



The Great Grid Upgrade

Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3) and
Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 4)

Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

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1. Introduction

1.0 Purpose of the document

- 1.0.0 Eastern Green Link 3 and Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 3 and EGL4) (“The Projects”) are two offshore high voltage electricity links between Scotland and England, with converter stations and associated onshore infrastructure. This document is a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) which sets out how National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“NGET” or “we”) intends to consult statutory consultees, stakeholders, affected residents, businesses and local communities on its proposals in England and English waters to build EGL 3 and EGL4, ahead of making an application for a development consent order (DCO).
- 1.0.1 The Projects require consent from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (“the Secretary of State”) via a DCO. This document has therefore been prepared in accordance with section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Planning Act”), which requires applicants to prepare a statement explaining how they will intend to consult with the local community regarding their proposals, and to carry out pre-application consultation in accordance with this statement.
- 1.0.2 As the proposed Projects are ‘EIA Development’ (meaning they are subject to an environmental impact assessment or “EIA”), this SoCC sets out how NGET intends to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information, in accordance with Regulation 12 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“the EIA Regulations”). For offshore elements of the Projects this will be in accordance with Schedule 4 of the Marine Works EIA Regulations 2017 (as amended).
- 1.0.3 In accordance with section 47(2) of the Planning Act, NGET has consulted with and had regard to comments from the following host and neighbouring local authorities that may be affected by the Projects whilst developing the SoCC:

Host local authorities:

- Lincolnshire County Council
- Norfolk County Council
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership (Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council & South Holland District Council)
- Borough Council of King’s Lynn & West Norfolk
- Fenland District Council

Neighbouring local authorities:

- Nottinghamshire County Council

- Leicestershire County Council
- Rutland County Council
- North Northamptonshire Council
- Hertfordshire County Council
- Essex County Council
- Suffolk County Council
- North East Lincolnshire Council
- North Lincolnshire Council
- West Lindsey District Council
- North Kesteven District Council
- South Kesteven District Council
- Peterborough City Council
- Bedford Borough Council
- Central Bedfordshire Council
- Huntingdonshire District Council
- East Cambridgeshire District Council
- West Suffolk District Council
- Breckland District Council
- North Norfolk District Council

1.0.4 The listed local authorities were consulted for 28 days, between 6 March and 3 April 2025 on the contents of this SoCC.

1.1 Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

1.1.0 Offshore transmission cables, their converter stations and associated onshore infrastructure do not meet the criteria to be considered Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) under the Planning Act, meaning that they are not automatically eligible to be consented via an application for a development consent order (DCO).

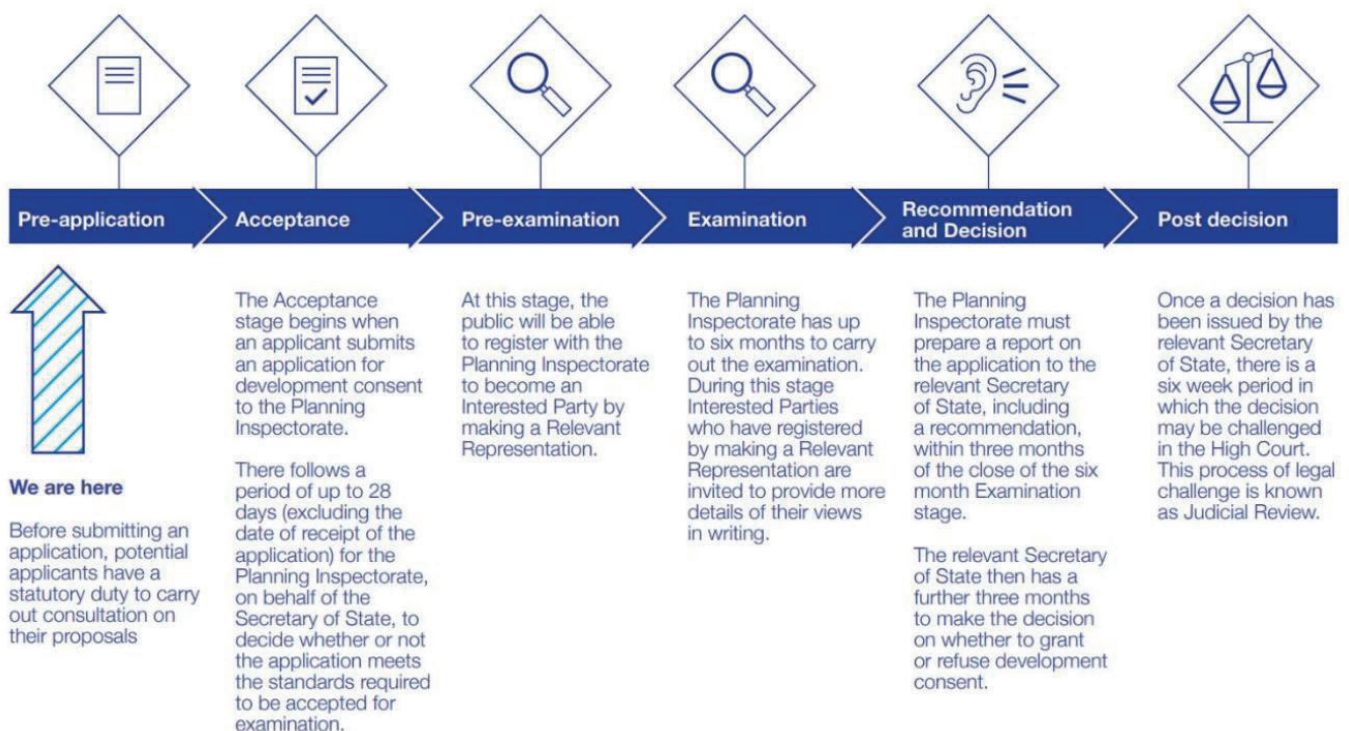
1.1.1 However, on 1 February 2024 NGET wrote to the Secretary of State to ask that they issue directions on whether the proposed Projects could be treated as nationally significant developments for which development consent is required.

1.1.2 On 29 February 2024, the Secretary of State issued directions confirming that the proposed Projects be treated as such, in accordance with section 35(1) of the Planning Act.

1.1.3 A DCO is therefore required in order to consent the proposed Projects.

- 1.1.4 The application for a DCO will be submitted to, and examined by, the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. The Planning Inspectorate will provide a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will review the application for development consent for the proposed Projects. The DCO process is explained in further detail in Figure 1.1.
- 1.1.5 Before submitting an application to the Planning Inspectorate, the Planning Act requires NGET to carry out consultation, including with Persons with an Interest in Land (PILs) identified as being potentially impacted and other statutory consultees. For marine elements, NGET is also required to consult Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies (SNCB(s)) and other relevant sea users.
- 1.1.6 Early involvement of communities, local authorities and other stakeholders helps to ensure we identify valuable information about the potential effects of the proposed Projects, where feedback from consultees can help shape the Projects' development.
- 1.1.7 Early involvement also ensures that potential mitigation measures can be considered and, where appropriate, built into our designs before an application for a DCO is submitted.

Figure 1.1 – DCO Process



1.2 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 1.2.0 Due to their size and nature, the proposed Projects are 'EIA Developments' in accordance with the EIA Regulations. On 26 July 2024, NGET submitted a Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate, to inform the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed Projects.

