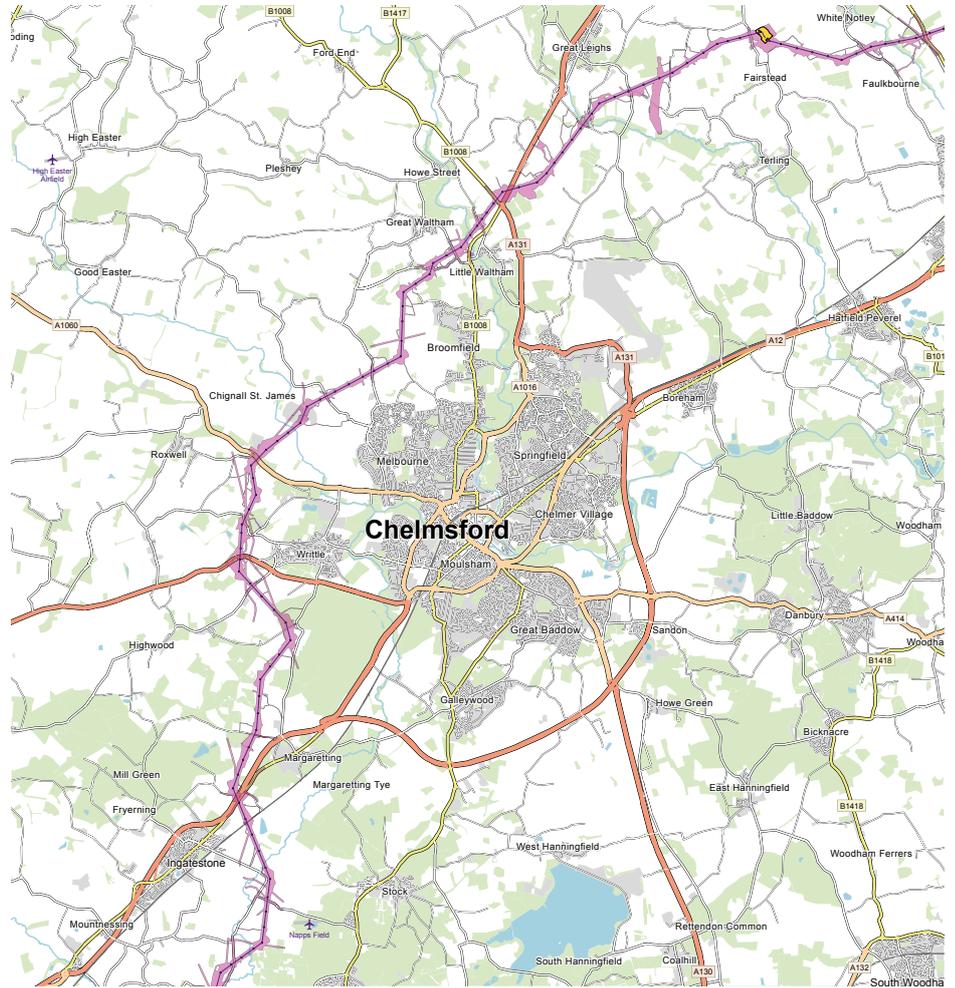
- Proposed overhead line alignment.
- Proposed pylon locations (if you would like to comment on specific pylon locations, please refer to the numbering in the Project maps / Project area maps, 2024 Design Development Report and the interactive Project map, which can be found here [nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury)).
- Proposed underground cable locations.
- Proposed CSE compound locations.
- Our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds and associated requirements.

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

# Section F Chelmsford

Please refer to the Project Background Document, the 2024 Design Development Report and Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) for more information on our proposals in this section including changes made since the last consultation.

