

Statement of Community Consultation

LionLink

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

1.1.1 This document is a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and relates to the LionLink project (the Project), which is being promoted by National Grid Ventures (NGV).

1.1.2 The Project proposes delivery of a new subsea electricity cable (known as an interconnector) between the UK and the Netherlands. This subsea cable will have the capacity to deliver up to 2 gigawatts (GW) of electricity, which will be vital in supporting greater energy security and delivering more affordable energy for consumers. LionLink will bring offshore wind energy to the UK by connecting to a Dutch offshore wind farm, whilst also enabling the flow of energy between the UK and Dutch electricity systems.

1.1.3 We are working with our Dutch partner TenneT (the Dutch transmission system owner and operator) to develop the Project, which would be located partly in the territory of Great Britain (GB) and partly in the territory of the Netherlands, as shown by **Figure 1**.

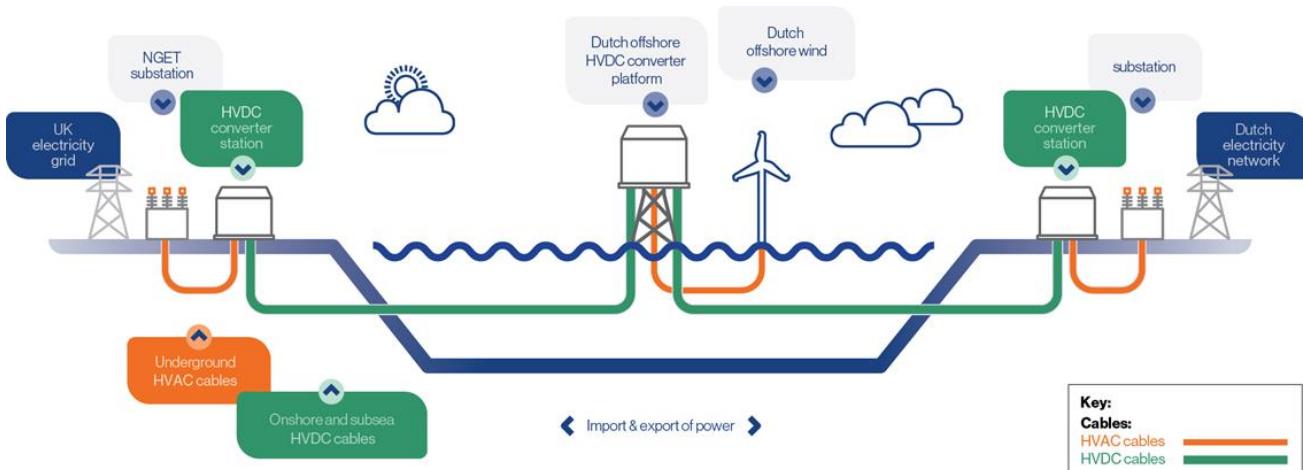


Figure 1: Infrastructure proposed in the territories of GB and the Netherlands

1.1.4 The GB elements of the Project comprise the proposed onshore infrastructure in England, and the proposed offshore infrastructure within UK territorial waters, up to the UK Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) boundary at sea. These GB elements are referred to as the 'Proposed Scheme' and are what we are consulting on as part of this statutory consultation.

1.1.5 The Proposed Scheme requires consent from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the SoS) via a Development Consent Order (DCO). National Grid Lion Link Limited (NGLL), which forms one aspect of the NGV portfolio, is the Applicant for the application for development consent.

1.1.6 This SoCC has therefore been prepared in accordance with Section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act). The section requires applicants to prepare a statement explaining how they will consult with people living in the vicinity of the land where a project is proposed to be located about the proposed application for development consent. Applicants are then required to carry out statutory pre-application consultation in accordance with the statement.

1.1.7 In accordance with Section 47(1) of the Act, this SoCC sets out how we intend to consult statutory consultees, stakeholders, affected residents, businesses and local communities ahead of submission of the application for development consent. This will include consultation with Persons with an Interest in Land (PILs) whose land is affected by the Proposed Scheme, in accordance with Section 42(1)(d) of the Act.

1.1.8 As the Proposed Scheme is subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), this SoCC also sets out how we intend 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) and regulation 16 and 17 of the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007.

1.1.9 In accordance with Section 47(2) of the Act, we consulted East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council on the SoCC for 28 days (between 3 October 2025 and 31 October 2025), as the local authorities responsible for land where the Proposed Scheme would be situated. Regard was given to comments received from the local authorities to inform this SoCC.

1.1.10 We are publishing this SoCC to detail how the local community can take part and how feedback will be used to influence our proposed design.

1.2 Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

1.2.1 The Act governs the process for seeking development consent for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).

1.2.2 The Proposed Scheme does not automatically meet the criteria to be considered as an NSIP under the Act. However, Section 35 of the Act allows the SoS to give a direction for development to be treated as nationally significant for which development consent is required, if certain criteria are met.

1.2.3 On 28 July 2022, we therefore sought a direction (under Section 35 of the Act) from the SoS for the Proposed Scheme to be treated as a development for which development consent is required. On 23 August 2022 a Section 35 Direction was granted by the SoS confirming that the Proposed Scheme is to be treated as such.

1.2.4 An application for development consent will therefore be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) in 2026, who will appoint an Examining Authority to examine the application on behalf of the SoS if the application is accepted. The Examining Authority will provide a recommendation to the SoS, who will decide whether to grant development consent for the Proposed Scheme.

1.2.5 Before submitting an application for development consent, the Act requires us to carry out consultation, including with people living in the vicinity of the Proposed Scheme and statutory stakeholders. The early involvement of local authorities, local communities and other stakeholders, helps us to identify valuable information about the potential impacts of the Proposed Scheme, providing the opportunity for mitigation measures to be considered and, where appropriate, built into designs, before an application is submitted to PINS.

1.3 Environmental Impact Assessment

1.3.1 Due to the scale of the Proposed Scheme, we consider it to be classed as 'EIA Development' in accordance with the EIA Regulations.

1.3.2 On 6 March 2024, we submitted a Scoping Report to the SoS. Within the Scoping Report, we provided formal notification under Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations that we intended to undertake an EIA for the Proposed Scheme, set out our proposed approach, and requested a Scoping Opinion from the SoS.

1.3.3 A Scoping Opinion for the Proposed Scheme was adopted by PINS (on behalf of the SoS) on 16 April 2024. An EIA will be undertaken in line with the output of this Scoping Opinion.

1.4 About National Grid Ventures and National Grid Lion Link Limited

1.4.1 NGV is part of National Grid Group, which plays a vital role in connecting people throughout GB to the energy they use.

