

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

Stage 2 consultation feedback form

May 2025

National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) is consulting on proposals for Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3) and Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 4), two offshore high voltage electricity links between Scotland and England, with converter stations and associated onshore infrastructure. NGET's proposals are for EGL 3 and EGL 4 in England and English waters.

This is our second public consultation on our proposals for EGL 3 and EGL 4. 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 our previous stage 1 (non-statutory) public consultation on our draft proposals which were held in Spring and Summer 2024.

This stage 2 consultation will open at 12pm noon Tuesday 13 May and close at 11:59pm Monday 23 June 2025.

EGL 3 and EGL 4 are projects of national significance. These types of projects require a special type of consent, known as a development consent order (DCO).

Consultation is an important part of the DCO process, as it enables everyone to comment on our proposals. Feedback from our consultations – along with the outcome of technical assessments and environmental surveys – helps us to develop our proposals before we submit our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate.

Our proposals have been revised in light of feedback received at our previous stage 1 consultation in Spring and Summer 2024.

More information on our stage 1 consultation and how the feedback received helped influence and shape our proposals can be found in the Non-statutory consultation feedback report, available on the projects' website at nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4. As part of our stage 2 consultation we are asking for your feedback on all aspects of the projects, including:

- offshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) cables. In English waters, EGL 3's cable would be approximately 436 km long and EGL 4's would be approximately 425 km
- transition joint bays to connect our offshore and onshore HVDC cables, located onshore near to our proposed cables landfall at Anderby Creek on the Lincolnshire coastline
- underground HVDC cables running together for approximately 100 km from the joint landfall at Anderby Creek to the EGL 3 and EGL 4 converter stations in the Walpole area, West Norfolk
- two converter stations in the Walpole area, with one converter station for EGL 3 and one for EGL 4
- one substation in the Walpole area, called Walpole B, where both EGL 3 and EGL 4's converter stations would connect to and then onto the electricity transmission network (this substation is also jointly proposed as part of NGET's Grimsby to Walpole project)
- underground high voltage alternating current (HVAC) cables that would connect the converter stations into the substation
- supplementary works to the existing 400 kV overhead line to enable a connection with the new Walpole substation.

Land requirement

We would need to acquire land and rights over 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.

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), available on the projects' website.

Further information

As part of this consultation, we have also published:

- **Stage 2 consultation document:** outlines our proposals, along with information about where to find out more and how to get involved in the consultation
- **Consultation newsletter:** a summary of the EGL 3 and EGL 4 projects and public consultation details
- **Statement of community consultation (SoCC):** sets out our approach to consulting with the local community on our proposals and has been developed in consultation with all relevant local authorities in the areas affected by the projects
- **Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR):** this considers the likely environmental effects of our proposals, alongside our proposed mitigation measures
- **Non-technical summary of the PEIR:** a simplified overview of the likely environmental effects of our proposals and our mitigation measures
- **Onshore and offshore plans:** detailed plans of where we propose to locate our infrastructure
- **Non-statutory consultation feedback report:** summarises the feedback we received during the 2024 stage 1 non-statutory consultation and how it has been considered
- **Design development report:** explains how the development has progressed since the stage 1 consultation and why four potential siting options are being considered for the proposed converter stations in the Walpole area
- **Converter station design – background to potential architectural approaches:** provides a background to and summary of the potential architectural approaches for the proposed converter stations.

All of these documents are available to download from our projects' website at nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4.

Printed copies of most of our consultation documents are available free of charge on request. These can be requested via emailing contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com or by calling **0800 298 0405**. Some detailed technical documents may be subject to a printing charge.

Key consultation documents will be available to view at local information points (see page 13 of our Stage 2 consultation document for details), and copies of all documents listed above will be available to view at our consultation events (details can be found on the project website, on page 12 of our Stage 2 consultation document and in the Consultation newsletter).

What has changed since our stage 1 consultation?

Feedback received during our stage 1 consultation in Spring and Summer 2024 has resulted in a number of changes to the projects, so it's important to review our plans carefully even if you have previously provided feedback.

In summary, the key changes are:

- bringing the EGL 3 and EGL 4 proposed offshore cables in English waters into the scope of our DCO application rather than consenting these separately by way of a standalone offshore license, which is why they are now part of this stage 2 consultation
- confirmation of landfall at Anderby Creek on the Lincolnshire coastline for both the EGL 3 and EGL 4 offshore cables, with a potential landfall at Theddlethorpe discounted. This has removed the need for the cable route running south from Theddlethorpe
- removing the converter station and direct current switching station near Bilsby, East Lindsey, from our proposals. Note that National Grid's Eastern Green Link 5 (EGL 5) project is proposing a new converter station in this general area. See its website – nationalgrid.com/egl5 – for more information
- discounting the option for a cable route running north of Huttoft from Anderby Creek landfall to the Bilsby area
- discounting the option for a cable route that tracked the A17 from Fosdyke Bridge to Sutton Bridge
- adding an alternative proposed cable route, which is outside the emerging preferred corridor shown at our stage 1 consultation, which would run through Fenland District, Cambridgeshire, to the the River Nene. This is in response to new solar developments affecting the original route
- avoiding land/properties where possible, in response to feedback received from landowners
- discounting the offshore route options that routed directly through the centre of the Holderness Offshore Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ). The proposed EGL 3 route now completely avoids the Holderness Offshore MCZ. The proposed EGL 4 cable route crosses the south-east corner of the Holderness Offshore MCZ but minimises interaction with it as much as possible.

Other than the key changes highlighted above, our proposals for our underground cables remain within our emerging preferred corridor shared during our stage 1 consultation.

Information on the route and potential changes can be found in the Stage 2 consultation document and the Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR), all of which can be found on our website at nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4.

NGET will also be consulting on proposals for Eastern Green Link 5 (EGL 5) from 12pm Tuesday 13 May to 11:59pm Monday 23 June 2025. If you would like more information, or would like to provide feedback on NGET's proposals for EGL 5, please visit nationalgrid.com/egl5.

How to provide your feedback

Please submit your response to this consultation by 11:59pm on Monday 23 June 2025.

All responses, except postal, to the consultation must be received before the consultation close. Postal responses will be accepted until a week after the consultation closes. Your feedback will play an important part in shaping our plans before we submit our application for planning consent in 2026.

It is not necessary to complete all of the questions if you do not wish to.

Our development consent order application will include a consultation report, which will show how we have taken account of feedback received to all stages of consultation.

We encourage you to read our consultation materials and take the opportunity to ask any questions before providing your feedback.

Identifying specific locations

Where possible, we encourage you to refer to specific locations that are most important to you. Projects maps and the interactive projects map show the areas where cables, converter stations and the substation are proposed. This information will help you to provide feedback, and the maps can be viewed at the public information events and on the projects' website at nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4.

A Guide to consultation documents and drawings has also been published to help you navigate to the maps and plans most relevant to you. You can find this on our website.

If you wish to receive paper copies of the consultation documents or need them in another format, please get in touch by freephone on **0800 298 0405** or by email contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com (please note print charges may apply).

