

This is our first stage of consultation about our early proposals. Your views will help shape our plans and develop more detailed proposals.

Chesterfield to Willington is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008. It will require a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build and operate the new Chesterfield to Willington line. Consultation is an important part of the DCO process, enabling everyone to provide feedback.

Feedback at each stage of consultation – along with technical assessments and environmental surveys – helps inform the development of our proposals before we submit a DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate in 2026.

During this consultation, we are seeking opinions and local knowledge about the proposed area within which the pylons could be routed. We will consider all the feedback we receive which, along with the outputs from the technical assessments and environmental surveys, will shape the development of our proposals.

Coordination with Brinsworth to High Marnham

Brinsworth to High Marnham is a separate project to reinforce the network in this area through new substations and upgrading (known as uprating) some of the existing circuits to 400 kV as part of The Great Grid Upgrade.

The Chesterfield to Willington project will connect into the proposed substation at Chesterfield.

With two projects simultaneously underway in the same area, we will strive to coordinate activities where possible. We are working closely with the Brinsworth to High Marnham team to identify opportunities to ensure coordination and reduce disruption where possible.

Consultation for the Brinsworth to High Marnham project is underway and is taking place over Spring 2024. The Town and Country Planning Application is due to be submitted in early 2025 and, if approved, construction is expected to start in 2026.



