

## The Great Grid Upgrade

Norwich to Tilbury

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# Targeted consultation

Location reference: [Essex 2](#)

12 noon 25 February 2025 to 11:59 pm 27 March 2025

**Norwich to Tilbury is a proposal for a new electricity transmission connection. It will play an important part in connecting low carbon, more affordable electricity from where it is generated to where it is needed.**

From 10 April to 26 July 2024, we held a statutory consultation, inviting local communities, land owners and stakeholders to share their views on our proposals.

Since then, we have been carefully reviewing all the feedback we received as well as considering the findings of ongoing assessment work.

This has identified some places where there is potential to make a change to the proposals we published at our statutory consultation. These potential changes do not

materially change the effects or fundamentally change the project as a whole.

We intend to submit our application for development consent in summer 2025. Before we make any decisions, we want to give nearby residents and local communities the opportunity to provide feedback on proposed changes near to them.

We are consulting on the proposed changes described below and overleaf between 25 February and 27 March 2025 and we welcome your feedback.

### What we are proposing to change in your area and why

We are proposing to reposition the underground cable and overhead line alignments before they enter the East Anglia Connection Node (EACN) substation east of Ardleigh. You can see both the alignment presented at our statutory consultation in summer 2024 and our proposed change on the maps overleaf. The proposed change would not affect the location of the underground cable or the overhead line at the substation.

This change is being proposed in response to consultation feedback which asked us to consider:

- the potential outcome of consultation on the Essex Mineral Plan which could see land to the south of Little Bromley Road allocated as a site for silica sand extraction
- potential effects on fishing and horticulture to the north of Little Bromley Road.

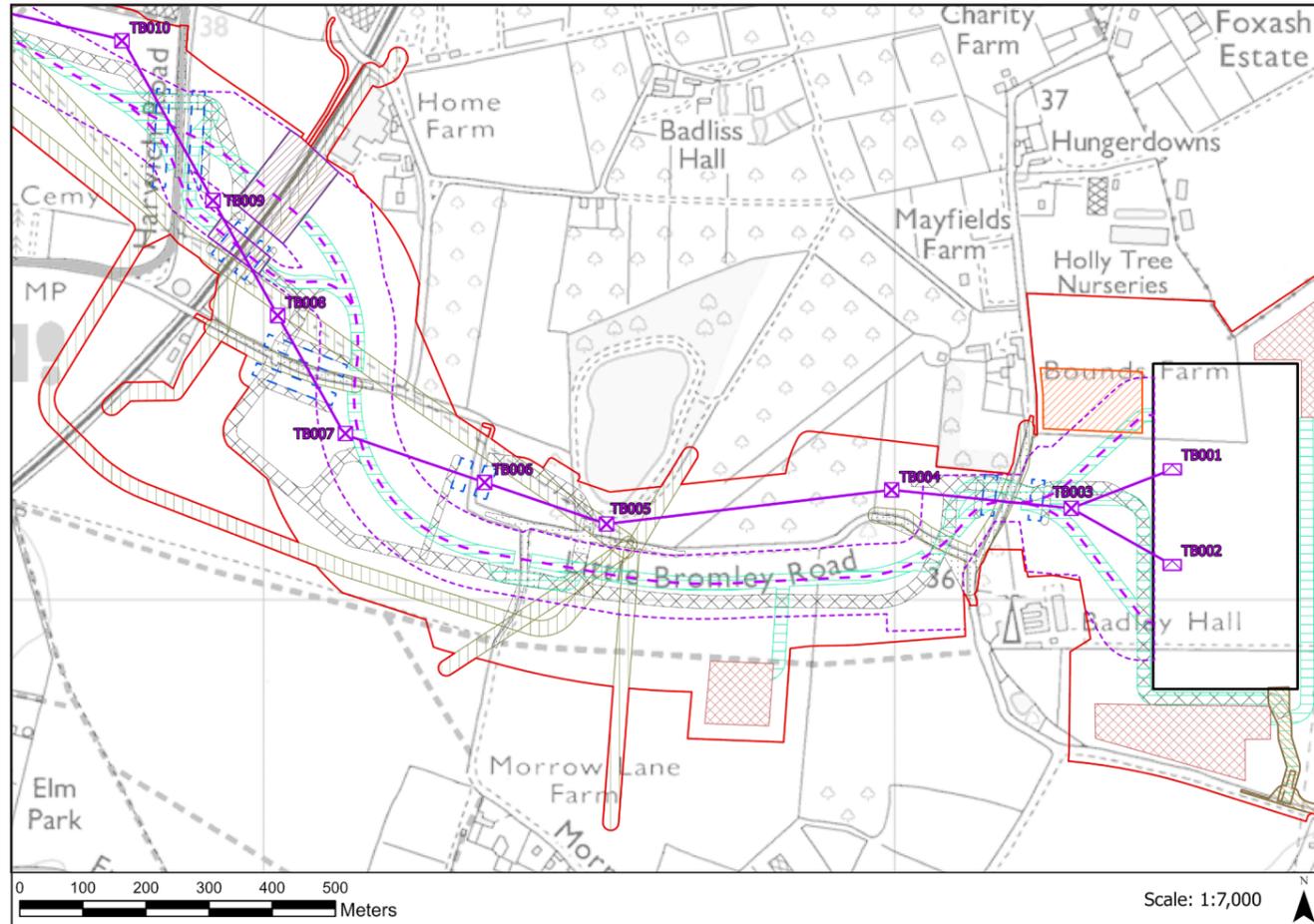
The proposed change would locate the underground cables predominantly to the north of Little Bromley Road and passing to the south of the lake at Home Farm,