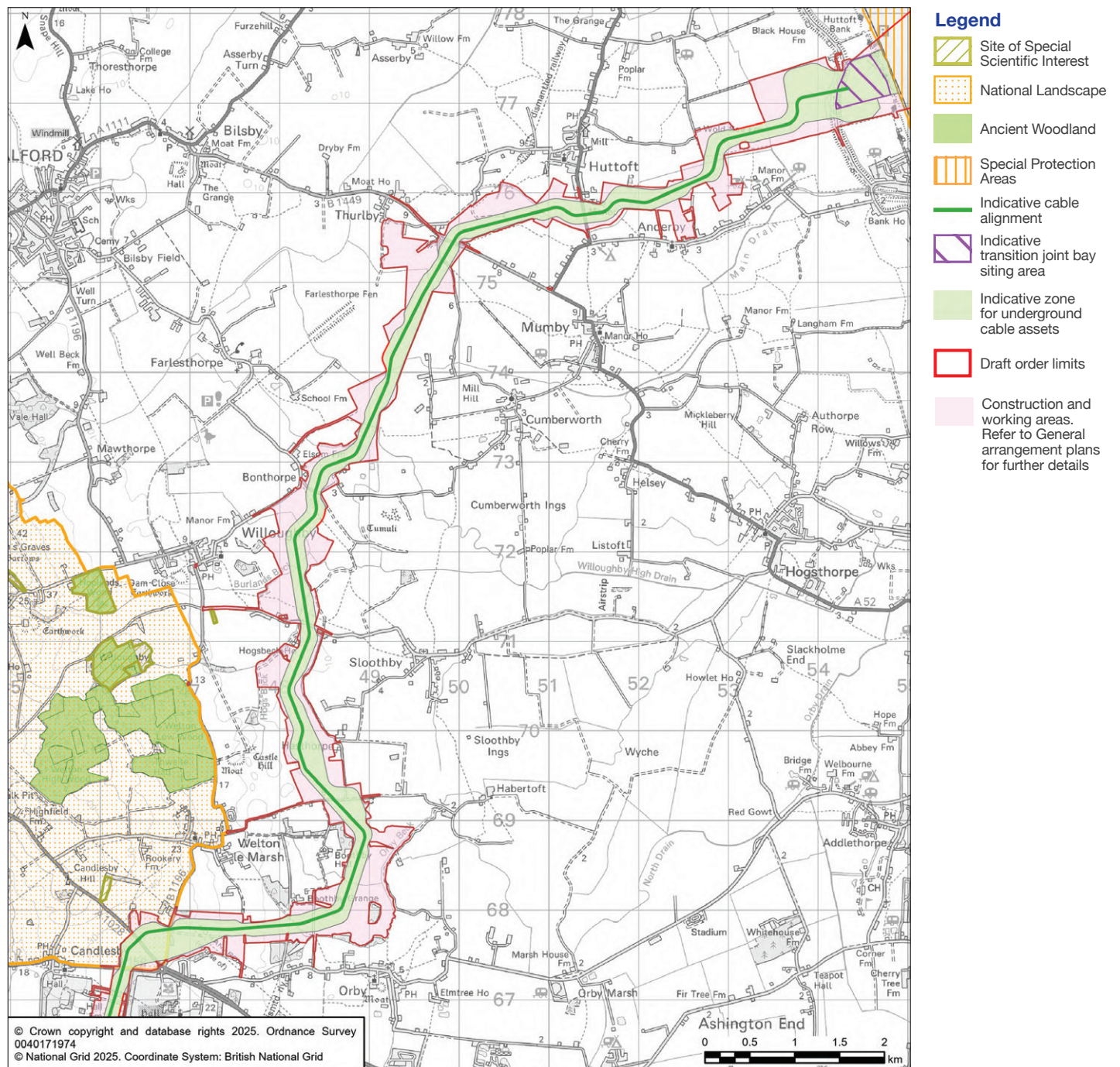
Onshore proposals by location

Section 1 – Anderby Creek landfall to Candlesby

This section of our proposed route runs from the Anderby Creek landfall. From there the underground cables would route west, travelling south of Huttoft and onto the B1449. After crossing the B1449, the cables would travel south past Welton le Marsh before crossing the A1028 and A158 near Candlesby.

Please refer to pages 34 and 35 of the Stage 2 consultation document and the Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) for more information on our latest proposals in this section.

For more detail, please see our website where you'll be able to view more detailed section maps, an interactive map and General arrangement plans.



Q1. Do you have any comments on Section 1 – Anderby Creek landfall to Candlesby, including the points listed below?

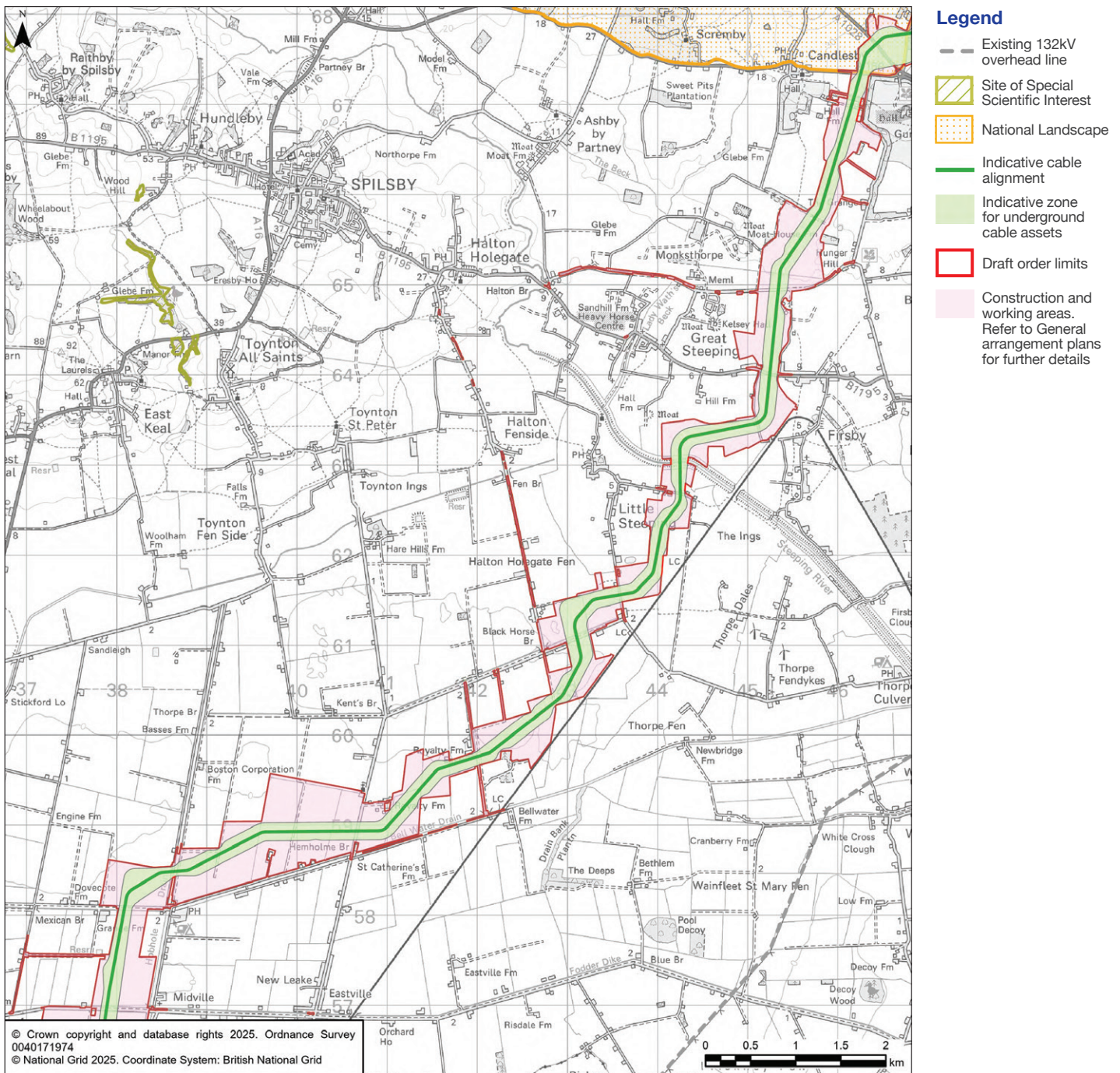
- landfall and transition joint bays at Anderby Creek
- our proposed underground HVDC cable route
- our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds and associated requirements
- the Preliminary environmental information report
- environmental mitigation and opportunities for biodiversity net gain.