- 1.2.1 Within this Scoping Report, NGET gave formal notification under Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations that it considers the proposed Projects to meet the criteria outlined in Schedule 3 of the EIA Regulations to be considered as 'EIA Development'.
- 1.2.2 A scoping opinion for the proposed Projects was adopted by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) on 5 September 2024 and an EIA will be undertaken in line with the output of this scoping opinion.

1.3 About National Grid Electricity Transmission plc

- 1.3.0 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.
- 1.3.1 Within the National Grid Group there are distinctly separate legal entities, each with their individual responsibilities and roles. The roles of these are summarised below. The proposed Projects are being promoted by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET).
- **National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)** holds the transmission licence for England and Wales under the Electricity Act 1989. NGET owns, builds, and maintains the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales – the overhead lines, buried cables and substations that carry power around the country.
 - Formerly known as Western Power Distribution, **National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED)** is the local distribution network operator for the Midlands, South West of England and South Wales. Other distribution network operators manage electricity networks across the rest of the UK.
 - **National Grid Ventures** sits outside the core regulated businesses, 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.
- 1.3.2 National Grid does not operate the electricity transmission network. The National Energy System Operator (NESO) is the independent system planner and operator for Great Britain's energy system, ensuring supply meets demand every second of every day.
- 1.3.3 NESO brings together activities required to deliver the plans, markets and operations of the energy system of today and the future. Fundamental to NESO is the ability to bring an independent, impartial voice to energy system planning and operations that takes a whole system view. NESO is built on its previous experience as the Electricity System Operator (ESO).
- 1.3.4 NGET is regulated by the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem), which sets price controls and monitors how the companies develop and operate their networks on behalf of consumers. NESO is licensed and regulated by Ofgem, with responsibilities across both the electricity and gas systems.

- 1.3.5 NGET has a statutory duty to develop and maintain an efficient, coordinated and economical system of electricity transmission under the Electricity Act 1989 (“the Electricity Act”). This includes a statutory obligation to offer to connect any new generating stations or interconnectors applying to connect to the transmission system.
- 1.3.6 NGET is also required, under Section 38 of the Electricity Act, to comply with the provisions of Schedule 9 of the Electricity Act. Schedule 9 requires license holders, in the formulation of proposals to transmit electricity, to preserve amenity by:
- Schedule 9(1)(a) ‘...have regard to the desirability of preserving natural beauty, of conserving flora, fauna and geological or physiographical features of special interest and of protecting sites, buildings and objects of architectural, historic or archaeological interest;’ and
- Schedule 9(1)(b) ‘...do what [it] reasonably can to mitigate any effect which the proposals would have on the natural beauty of the countryside or on any such flora, fauna, features, sites, buildings or objects’.
- 1.3.7 How we set out to meet these environmental responsibilities and our commitments relating to engagement and consultation about proposals, is explained in our Stakeholder, Community and Amenity Policy (nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/document/81026/download). Please note, our Stakeholder, Community and Amenity Policy may have been updated since the publication of this SoCC.

2. The Eastern Green Link 3 and Eastern Green Link 4 Projects

2.0 Background and need

- 2.0.0 As the UK moves away from fossil fuels and increases clean energy generation, we'll all be using more electricity than ever before. Demand for electricity is expected to increase by 50% by 2035 and double by 2050, as we decarbonise the energy that's used for things like heating and transport.
- 2.0.1 There has already been a significant shift in how energy is generated in the UK. This is because more of the energy we use is coming from offshore wind, nuclear power and trading energy through interconnectors with other neighbouring countries.
- 2.0.2 The Clean Power 2030 Action Plan published in December 2024, sets out the Government's ambition to see 43-50 GW of offshore wind, 27-29 GW of onshore wind, and 45-47 GW of solar power connected by 2030, significantly reducing our dependency as a country on fossil-fuels¹. Meeting these targets will be a major step towards decarbonising our economy and providing customers with clean, secure and affordable energy.
- 2.0.3 To deliver more clean power to homes and businesses and increase our energy security, we must also upgrade the electricity transmission system – 'the grid' – at an unprecedented scale and pace.
- 2.0.4 This is because, our existing transmission system was originally designed to move energy from power stations near the coal fields of the North and Midlands or gas fired power stations, for example in the Humber area, to homes and businesses across the country. As we move toward more renewable sources of electricity like offshore wind, these are often located away from where the power is needed and away from where the Grid was originally designed to serve.
- 2.0.5 EGL 3 and EGL 4 are required to securely and reliably transport the increasing amount of renewable energy generated in Scotland and Scottish waters, particularly from offshore wind, to population centres in the Midlands and South of England.
- 2.0.6 EGL 3 and EGL 4 form part of 'The Great Grid Upgrade'², which is the largest overhaul of the grid in generations.

¹ assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/677bc80399c93b7286a396d6/clean-power-2030-action-plan-main-report.pdf

² nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade

2.1 The proposed Projects

- 2.1.0 EGL 3 and EGL 4 are two new offshore high voltage electricity links, with converter stations and associated onshore infrastructure in England, which are separate projects and start in different places in Scotland.
- 2.1.1 NGET is jointly developing EGL 3, which starts at Peterhead in Aberdeenshire, with Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN Transmission) and EGL 4, which starts at Westfield in Fife, with Scottish Power Energy Networks (SP Energy Networks).
- 2.1.2 Although EGL 3 and EGL 4 are two separate projects, we are coordinating the works in England to minimise potential disruption to the environment and local communities. We are proposing a common landfall, co-located onshore routeing, a common connection point and to co-ordinate in relation to construction where appropriate.
- 2.1.3 NGET will therefore be seeking consent for the English onshore and offshore elements of both EGL 3 and EGL 4 via one application to the Planning Inspectorate for a DCO. The DCO will include deemed marine licences for the English offshore elements of the Projects.
- 2.1.4 The proposed onshore infrastructure in England for EGL 3 and EGL 4 will include:
- two converter stations located in the Walpole area
 - co-located underground HVDC cables running from a joint landfall at Anderby Creek to converter stations in the Walpole area
 - transition joint bays to connect our marine and onshore HVDC cables
 - one substation in the Walpole area (also proposed as part of NGET's Grimsby to Walpole project)
 - underground high voltage alternating current (HVAC) cables to connect the converter stations to the substation
 - associated works to the existing 400 kV overhead line to enable a connection with the new Walpole substation.
- 2.1.5 The proposed offshore infrastructure in England will include:
- For EGL 3, approximately 436 km of subsea HVDC cable from the landfall at Anderby Creek, Lincolnshire to where the cable meets the marine boundary between English and Scottish waters
 - For EGL 4, approximately 425 km of subsea HVDC cable from the landfall at Anderby Creek, Lincolnshire to where the cable meets the marine boundary between English and Scottish waters.
- 2.1.6 The land included within the draft order limits for the proposed Projects include land drainage from the construction and operational areas and opportunities for environmental mitigation, compensation and enhancement.
- 2.1.7 The construction phase will involve various temporary activities including, but not limited to, working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, storage accesses, bellmouths, and haul roads, as well as watercourse crossings and the

diversion of public rights of way. In the offshore environment there will also be the presence of survey and operation vessels. Construction will also provide opportunities for environmental mitigation, compensation and enhancement.