1.4.2 Within the National Grid Group there are distinctly separate legal entities, each with their individual roles and responsibilities, as shown in **Figure 2**. The roles and responsibilities of each entity are summarised below:

1.4.3 **National Grid Ventures (NGV)** – operates and invests in energy projects, technologies and partnerships to accelerate the development of a clean energy future. This includes interconnectors (such as the Project), allowing trade between energy markets and the efficient use of renewable energy resources.

1.4.4 **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. **National Grid Strategic Infrastructure** is a part of NGET and is responsible for delivering major strategic UK electricity transmission projects, focussed on connecting more clean, low-carbon power to England and Wales.

1.4.5 **National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED)** – is the local distribution network operator for the Midlands, the south west of England and south Wales.

1.4.6 As described in **Section 1.1**, NGLL (which forms one aspect of the NGV portfolio) is the Applicant for the application for development consent.

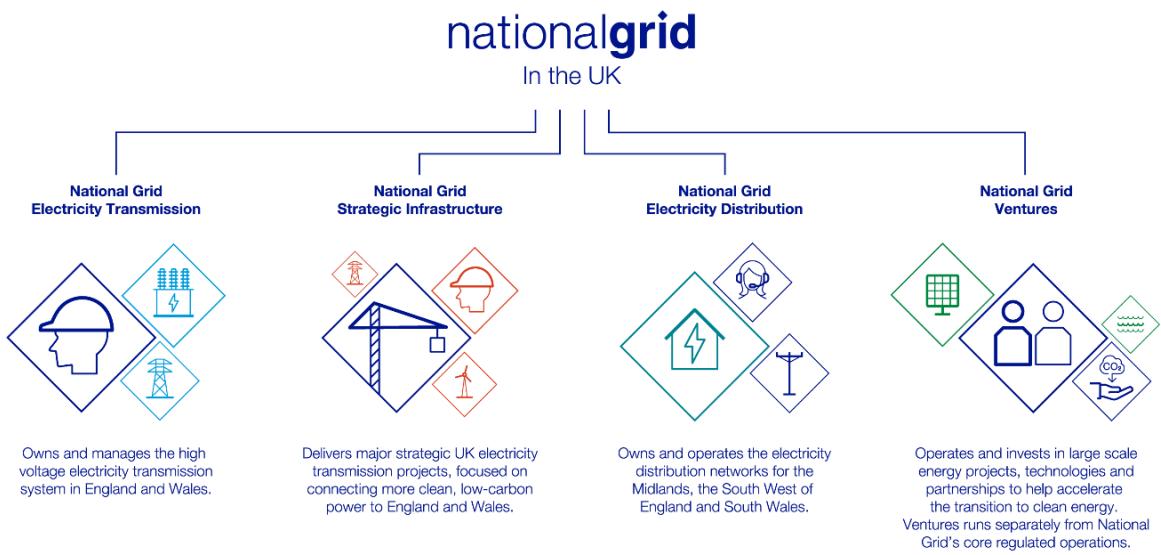


Figure 2: Structure of National Grid Group

Chapter 2 The Project

2.1 Project background and need

2.1.1 Interconnectors are high-voltage, primarily subsea cables that connect our electricity system with neighbouring countries, allowing us to import or export energy depending on supply. NGV already has six interconnectors connecting the UK to France, Belgium, Norway, Denmark and the Netherlands.

2.1.2 The UK Government has recognised the important role that international electricity interconnectors play in facilitating a secure, stable and clean energy system^{1 2}.

2.1.3 The objective of the Project is to connect the British and Dutch electricity systems and Dutch offshore wind generation, for the purpose of achieving the energy security and supply benefits that come with a project of this scale.

2.1.4 By enabling the rapid transfer of electricity between markets, interconnectors enable energy to be imported and exported depending on the needs of the market and in line with market prices. Interconnectors are also an effective tool to support the intermittent nature of renewable energy and help to support the network when demand is high.

2.1.5 The Project therefore delivers on core aspects of the Government's energy strategy³; it addresses the issue of unreliability of renewable energy supply, and it provides the security, stability and cost savings that are associated with interconnectors. It is a step towards a more coherent and therefore more efficient connection system.

2.2 Proposed Scheme description

2.2.1 As described in **Section 1.1**, the Proposed Scheme comprises the GB elements of the Project, and would include:

- Kiln Lane Substation;
- Proposed Underground High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) cables between the Kiln Lane Substation and the proposed Converter Station;
- Proposed Converter Station;
- Proposed Underground High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) cables between the proposed Converter Station and Landfall;
- Landfall; and
- Proposed Offshore HVDC cables from the Landfall to the edge of the UK EEZ.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/british-energy-security-strategy/british-energy-security-strategy#renewables> [accessed July 2025].

² Energy white paper: Powering our net zero future.2020. [Energy white paper: Powering our net zero future - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powering-our-net-zero-future/powering-our-net-zero-future) [accessed July 2025].

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/british-energy-security-strategy/british-energy-security-strategy#renewables> [accessed July 2025].

2.2.2 The Proposed Scheme would also require associated works to facilitate construction including temporary access roads, construction sites and compounds, highway works, utility diversions and drainage works. It would also provide opportunities for environmental mitigation, compensation and enhancement.

2.2.3 We are working closely with other developers in the area to explore opportunities to coordinate and minimise impacts on local communities and the environment. This includes collaborating with NGET to co-locate onshore infrastructure for the LionLink and Sea Link projects at the Converter Station site.