with the overhead line to the south of the road. Use of the lake and its immediate surroundings (beyond the construction area) would not be restricted, though the proposed repositioning of the cable would increase the impact on horticultural land during the construction stage, as a wider swathe of land would need to be cleared. However, once site restoration is complete, horticultural uses could be reestablished.

The proposed change in alignment, compared to the design presented at statutory consultation, would introduce an additional angle pylon and pass closer to properties along Morrow Lane. Vegetation loss and effects on recreation at the lake would be reduced.

To accommodate the proposed change in alignment, we are also proposing to move the associated haul road and bellmouth - where construction traffic would cross public highways or enter the project site - from its location as presented at statutory consultation in summer 2024. We are proposing an additional bellmouth on Home Farm Lane, and the bellmouth on Morrow Lane would be moved 20 m further south of the location previously proposed at statutory consultation in summer 2024 to facilitate construction access to the site.

## Alignment presented at the 2024 statutory consultation



### Key

#### Proposed land use

- Draft order limits
- Statutory undertaker works

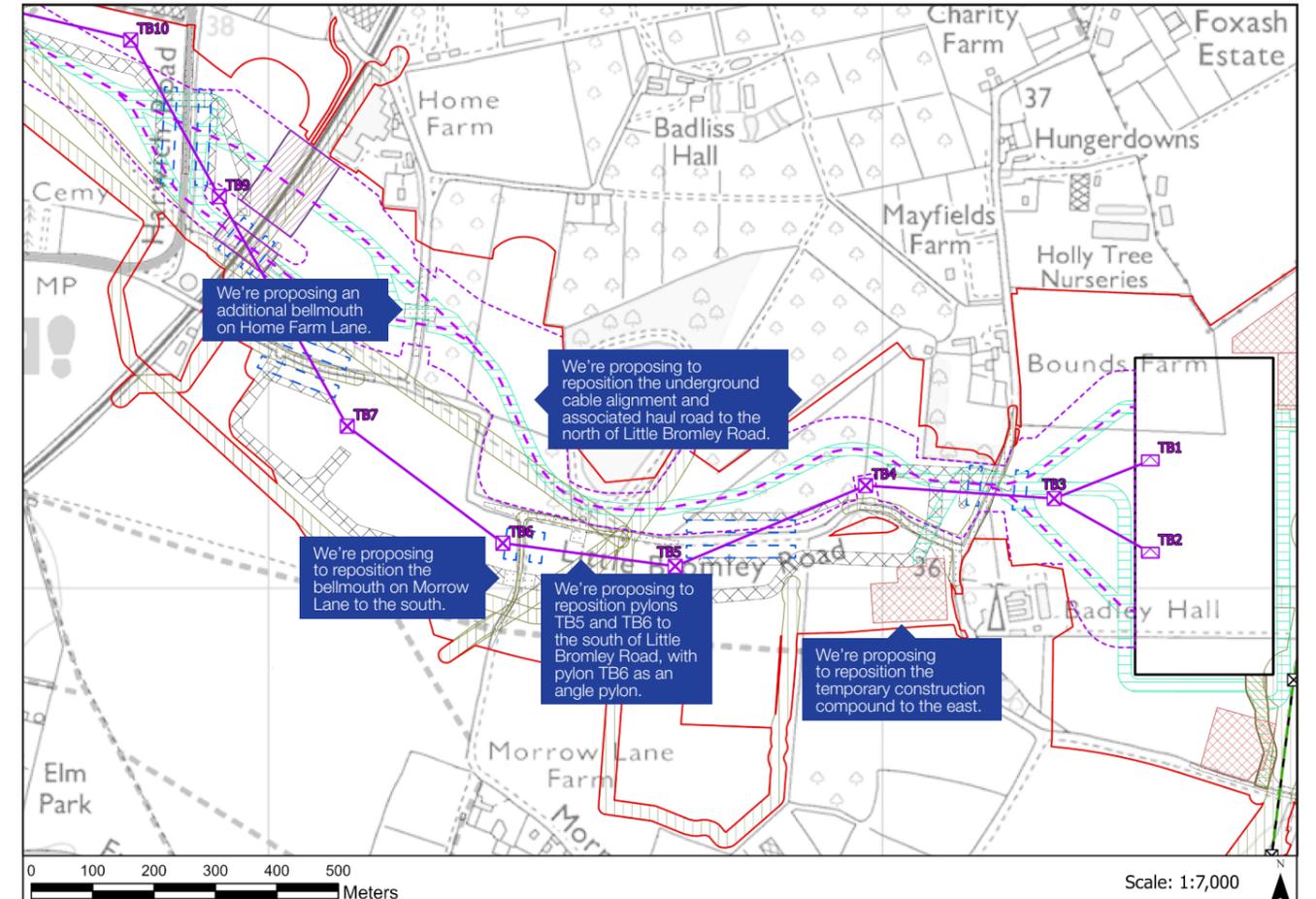
#### Proposed project design details

- ⊗ New lattice pylon
- New overhead line
- - New underground cable swathe centreline
- · - · New underground cable construction swathe
- ▨ New underground cable trenchless crossing

#### Temporary works

- Site access, crossover points and visibility splays
- Haul roads
- Haul roads for underground cable, cable sealing end compounds and substation works
- Crossing protection work area
- Construction compound
- Construction laydown area

## Area of proposed change February 2025



We are also proposing other minor amendments to the order limits, including repositioning the temporary construction compound to the east.

### What are the environmental implications of the proposed changes?

The proposed changes would not materially change the conclusions that were reported within the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) published as part of our summer 2024 consultation.

For more information on environmental implications, please see the Environmental Implications of Change document (EIC) with location reference **Essex 2**,