2.2 Consultation and engagement to date

- 2.2.0 NGET is committed to engaging and consulting with communities and stakeholders at an early stage of the Projects, giving people the opportunity to provide feedback and insight at a formative stage ahead of more detailed design work being carried out.
- 2.2.1 NGET's approach to engagement in support of the Projects is to carry out both non-statutory and statutory consultation guided by the requirements of the Act.
- 2.2.2 NGET held a non-statutory consultation on the proposed Projects between 23 April and 15 July 2024. It will be followed by our statutory consultation as set out in Section 3.
- 2.2.3 The non-statutory consultation was initially planned to run between 23 April to 17 June 2024. However, due to the announcement of the 4 July 2024 UK General Election, NGET extended the deadline to provide feedback to 15 July 2024 and rescheduled consultation events until after the General Election.
- 2.2.4 The consultation had the following aims:
- to introduce the proposed Projects to the public, providing an overview of the early-stage proposals and why the Projects are needed
 - to set out options that have been considered and the decision-making undertaken so far
 - to present early plans, including the proposed landfall location, underground cabling routes and overground infrastructure
 - to provide an opportunity for stakeholders and those interested in the Projects to give their feedback on our early-stage proposals
 - to outline the next steps and onward programme for the development of the proposed Projects.
- 2.2.5 During the non-statutory consultation, NGET presented an emerging preferred corridor and siting areas which included 'graduated swathes' to illustrate where new infrastructure could be located. Following the conclusion of the consultation, we analysed the feedback and, along with further technical studies and design work, developed the Projects' design ahead of the statutory consultation.
- 2.2.6 NGET gave the stakeholders and the local community digital and non-digital opportunities to engage with the proposals through a dedicated website, public information events and webinars, as well as the ability to provide feedback on the projects via our Consultation feedback form, email and freepost (see Section 2.2.9).
- 2.2.7 Over the course of the non-statutory consultation, the Projects team held nine face-to-face in-person public consultation events, four public webinars, eight stakeholder webinars (four for parish councils and four for district and county councils) and two MP briefings (one received a virtual briefing and the other a written briefing, as requested).

- 2.2.8 The consultation was advertised through a mixture of direct mailings, email updates, newspaper and social media adverts. Consultation materials were made available online and at 11 local information points in the vicinity of the proposed Projects, some of these materials at local information points were able to be taken away and some were to be left in situ. Dedicated contact channels were also established for those who had questions about the proposed Projects.
- 2.2.9 NGET provided a number of ways for members of the public and those interested in the consultation to give their feedback and ask any questions they had. These included:
- completing an online consultation feedback questionnaire on the Projects' website (nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4)
 - completing a paper consultation feedback questionnaire or sending written comments by post (Freepost EASTERN GREEN LINKS 3 & 4)
 - emailing feedback to the Projects' email address (contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com)
 - freephone telephone (0800 298 0405).
- 2.2.10 280 feedback responses to the proposals were submitted as part of the non-statutory consultation.
- 2.2.11 279 feedback responses to the proposals were submitted during the non-statutory consultation period. One further piece of feedback was submitted outside of the non-statutory consultation period from an MP, whose constituency was in the Primary consultation zone, this feedback was accepted as part of the non-statutory consultation.
- 2.2.12 The list of consultees is kept under ongoing review. In instances where additional prescribed consultees were identified following non-statutory consultation, these were subsequently contacted and given the opportunity to engage with the proposed Projects. We have continued to review the list of consultees as the proposed Projects have developed, to ensure that it is maintained and up to date. All prescribed consultees will be contacted formally and consulted as part of the statutory consultation.
- 2.2.13 In addition to the consultation periods listed above, NGET has engaged with key stakeholders through meetings and other forms of discussion on a regular basis. These stakeholders include local authorities, Natural England, the Environment Agency, Historic England, the Joint Nature Conservation Committee and the Marine Management Organisation.
- 2.2.14 More information on the non-statutory consultation carried out can be found in the Non-statutory consultation feedback report, which is part of the suite of documents published at statutory consultation. Archive documents from the non-statutory consultation will remain available on the Projects' website. Paper copies are available on request.
- 2.2.15 Methods used to continue to engage during and between the non-statutory and statutory consultation periods included:
- 2.2.16 providing updates to the Projects' website when new information is available
- providing updates in relation to surveys
 - responding to ongoing requests and queries

- continuing to engage proactively with key stakeholders and requests for meetings
- issuing an interim community update newsletter in January 2025 to provide an update on the projects following the non-statutory consultation. This was issued to all properties within the primary consultation zone used for the non-statutory consultation zone, as well as those individuals that signed up for updates on the projects and relevant non-statutory stakeholders.

2.3 Projects timeline

- 2.3.0 The Projects are currently in the pre-application stage of the national infrastructure planning process. Table 2.1 sets out the milestone for each stage of the Projects from the pre-application consultation through to construction.
- 2.3.1 In 2024, we held our first stage of consultation, referenced throughout this document as our non-statutory consultation. This stage of consultation was an optional stage of consultation and was designed to introduce our early proposals and gain your feedback
- 2.3.2 Our second stage of consultation, referenced throughout this document as our statutory consultation, is a required stage of consultation as part of our DCO application submission.

Table 2.1 – Projects milestones

Stage
Non-statutory consultation – We held a period of extended non-statutory consultation between 23 April and 15 July 2024.
Consideration of 2024 non-statutory consultation feedback – We reviewed and had regard to feedback received during non-statutory consultation to inform the design of the Projects.
Statutory consultation – We will consult the public and discharge our duties to publicise and carry out consultation in accordance with sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Act on the draft proposals.
Consideration of statutory consultation feedback – We will review and have regard to the feedback received from the statutory consultation and finalise the proposed design. We will also continue engagement with stakeholders prior to submission of our DCO application.
DCO application submission – We plan to submit our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate in 2026. The Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the SoS, has up to 28 days to decide whether or not the application meets the standards required to be accepted for examination.
Examination – If the application is accepted, it will go through a six-month examination period. Prior to this period, stakeholders can register with the Planning Inspectorate to become an ‘Interested Party’ by making what is called a ‘Relevant Representation’. Interested Parties are invited

to provide more details of their views in writing during this phase. 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.

Recommendation and decision – Within three months of the close of the examination, the Examining Authority who conducted the examination will prepare a report on the examination, including a recommendation for the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State will then make a decision on the application.

Post-decision - If granted development consent, construction could begin in 2029, subject to the discharge of requirements.

3. Consultation on the proposed application

3.0 When will the consultation take place?

- 3.0.0 The consultation (under Sections 42 and 47 of the Act) will open at 12:00pm noon 13 May 2025. All responses, except postal, to the consultation must be received before 11:59pm on the closing date, 23 June 2025. Postal responses will be accepted until a week after the consultation closes.

3.1 What proposals will be consulted on?

- 3.1.0 NGET will seek views and feedback on all aspects of the proposed Projects, including, but not limited to the:
- proposed two converter stations in the Walpole area
 - proposed onshore route of EGL3 and EGL4's underground high voltage direct current (HVDC) cables. They would run approximately 100km from joint landfall at Anderby Creek on the Lincolnshire coastline to converter stations in the Walpole area, West Norfolk
 - transition joint bays to connect our marine and onshore HVDC cables
 - proposed substation in the Walpole area (also proposed as part of NGET's Grimsby to Walpole project)
 - proposed underground high voltage alternating current (HVAC) cables between the converter stations and substation
 - associated works to the existing 400 kV overhead line to enable a connection with the new Walpole substation
 - proposed marine route of EGL3 and EGL4's subsea HVDC cables in English waters, including joint landfall on the Lincolnshire coastline at Anderby Creek.
- 3.1.1 The proposed Projects continue to evolve in response to consultation feedback and further technical and design assessments. The statutory consultation presents a snapshot in time. Documents such as the Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) will allow consultees to develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed Projects. It will outline any limitations on the current assessments. If any substantive changes are made to the design of the proposed Projects following this statutory consultation, NGET will consider whether there is a requirement for further consultation (see Section 4.2).