2.3 Project timeline

2.3.1 The national infrastructure planning process comprises six stages, as shown in **Figure 3**.

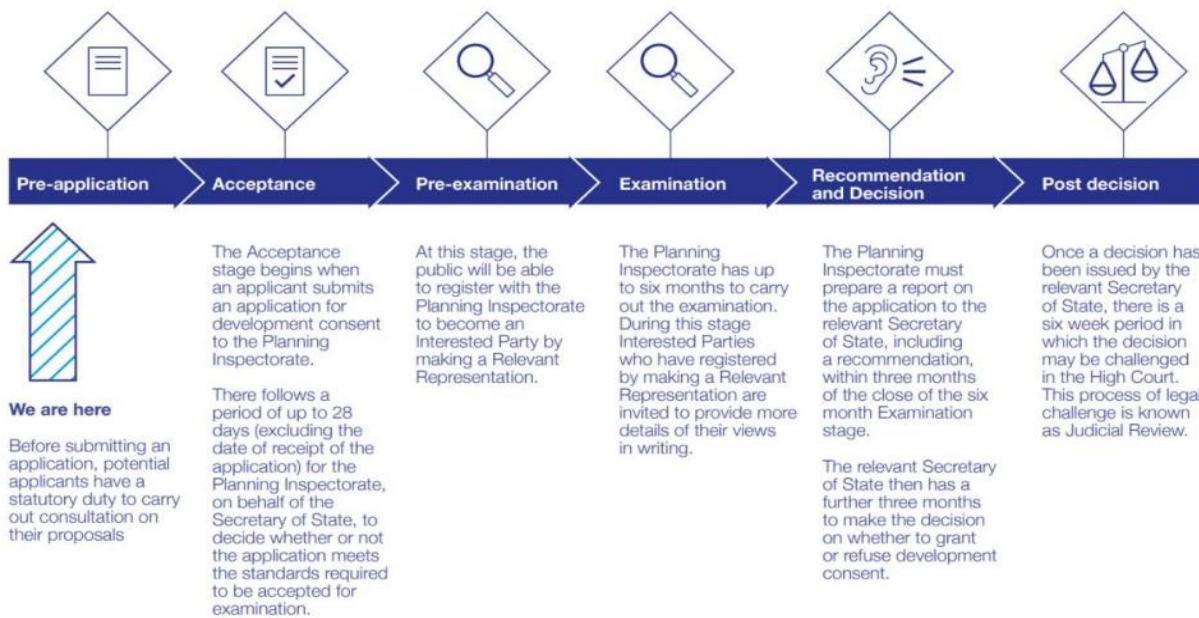


Figure 3: National Infrastructure planning process

2.3.2 The Proposed Scheme is currently in the pre-application stage of the process. **Figure 4** provides an overview of the key activities undertaken thus far, and anticipated dates for future examination and post examination milestones (these dates will however be confirmed in due course). A Programme Document is available on the project website (within the 2025 'Library') which provides further details about the pre-application activities already undertaken and those that are upcoming.



Figure 4: Indicative project timeline

Chapter 3 Non-statutory consultation and engagement undertaken to date

3.1 Non-statutory consultations

3.1.1 Two non-statutory consultations have been held during the pre-application stage. Archive materials from each consultation are available on the project [website](#) and paper copies are available on request.

Non-statutory consultation 2022

3.1.2 The first non-statutory consultation was held between 24 October and 18 December 2022 and sought feedback on a shortlist of siting and routing options. This included four Landfall Site options (at Aldeburgh (E), Dunwich (H), Southwold (F) and Walberswick (G)), and four Converter Station search area sites (Sites 1, 3, 4 and 5).

3.1.3 The consultation involved a mixture of in-person and digital engagement and communications channels including:

- five in-person community events in Leiston, Saxmundham, Aldeburgh, Reydon and Dunwich;
- two community webinars;
- a virtual exhibition on the project website;
- location-specific social media advertising via Facebook and Instagram;
- an advert in the Eastern Daily Press;
- a consultation leaflet issued to c.15,000 properties and businesses; and
- a dedicated phoneline and email address for enquiries.

3.1.4 We received 234 pieces of feedback and the outcomes of the consultation are presented in the [Interim Non-statutory Consultation Feedback Summary Report](#). Feedback received contributed to the identification of the following two alternative options:

- an alternative Landfall Site at Walberswick (G2) to reduce access constraints and traffic impacts when compared to the original option (G); and
- an alternative Underground HVDC Cable Corridor to the north of Southwold (F) to reduce impacts on designated sites of ecological importance, when compared to the original Southwold (F) cable corridor option.

Non-statutory consultation 2023

3.1.5 The second non-statutory consultation took place between 8 September and 3 November 2023. This consultation enabled stakeholders to feedback on the aforementioned alternative options, alongside those presented in the 2022 consultation.

3.1.6 The consultation involved a mixture of in-person and digital engagement and communications channels, including:

- three in-person community events in Walberswick, Reydon and Leiston;

- two community webinars;
- a virtual exhibition on the project website;
- location specific social media advertising via Facebook and Instagram;
- an advert in the Eastern Daily Press and the East Anglian Daily Times;
- a consultation leaflet issued to c.18,000 properties and businesses; and
- a dedicated phoneline and email address for enquiries.

3.1.7 We received 1,318 pieces of feedback, and the outcomes are presented in the [Supplementary Non-Statutory Consultation Summary Report](#). Feedback received from the consultation and stakeholder engagement, technical studies and environmental surveys informed the identification of the following emerging preferences:

- Southwold (F) Landfall Site and alternate Underground HVDC Cable Corridor to the north;
- Alternative Walberswick Landfall Site (G2); and
- Converter Station Site 3.

Preferred Landfall Site decision 2025

3.1.8 Following extensive analysis, the alternate Walberswick Landfall Site (G2) was chosen as the preferred Landfall Site for the Proposed Scheme. The Landfall Site at Southwold (F) was therefore discounted.

3.1.9 The preferred Landfall Site decision was announced in February 2025. To inform stakeholders and the community of the decision, a [newsletter](#) was distributed to residents across the Proposed Scheme, and email updates sent to key stakeholders and landowners.

3.1.10 We also held two drop-in events (at Saxmundham and Walberswick), a community webinar and a parish/town council webinar in March 2025. These events provided an opportunity to explain the rationale for the Landfall Site decision, and for the community to ask questions about the decision and Proposed Scheme. The events therefore provided an additional opportunity for the community to engage on the Proposed Scheme between the non-statutory consultations and statutory consultation.

3.2 Stakeholder engagement

3.2.1 In addition to the non-statutory consultations, engagement with stakeholders is ongoing during the pre-application stage. A summary of engagement undertaken to date is provided below:

- Regular meetings with East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council planning officers regarding progress on the Proposed Scheme, survey activities, and design refinement.
- Meetings with statutory environmental bodies, including Natural England, Environment Agency, Historic England and the Marine Management Organisation regarding progress on the Proposed Scheme, survey activities, the EIA, and design refinement.

- Meetings with other statutory and non-statutory technical stakeholders, including local authority technical officers, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, regarding progress on the Proposed Scheme, the EIA and design refinement.
- Meetings with neighbouring developers including NGET (regarding 1. Sea Link and 2. Kiln Lane Substation), NNB Generation Company (Sizewell C) and Scottish Power Renewables (East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia Two) regarding opportunities for coordination.
- Engagement with landowners and tenants within the Proposed Scheme boundary regarding land ownership, access for surveys and design refinement.
- Regular engagement with host and neighbouring MPs and local councillors to provide updates on the Proposed Scheme and respond to questions.
- Drop-in sessions and webinars for the local community and parish/town councils to enable the project team to provide updates on the Proposed Scheme, advanced notice of upcoming activities, and respond to questions.
- Quarterly newsletters distributed to the local community to provide updates on the Proposed Scheme and advanced notice of upcoming activities.
- Regular website updates, including publication of FAQs and myth busting materials.
- Letters/emails issued to the local community ahead of survey works commencing.

Chapter 4 Approach to Statutory Consultation

4.1 When will the consultation take place?

4.1.1 The statutory consultation will run for a period of eight weeks between **13 January 2026 and 10 March 2026**. All responses to the consultation must be received before **23:59 on 10 March 2026**. Postal responses will be accepted until **16 March 2026** allowing sufficient time for those posted on the last day of the consultation to reach our offices.