Key	
	Project order limits (red line boundary)
	2024 preferred draft alignment overhead line
	2024 preferred draft alignment underground cable
	Substations



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

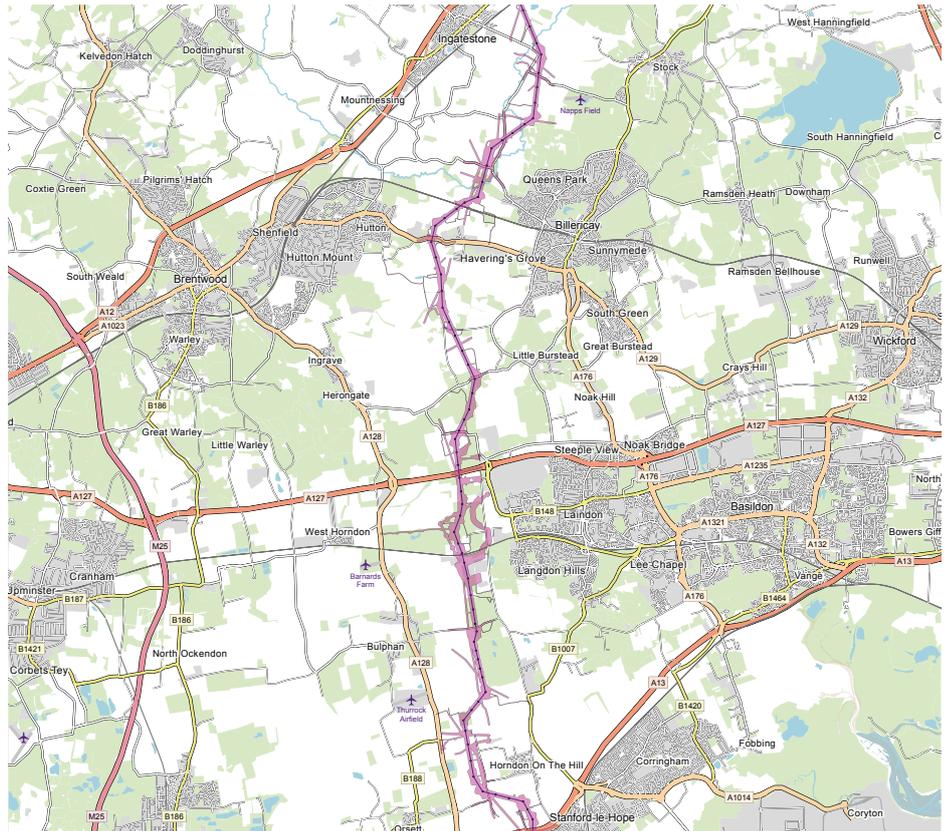
- Proposed overhead line alignment.
- Proposed pylon locations (if you would like to comment on specific pylon locations, please refer to the numbering in the Project maps / Project area maps, 2024 Design Development Report and the interactive Project map, which can be found here [nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury)).
- Our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds and associated requirements.

**Q13. Do you have any further comments on our proposals in this section?**

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

Please refer to the Project Background Document, the 2024 Design Development Report and Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) for more information on our proposals in this section including changes made since the last consultation.

Key	
	Project order limits (red line boundary)
	2024 preferred draft alignment overhead line
	2024 preferred draft alignment underground cable
	Substations



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**Q14. Do you have any comments on the proposed locations for the following within this section?**

