



LionLink Statutory Consultation Feedback Form

January 2026

LIONLINK

About LionLink

National Grid Ventures (NGV) is developing plans to build LionLink, a new subsea electricity cable (known as an interconnector) between the UK and the Netherlands.

LionLink will enable the cross-border transmission of clean electricity between the two countries, with the capacity to deliver up to 2 gigawatts (GW), which will be vital in supporting greater energy security and delivering more affordable energy for consumers. As an Offshore Hybrid Asset (OHA), LionLink is a first of its kind technology, which will connect to the Dutch offshore windfarm, Nederweik 3.

We are now undertaking our statutory consultation on our proposals, and we would like to hear your views. This runs from **Tuesday 13 January to Tuesday 10 March 2026**.

Please use this feedback form to provide your comments, which we'll use alongside planning policy, technical assessments and environmental surveys to finalise our proposals. Following the end of this consultation, we'll produce a Consultation Report as part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application, which will be submitted by National Grid Ventures Lion Link Limited (NGVLLL), our subsidiary company.

The report will summarise the main themes raised throughout the consultation and explain how we've responded to feedback.

What are we consulting on?

We are asking for your views on all elements of the project, including the proposed:

- Underground high voltage alternating current (HVAC) cable route between the proposed Kiln Lane Substation (formerly known as Friston Substation) and the proposed converter station
- Location and design of the converter station, east of Saxmundham
- Underground high voltage direct current (HVDC) cable route between the converter station and landfall
- Siting of the landfall site at Walberswick
- Offshore HVDC cables from the landfall site to the limit of the UK's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
- Construction areas
- Coordination with other major energy projects
- Preliminary environmental assessment and proposed mitigation measures in the preliminary environmental information report (PEIR)
- Community benefits

Project documents

We have made the following materials available as part of our statutory consultation:

- **Project overview document:** explains our updated proposals and how you can take part in the consultation, including an overview of key points from other documents. A shortened quick read version of the document is also available.
- **Consultation leaflet:** summarises the LionLink project and this consultation.
- **Consultation banners:** presented during our in-person information exhibitions, the banners detail our updated proposals. These are also available in audio format.
- **Interim non-statutory consultation feedback summary report:** provides an overview of the LionLink project, and summarises the non-statutory consultation held between October and December 2022, and how it informed the refinement of our proposals.
- **Supplementary non-statutory consultation summary report:** provides an overview of the approach taken to the 2022 and 2023 non-statutory consultations, and how feedback received was used to refine the proposals.
- **Statement of community consultation (SoCC):** explains how we are consulting local communities, developed with input from local councils.
- **Options siting and routing report:** outlines the approach taken to the selection and refinement of the proposals, and the associated rationale.
- **PEIR:** looks at the possible environmental effects of LionLink and how we plan to reduce them. A non-technical summary of the PEIR is also available.
- **Converter station design background document:** illustrates the different potential design approaches for the proposed converter station.
- **Design principles document:** outlines the principles that inform the design of the Proposed Scheme.
- **Plans and drawings:** show the extent of LionLink and the onshore and offshore proposals.
- **Guide to using the consultation plans and drawings:** assists in navigating the plans and drawings to facilitate the understanding of LionLink.

All the documents listed are available to download from the document library on our project website.

If you'd prefer printed copies of the consultation documents, you can request them free of charge by emailing info@lionlink.nationalgrid.com or calling **0800 083 1787**. Please note that some lengthier, more detailed and technical documents may be subject to a printing charge.

You can find more information about earlier stages of the project in our interim and supplementary non-statutory consultation summary reports.

Changes to the project

We used the feedback we received during both non-statutory consultations to refine the options for the project, before submitting an Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) in March 2024. We have made some changes to the anticipated boundary where LionLink could be built. This includes temporary and permanent works, construction access points, and upgrades to existing infrastructure.

Preferred landfall site

After further technical studies, an alternative site at Walberswick was identified as the preferred landfall location.