Section 2 – Candlesby to Midville

This section of our proposed route runs from Candlesby to Midville. From Candlesby, the cables would route south past Great Steeping before crossing Steeping River. From the river, they would route east of Little Steeping before travelling southwest, parallel to Bell Water Drain before crossing Hobhole Drain and then crossing Bell Water Drain and continuing south to Midville.

Please refer to pages 36 and 37 of the Stage 2 consultation document and the Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) for more information on our latest proposals in this section.

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Q2. Do you have any comments on Section 2 – Candlesby to Midville, including the points listed below?

- our proposed underground HVDC cable route
- our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds and associated requirements
- the Preliminary environmental information report
- environmental mitigation and opportunities for biodiversity net gain.

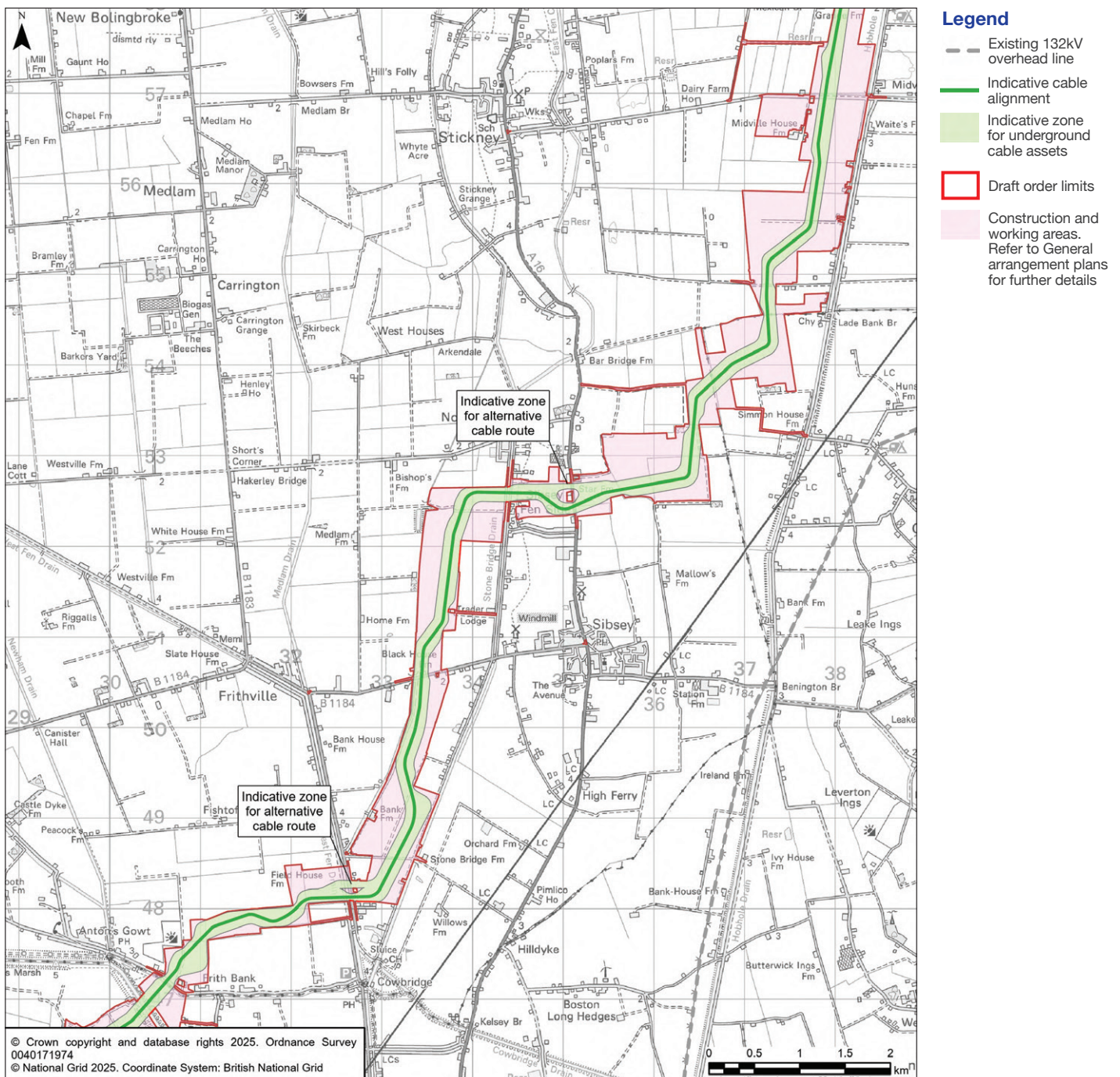
Section 3 – Midville to Frith Bank

This section of our proposed route starts at Midville from which the cables would route south before heading west and crossing the A16 in between Northlands and Sibsey. The cables would then continue south before again heading west, crossing the West Fen Drain and Frith Bank.

We are proposing indicative alternative cable route options at two crossing points in this section, one where the route crosses the A16 north of Sibsey, and one where it crosses the West Fen Drain north of Cowbridge.

Please refer to pages 38 and 39 of the Stage 2 consultation document and the Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) for more information on our latest proposals in this section.

For more detail, please see our website, where you'll be able to view more detailed section maps, an interactive map and General arrangement plans.



Q3. Do you have any comments on Section 3 – Midville to Frith Bank, including the points listed below?

- our proposed underground HVDC cable route, including the indicative alternative cable route options
- our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds and associated requirements
- the Preliminary environmental information report
- environmental mitigation and opportunities for biodiversity net gain.