- 3.1.2 Overall location plans will be used to describe sections of the Projects and will be provided during the statutory consultation.

3.2 Who will be consulted?

- 3.2.0 Principally, this consultation is open to anyone who is interested in the proposed Projects. All views are welcomed, and NGET will have regard to all comments and feedback when developing the details of the proposed Projects for our application for development consent.
- 3.2.1 Under section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, NGET has a duty to consult the local community. Two consultation zones have been developed to assist engagement with the local community (see Appendix A).
- 3.2.2 The draft order limits are the proposed outer limits of the land required either on a temporary or permanent basis to deliver the proposed Projects. From the proposed draft order limits, the primary consultation zone (PCZ) extends 1 km. From the locations of the proposed converter stations and substation the PCZ is extended to 1.5 km. The secondary consultation zone (SCZ) extends to approximately 5 km from the draft order limits for the proposed Projects' onshore infrastructure. Appendix A sets out the boundaries of these two consultation zones.
- 3.2.3 The PCZ has been updated since the non-statutory consultation as a result of the projects' design refinement, feedback and environmental studies.
- 3.2.4 Wider publicity for the Projects consultation will take place in the SCZ, also updated since the non-statutory consultation. The SCZ can be found in Appendix A.
- 3.2.5 NGET will directly consult the following groups and individuals:
- all properties (residential, business and organisations) with postcodes within the PCZ
 - Parish councils representing parishes within the PCZ and SCZ and parish councils which are prescribed as a host or neighbouring consultee
 - Members of Parliament (MPs) representing constituencies within the PCZ and SCZ
 - elected representatives of district and county councils that are in the PCZ
 - the Combined Mayoral Authority for Lincolnshire
 - the Combined Mayoral Authority for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
 - 'underrepresented' groups within both consultation zones who have been drawn to our attention, representing people who are unlikely to respond to traditional consultation techniques, and may need additional support to access materials
 - relevant local interest groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups with particular specialisms, such as environmental groups

- relevant marine users, such as fisheries, other developers, existing infrastructure owners, port authorities, wildlife trusts and recreational users.

3.2.6 Communities within the PCZ and SCZ will be notified about the consultation via the methods outlined in Section 3.4.

3.2.7 In addition to the local community, NGET will consult prescribed bodies and local authorities as required under section 42(1)(a), (aa) and (b) of the Planning Act and undertake the relevant notification under the EIA Regulations. NGET will also consult Persons with an Interest in Land (PILs) under section 42(1)(d).

3.3 Consultation materials

3.3.0 Table 3.1 sets out the consultation materials that will be developed to help people understand the proposals for the proposed Projects and provide their feedback.

Table 3.1 – Consultation materials

Material	Description	Target Audience and locations for viewing
Consultation newsletter	The newsletter will set out the Projects' information, details about the consultation, an overview map of the Projects' area and how to provide feedback, along with a list of engagement activities throughout the consultation period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation within the local community (Section 3.2). The newsletter will be posted to all properties (residential, business and organisations) within the PCZ (which have postcodes) and, where appropriate, additional relevant addresses closely neighbouring the PCZ • The document will be available to download via the Projects website, collected at public information events and printed copies will be posted on request • Members of the public will also be able to collect a copy of the document at local information points (Section 3.10) • A fee will not be charged for printed copies of this document. We will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative

		formats (such as braille, large print, translations) on a case-by-basis, taking into account individual circumstances.
Stage 2 consultation document	A single document which gives a comprehensive overview of the proposed Projects, its various components and where to find more detailed consultation information and contact the Projects team. Projects area maps will be included within the document, and it will be written in non-technical language that is readily accessible to the general public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2) • The document will be available to download via the Projects website, collect at public information events and printed copies will be posted on request • Members of the public will be able to access a copy at local information points (Section 3.10) • A fee will not be charged for printed copies of this document. NGET will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats (such as braille, large print, translations) on a case-by-basis, taking into account individual circumstances.
Non-statutory consultation feedback report	Summarising the feedback, we received during the 2024 non-statutory consultation and how it has been considered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2) • The document, including the appendices, will be available to download via the Projects' website • The document, not including the appendices, will be available to view at public information events and printed copies will be posted on request • Paper copies of the Non-statutory consultation feedback report and its appendices can be provided on request (subject to availability). This will be subject to a charge to cover

		<p>printing and postage fees (Section 3.3.2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fee will not be charged for printed copies of the Non-statutory consultation feedback report without the appendices. NGET will consider requests for copies of the document, without the appendices, in alternative formats (such as braille, large print, translations) on a case-by-basis, taking into account individual circumstances.
Consultation feedback form	Consultation feedback questionnaire with questions to gain thoughts and feedback on the proposed Projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2) • The document will be available to access via the Projects website, collect at public information events and printed copies will be posted on request • Members of the public will also be able to access a copy at local information points (Section 3.10) • A fee will not be charged for printed copies of this document. NGET will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats (such as braille, large print, translations) on a case-by-basis, taking into account individual circumstances • Paper copies can be returned free of charge using a Freepost address: Freepost EASTERN GREEN LINKS 3 & 4.
Consultation banners	Summary Consultation banners will be produced to provide an overview of key components of the proposed Projects. Banners will be	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2) • The Consultation banners are primarily intended for use at

	designed to assist the understanding of the proposed Projects and will allow for further discussion with members of the Projects team during public consultation events and other meetings.	the public information events and will also be made available on the Projects website.
Plans and drawings	Plans and drawings of the proposed Projects to assist with understanding the proposals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2) • Members of the public will be able to view the Plans and drawings on the Projects' website and printed copies will be posted on request. A fee will not be charged for printed copies of these documents.
Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR)	The PEIR details environmental consultation and the results of preliminary assessments of any likely significant environmental impacts of the proposed Projects, along with proposed mitigations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2) • The document will be available to access via the Projects website, and available to view in paper copy on request (subject to availability) at public information events • Instructions on how to access the PEIR will also be provided at local information points (Section 3.10) • Paper copies of the PEIR can be provided on request (subject to availability). This will be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees (Section 3.3.2).
Non-technical summary of the PEIR	A condensed version of the PEIR, intended to concisely summarise and explain the purpose of the PEIR and its findings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2) • The document will be available to access via the Projects website, and

