

NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC
EASTERN GREEN LINK 3 AND EASTERN GREEN LINK 4 (the Projects)
THE PLANNING ACT 2008 (PA 2008) – SECTION 47 (6) ‘NOTICE PUBLICISING THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION’
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (“SoCC”)

The Application

Notice is hereby given that National Grid Electricity Transmission plc of 1-3 Strand, London, EC2N 5EH (the **Applicant**), is proposing to submit an application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for development consent (the “Application”) for the Projects.

Eastern Green Link 3 (**EGL 3**) and Eastern Green Link 4 (**EGL 4**) are two high voltage electricity links between Scotland and England, with converter stations and associated onshore infrastructure, which will each provide an additional 2GW of transmission capacity to the national grid. The Projects form part of the ‘Great Grid Upgrade’, which will facilitate the connection of renewable energy, including up to 50GW of offshore wind, to the UK’s electricity network. This will provide substantial support to meeting the UK Government’s net-zero ambitions and reduce the country’s dependency on fossil-fuels.

On 29 February 2024, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero issued two separate directions pursuant to Section 35 of the PA 2008 that confirmed both Projects (the **Projects**) independently should be treated as a development for which development consent is required. The Applicant subsequently decided that the Projects were to be consented by way of one joint development consent order (**DCO**), given the nature and proximity of the works.

About the Projects

The Projects will comprise permanent and temporary infrastructure including, but not limited to the following elements:

- two converter stations in the Walpole area, with one converter station for EGL 3 and one for EGL 4
- 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 long
- 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
- onshore 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
- one substation in the Walpole area, called Walpole B, where both EGL 3 and EGL 4’s Walpole 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

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Statement of Community Consultation

Sufficient land would be required in order to construct and operate EGL 3 and EGL 4 and to reduce the potential impacts of the projects, including:

- temporary land for construction activities including work areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, welfare, storage, access and drainage
- land required for mitigation, compensation and enhancement of the environment as a result of the environmental assessment process, and for the purposes of delivering biodiversity net gain (BNG), for example by landscaping and planting.

The Projects will seek authorisation for the compulsory acquisition of land and interests in and rights over land, overriding easements and other rights, the temporary use of land, and other ancillary powers.

The Projects are “EIA Development” for the purposes of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the **EIA Regulations**). The Applicant has notified the Secretary of State in writing under Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations that they intend to provide an Environmental Statement (**ES**) in respect of the Projects as part of the Proposed Application which will contain information about the environmental effects of the Projects.

Before making the Application, the Applicant has a duty under section 47 of the PA 2008 to produce a Statement of Community Consultation (**SoCC**). The SoCC explains the public consultation which the Applicant intends to undertake. It sets out how the Applicant will consult the local community about their proposals and how those with an interest can take part.

The Applicant consulted with the following local planning authorities on the SoCC, before making it available for public inspection:

- Host 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 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

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- 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

The consultation on the Projects will take place between 12pm noon on 13 May 2025 and 11.59pm on 23 June 2025.

The SoCC, will be available to view free of charge on the Projects website (nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4) from 9am Wednesday 7 May until the end of the consultation period. All other consultation materials will be available on the Projects website from 12pm Tuesday 13 May until 11.59pm 23 June 2025.

If you would like a paper copy of the SoCC or any documents that will be published as part of this consultation, please let us know, using the contact details given below. In accordance with the notice issued pursuant to section 48 of the PA 2008, a cost may be associated with larger requests to cover printing and postage. Alternatively, if you would like a USB containing the documents, please let us know and we will send one free of charge.

Local Information Points

Reference paper copies of the SoCC will be available from Wednesday 7 May in the following locations:

Local information point	Address	Opening times
Alford Library and Focal Point	6 South Market Place, Alford, LN13 9AF	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	Monday: closed Tuesday: 2pm to 4pm Wednesday: closed Thursday: 10am to 1pm Friday: closed pm Saturday: 10am to 1pm Sunday: closed

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Skegness Library	23 Roman Bank, Skegness, PE25 2SA	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	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	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	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	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	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

Prior to attending these locations, it is advised that opening hours are checked with the venues as opening hours may be subject to change.

If you have any queries about the Projects or the consultation, please get in touch:

Email: contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com

Telephone: 0800 298 0405

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