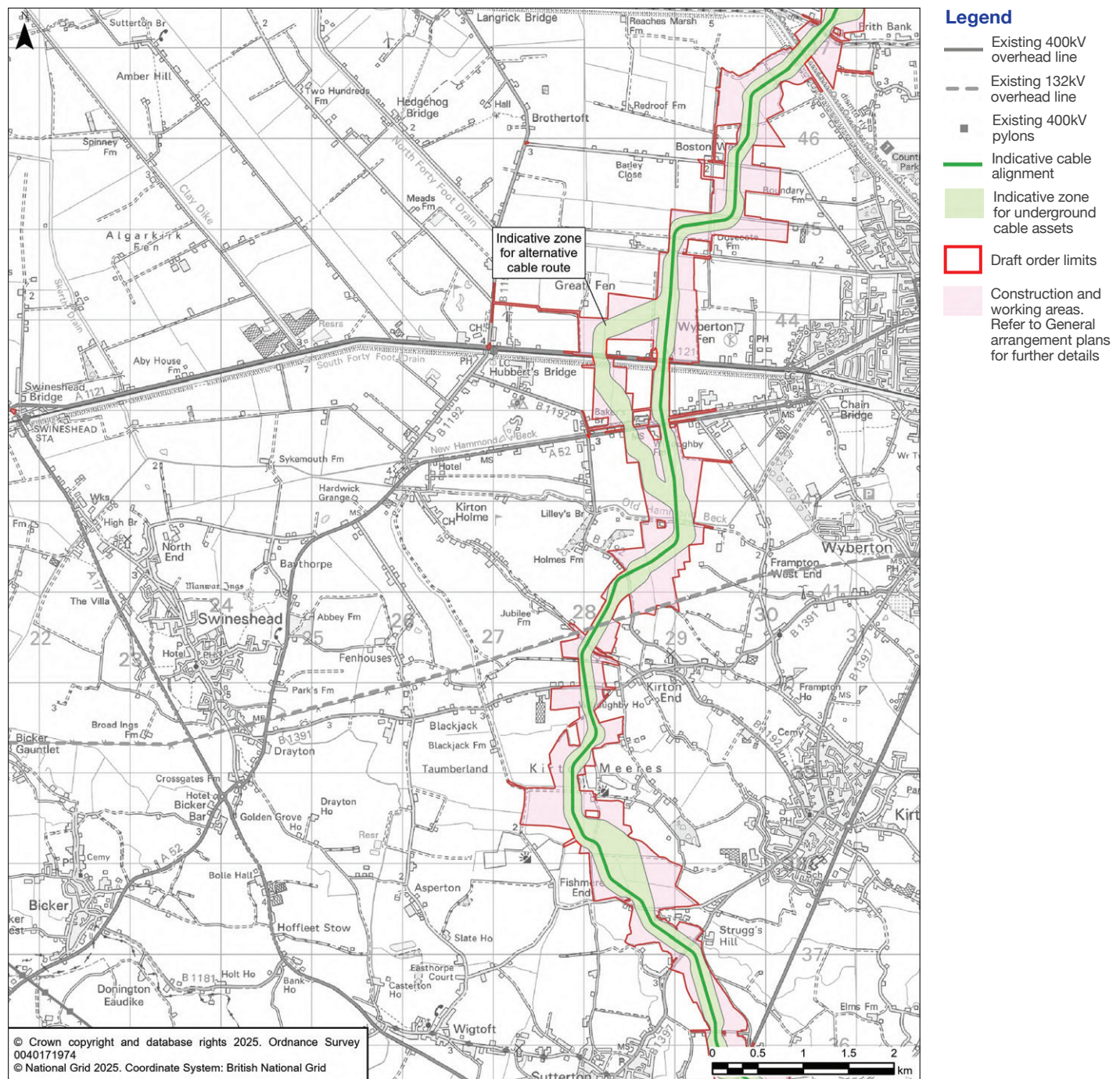
Section 4 – Frith Bank to Sutterton

This section of our proposed route runs from Frith Bank to Sutterton. From Frith Bank our cables would route south, crossing the River Witham and continuing south to the A1121 and South Forty Foot Drain. We are proposing an indicative alternative cable route option to cross the A1121 and South Forty Foot Drain, shown on the map to the west of the cable alignment.

Please refer to pages 40 and 41 of the Stage 2 consultation document and the Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) for more information on our latest proposals in this section.

For more detail, please see our website, where you'll be able to view more detailed section maps, an interactive map and General arrangement plans.

After crossing the A1121 and South Forty Foot Drain, the cables would then route south, crossing the A52 and travelling to the west of Kirton End. The cables would continue to a point east of Sutterton, crossing the A16.



Q4. Do you have any comments on Section 4 – Frith Bank to Sutterton, including the points listed below?

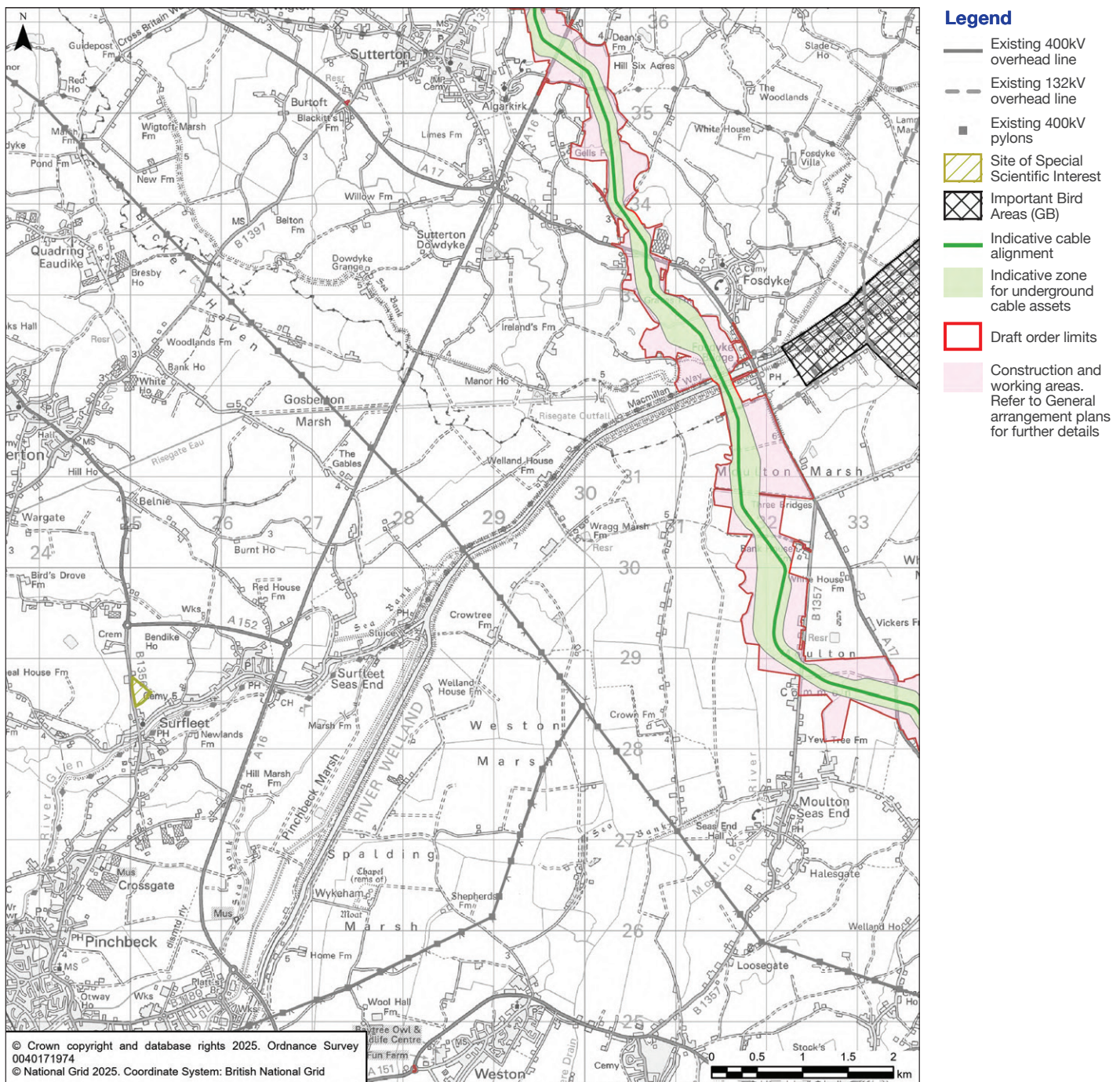
- our proposed underground HVDC cable route, including the indicative alternative cable route option
- our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds and associated requirements
- the Preliminary environmental information report
- environmental mitigation and opportunities for biodiversity net gain.