Converter station site

We have outlined our preferred converter station location near Saxmundham.


Cable route


We have published our preferred underground HVDC and HVAC cable corridors. These corridors would connect our onshore infrastructure to our landfall site.


You can find more information on the proposed underground high voltage direct current (HVDC) cable corridor in the ‘How feedback has informed our proposals’ section of the project overview document.

How to provide your feedback

You can provide feedback in the following ways:

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Online feedback form:
Complete this feedback form online at nationalgrid.com/lionlink
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Paper feedback form:
Send your completed feedback form to **Freepost NGV LIONLINK.**
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Email us:
If you prefer to send us your comments via email, you can send them to us at info@lionlink.nationalgrid.com

Please send us your feedback by 11:59pm on Tuesday 10 March 2026. Postal responses will be accepted until Monday 16 March 2026 to allow sufficient time for delivery. We cannot guarantee that feedback sent to any address other than those stated above will be received and considered alongside other consultation feedback.

You do not have to answer every question—just the ones that matter to you.

Identifying the locations of infrastructure

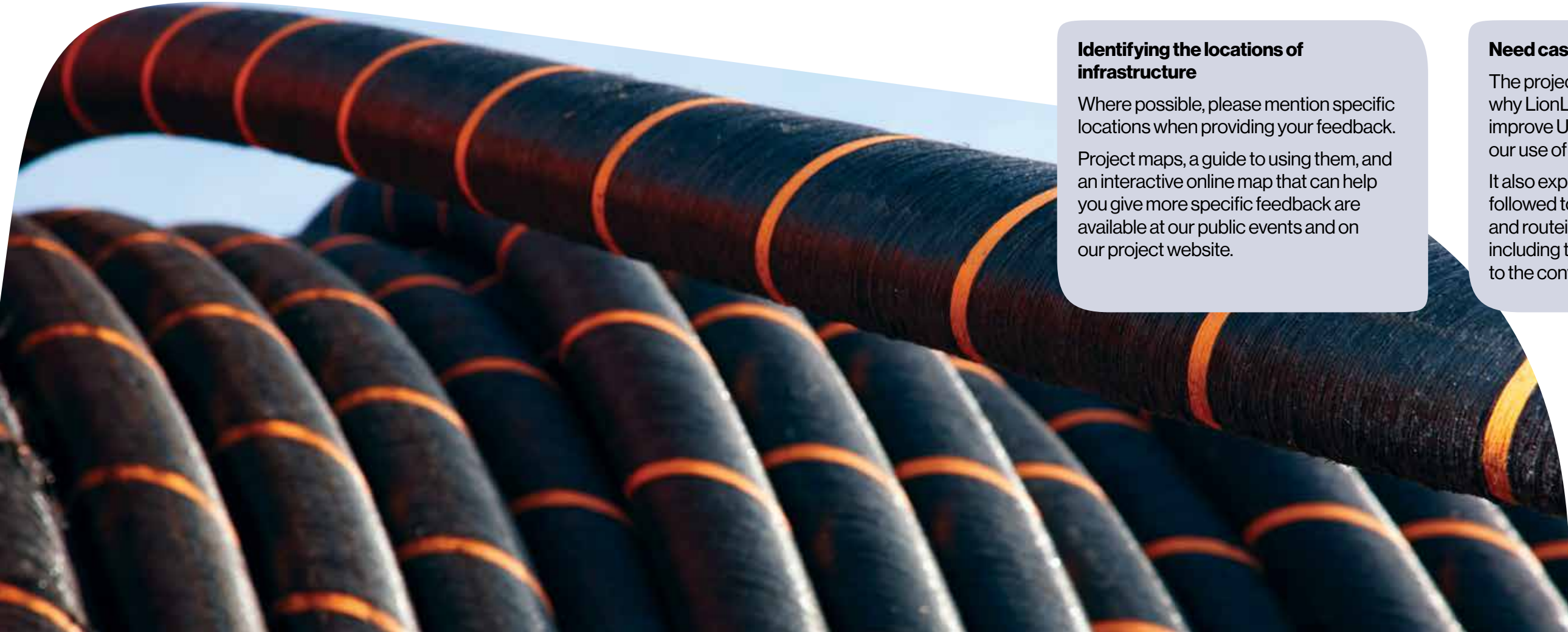
Where possible, please mention specific locations when providing your feedback.