		<p>available in paper copy on request (subject to availability) at public information events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the public will also be able to access a copy at local information points (Section 3.10) • Paper copies of this document can be provided on request (subject to availability). This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees (Section 3.3.2).
Strategic options report update	Providing an updated overview of the appraisal approach we have used to date to consider strategic options. These are regularly reviewed as part of the ongoing strategic options assessment and decision-making process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2) • The document will be available to access via the Projects website, and available in paper copy on request (subject to availability) at public information events • Paper copies of the Strategic options report update can be provided on request (subject to availability). This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees (Section 3.3.2).
Projects website	An online site hosting all our projects information, including downloadable versions of all the above consultation documents (see Table 3.2 for detail).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2) • See Table 3.2 for detail.
Statement of community consultation (SoCC)	The SoCC (this document) sets out how NGET intends to consult statutory consultees, stakeholders, affected residents, businesses and local communities ahead of its application for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2) • The SoCC will be published on the Projects website and available in paper copy on

	development consent for the Projects.	<p>request and at public information events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the public will also be able to access a copy at local information points (Section 3.10) • A fee will not be charged for printed copies of this document. NGET will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats (such as braille, large print, translations) on a case-by-basis, taking into account individual circumstances.
Guide to consultation documents and drawings	A guide outlining the consultation documents and drawings, and how to use them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2) • This document will be available on the Projects website and available in paper copy on request and at public information events • A fee will not be charged for printed copies of this document. NGET will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats (such as braille, large print, translations) on a case-by-basis, taking into account individual circumstances.
Interactive projects map	An interactive map of the Projects, which shows a high level of detail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2) • The Interactive Projects Map will be made available on the Projects website and on screen at the public information events, subject to technical constraints.
Consultation notices	We will publish notices with details of the consultation and provide to statutory consultees as required under	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2) • These will be published in accordance with sections 47

	sections 47 and 48 of the Planning Act.	and 48 of the Planning Act (Section 3.4.5).
Design development report	Explains the Design development of the Projects since the stage 1 consultation and our reason for consulting on options for the siting of the converter stations in the Walpole area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2) • This document will be available on the Projects website and available in paper copy on request and at public information events • Paper copies of this document can be provided on request (subject to availability). This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees (Section 3.3.2).

- 3.3.1 In accordance with the Government’s approach to digital communication, all consultation materials will be available on our website: nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4. Those who have enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps will be able to call 0800 298 0405 or email contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com.
- 3.3.2 Requests for paper copies of the technical documents will be reviewed on a case by-case basis. To cover printing costs a reasonable copying charge may apply, to be paid for by the recipient and up-to a maximum value of £300 for the whole suite of consultation documents. These can be requested by contacting the Projects Team by email at contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com, or by calling 0800 298 0405.
- 3.3.3 NGET will also consider requests for alternative formats of documents, such as translations and large print, on a case-by-case basis to take into account individual circumstances. Requests can be made using the contact details provided in Section 3.11.
- 3.3.4 Printed copies of consultation materials at public information events and local information points that are free to takeaway are subject to availability.

Table 3.2 – Website features

Function	Rationale
Interactive projects map	To enable members of the public to see how different components of the proposed Projects fit together, how they interact with the existing area.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	To provide answers to frequently asked questions, providing quick

	access to consultation on the Projects.
Online feedback form	To enable members of the public to submit their feedback online and reduce the carbon footprint of consultation activity.
Webinar sign-up form	To enable members of the public to sign-up to webinars.
'Team call-back' sign-up information	To enable members of the public to book a telephone 'team call-back' appointment.
Contact details	To provide details of how to contact the Projects Team for any further questions.
Landowners and surveys	To provide information and contact details for landowners who may be affected by the projects and to provide updates on ongoing and upcoming surveys.

3.4 Promotion of the consultation

- 3.4.0 NGET will contact all properties (residential, business and organisations) with postcodes within the PCZ with a Consultation newsletter. The newsletter will also, where appropriate, be posted to additional relevant addresses closely neighbouring the PCZ. A map showing the PCZ can be found in Appendix A.
- 3.4.1 NGET will make best efforts to ensure that all postcodes in the PCZ receive the Consultation newsletter.
- 3.4.2 NGET will contact stakeholders and groups in PCZ and SCZ (Section 3.2.5) with an email informing them of consultation and, where relevant, offering a briefing (Section 3.8).
- 3.4.3 In line with statutory requirements pursuant to the Planning Act, we will advertise the statutory consultation in locally circulated newspapers. Advertisements will be placed in both print and digital publications to ensure wider coverage within and beyond the PCZ and SCZ.
- 3.4.4 A press release will be issued to locally circulated newspapers to publicise the upcoming consultation and how the community can get involved. The press release will be issued ahead of the consultation.
- 3.4.5 The consultation will also be promoted via statutory notices in relevant newspapers as prescribed by sections 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

- 3.4.6 We will send, via email, letters about the consultation and how to get involved to the following:
- Parish councils representing parishes within the PCZ and SCZ and parish councils which are prescribed as a host or neighbouring consultee
 - Members of Parliament (MPs) representing constituencies within the PCZ and SCZ
 - elected representatives of district and county councils that are in the PCZ
 - Combined Mayoral Authority for Lincolnshire
 - Combined Mayoral Authority for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
 - underrepresented' groups within both consultation zones who have been drawn to our attention, representing people who are unlikely to respond to traditional consultation techniques, and may need additional support to access materials
 - relevant local interest groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups with particular specialisms, such as environmental groups
 - relevant marine users such as fisheries, other developers, existing infrastructure owners, port authorities, wildlife trusts and recreational users.
- 3.4.7 We will seek to send digital information posters to the above stakeholders to display and raise awareness of the consultation via their channels.
- 3.4.8 Adverts will be placed on Facebook to help raise general awareness of the consultation and target a broad range of demographics across the PCZ and SCZ, including those that might not otherwise engage with the consultation.
- 3.4.9 Any activity(ies) that cannot be undertaken due to circumstances beyond our control, where possible, will be substituted with similar activity(ies) and communicated with consultees.

3.5 Public information events

- 3.5.0 Public information events will be held for communities to find out information about the Projects and the consultation and talk to representatives from the Project teams. The exhibitions will be held at suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within or near to the PCZ.
- 3.5.1 Details of where and when the events are taking place will be included on the Projects website, in newspaper adverts and in our Consultation newsletter.
- 3.5.2 The events will be held on a variety of days and times, where feasible, including evenings in the week and at least one weekend.
- 3.5.3 Copies of all relevant consultation materials will be made available at each event (detailed in Table 3.1).

- 3.5.4 Those attending the events will be encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposals.
- 3.5.5 If, for any reason, it is unfortunately necessary to cancel a scheduled event, for example as a result of adverse weather, this cancellation will be published on the proposed Projects' website and a notice will be placed at the venue if practicable. In these circumstances NGET will also consider organising additional events if deemed to be reasonably necessary.

3.6 Webinars

- 3.6.0 Community webinars will be held during the statutory consultation period. Each webinar will provide an overview of NGET, the need for the Projects, the infrastructure being proposed and information on the consultation. Each webinar will be pertinent to an area of the route so the community can receive consultation on routeing and siting most relevant to them.
- 3.6.1 Each live webinar will include a 'question & answer' session, enabling members of the public to submit questions to the team for a response.
- 3.6.2 People will be able to sign up to the webinars via the Projects website, or by contacting NGET by using the contact details set out in Section 3.11.

3.7 'Team call-back' sessions

- 3.7.0 'Team call-back' sessions will provide an opportunity for those with more detailed questions about the proposed Projects and/or those unable to attend a public event or webinar to speak directly with members of the Projects team. These sessions will be delivered on an appointment-only basis and will be made available via telephone.
- 3.7.1 People who would like to request a 'Team call-back' will be directed to do so by contacting the projects team via the freephone telephone number (0800 298 0405), Freepost address (Freepost EASTERN GREEN LINKS 3 & 4) or the Projects' email address (contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com) and we will endeavour to arrange an appointment.