Section 5 – Sutterton to Moulton Seas End

This section of our proposed route runs from the A16 outside Sutterton, where the cables would route southeast, crossing the A17 outside Fosdyke and then crossing the River Welland. From the south bank of the River Welland, the cables would continue south to a point north of Moulton Seas End, before travelling east and crossing the A17.

Please refer to pages 42 and 43 of the Stage 2 consultation document and the Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) for more information on our latest proposals in this section.

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Q5. Do you have any comments on Section 5 – Sutterton to Moulton Seas End, including the points listed below?

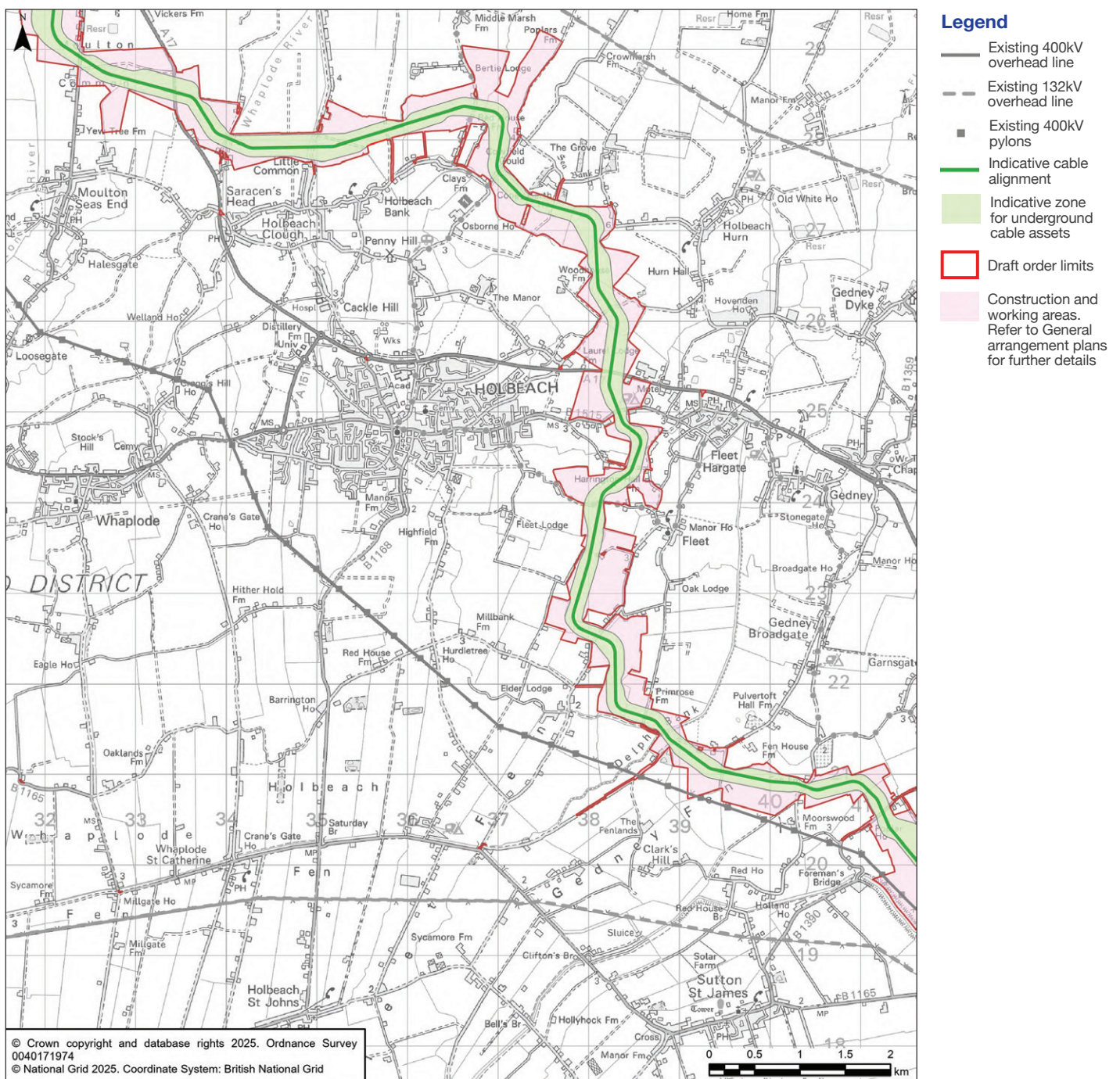
- our proposed underground HVDC cable route
- our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds and associated requirements
- the Preliminary environmental information report
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Section 6 – Moulton Seas End to South Holland Drain

This section starts at the A17 to the north east of Moulton Seas End and then runs east and south around Saracen's Head, Holbeach Clough and Holbeach Bank. The cables would then travel south crossing the A17 in between Holbeach and Fleet Hargate, before continuing south and crossing Delph Bank and heading east to South Holland Drain.

Please refer to pages 44 and 45 of the Stage 2 consultation document and the Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) for more information on our latest proposals in this section.

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Q6. Do you have any comments on Section 6 – Moulton Seas Ends to South Holland Drain, including the points listed below?

- our proposed underground HVDC cable route
- our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds and associated requirements
- the Preliminary environmental information report
- environmental mitigation and opportunities for biodiversity net gain.

Section 7 – South Holland Drain to Walpole Area

This section runs from South Holland Drain before heading east past Tydd St Mary and crossing the A1101. The route then splits in two to the north of Tydd Gote.

One cable route option would cross the River Nene to the north east of Foul Anchor and continue to the Walpole area and the sites of the proposed converter stations and substation.

An indicative alternative cable route option would cross the North Level Main Drain and continue past Foul Anchor to cross the River Nene at two possible locations. The route would then continue to the sites of our proposed converter stations and substation. This alternative route has been proposed to enable flexibility in the later detailed design stages of the projects in response to new solar developments potentially affecting the original route proposed at our stage 1 consultation.

Options for the locating of converter stations

Within this section of our proposals, we have four possible options – Options A to D – for the siting of our two proposed converter stations. Each option has different cable routes to the converter stations and onward to the substation.

We have selected four converter siting options to allow landowners and local residents to provide feedback on these options and further consideration of the wider environmental and engineering constraints, before deciding which option will be presented within the DCO.

To collect feedback on each of these four options we have provided separate questions for each.

Substation

In these four options, our substation, Walpole B, only has one proposed location.

Walpole B substation is shown in the EGL 3 and EGL 4 and Grimsby to Walpole projects because all projects need the substation infrastructure in this location.