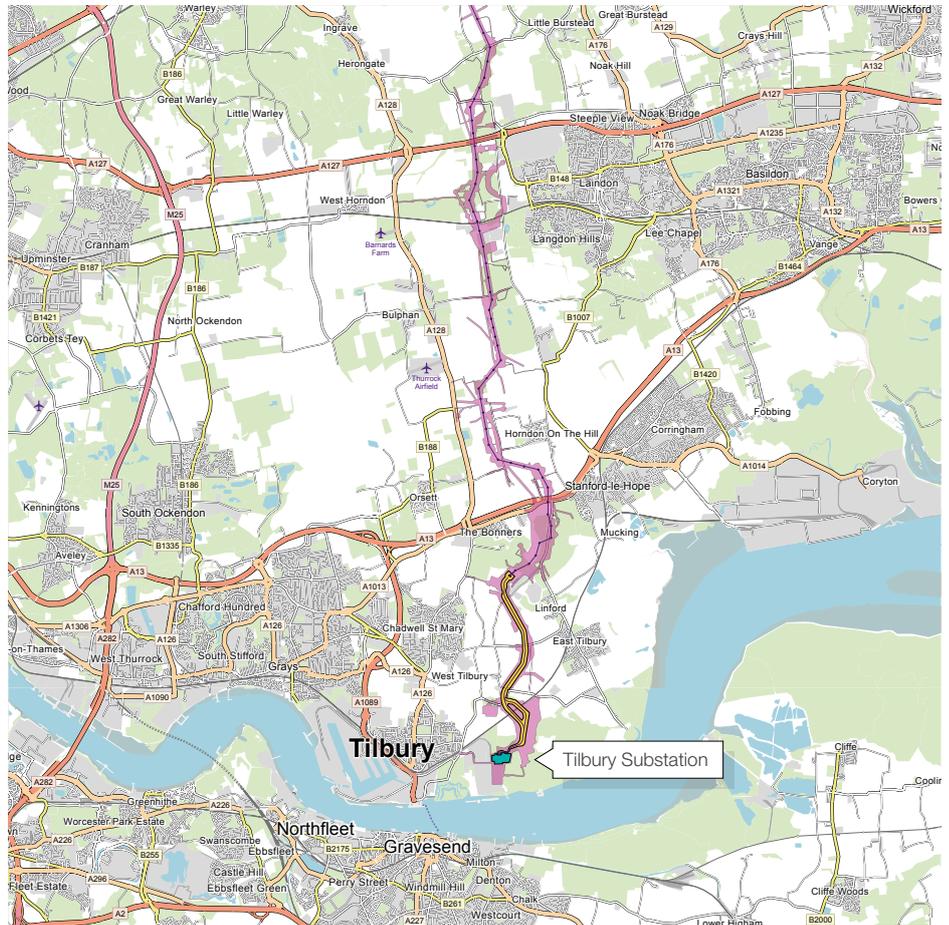
- Proposed overhead line alignment.
- Proposed pylon locations (if you would like to comment on specific pylon locations, please refer to the numbering in the Project maps / Project area maps, 2024 Design Development Report and the interactive Project map, which can be found here [nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury)).
- Our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds and associated requirements.

**Q15. Do you have any further comments on our proposals in this section?**

# Section H Thurrock

Please refer to the Project Background Document, the 2024 Design Development Report and Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) for more information on our proposals in this section including changes made since the last consultation.

Key	
	Project order limits (red line boundary)
	2024 preferred draft alignment overhead line
	2024 preferred draft alignment underground cable
	Substations



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**Q16. Do you have any comments on the following within this section?**

- Proposed overhead line alignment.
- Proposed pylon locations (if you would like to comment on specific pylon locations, please refer to the numbering in the Project maps / Project area maps, 2024 Design Development Report and the interactive Project map, which can be found here [nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury)).
- Proposed underground cable locations.
- Proposed CSE compound location.
- Work to connect the proposed new underground cables into the existing Tilbury Substation.
- Our proposals for construction, including access roads and tracks, compounds and associated requirements.

**Q17. Do you have any further comments on our proposals in this section?**

# General considerations

**Q18. Is there anything you would like us to consider as we finalise our proposals?**

# Our consultation

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

**Q19. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Please tick all that apply

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Received a letter or email from National Grid         | <input type="checkbox"/> Saw coverage in local and/or national media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Received a letter or email from Fisher German         | <input type="checkbox"/> Saw social media coverage/advertising       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Received information from a local authority           | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Informed by a local councillor or parish/town council | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saw an advert in a local newspaper/publication        |  |

**Q20. Please rate the information we have published in terms of how clearly it was presented and how easy it was to understand**