4.2 What will be consulted on?

4.2.1 The consultation will present and seek feedback on the following aspects of the Proposed Scheme:

- All design components, including:
 - Kiln Lane Substation (in relation to design, and opportunities for coordination);
 - Proposed Underground HVAC cables between the Kiln Lane Substation and the proposed Converter Station;
 - Proposed Converter Station;
 - Proposed Underground HVDC cables between the proposed Converter Station and Landfall;
 - Landfall; and
 - Proposed Offshore HVDC cables from the Landfall to the edge of the UK EEZ.
- The need for LionLink.
- Construction areas, methodology and programme.
- Preliminary temporary and permanent land required to deliver the Proposed Scheme.
- The approach to coordination with neighbouring developers.
- The approach to routing and siting.
- Preliminary environmental information and associated proposed mitigation (in the form of a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR⁴)).
- Interfaces with third party assets.
- The delivery of community benefits.

⁴ As the Project is EIA Development.

4.2.2 Whilst feedback is welcome on all elements of the Proposed Scheme, this consultation is not a means of influencing separate activities being undertaken by the Government, or other bodies and developers.

4.2.3 The Proposed Scheme continues to evolve in response to stakeholder and consultation feedback as well as surveys and further technical and design assessments. The statutory consultation will present a snapshot in time. The consultation materials will allow consultees to understand the likely impacts of the Proposed Scheme, and outline any limitations associated with the technical assessments undertaken to date. If any substantive changes are made to the Proposed Scheme following this statutory consultation, we will consider whether there is a requirement for further consultation.

4.3 Who will be consulted?

4.3.1 The consultation is open to anyone who is interested in the Proposed Scheme. All views are welcomed, and we will have regard to all feedback received by the consultation deadline (see **Paragraph 4.1.1**) when developing the design of the Proposed Scheme.

4.3.2 Under Section 47 of the Act, we have a duty to consult the local community. Two consultation zones (shown in **Appendix A**) have therefore been developed to facilitate engagement with the local community as part of the statutory consultation.

4.3.3 The Primary Consultation Zone (PCZ) extends 3km from the Draft Order Limits for the Proposed Onshore Scheme. The Secondary Consultation Zone (SCZ) extends 5km from the Draft Order Limits for the Proposed Onshore Scheme and includes the PCZ. The Draft Order Limits for the Proposed Onshore Scheme are made up of the land required both temporarily and permanently to allow for the construction and operation of the Proposed Scheme.

4.3.4 The PCZ contains 15,658 addresses and the SCZ contains 4,567 addresses. Where appropriate, the consultation zones will be extended to include whole streets/postcodes to avoid dissecting neighbourhoods. The consultation zones have been determined through consideration of who may have an interest in the Proposed Scheme and where there may be potential for impacts during construction and/or operation.

4.3.5 Communities within the PCZ and SCZ will be notified about the consultation via the channels contained in **Section 4.5**.

4.3.6 We will also directly consult with the following stakeholders via an email containing the consultation pack materials (**Section 4.5** sets out what the consultation pack will include):

- Parish/town councils within the PCZ and SCZ.
- Members of Parliament (MPs) within and bordering the PCZ and SCZ.
- Local councillors within the PCZ and SCZ.
- Relevant non-statutory technical stakeholders.
- Relevant community and interest groups, including residents' associations and environmental groups.
- Seldom-heard groups.

- Other developers and asset owners.

4.3.7 We will also directly consult with the following stakeholders where it is considered that they may have an interest in the Proposed Scheme:

- Marine stakeholders including fisheries, asset owners and developers.
- National Government.
- Those who have previously registered to receive our quarterly project newsletter.
- Campaign/opposition groups.

4.3.8 We will also consult prescribed consultees⁵ and local authorities as required under Section 42(1)(a), (aa) and (b), and Section 43 of the Act, and undertake the relevant notification under the EIA Regulations. We will also consult PILs under section 42(1)(d) and Section 44 of the Act.

4.4 Consultation materials

4.4.1 **Table 1** sets out the consultation materials that have been developed to help people understand the Proposed Scheme and provide their feedback. A combination of traditional and digital materials will be used to ensure the consultation is inclusive and to maximise participation.

4.4.2 In accordance with the Government's approach to digital communication, all consultation materials will be available to view and download on the project website⁶. Information will be easy to access and will be presented in a variety of ways to suit user requirements. Consultation materials will also use size 12 font in accordance with PINS's guidance.

4.4.3 Hard copies of consultation materials will be made available at the exhibition events and at deposit locations during the consultation period. Fees will not be charged for reasonable requests to print hard copies of documents, with the exception of those relating to the full PEIR. Due to the scale of the full PEIR, reasonable printing costs would be charged for requests for a hard copy. Requests for individual copies of consultation materials can be made via our project team at the contact details contained in **Section 5.5**.

Table 1: Consultation materials

Material	Description	Target audience
SoCC	<p>This SoCC sets out how we intend to consult statutory consultees, stakeholders, affected residents, businesses and local communities ahead of our application for development consent for the Proposed Scheme.</p>	<p>All those interested in the consultation.</p> <p>This SoCC is published on the project website, and a hard copy is available on request.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to access a reference copy at deposit locations and exhibition events.</p> <p>As required under Section 47 of the Act, notice of this SoCC has also been published in local newspapers.</p> <p>Requests for the document in an alternative format will be considered and provided where required.</p>
Project Overview Document	<p>A single document which provides a detailed overview of the Proposed Scheme, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the background of the Proposed Scheme;• the proposals;• likely impacts and proposed mitigation;• approach to siting and routing;• approach to coordination; and• construction methodology and programme. <p>The document will explain how to provide feedback and contact the project team. It will also signpost to other materials where further detail on specific matters can be sought.</p> <p>The document will be written in non-technical</p>	<p>All those interested in the consultation.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to collect a copy at deposit locations and exhibition events, and download an electronic copy from the project website.</p> <p>Printed copies will be posted on request and a fee will not be charged.</p> <p>Requests for the document in an alternative format will be considered and provided where required.</p>