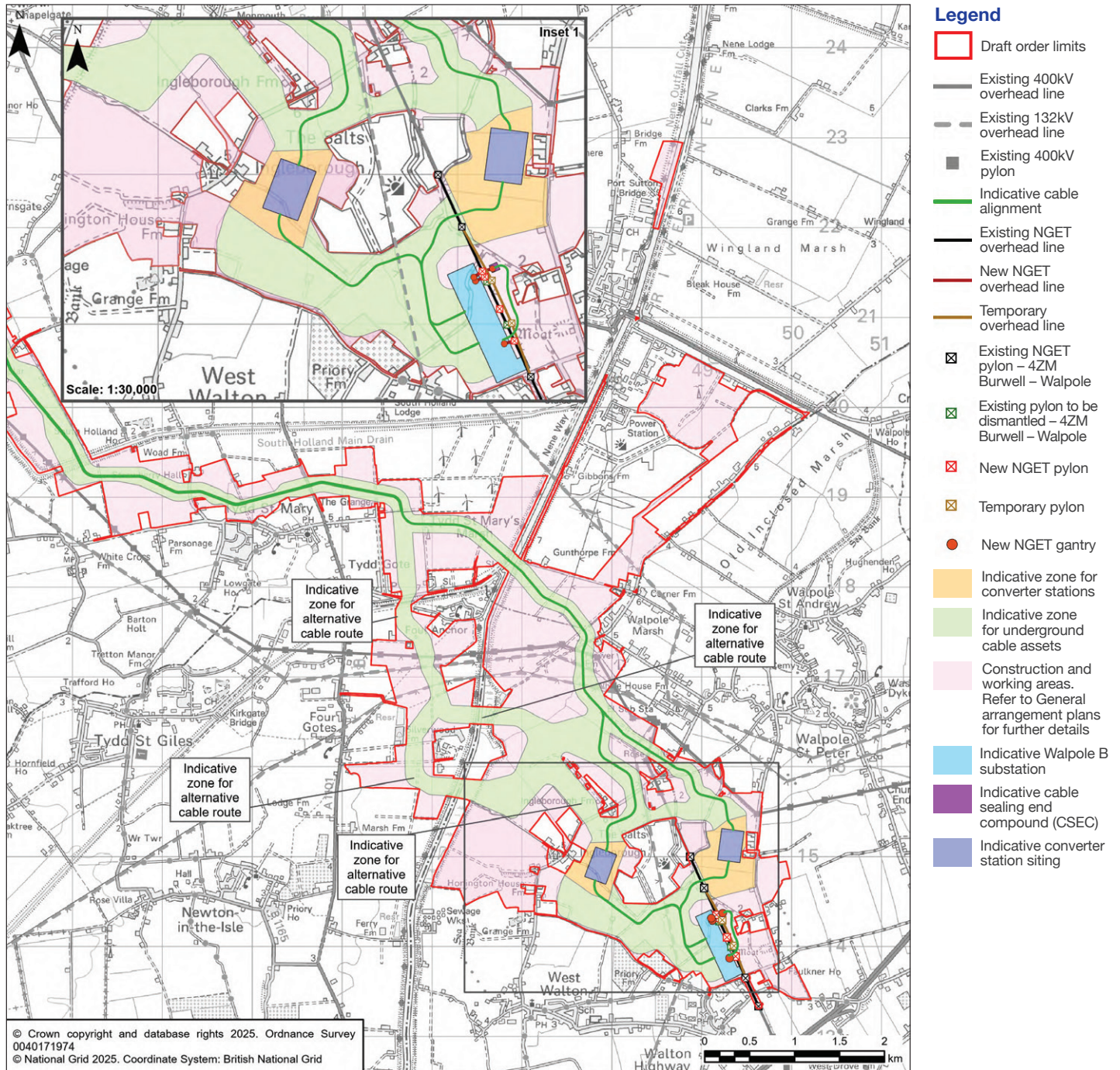
Either EGL 3 and EGL 4, or Grimsby to Walpole could build out this substation either in whole, or in part, in line with any potential planning consent.

We encourage you to provide any comments on Walpole B substation specifically in question 7.

Section 7A – Converter stations option A

Please refer to pages 46, 48 and 49 of the Stage 2 consultation document and the Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) for more information on our latest proposals in this section.

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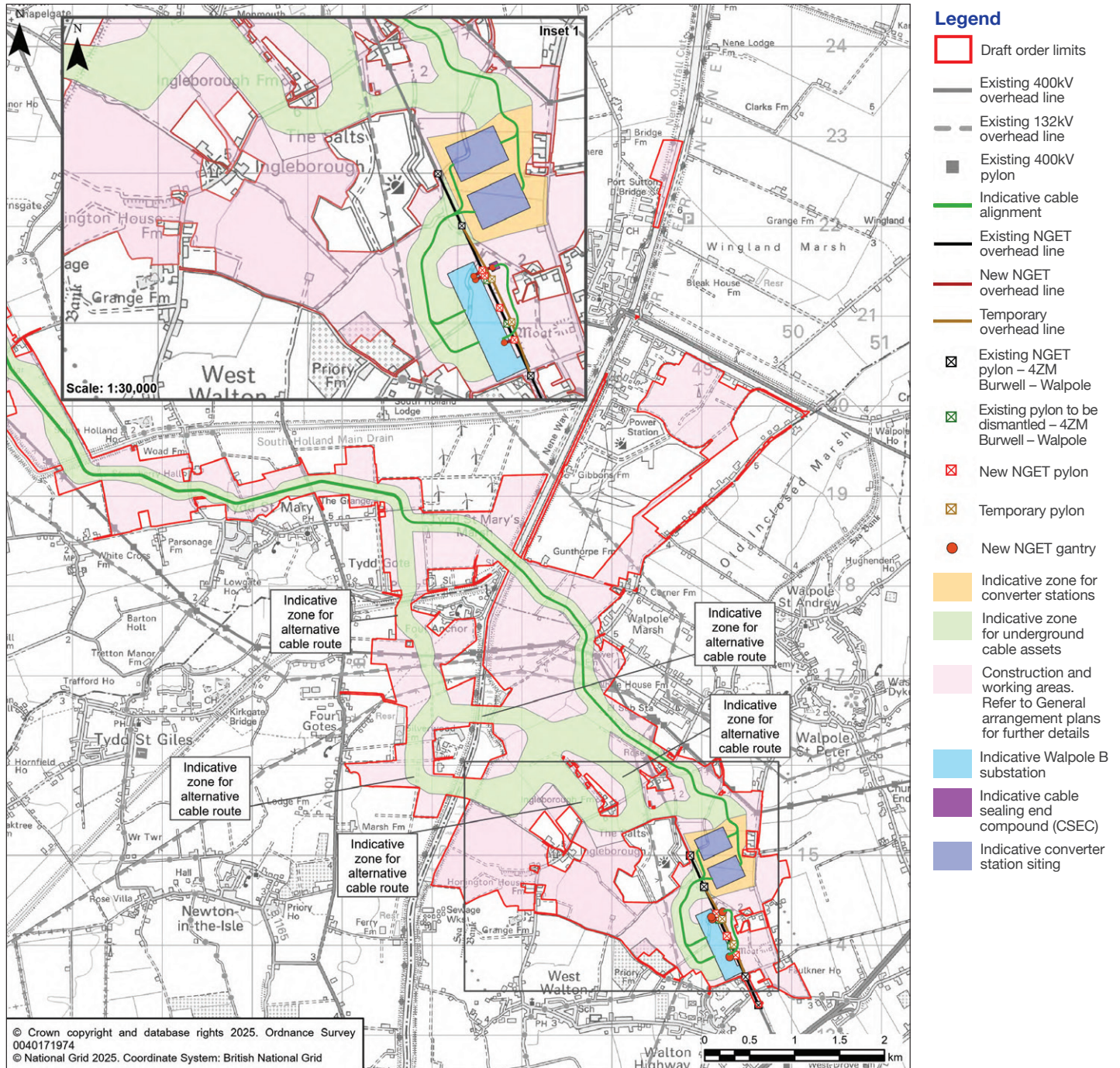
Q7. Do you have any comments on Section 7A – Converter stations option A, including the points listed below?