Very good

Poor

Good

Very poor

Average

Unsure

Tell us more about why you selected the above option

**Q21. If you attended one of our public information events, how did you find it?**

Very informative

Not informative

Quite informative

No opinion

**Q22. If you attended one of our online webinars, how did you find it?**

Very informative

Not informative

Quite informative

No opinion

**Q23. Do you have further comments about our materials, consultation process or any suggestions for how we can improve our consultation?**

**Q24. What is your gender?**

Male

Non-binary

Female

Prefer not to say

**Q25. Do you consider yourself a person with a disability?**

Yes

Prefer not to say

No

**Q26. How would you describe your ethnic background?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	White English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bangladeshi
<input type="checkbox"/>	Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other Asian background
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other White background	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black, African, Caribbean or Black British
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	African
<input type="checkbox"/>	White and Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caribbean
<input type="checkbox"/>	White and Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other Black, African or Caribbean background (please state)
<input type="checkbox"/>	White and Asian	<input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arab
<input type="text"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other ethnic group (please state)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian or Asian British	<input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pakistani		

**Q27. What is your age?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Under 16	<input type="checkbox"/>	35-44	<input type="checkbox"/>	65+
<input type="checkbox"/>	16-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	45-54	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/>	25-34	<input type="checkbox"/>	55-64		

**Q28. Please provide any further comments you may have**

Empty response area for comments.

# Next steps

Your comments must be received by **11.59pm Tuesday 18 June 2024**.

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

We will take all the feedback we receive into consideration as we continue to develop our plans for the Project. We will summarise all feedback, and how we have considered it, in our Consultation Feedback Report which will form part of our DCO application.

Once the DCO application is submitted, the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State, has up to 28 days to decide whether the application meets the standards required to be accepted for examination.

If the application is accepted, it will go through a six-month examination period. Careful consideration is given by the Examining Authority, including to all relevant and written representations, and supporting evidence.

The Examining Authority is the Inspector or the Panel of Inspectors appointed to conduct the Examination of the application for the DCO.

The Examining Authority must prepare a report on the application and submit this to the Secretary of State, including a recommendation, within three months of the close of Examination. The Secretary of State has a further three months to make a decision on whether to grant or refuse development consent.

## Data privacy notice

**National Grid is committed to protecting your personal information.**

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

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

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

- to analyse your feedback to the consultation

- to produce a Consultation Feedback Report, based on our analysis of responses (individuals will not be identified in that report.)
- to write to you with updates about the results of the consultation and other developments if you have provided consent for us to do so
- to keep up-to-date records of our communications with individuals and organisations.

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

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

What rights do I have over my personal data? Under the terms of the UK GDPR you have certain rights over how your personal data is retained and used by National Grid. For more information, see our full data privacy statement: [nationalgrid.com/privacy-policy](https://nationalgrid.com/privacy-policy).

# Contact us



Email us:  
[contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com)



Visit our website at:  
[nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](http://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury)



Call our freephone  
0800 915 2497  
between 9am and 5:30pm

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## How to provide feedback



Post your written responses  
(no stamp required) to:  
FREEPOST N TO T



Email us:  
[contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com)



Complete the feedback  
questionnaire on our website  
[nationalgrid.com/  
norwich-to-tilbury](http://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury)

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## Landowners

If you are a landowner or have an interest in any of the land which interacts with our current proposals, you can contact the Norwich to Tilbury Land Team at Fisher German below, and you are also free to provide feedback on any aspect of the Project.



Freephone:  
0808 175 3314



Email:  
[Norwich-Tilbury@fishergerman.co.uk](mailto:Norwich-Tilbury@fishergerman.co.uk)



Post: Norwich to Tilbury Land Team, Fisher German, The Atrium, Risby Business Park, Newmarket Road, Risby, Bury St Edmunds, IP28 6RD

**Notes**

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## Contact us

If you would like to contact the community relations team, please get in touch via:

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