Material	Description	Target audience
	language, accessible to the general public.	
Project Overview Document – quick read	A condensed version of the Project Overview Document, intended to summarise and explain the background to the Proposed Scheme and current proposals.	<p>All those interested in the consultation.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to collect a copy at the deposit locations and exhibition events, and download an electronic copy from the project website.</p> <p>Printed copies will be posted on request, and a fee will not be charged.</p> <p>Requests for the document in an alternative format will be considered and provided where required.</p>
Consultation leaflet	A summary leaflet which outlines how members of the public can get involved in the consultation, including dates and times of exhibition events and webinars, locations of where more detailed information about the proposals can be found (both physical and virtual locations), how to submit feedback and how to contact the project team.	<p>All those interested in the consultation.</p> <p>The leaflet will be posted to all addresses within the PCZ as part of the 'Consultation Pack'.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to collect a copy at the deposit locations and exhibition events, and download an electronic copy from the project website.</p> <p>Additional printed copies will be posted on request, and a fee will not be charged.</p> <p>Requests for the document in an alternative format will be considered and provided where required.</p>
Consultation banners	<p>The banners will provide an overview of the key elements of the Proposed Scheme. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the background to the Proposed Scheme; • the proposals; 	<p>All those interested in the consultation. However, the banners are primarily designed for use at the exhibition events.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to download an electronic copy from the project website.</p> <p>An audio version of the banners will also be available at the exhibition</p>

Material	Description	Target audience
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> likely environmental impacts and proposed mitigation; approach to siting and routing; approach to coordination; and construction methodology and programme. <p>Banners will be designed to prompt discussion at the exhibition events with members of the project team.</p>	<p>events and on the project website for those with visual impairments. Printed copies will be posted on request (at an appropriate size, up to A3) and a fee will not be charged.</p> <p>Requests for the banners in an alternative format will be considered and provided where required.</p>
Feedback form	<p>A feedback form comprised of a combination of qualitative and quantitative questions to gain feedback on the Proposed Scheme.</p> <p>The form will explain how feedback can be submitted, how it will be used and how personal data received will be managed.</p> <p>It will signpost to relevant consultation material (where necessary) to assist consultees in preparing their responses.</p>	<p>All those interested in the consultation.</p> <p>Feedback forms (and Freepost envelopes) will be posted to all addresses within the PCZ as part of the 'Consultation Pack'.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to collect a copy of the feedback form and Freepost envelope from the deposit locations and exhibition events. An electronic copy of the feedback form can also be downloaded from the project website.</p> <p>An electronic version of the feedback form will be available for completion on the project website, to enable consultees to respond remotely and reduce the carbon footprint of consultation activity. It will also be possible to complete an electronic version of the feedback form at the exhibition events, using technology that we will make available to attendees.</p> <p>Printed copies will be posted on request and a fee will not be charged.</p>

Material	Description	Target audience
		Requests for the form in an alternative format will be considered and provided where required.
Animation	<p>An animation to bring the Proposed Scheme to life in an accessible way.</p> <p>The animation will provide an overview of the Proposed Scheme and describe technical elements, such as construction processes.</p>	<p>All those interested in the consultation.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to view the animation at the exhibition events.</p>
Converter Station Design Background Document	<p>The document is intended to illustrate different potential design approaches for the proposed Converter Station.</p>	<p>All those interested in the consultation.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to access a reference copy at deposit locations and exhibition events. The document will also be available to download from the project website.</p> <p>Printed copies will be posted on request and a fee will not be charged.</p> <p>Requests for the document in an alternative format will be considered and provided where required.</p>
3D printed model	<p>A model of the proposed Converter Station to be displayed at exhibition events to provide a sense of scale and to complement associated 2D images and written descriptions.</p>	<p>All those attending the exhibition events.</p>
PEIR	<p>The PEIR, written in compliance with EIA regulations, will provide preliminary assessments of any likely significant environmental impacts of the Proposed Scheme. The PEIR will be based on information available at the time of assessment. It will</p>	<p>All those interested in the consultation.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to access a full reference copy at the exhibition events.</p> <p>The full PEIR will also be available to download from the project website.</p>

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	also outline how we propose to mitigate these impacts.	Printed copies can be posted on request. However, due to the scale of the full PEIR, reasonable printing costs would be charged.
PEIR Non-technical Summary (NTS)	A summary version of the PEIR to concisely present the key findings.	<p>All those interested in the consultation.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to access a reference copy at the deposit locations, and collect a copy at the exhibition events.</p> <p>The document will also be available to download from the project website.</p> <p>Printed copies will be posted on request and a fee will not be charged.</p> <p>Requests for the document in an alternative format will be considered and provided where required.</p>
Options, Siting and Routeing Report	A document to demonstrate the approach taken to the selection and refinement of the Proposed Scheme, and the associated rationale.	<p>All those interested in the consultation.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to access a reference copy at the deposit locations and exhibition events.</p> <p>The document will also be available to download from the project website.</p> <p>Printed copies can be posted on request and a fee will not be charged.</p> <p>Requests for the document in an alternative format will be considered and provided where required.</p>
Design Principles document	A document that sets out the design vision and principles for the Proposed Scheme.	<p>All those interested in the consultation.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to access a reference copy at the deposit locations and exhibition events.</p>

Material	Description	Target audience
		<p>The document will also be available to download from the project website.</p> <p>Printed copies can be posted on request and a fee will not be charged.</p> <p>Requests for the document in an alternative format will be considered and provided where required.</p>
Interim Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Summary Report	<p>A report published in August 2023, summarising the feedback received during the non-statutory consultation held between October and December 2022, and how feedback received informed the refinement of our proposals.</p>	<p>All those interested in the consultation.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to access a reference copy at the exhibition events.</p> <p>The document will also be available to download from the project website.</p> <p>Printed copies will be posted on request and a fee will not be charged.</p> <p>Requests for the document in an alternative format will be considered and provided where required.</p>
Supplementary Non-Statutory Consultation Summary Report	<p>A report published in March 2024 which summarises feedback received to the 2023 non-statutory consultation. It also details the approach taken to both the 2022 and 2023 non-statutory consultations and how feedback received was used to refine our proposals.</p>	<p>All those interested in the consultation.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to access a reference copy at the exhibition events.</p> <p>The document will also be available to download from the project website.</p> <p>Printed copies will be posted on request and a fee will not be charged.</p> <p>Requests for the document in an alternative format will be considered and provided where required.</p>
Plans and drawings	Plans and drawings showing the extent of the Proposed	All those interested in the consultation.

Material	Description	Target audience
	<p>Scheme and the onshore and offshore proposals.</p>	<p>Plans and drawings will be used throughout the consultation materials listed in this table. Some will also be collated to form individual drawing series.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to access reference copies of key drawings at the deposit locations and exhibition events. Copies of the general arrangement drawings will be available to collect at the exhibition events.</p> <p>The plans and drawings will also be available to download from the project website.</p> <p>Printed copies will be posted on request and a fee will not be charged.</p>
<p>Guide to using the consultation plans and drawings</p>	<p>A guide to assist consultees in navigating the plans and drawings to facilitate understanding of the Proposed Scheme.</p>	<p>All those interested in the consultation.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to access a reference copy at the deposit locations, and collect a copy at the exhibition events.</p> <p>The document will also be available to download from the project website.</p> <p>Printed copies will be posted on request and a fee will not be charged.</p>

Table 2: Website features

Function	Rationale
Electronic copies of consultation materials (Table 1 sets out which of the consultation materials will be available on the website)	To enable those unable to visit deposit locations or attend exhibition events or webinars to have access to the materials and provide their feedback.
Interactive map with layers that can be added and removed	To enable members of the public to see the spatial extent of the Proposed Scheme, how different components of the Proposed Scheme fit together and how they interact with the existing area.
Digital Feedback Form	To enable members of the public to provide their feedback online, via the project website.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	To provide answers to frequently asked questions without the need to contact the project team or attend an exhibition event or webinar.
Webinar sign-up form	To enable members of the public to sign-up to webinars.
Contact details	To provide details of how to contact the project team for any further questions.