- our proposed underground HVDC and HVAC cable route, including the indicative alternative cable route options
- the siting, design and appearance of the two proposed converter stations
- the siting, design and appearance of the proposed Walpole B substation
- the siting of supplementary works to the existing 400 kV overhead line
- our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds, temporary quay on the River Nene and associated quay wall and apron, access haul road and associated laydown area
- the Preliminary environmental information report
- environmental mitigation and opportunities for biodiversity net gain.

Section 7B – Converter stations option B

Please refer to pages 46, 50 and 51 of the Stage 2 consultation document and the Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) for more information on our latest proposals in this section.

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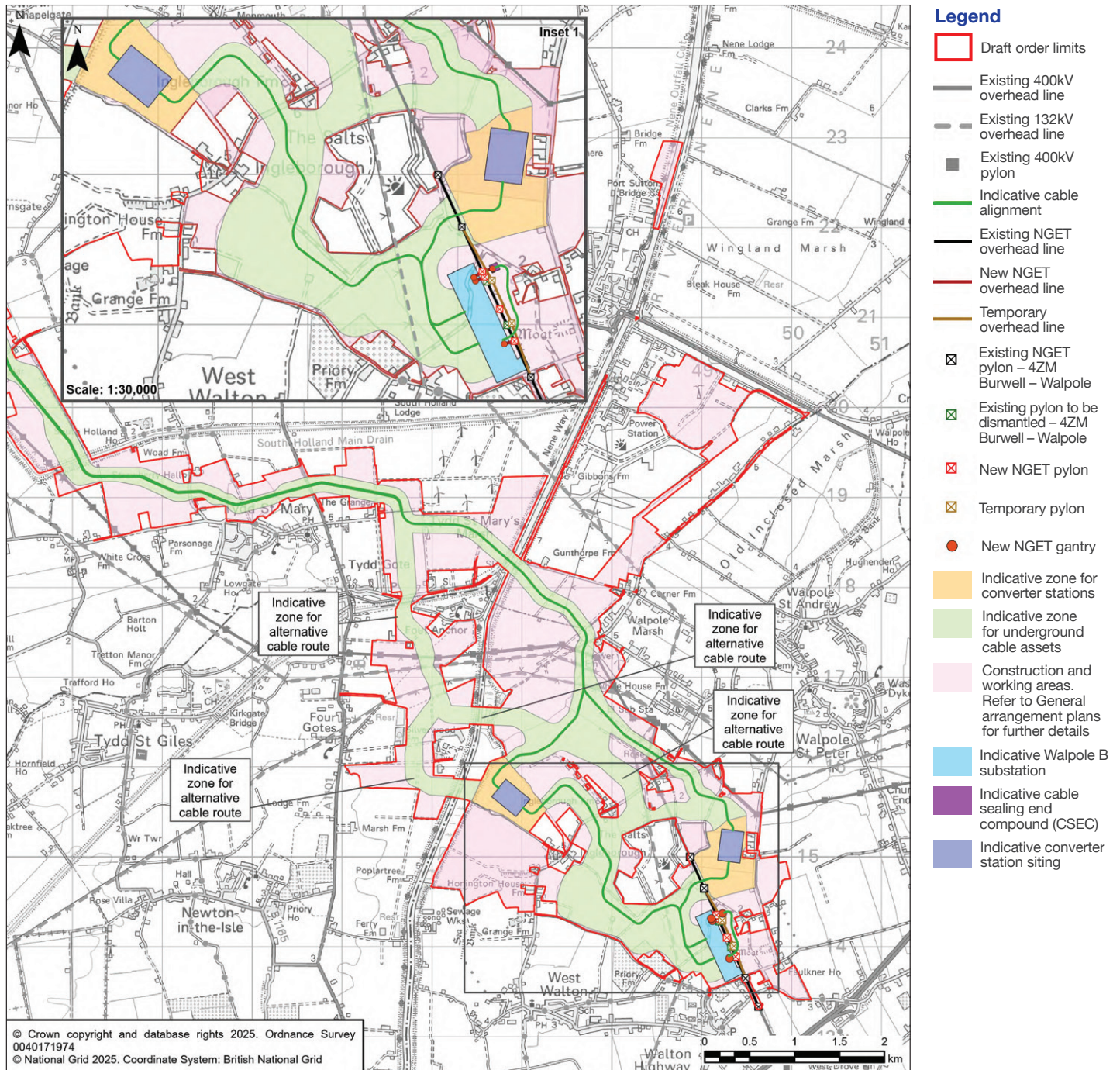
Q8. Do you have any comments on Section 7B – Converter stations option B, including the points listed below?

- our proposed underground HVDC and HVAC cable route, including the indicative alternative cable route options
- the siting, design and appearance of the two proposed converter stations
- the siting, design and appearance of the proposed Walpole B substation
- the siting of supplementary works to the existing 400 kV overhead line
- our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds, temporary quay on the River Nene and associated quay wall and apron, access haul road and associated laydown area
- the Preliminary environmental information report
- environmental mitigation and opportunities for biodiversity net gain.

Section 7C – Converter stations option C

Please refer to pages 46, 52 and 53 of the Stage 2 consultation document and the Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) for more information on our latest proposals in this section.

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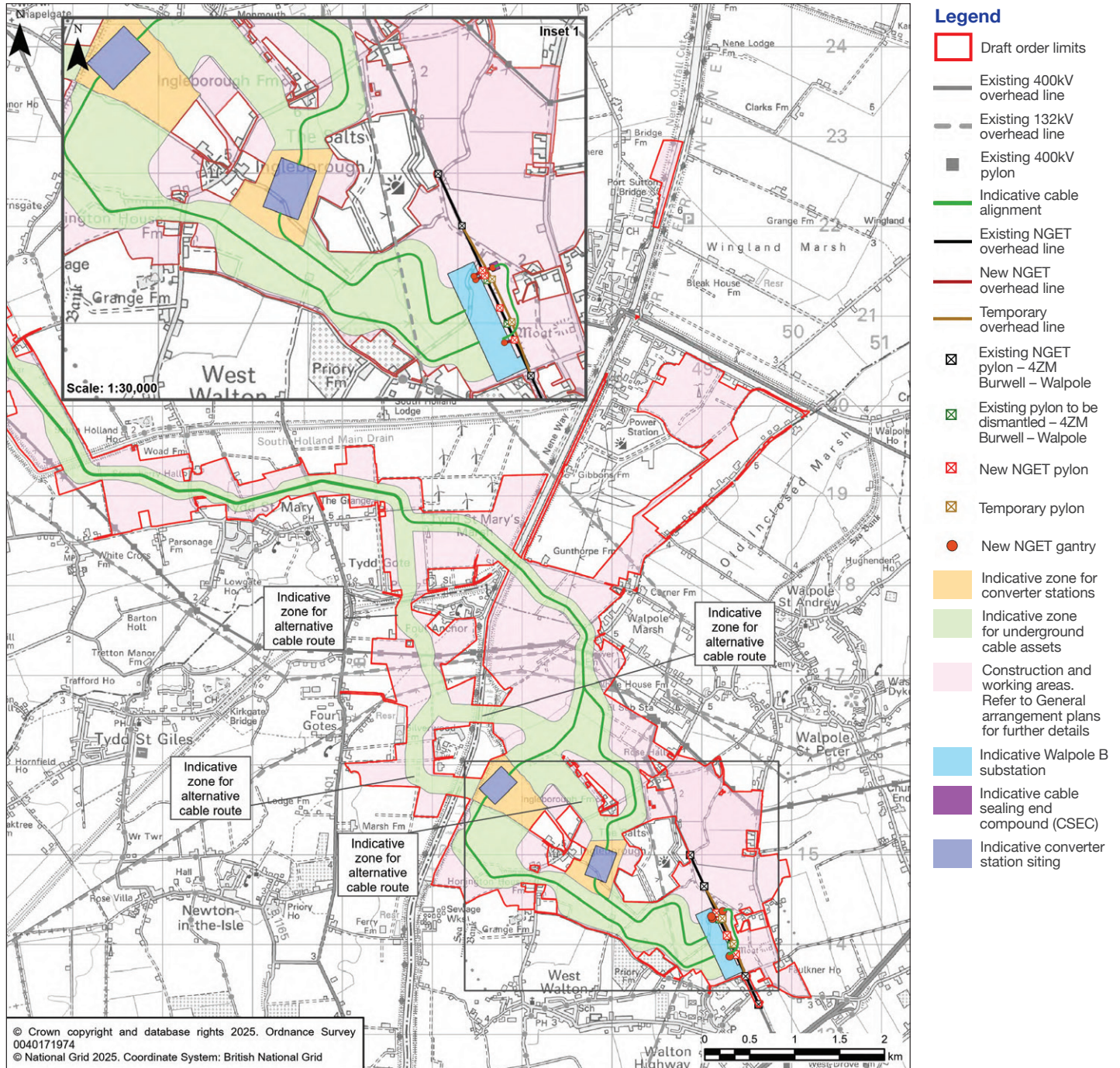
Q9. Do you have any comments on Section 7C – Converter stations option C, including the points listed below?