3.8 Stakeholder briefings and meetings

- 3.8.0 NGET will offer briefing meetings with the following stakeholders in the run-up to, or during the consultation:
- MPs, where all or part of their constituencies lie within the PCZ and SCZ
 - Combined Mayoral Authority for Lincolnshire
 - Combined Mayoral Authority for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
 - Elected representatives of district and county councils that are in the PCZ
 - Parish councils, where all or part of the parish falls within the PCZ and parish councils which are prescribed as a host or neighbouring consultee

- Local authorities
- Key prescribed consultees, such as National Landscape conservation boards
- Persons with an Interest in Land (PILs) under sections 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act.

3.8.1 NGET will consider meetings with other organisations and individuals upon request.

3.9 Underrepresented groups

3.9.0 Underrepresented groups are defined as being inaccessible to most traditional and conventional methods of consultation for any reason.

3.9.1 NGET wants to ensure that all our engagement and consultation activity is inclusive and wants to reach those who otherwise may not engage with us. Table 3.3 sets out how the proposed Projects will seek to engage underrepresented groups in the consultation.

3.9.2 We will maintain and update the list of underrepresented and local interest groups as the consultation progresses to ensure that we have the correct contact details and that we can engage with any newly identified groups.

Table 3.3 – Engagement tools for underrepresented groups

Underrepresented category	Methods utilised to engage with category
Older people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly mailing a Consultation newsletter to all properties within the PCZ (which have postcodes), and providing details of how to access paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post • Options to submit feedback through conventional communications channels including by post, as well as telephone if deemed necessary and in exceptional circumstances • Face-to-face events at a variety of locations and times across the route, ‘team call-back’ sessions via telephone for those with further questions which will take into consideration individual needs • Providing important consultation in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as braille and large print (upon request and reviewed on a case-by-case basis) • Notifying community groups serving the demographic

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing paper copies of materials at public information points along with contact details for the Projects team, who will be able to provide further assistance and send consultation materials to those who are unable to access the material online upon request.
People with visual impairments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing important consultation in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as, braille and large print (upon request and reviewed on a case-by-case basis) • Advertising the availability of 'team call-back' sessions for those with further questions, this will take into consideration individual needs.
People with limited mobility/disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options are available to submit feedback through conventional communications channels including by post, as well as telephone if deemed necessary and in exceptional circumstances. This is in addition to our digital feedback channels via email and our online feedback form. • Directly mailing a Consultation newsletter to all properties within the PCZ (which have postcodes), and providing details of how to access paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post • Online engagement opportunities through the consultation website, webinars and 'team call-back' sessions, to negate the need for travel • Providing important consultation in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as braille and large print (upon request and reviewed on a case-by-case basis) • Face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times with disabled access, across the route of the proposed Projects • Telephone 'team call-back' sessions for those with further questions, which will take into consideration individual needs • If necessary, providing a British Sign Language interpreter or captions for a recording of our webinars.
Youth age groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online engagement

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media advertisements • Face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the proposed Projects • Notifying local centres of education that serve the demographic.
Carers and families with young children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly mailing a Consultation newsletter to all properties within the PCZ (which have postcodes), and providing details of how to access paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post • Options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility • Face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the proposed Projects • Online engagement opportunities through the consultation website, webinars and 'team call-back' sessions, to negate the need for travel • Social media advertisements • Advertising the availability of 'team call-back' sessions for those with further questions, or those who would like to discuss the proposed Projects further.
Economically inactive individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly mailing a Consultation newsletter to all properties within the PCZ (which have a postcode); and providing details of how to access paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post • Online engagement • Social media advertisements • Options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility.
Geographically isolated individuals or communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly mailing a Consultation newsletter to all properties within the PCZ (which have a postcode); and providing details of how to access paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the proposed Projects • Online engagement opportunities through the consultation website, webinars and 'team call-back' sessions, to negate the need for travel • Advertising the availability of 'team call-back' sessions for those with further questions, or those who would like to discuss the proposed Projects further.
Locally underrepresented minority ethnic groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailing groups and organisations representing under-represented minority ethnic groups to offer engagement opportunities • Directly mailing a Consultation newsletter to all properties within the PCZ (which have a postcode) and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post if needed • Face-to-face public information events and webinar sessions at a variety of locations and times across the route of the Projects • Online engagement opportunities through the consultation website and webinars to negate the need for travel • Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield.
English as a Second Language (ESL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If necessary, we will provide consultation materials in alternative languages upon reasonable request • Providing a translator for our 'team call-back' sessions, if requested.
Travellers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaching out to groups and organisations representing travellers to inform them of the consultation and its engagement opportunities • Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and further afield.
Digitally isolated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaching out to community groups representing digitally isolated groups to offer engagement opportunities • Directly mailing a Consultation newsletter to all properties within the PCZ (which have a postcode),

and providing details of how to access paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post

- ‘Team call-back’ sessions, sessions for those with further questions, this will take into consideration individual needs
 - Advertisement of the consultation in traditional media such as local newspapers circulating in the PCZ and SCZ
 - Providing paper copies of materials at public information points along with contact details for the Projects team, who will be able to provide further assistance and send consultation material
 - When be accepted in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis, where someone may not otherwise be able to respond to the consultation, we will accept feedback via telephone.
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3.10 Local information points

3.10.0 Whilst this is no longer a statutory requirement, in addition to being available online, we will seek to ensure that paper copies of the below consultation documents will be available to view at a number of locations local to the proposals:

- SoCC
- Stage 2 consultation document
- Non-technical summary of the PEIR
- Consultation newsletter
- Consultation feedback form and envelope.

3.10.1 Information on how to access a digital copy of the full PEIR will also be provided at the local information points.

3.10.2 Multiple suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within or near to the PCZ will be selected for communities. These are listed in Table 3.4.

3.10.3 Materials will be available to view during the venues’ opening hours, except in circumstances outside of NGET’s control, such as severe weather, which prevent the locations specified from opening.

3.10.4 Materials will be delivered to information points before, or on the first day of, consultation. Where venue opening hours do not align with the start-day of consultation, documents will instead be accessible from the next working day the venue is open.

3.10.5 Prior to attending these locations, it is advised that opening hours, as shown in Table 3.4, are checked with the venues.