4.4.4 Requests for select documents in alternative formats (e.g. large print, audio, another language or braille) will be considered and provided where required. The documents available in alternative formats are as follows:

- this SoCC;
- Project Overview Document (full version and quick read version);
- Consultation leaflet;
- Consultation banners;
- Feedback form;
- Converter Station Design Background Document;
- PEIR NTS;
- Options Siting and Routing Report;
- Design Principles document;
- Interim Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Summary Report; and
- Supplementary Non-Statutory Consultation Summary Report.

4.5 Promoting the consultation

4.5.1 All addresses (including residential, business and community organisations) within the PCZ will be notified of the start of the consultation by receipt of a 'Consultation Pack'. The 'Consultation Pack' will comprise a letter, copy of the Section 48 statutory notice, consultation leaflet, feedback form, and freepost envelope which can be used to return the completed form to us (for more details on the purpose of each component of the pack, see **Table 1**). A map showing the PCZ is available in **Appendix A**.

4.5.2 The consultation will be promoted to stakeholders and communities within the SCZ through a number of targeted engagement methods, including the use of social media, press releases and newspaper advertisements. A map showing the SCZ is also available in **Appendix A**.

4.5.3 **Table 3** outlines the other methods that will be used to promote the consultation within the PCZ, SCZ and beyond.

Table 3: Promotion methods

Method	Detail
Emails and letters	We will send letters via email about the consultation and how to get involved to those stakeholders listed in Paragraphs 4.3.5-4.3.7 .
Media adverts	We will advertise the consultation in local newspapers to provide details of where more information can be found, how to respond, and the dates of the exhibition events and webinars. The newspapers will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eastern Daily Press;• East Anglian Daily Times; and• Ipswich Star. The circulation areas of these newspapers extend across both the PCZ, SCZ, and beyond. Adverts will be included in both print and digital versions of the publications to maximise coverage.
Press release	A press release publicising the consultation and how the community can get involved will be issued ahead of the consultation. The distribution list is likely to include the following media: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local: BBC Look East/News Suffolk/Radio Suffolk, ITV News Anglia, Eastern Daily Press, East Anglian Daily Times, Suffolk News.• Trade: Edie, Utility Week, Energy Live News, ICIS Media, Argus Media, Business Green.

Method	Detail
Social media	Adverts will be placed on National Grid's Meta accounts to help raise awareness of the consultation and target a broad range of demographics across the PCZ and SCZ.
Statutory notices	<p>We will publish statutory notices in accordance with the respective requirements of Sections 47 and 48 of the Act.</p> <p>The Section 47 notice will be published on one occasion in the following local newspapers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Daily Press; • East Anglian Daily Times; and • Ipswich Star. <p>The Section 48 notice will be published in consecutive weeks in the same local newspapers. It will also be published on one occasion in the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Guardian; • The London Gazette; • Lloyd's List; and • Fishing News. <p>Section 48 notices will also be erected within the Proposed Scheme boundary from the proposed Landfall Site to Kiln Lane Substation, at approximately 5km intervals.</p>
Posters	<p>Posters will be erected at key locations within the PCZ to provide details of the consultation, how to access materials and get involved.</p> <p>The posters will also be available on the project website and a digital copy shared with stakeholders, including parish/town councils, local councillors, MPs and local authorities to help them raise awareness of the consultation via their channels.</p>
Local authority distribution lists/networks	We will work closely with East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council and share our promotional material to enable officers to raise awareness of the consultation through their networks, including social media channels as appropriate.
Parish/town council distribution lists/networks	We will share our promotional material with parish/town councils within the PCZ and SCZ to enable councillors to raise awareness of the consultation through their networks, including social media channels as appropriate.
Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC)	We will share our promotional material with SALC to enable the association to raise awareness of the

Method	Detail
	consultation through their networks, including social media channels as appropriate.

4.5.4 Any activity outlined within this SoCC that cannot be undertaken due to circumstances beyond our control, will, where possible, be substituted with a similar activity. Any changes to arrangements for the deposit locations, webinars or exhibition events will be published on the project website and social media channels.

4.6 Public information exhibitions

4.6.1 Five public information exhibition events will be held for communities to find out about the Proposed Scheme, collect consultation materials and speak with representatives from the Project team.

4.6.2 The exhibitions will be held at suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within or near to the PCZ. **Table 4** provides details of the dates, times and location of each exhibition. The exhibitions will be held over weekdays and weekends at a range of times to accommodate different requirements and maximise the opportunities for consultees to attend at least one.

4.6.3 Hard copies of the consultation materials described in **Table 1** will be made available to view and/or collect at each exhibition. There will also be a series of banners to present the proposals.

4.6.4 Those attending the exhibitions will be encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposals.

Table 4: Details of public information exhibitions

Exhibition no.	Date	Time	Location
1.	Saturday 24 January 2026	11am - 4pm	The Fromus Centre, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL
2.	Saturday 31 January 2026	11am - 4pm	Walberswick Village Hall, The Street, Southwold, IP18 6TZ
3.	Friday 6 February 2026	2pm - 7pm	High Lodge Leisure, Haw Wood, Hinton, Nr Darsham, Suffolk, IP17 3QT
4.	Saturday 21 February 2026	11am - 4pm	Westleton Village Hall, The Street, Westleton, Saxmundham, IP17 3AD

Exhibition no.	Date	Time	Location
5.	Saturday 28 February 2026	11am - 4pm	Yoxford Village Hall, Old High Road, Yoxford, IP17 3HN

4.7 Webinars

4.7.1 A total of four webinars will be held during the consultation period. This will include two specifically for parish/town councils within the PCZ, and two for the wider public. **Table 5** provides details of the dates and times of each webinar. The webinars will be held over weekdays and weekends at a range of times to accommodate different requirements, and maximise the opportunities for consultees to attend at least one. One webinar will also be recorded and available to view on the project website.

4.7.2 The webinars will provide an overview of the Proposed Scheme and an opportunity for consultees to raise questions with the project team.

4.7.3 A British Sign Language interpreter will be in attendance at each public webinar and can be available at the parish/town council webinars upon request.

4.7.4 Members of the community will be able to sign up for the public webinars via a form on the project website. Attendance at the parish/town council webinars will be restricted to parish/town councillors.