where information on the environmental implications of the proposed change is provided and can be read alongside the information contained here.

If you received this leaflet in the post, the EIC will be enclosed. Alternatively, you can view the EIC on our website at **[nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury)**.

If, following careful consideration of any feedback we receive, we decide to make this change, baseline information, environmental surveys and assessments associated with this change will be provided in the Environmental Statement (ES) that will form part of our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

## Have your say

Our targeted consultation on the proposed changes at this location runs from **12 noon 25 February 2025 to 27 March 2025**.

If you have any comments regarding this proposed change, you can provide feedback by using the location reference **Essex 2**.

### Feedback can be provided by:



Completing an online feedback questionnaire: **[nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury)**



Filling out a paper feedback questionnaire and sending it to the Freepost address below – if you haven't been sent one, please call us on: **0800 915 2497** and we will post one to you



Sending us an email: **[contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com)**



Writing to us (no stamp required) at: **FREEPOST N TO T**

### Attend a webinar

To give people an opportunity to ask the project team questions, we are holding three webinars via Microsoft Teams.

The webinars which will cover this change will be held on **17 March 2025 at 6:00 pm** and **18 March 2025 at 12 noon**.

You can sign up for a webinar on our website: **[nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury)**

- Essex – 17 March 2025 at 6:00 pm
- Essex and Thurrock – 18 March 2025 at 12 noon
- Thurrock – 18 March 2025 at 6:00 pm

You can also call us on: **0800 915 2497** if you have any questions.

### Visit our website

**[nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury)** where you will find maps, consultation materials, and our online feedback questionnaire.

The deadline for feedback is **11:59 pm on 27 March 2025**.

## Contact us

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

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