Table 3.4 – Venues and opening hours of venues of local information points

Local information point	Address	Opening times
Alford Library and Focal Point	6 South Market Place, Alford, LN13 9AF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday: closed Tuesday: 10am to 2pm Wednesday: closed Thursday: closed Friday: 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm Saturday: 10am to 1pm Sunday: closed
Burgh le Marsh Library and Community Hub	Tinkers Green, Jacksons Lane, Burgh le Marsh, PE24 5LA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday: closed Tuesday: 2pm to 4pm Wednesday: closed Thursday: 10am to 1pm Friday: closed Saturday: 10am to 1pm Sunday: closed
Skegness Library	23 Roman Bank, Skegness, PE25 2SA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday: 9am to 5pm Tuesday: 9am to 5pm Wednesday: 9am to 5pm Thursday: 9am to 6pm Friday: 9am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 1pm Sunday: closed
Boston Library	County Hall (Bank Street Entrance), Bank Street, Boston, PE21 6DY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday: 9am to 5pm Tuesday: 9am to 5pm Wednesday: 9am to 5pm Thursday: 9am to 6pm Friday: 9am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 4pm Sunday: closed
Holbeach Community Library	5 Fleet Street, Holbeach, PE12 7AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday: 9am to 5pm Tuesday: 9am to 5pm Wednesday: 9am to 5pm Thursday: 9am to 5pm Friday: 9am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 12pm noon Sunday: closed

Long Sutton Library	Trafalgar Square, Long Sutton, PE12 9HB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday: 2pm to 6pm Tuesday: 10am to 5pm Wednesday: closed Thursday: 2pm to 6pm Friday: 10am to 5pm Saturday: 10am to 1pm Sunday: closed
Wisbech Library	Ely Place, Wisbech, PE13 1EU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday: 9:30am to 1pm Tuesday: 9:30am to 7pm Wednesday: 9:30am to 5pm Thursday: 9:30am to 5pm Friday: 9:30am to 5pm Saturday: 9:30am to 4pm Sunday: closed
King's Lynn Library	London Road, King's Lynn, PE30 5EZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday: 8am to 7pm Tuesday: 8am to 7pm Wednesday: 8am to 7pm Thursday: 8am to 7pm Friday: 8am to 7pm Saturday: 8am to 4pm Sunday: 10am to 4pm

3.11 Contact methods

3.11.0 Table 3.5 sets out the contact channels that will be available throughout the consultation for members of the public and other stakeholders to ask questions, request further consultation or request printed copies of consultation materials and documents.

Table 3.5 – Contact methods

Method	Contact details	Hours of operation
Online	nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4	24/7
Email	contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com	9am – 5pm weekdays (Emails can be sent at any time)
Freephone	0800 298 0405	9am – 5pm weekdays

		(Answerphone function outside these hours)
Post	Freepost EASTERN GREEN LINKS 3 & 4	24/7

- 3.11.1 The Projects team will respond to enquiries as quickly as possible. Where a substantive response requires consultation that is not readily to hand, the Projects team will endeavour to respond within ten working days.

4. Responses to the consultation

4.0 Methods of responding

- 4.0.0 During the consultation period, feedback can be submitted in the following ways:
- Online via the Projects' website (nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4)
 - By post at Freepost EASTERN GREEN LINKS 3 & 4
 - By email (contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com)
- 4.0.1 Consultation responses received via any other method than those listed above, such as through social media, will not be formally recorded as part of the consultation.
- 4.0.2 Responses provided orally, such as via telephone, will be accepted only in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis, where someone may not otherwise be able to respond to the consultation.
- 4.0.3 Feedback (except via post) must be submitted by 11.59pm on the final day of the consultation.
- 4.0.4 Feedback submissions sent by post will be accepted up until a week after the consultation has closed.
- 4.0.5 All feedback will be handled in accordance with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).
- 4.0.6 More details on how NGET will use the information collected about respondents can be found in the consultation feedback questionnaire and on the Projects' website during the consultation period.

4.1 Presenting the results

- 4.1.0 Following the close of the consultation all feedback will be collated, reviewed and analysed to understand key themes and concerns. Our proposals will be reviewed and, where practicable, refined in light of feedback.
- 4.1.1 The proposed application will be finalised, taking into consideration the feedback received from the consultation in accordance with section 49 of the Planning Act.
- 4.1.2 A Consultation report will be produced as part of the application for development consent, as required by section 37 (3)(c) of the Planning Act. The report will include a summary of the consultation process undertaken in accordance with this SoCC and will set out how the feedback from the consultation has shaped and influenced the proposals as submitted within the application for development consent.

- 4.1.3 Responses to the consultation and extracts of responses may be published as part of the report unless specifically stated in the response. Any responses that are published will have all personal details redacted.
- 4.1.4 Upon receipt of an application for development consent, the Planning Inspectorate will decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination and will determine whether the statutory consultation process has been adequate. As part of this process, local authorities will be invited to provide an adequacy of the consultation response to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 4.1.5 The consultation report will be available online, alongside other application documents, once an application for development consent has been submitted. Paper copies will be available on request and subject to a printing charge outlined in Table 3.1.

4.2 Further consultation

- 4.2.0 If, following the statutory consultation, National Grid considers it is necessary to undertake further statutory consultation on either the whole or part of the project, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant, practicable and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC or any update to it.

4.3 Other proposals and consultations

- 4.3.0 The Project team is aware that a number of other organisations are developing proposals in the area, this also includes a number of other Great Grid Upgrade proposals by National Grid.

Table 6.1 – Other proposals which may be undertaking engagement include:

Project name	Type	Connection location
Viking CCS	Carbon capture/ storage	Theddlethorpe Gas Terminal
Outer Dowsing OWF	Offshore wind	Weston Marsh
Mablethorpe Storage	Energy Storage/ CCGT	Lincolnshire Connection Substation A/ B
Theddlethorpe Flexible Generation	Storage/ CCGT	Lincolnshire connection substation A/B
Walpole Flexible Generation	Energy Storage/ CCGT	Walpole
Ossian	Offshore wind	Lincolnshire Connection Substation A and Weston Marsh
Leoda Solar Farm	Solar	Navenby substation
Beacon Fen Solar Farm	Solar	Bicker Fen substation
Theddlethorpe Geological Disposal Facility	Geological Disposal Facility (GDF)	NA

Meridian Farm	Solar	Energy Storage/ Solar	Weston Marsh
Eastern Link 5 (EGL 5)	Green	Offshore transmission link	Lincolnshire Connection Substation A/ B
Grimsby Walpole	to	Onshore transmission link	Walpole

4.3.1 National Grid will work to understand other developer's local projects to ensure that the scope and context of its Projects is clear in relation to the other consultations. This could include, where appropriate:

- having headline information about the other consultations at our events
- where possible, seeking to avoid holding events or running advertisements and press releases on the same dates and times as other consultations
- endeavouring to signpost people with specific questions about other projects, to the relevant project team(s) to ask questions and/or provide feedback.

4.4 National Grid in the region

4.4.0 National Grid is currently developing proposals for other electricity transmission network reinforcements in the region, including Grimsby to Walpole, Eastern Green Link 5, North Humber to High Marnham and Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire.