4.7.5 In instances where members of the public are unable to attend the exhibitions or webinars, we can be contacted via our telephone number (contained in **Section 5.5**) which will be operational 9am - 5.30pm Monday to Friday. On a case-by-case basis, we will, on request, arrange "call-back" sessions with members of the public who express that they experience challenges and/or limitations that would prevent them from being able to access the events, webinars or online materials. This will be an opportunity to hear more information about the Proposed Scheme and ask questions. Call-back sessions can be requested via our contact details provided in **Section 5.5**.

Table 5: Details of webinars

Location	Date	Time
Parish/town council webinar 1	Tuesday 27 January 2026	6pm-7.30pm
Public webinar 1	Wednesday 4 February 2026	6pm-7.30pm
Parish/town council webinar 2	Wednesday 11 February 2026	6pm-7.30pm
Public webinar 2	Tuesday 3 March 2026	6pm-7.30pm

4.8 Stakeholder briefings and meetings

4.8.1 We 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.

- Elected representatives of district and county councils within the PCZ.
- Parish councils, where all or part of the parish falls within the PCZ.
- Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council.
- PILs under sections 42(1)(d) of the Act.

4.8.2 We will also meet with other organisations and individuals upon request. These may include:

- Prescribed bodies and local authorities under section 42(1)(a), (aa) and (b) of the Act.
- Third party groups such as local enterprise partnerships.

4.9 Seldom-heard groups

4.9.1 We want to ensure that our consultation is accessible and inclusive of all those with an interest in the Proposed Scheme. Our approach to consultation will seek to contact seldom-heard groups and the organisations that represent them, as identified in discussions with local authorities and other stakeholders.

4.9.2 In the first instance, identified seldom-heard groups will be contacted by letter or email at the beginning of the consultation. They will be encouraged to request alternative formats of consultation materials, where appropriate.

4.9.3 We will update our contact records as needed throughout the consultation period to capture any newly identified seldom-heard groups.

4.9.4 Our approach to engaging with seldom-heard groups will consider the specific requirements of the identified groups, as set out in **Table 6**.

Table 6: Approach to engaging with seldom-heard groups

Group	Methods of engagement
People with visual impairments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An audio guide of the consultation banners. • Consideration of alternative formats on a case-by-case basis. • Options to magnify the project website.
People with limited mobility/disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options to submit feedback through conventional communication channels including by email, post, and telephone if deemed necessary. • Option to submit feedback via a digital feedback form on the project website. • Directly mailing the consultation pack (including leaflet) to all properties within the PCZ and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post if needed.

Group	Methods of engagement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online engagement opportunities through the project website and webinars to negate the need for travel. Registrations for webinars will be via a booking system on the project website, which will take into consideration individual needs. • Consideration of alternative formats on a case-by-case basis. • Face-to-face exhibition events at a variety of locations and times with disabled access, across the Proposed Scheme. • Providing a British Sign Language interpreter for the public webinars. One webinar will also be recorded and accessible on the project website.
Youth groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online engagement and provision of the project website. • Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and beyond. • Face-to-face exhibition events at a variety of times, and locations across the Proposed Scheme. • Contacting local centres of education to offer engagement opportunities.
Carers and families with young children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly mailing the consultation pack to all properties within the PCZ and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents, and provide feedback by post if needed. • Options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility. • Webinar sessions and face-to-face exhibition events at a variety of times, and locations across the Proposed Scheme. • Online engagement opportunities through the project website and webinars to negate the need for travel. • Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and beyond.
Economically inactive individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online engagement.

Group	Methods of engagement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and beyond. • Options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility.
Geographically isolated individuals or communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly mailing the consultation pack to all properties within the PCZ and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents, and provide feedback by post if needed. • Face-to-face exhibition events at a variety of times and locations across the Proposed Scheme. • Online engagement opportunities through the project website and webinars to negate the need for travel. • Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and beyond.
Minority ethnic groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailing community groups representing minority ethnic groups to offer engagement opportunities. • Directly mailing the consultation pack to all properties within the PCZ and providing details of how to access digital and paper copies of other documents, and provide feedback by post if needed. • Face-to-face exhibition events at a variety of times, and locations across the Proposed Scheme. • Online engagement opportunities through the project website and webinars to negate the need for travel. • Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and beyond.
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If necessary, we will provide consultation materials in alternative languages upon reasonable request.
Travellers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing consultation materials with dedicated Traveller Liaison Officers at East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council (where applicable) to enable Officers to raise

Group	Methods of engagement
	<p>awareness of the consultation amongst the traveller community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacting community groups representing travellers to offer engagement opportunities. • Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ, SCZ and beyond.
Digitally isolated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaching out to community groups representing digitally isolated groups to offer engagement opportunities. • Directly mailing the consultation pack to all properties within the PCZ and providing details of how to access paper copies of documents, and to provide feedback by post if needed. • Providing paper copies of the key consultation materials at local deposit locations along with contact details for the project team, who will be able to provide further assistance and send selected materials to those who are unable to access them online. • Options to submit feedback through conventional communication channels including by post, email and telephone if deemed necessary. • Face-to-face exhibition events at a variety of times and locations across the Proposed Scheme. • Consideration of alternative formats (such as large print, audio, another language or braille) on a case-by-case basis. <p>Advertisement of the consultation in traditional media such as local newspapers circulating in the PCZ, SCZ and beyond.</p>

4.10 Deposit locations

4.10.1 Printed copies of the following consultation materials will be available at suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within or near to the PCZ. The documents marked with an asterisk (*) will be available for reference only and cannot be taken away.

- this SoCC*.
- Project Overview Document.
- Project Overview Document - quick read version.
- Consultation Leaflet.
- Feedback form and freepost envelopes.
- PEIR NTS*.
- Options, Siting and Routeing Report*.
- Converter Station Design Background Document*.
- Design Principles document*.
- Plans and drawings*.
- Guide to using the consultation plans and drawings*.

4.10.2 The deposit locations and their associated opening hours are shown in **Table 7**.

4.10.3 Materials will be available to view during the respective venues' opening hours, except in circumstances outside of our control (such as severe weather), which may prevent the venues from opening. Prior to visiting the deposit locations, it is advised that opening hours (as shown in **Table 7**) are checked to avoid disappointment.

