



Introduction

Welcome to your latest community update from National Grid Electricity Transmission.

We own and maintain the high-voltage electricity network across England and Wales, working to ensure electricity flows safely, reliably, and efficiently – powering homes, businesses, and communities every day.

This update is part of our regular series for everyone who's signed up to stay informed about our **Chesterfield to Willington** proposals. Through these updates, we'll keep you posted on our progress, share important information, and highlight upcoming opportunities for you to get involved and have your say.

What is Chesterfield to Willington?

The Chesterfield to Willington project is a proposed new high-voltage overhead electricity line, around 60 km in length. It's part of **The Great Grid Upgrade** – the largest overhaul of the electricity grid in generations.

It would help strengthen the grid so it can carry more home-grown, reliable energy to homes and businesses across the country, supporting the UK's move towards a greener and more secure energy future.

[Click here to learn more on the Project website](#)

Investing in communities



We believe communities should benefit from hosting new electricity transmission infrastructure. We want to leave a lasting, positive impact to help those areas and communities thrive and to support a sustainable future.

Earlier this year, the Government published [new guidance](#) on how new electricity transmission infrastructure projects like ours should deliver community benefit funds.

We're committed to ensuring these funds deliver long-lasting benefits and respond to community needs. This could include support for skills and training, improving green spaces, or investing in community facilities.

We'll develop our plans in partnership with residents, charity and community groups and elected representatives. Your views will shape how we deliver community benefits, so please look out for opportunities to get involved during our Stage 2 (statutory) consultation, which we expect will take place in early 2026.

Your questions answered

Here we feature the most common question we've received recently.

Question: The Eastern Leg of HS2 has been scrapped for this region, so is this route now being considered for Chesterfield to Willington?

Answer: While developing our proposals, we looked at several possible routes to connect Chesterfield and Willington.

Some of these early route options considered for Chesterfield to Willington included land set aside for the Eastern Leg of HS2. These were not taken forward for a number of reasons, including environmental concerns, technical challenges and higher costs.

Environmental surveys and assessments update



We're continuing surveys in and around the areas we're focusing on, known as the Emerging Preferred Corridor. These surveys help us build a detailed picture of local habitats, land use and any technical constraints so we can refine our proposals and reduce potential effects.

Recently, our specialists have:

- **carried out watercourse surveys:** Experienced aquatic ecologists walked the full length of watercourses and ditches to map conditions and assess habitats. This helps us decide whether more targeted aquatic surveys are needed; and

- **assessed locations with potential for past land contamination:** Using historic maps and environmental data, environmental geology surveyors identified sites such as old coal shafts, ponds, spoil heaps, made ground and former opencast workings. They recorded observations and took photographs.

We've agreed all survey access with landowners or the relevant authority in advance. Our teams follow strict safety and biosecurity protocols, respect property and livestock, and aim to keep disruption to a minimum. Thank you for your continued cooperation while this work takes place.

You can find more details about surveys and land access on the [Landowners and surveys](#) page of our project website.

[Click here for further information about surveys](#)

What's next?

Our next stage of consultation, known as Stage 2 (statutory) consultation, is expected to take place in early 2026. This will be your opportunity to comment on more detailed proposals before we apply for permission to build the Project.

In the meantime, we'll continue to engage with communities and gather survey information to help inform how our more detailed plans develop.

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