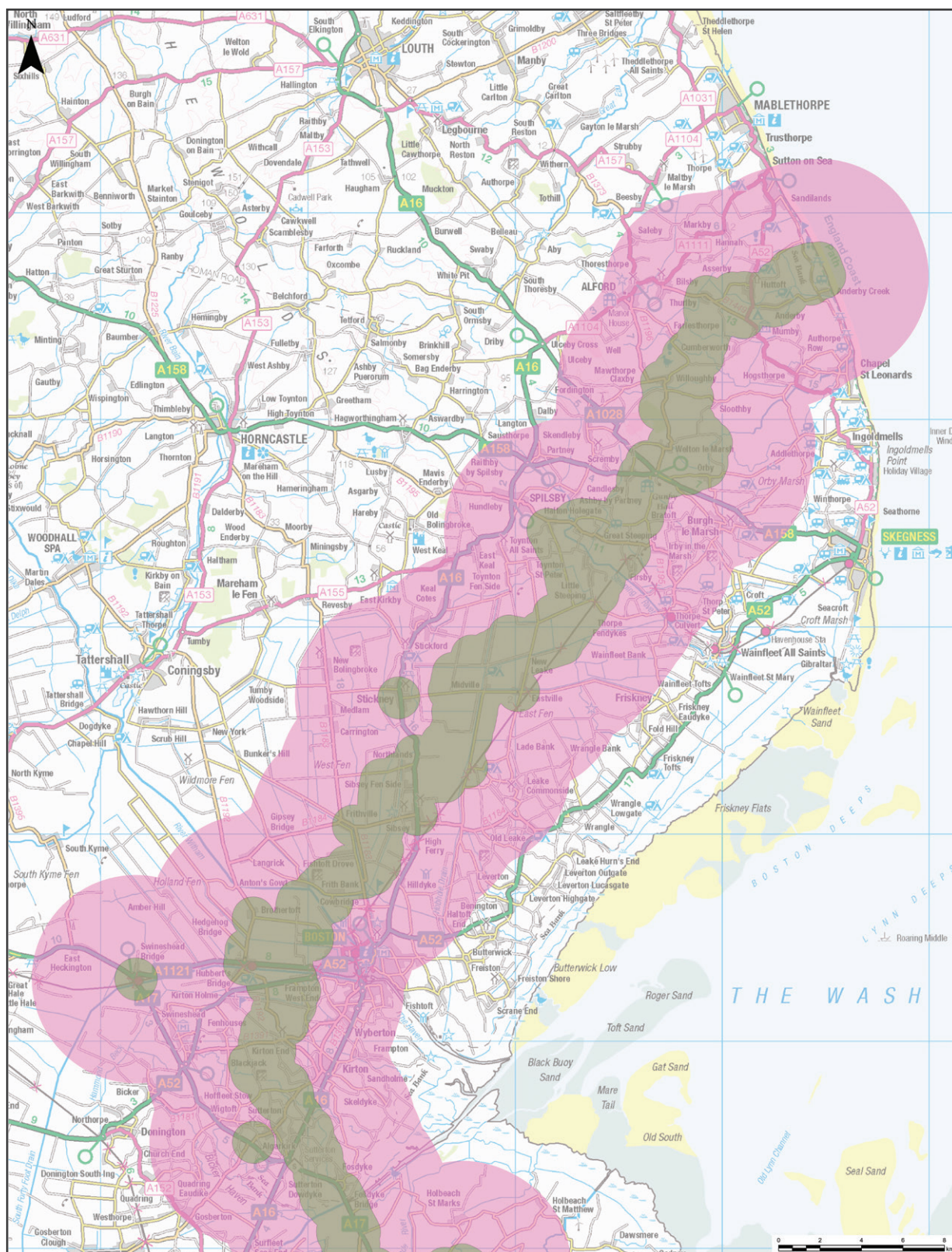
4.4.1 National Grid is mindful of its potential project interactions and overlaps when developing consultation programmes for its forthcoming projects in the region. This includes:

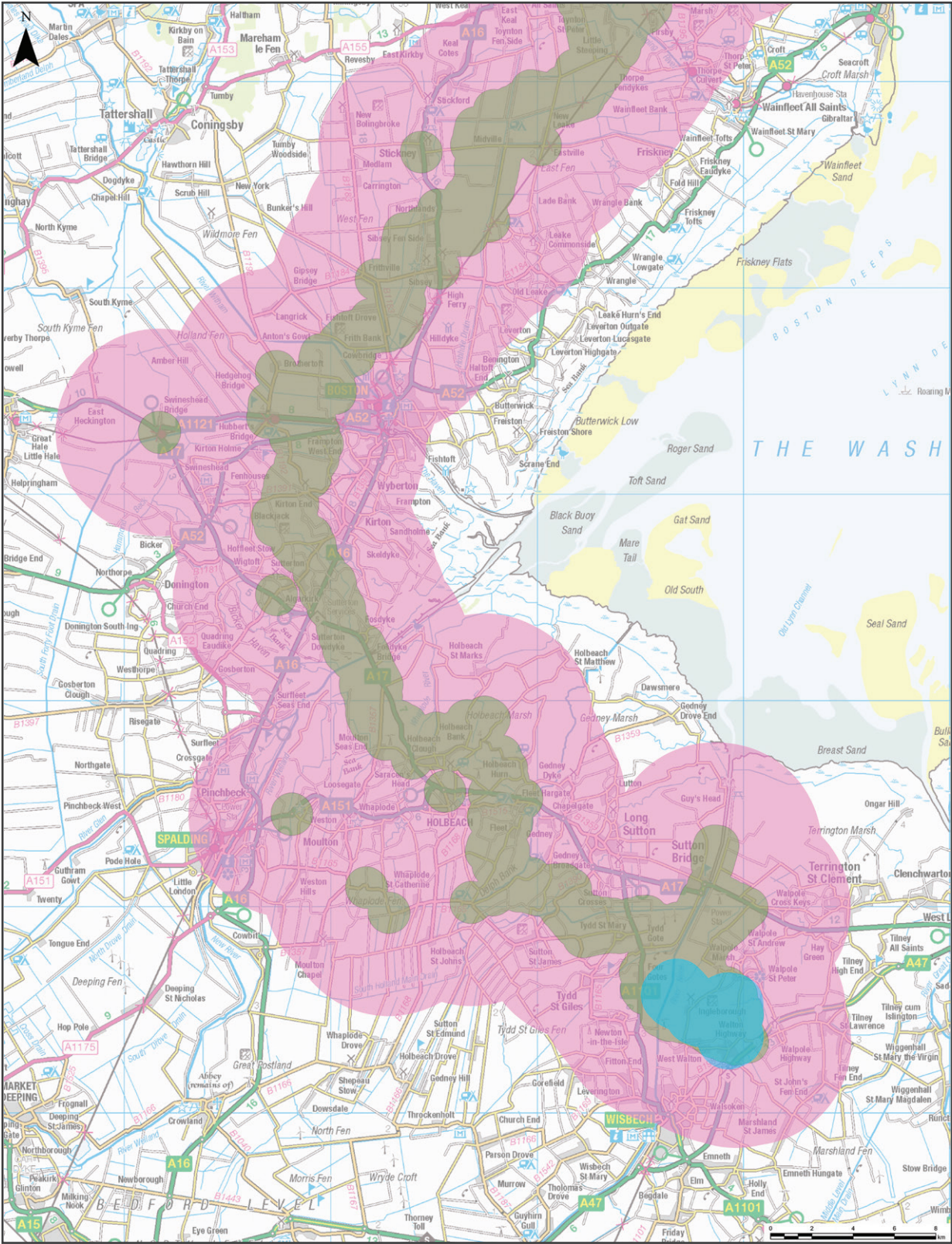
- developing consistent messaging across its potentially interacting projects to support local understanding of the interactions between these projects
- co-ordinating consultation timelines to minimise potential impacts on the local community, while maintaining transparency around forthcoming National Grid projects and consultations
- ensuring staff at consultation events are equipped with an oversight and understanding of other forthcoming local National Grid projects
- ensuring that any responses submitted as part of the Projects statutory consultation that are intended for, or are clearly relevant to another National Grid consultation, are passed on to the relevant community relations or consultation team. However, should interested parties have specific questions about other National Grid projects, they should engage directly with relevant project team(s) to ask questions and/or provide feedback.

Appendix A

Maps outlining primary and secondary consultation zones

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- EGL3/4 Primary Consultation Zone (1.5km converter stations and substation Buffer)
- EGL3/4 Primary Consultation Zone (1km Buffer)
- EGL3/4 Secondary Consultation Zone (5km Buffer)

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