4.10.4 Materials will be delivered to the deposit locations in advance of the consultation period.

Table 7: Deposit locations and associated opening hours

Location	Address	Opening Hours
Saxmundham Town Council	The Town House, Station Approach, Saxmundham, IP17 1BW	Monday: 9am - 4pm Tuesday: 9am - 4pm Wednesday: 9am - 4pm Thursday: 9am - 4pm Friday: 9am - 4pm Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed
Southwold Library	Old Hospital Hub, Field Stile Road, Southwold, IP18 6LD	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 6pm Wednesday: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 6pm Thursday: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 6pm Friday: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 6pm Saturday: 9:30am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm Sunday: 11am - 4pm

Leiston Library	Main Street, Leiston, IP16 4ER	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 9:30am - 7:30pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 9:30am - 5:30pm Friday: 9:30am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm Saturday: 9:30am - 1pm, 2pm - 5 pm Sunday: 10am - 3 pm
Saxmundham Library	Block B, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 9.30am - 5.30pm Wednesday: 9.30am - 5.30pm Thursday: Closed Friday: 9.30am - 5.30pm Saturday: 10am - 1pm Sunday: 10am - 3pm
Halesworth Library	Bridge Street, Halesworth, IP19 8AD	Monday: 9am - 1pm Tuesday: 9am - 5pm Wednesday: 9am - 5pm Thursday: Closed Friday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 9am - 5pm Sunday: 10am - 3pm

Chapter 5 Responding to the consultation

5.1 Methods of responding

5.1.1 Consultees will be able to submit their feedback on the proposals for the Proposed Scheme in the following ways:

- Completing the feedback form online via the project [website](#).
- Providing feedback by email to info@lionlink.nationalgrid.com.
- Completing a paper feedback form.
- Providing feedback in a letter.

5.1.2 Completed feedback forms and letters can be sent to us free of charge using the Freepost envelope available at the exhibition events and deposit locations, or by sending to the Freepost address contained in **Section 5.5**.

5.1.3 We cannot guarantee that feedback sent to any other addresses will be received and considered as part of the consultation process.

5.1.4 Feedback given orally (such as via our telephone number (contained in **Section 5.5**) or at exhibition events) will only be considered in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis, where someone may not otherwise be able to respond to the consultation (including those with limited mobility or a disability).

5.1.5 All responses to the consultation must be received before 23:59 on **10 March 2026**. Postal responses will be accepted until **16 March 2026**.

5.1.6 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).

5.1.7 Feedback received (or extracts of feedback) may also be made public as part of the Consultation Report submitted as part of our application for development consent. Any responses that are published will have all personal details redacted.

5.1.8 More information on how we will use the information collected about respondents will be made available in the feedback form and on the project website during the consultation period.

5.2 Presenting the results

5.2.1 Following the close of the consultation period, the feedback received will be reviewed and analysed to understand key themes and concerns. Our proposals will be reviewed and, where appropriate, refined having taken account of feedback.

5.2.2 We will also issue an 'Adequacy of Consultation Milestone' submission to PINS which will demonstrate the level of consultation undertaken (in accordance with this SoCC), and summarise the feedback received and how it is shaping the application for development consent.

5.2.3 The application for development consent will then be finalised, taking into consideration the consultation feedback received, in accordance with Section 49 of the Act.

5.2.4 A Consultation Report will be produced as part of the application for development consent, as required by Section 37(3)(c) of the Act. The Consultation Report will include a summary of the consultation process undertaken (in accordance with this SoCC) and set out how the feedback has influenced the proposals as submitted within the application for development consent.

5.2.5 Upon receipt of the application for development consent, PINS 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 Consultation Representation to PINS. The Consultation Report will be available online, alongside other application documents, if the application for development consent has been accepted. Paper copies will be available from the project team on request and may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees.

5.3 Further consultation

5.3.1 If, following the statutory consultation, we consider it is necessary to undertake further consultation, this would be undertaken in accordance with the Act. The consultation would also be undertaken, so far as relevant, practicable and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC and would reflect the supplementary nature of the consultation. The duration of any further phases of consultation would be proportionate to the scale and anticipated level of interest in the proposals but would meet or exceed the 28-day statutory minimum period.

5.4 Other developers' projects

5.4.1 The project team is aware that several other organisations are developing proposals and delivering major projects in the vicinity of the Proposed Scheme. Please refer to **Table 8** for examples of these projects, and their status.

5.4.2 Whilst we will be cognisant of the consultation and engagement activity being undertaken on projects in the surrounding area, we are unable to review feedback sent to projects being developed by other organisations. It is therefore important that any feedback related to our Proposed Scheme is provided to us directly via the methods outlined in **Section 5.1**.

5.4.3 If stakeholders wish to comment on other projects in the local area, stakeholders should engage with and submit feedback directly to the relevant project team.

Table 8: Other developers' projects

Project	Developer	Type	Status
Sea Link	NGET	Electricity transmission project	DCO examination ongoing until May 2026. Preliminary meeting was held on 5 November 2025 and initial hearings undertaken throughout November 2025.
East Anglia ONE North	ScottishPower Renewables	Offshore wind farm	DCO granted in March 2022. Construction is ongoing.
East Anglia TWO	ScottishPower Renewables	Offshore wind farm	DCO granted in March 2022. Construction is ongoing.
Sizewell C	NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited	Nuclear power station	DCO granted in July 2022. Construction is ongoing.
Helios Energy Park	BNRG Renewables	Solar project with battery storage	Currently anticipated to seek consent via the DCO process. Initial proposals to be published at the end of 2025.
Land to the west of Copperwheat Avenue, Reydon	WM. Denny & Son Limited and Chartwell Industries	220 homes and associated open space	Outline planning permission granted in September 2021, discharge of conditions ongoing.
Land east of Abbey Road, Leiston	Limitbrook Limited	Up to 100 homes, employment space and public house / restaurant.	Outline planning permission granted in February 2023. Construction is ongoing.

Project	Developer	Type	Status
Land south of Forge Close, Benhall, Saxmundham	Individual developer	Up to 41 homes.	Planning application submitted in May 2021 and is awaiting determination by East Suffolk Council.
North Suffolk Reservoir	Essex & Suffolk Water	Proposed water storage reservoir.	Essex & Suffolk Water is scoping the potential for delivering projects set out in their Water Resource Management Plan 2024. A project update is expected in Spring/Summer 2026.
Suffolk Water Recycling, Transfer and Storage	Essex & Suffolk Water	Proposed advanced water recycling plant and strategic network enhancements.	Will seek consent via the DCO process. Non-statutory consultation was held between 29 October – 10 December 2025. Announcement of preferred option expected in Q3 2026.

5.5 Contact details

5.5.1 **Table 9** 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 information or request printed copies of consultation materials and documents.

5.5.2 Our community relations team will investigate the enquiry and provide an update within 10 workings days. We endeavour to provide a full response to enquiries within 20 working days.

Table 9: Contact channels

Method	Contact details	Hours of operation
Email	info@lionlink.nationalgrid.com	24/7
Website	https://www.nationalgrid.com/national-grid-ventures/lionlink/about	24/7
Freephone	0800 083 1787	9am-5.30pm weekdays
Post	Freepost NGV LionLink	24/7

Appendix A Primary and Secondary Consultation Zones



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