- our proposed underground HVDC and HVAC cable route, including the indicative alternative cable route options
- the siting, design and appearance of the two proposed converter stations
- the siting, design and appearance of the proposed Walpole B substation
- the siting of supplementary works to the existing 400 kV overhead line
- our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds, temporary quay on the River Nene and associated quay wall and apron, access haul road and associated laydown area
- the Preliminary environmental information report
- environmental mitigation and opportunities for biodiversity net gain.

Section 7D – Converter stations option D

Please refer to pages 46, 54 and 55 of the Stage 2 consultation document and the Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) for more information on our latest proposals in this section.

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Q10. Do you have any comments on Section 7D – Converter stations option D, including the points listed below?

- our proposed underground HVDC and HVAC cable route, including the indicative alternative cable route options
- the siting, design and appearance of the two proposed converter stations
- the siting, design and appearance of the proposed Walpole B substation
- the siting of supplementary works to the existing 400 kV overhead line
- our proposals for construction, including temporary and permanent access roads and tracks, compounds, temporary quay on the River Nene and associated quay wall and apron, access haul road and associated laydown area
- the Preliminary environmental information report
- environmental mitigation and opportunities for biodiversity net gain.

Q11. Do you have any comments on the EGL 3 offshore cable route, including the points listed below?

- our proposed subsea HVDC cable route and draft order limits in English waters
- landfall at Anderby Creek
- our proposals for the installation of the cables
- the Preliminary environmental information report
- environmental mitigation and opportunities for marine restoration and enhancement.

Q12. Do you have any comments on the EGL 4 offshore cable route, including the points listed below?

- our proposed subsea HVDC cable route and draft order limits in English waters
- landfall at Anderby Creek
- our proposals for the installation of the cables
- the Preliminary environmental information report
- environmental mitigation and opportunities for marine restoration and enhancement.

General considerations

**Q13. Is there anything else you would like us to consider as we develop our proposals?
Please provide details below.**

About you

We would be grateful if you could answer the following, optional, demographic questions. We will use the information we receive to help understand whether our consultation has been useful to people of different backgrounds and requirements, and only in accordance with our Data Privacy Statement, as set out later in this form.

We may publish a summary of the results, but no information about an individual would be revealed. The answers you provide to some of these questions are defined for the purposes of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as 'special category data'. If you agree to provide this information, you can withdraw your permission for us to use it in our reports at any time. To withdraw your permission, please contact us via email at contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com.

Q14. How would you describe your interest in EGL 3 and EGL 4?

- ☐ Local resident
- ☐ Local representative (i.e. Councillor, MP)
- ☐ Potentially affected landowner or tenant/occupier
(please include your landowner reference number below if known)
- ☐ Local business owner
- ☐ Regular visitor to the area
- ☐ Local interest group member
(please specify below)
- ☐ Statutory organisation
(please specify below)
- ☐ Other

Please provide further details here if required:

Q15. What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Q16. Do you consider yourself to be a person with a disability?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Q17. How would you describe your ethnic background?

- ☐ White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- ☐ Irish
- ☐ Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- ☐ Any other White background (please state below)
- ☐ White and Black Caribbean
- ☐ White and Black African
- ☐ White and Asian
- ☐ Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background (please state below)
- ☐ Asian/Asian British
- ☐ Indian
- ☐ Pakistani
- ☐ Bangladeshi
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Any other Asian background (please state below)
- ☐ Black African
- ☐ Black Caribbean
- ☐ Black British
- ☐ Any other Black/African/Caribbean background (please state below)
- ☐ Arab
- ☐ Any other ethnic group (please state below)
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If other, please state here:

Q18. What is your age?

- ☐ Under 16
- ☐ 16-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65+

- ☐ Prefer not to say

Data privacy statement

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 the report)
- to write to you with updates about the results of the consultation and other developments (if you do not wish to be contacted, you can submit the form anonymously)
- to keep up-to-date records of our communications with individuals and organisations.

Any personal information you include in this form 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
- Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Transmission
- SP Energy Networks
- the Planning Inspectorate (who will consider our application for consent to build the Projects – 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 behalf of National Grid.

Where you provide feedback as part of this consultation on EGL 3 and EGL 4, which is relevant to other National Grid projects, your feedback will be shared with other relevant projects so that it can be considered appropriately across any relevant projects.

Next steps

This consultation closes at **11:59pm on Monday 23 June 2025**. All responses, except postal, to the consultation must be received before the consultation close. Postal responses will be accepted until a week after the consultation closes.

We will take all the feedback we receive during the consultation period into consideration as we continue to develop our plans for EGL 3 and EGL 4. We will summarise all feedback, and how we have considered it, in our Consultation feedback report which will form part of our application for development consent. The Planning Inspectorate will review and examine our application and encourage the submission of views from statutory stakeholders such as local authorities as well as communities, and other interested parties. They will then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who will decide whether to grant consent.

Information for landowners

If you are a landowner and want to talk to our Lands team, please email egl3and4@ardent-management.com, call on **0203 302 0545** or write to **EGL 3 and EGL4, Ardent, 36 Park Row, Leeds, LS1 5JL**.

Further comments

Please provide any further comments you may have.

Contact us

Please get in touch if you have any questions about our proposals for EGL 3 and EGL 4.

- Call us: **0800 298 0405** (lines are open Monday to Friday 9am–5pm, with an answerphone facility taking messages outside of these hours)
- Email us: **contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com**
- Write to us: **Freepost EASTERN GREEN LINKS 3 & 4** (no stamp or further address details are required)

How to provide feedback via this feedback form

- complete the feedback form online at **nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4**
- email us your completed feedback form at **contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com**
- return this questionnaire to **Freepost EASTERN GREEN LINKS 3 & 4** (no stamp or further address details are required)
- you can also share your feedback by emailing or sending a letter via the email and postal addresses provided above.

Your details

Title _____ First name _____

Surname _____

Organisation/Group (if responding on behalf) _____

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Almost done...

Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey. By submitting this feedback form you give us permission to analyse and include your response in our results.

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