



SECTION 47(6)(a) PLANNING ACT 2008 (the “Act”)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF A STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Notice is hereby given that National Grid Lion Link Limited (NGLLL) (the “Applicant”) of 1-3 Strand, London, United Kingdom, WC2N 5EH has now published a “Statement of Community Consultation” (“SoCC”) for the Proposed Scheme in accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

LionLink (the “Project”) comprises 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 of electricity, which will be vital in supporting greater energy security and delivering more affordable energy for LionLink 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.

The Great Britain (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 comprise:

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

On 23 August 2022, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy issued a direction under Section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 that the Proposed Scheme should be treated as a development for which development consent is required.

The Applicant proposes to make an application under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for a Development Consent Order authorising the Proposed Scheme (the “Application”). We are consulting on the Proposed Scheme as part of our statutory consultation.

Statement of Community Consultation

Under section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008, the Applicant has a duty to prepare a SoCC, setting out how they intend to consult people living within the vicinity of the land to which the Proposed Scheme relates. Section 47(7) requires the Applicant to carry out consultation in accordance with the proposals set out within the SoCC.

Section 47(6) requires the Applicant to make the SoCC available for inspection by the public in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the land to which the Proposed Scheme relates. In accordance with section 47(6), this notice confirms below when and how a copy of the SoCC, that has been prepared by the Applicant, can be inspected.

The Applicant consulted with East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council (as the relevant local planning authorities for the Proposed Scheme) on the draft SoCC, prior to it being made available for public inspection.

The SoCC can be inspected free of charge on the project website from **Wednesday 10 December 2025**. The consultation materials will be available on the project website from **9am on Tuesday 13 January 2026**: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/national-grid-ventures/lionlink/about>.

Reference copies of the SoCC only can be inspected free of charge at the deposit locations and times listed in the table below from **Wednesday 10 December 2025 to Tuesday 10 March 2026**.

Reference copies of certain documents and key drawings showing the nature and location of the Proposed Scheme will also be available to view free of charge from **Tuesday 13 January 2026 and Tuesday 10 March 2026**.

Deposit 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: 9:30 am - 7:30pm, Wednesday: Closed, Thursday: 9:30am - 5:30pm Friday: 9:30am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm, Saturday: 9:30am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm, Sunday: 10am - 3pm
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

Copies of the SoCC, and other consultation materials, can also be inspected free of charge at the public information exhibition events. Details of the exhibition events are provided in the table below.

Date	Time	Location
Saturday 24 January 2026	11am - 4pm	The Fromus Centre, Street Farm Road,Saxmundham, IP17 1AL
Saturday 31 January 2026	11am - 4pm	Walberswick Village Hall, The Street, Southwold, IP18 6TZ
Friday 06 February 2026	2pm - 7pm	High Lodge Leisure, Haw Wood, Hinton, Nr Darsham, Suffolk, IP17 3QT
Saturday 21 February 2026	11am - 4pm	Westleton Village Hall, The Street, Westleton, Saxmundham, IP17 3AD
Saturday 28 February 2026	11am - 4pm	Yoxford Village Hall, Old High Road, Yoxford, IP17 3HN

Preliminary Environmental Information

The Proposed Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The Applicant is therefore required to carry out an EIA of the Proposed Scheme and to submit an Environmental Statement with the Application, assessing the likely significant effects arising from the Proposed Scheme on the environment. The Applicant is consulting on its PEIR for the Proposed Scheme. The PEIR will be provided as part of the statutory consultation documents in accordance with the relevant regulations, and there will be an opportunity to view and comment upon the PEIR during the consultation. Details of the consultation process and how to provide feedback are included in the SoCC.

If you have any questions, or to request a printed copy of the SoCC, or copy in an alternative format, please contact the project team via the contact details in the table below.

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