Project maps, a guide to using them, and an interactive online map that can help you give more specific feedback are available at our public events and on our project website.

Need case and route selection

The project overview document explains why LionLink is needed and how it will help improve UK energy security and increase our use of renewable energy.

It also explains the detailed process we followed to identify the preferred siting and routeing options for the project, including the route from our landfall site to the converter station and substation.



About you

We would be grateful if you could answer the following optional demographic questions. We will use this information to help us understand the role in which you are responding to the consultation and whether it's been useful to people from different backgrounds and with different requirements. We will handle your responses in line with our Data Privacy Statement, which is included on Page 9.

We may publish a summary of the results, but we will not share any personal information or details. Some of the answers you provide may be considered 'special category data' under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). If you choose to share 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 info@lionlink.nationalgrid.com.

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Phone number:

Organisation:

Do you wish to register to receive future project updates via email?

☐ Yes

☐ No

In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?

- ☐ Local resident
- ☐ Elected representative (e.g. Councillor, MP)
- ☐ Impacted landowner or tenant/occupier (recipient of a Section 42 letter)
(please include your landowner reference number below if known)
- ☐ Local business owner
- ☐ Statutory organisation (please specify below)
- ☐ Other

Please provide further details here if required:

What is your gender?

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

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ No

What is your age?

- ☐ Under 16
- ☐ 16-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65+
- ☐ Prefer not to say

How would you describe your ethnic background?

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

If you selected 'other', please specify here:

Data privacy statement

National Grid is committed to protecting your personal information.

When you provide such information, we are legally obliged to use it in line with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

We will use the personal data collected via this consultation for the following purposes:

- To produce a Consultation Feedback Report based on our analysis of responses (personally identifiable information will not be used in the report, although extracts of individual feedback responses may be published).
- To contact you with updates about the results of the consultation and other developments. If you prefer not to be contacted, you can submit the form anonymously by clicking or ticking 'no' to receiving future project updates via email.
- To keep up-to-date records of our communications with individuals and organisations.

Any personal information you provide in this form will be handled and used by (or shared with) the following recipients, to help record, analyse and report on the feedback we receive:

- Other National Grid Group companies.
- The Planning Inspectorate (who will review our application for consent to build the project – any details published as part of this process will be anonymised).
- The Secretary of State (who will make the decision on our application).
- Our legal advisers.

- Consultants working on behalf of National Grid.
- Land Agents working on behalf of National Grid.

If your feedback as part of this consultation relates to other National Grid projects, it may also be considered as indirect feedback for those projects.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) usage

To help us analyse and categorise the responses to this consultation more efficiently, we will be using Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to identify common themes and group similar responses. These tools support our team but do not replace human judgement – all responses received and AI findings are reviewed by our analysts.

Your information will be treated confidentially. We will not share your personal data with third parties. The AI tools will not make decisions about individuals and your feedback will not be excluded or downgraded due to the use of automation.

If you have any queries about how AI is used in this consultation, please contact us at info@lionlink.nationalgrid.com or call **0800 083 1787**.

What are my rights over my personal data?

Under the terms of the UK GDPR, you have certain rights over how your personal data is stored and used by National Grid. For more information, please see our full data privacy statement: nationalgrid.com/privacy-policy.

Your feedback

The questions in this feedback form are organised by topic, with each section focusing on a specific aspect of LionLink. Pages 12-16 include maps of the project route for your reference. Questions resume on Page 17.

Q1 To what extent do you agree that LionLink is needed to strengthen energy security?

Please select one of the following options:

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

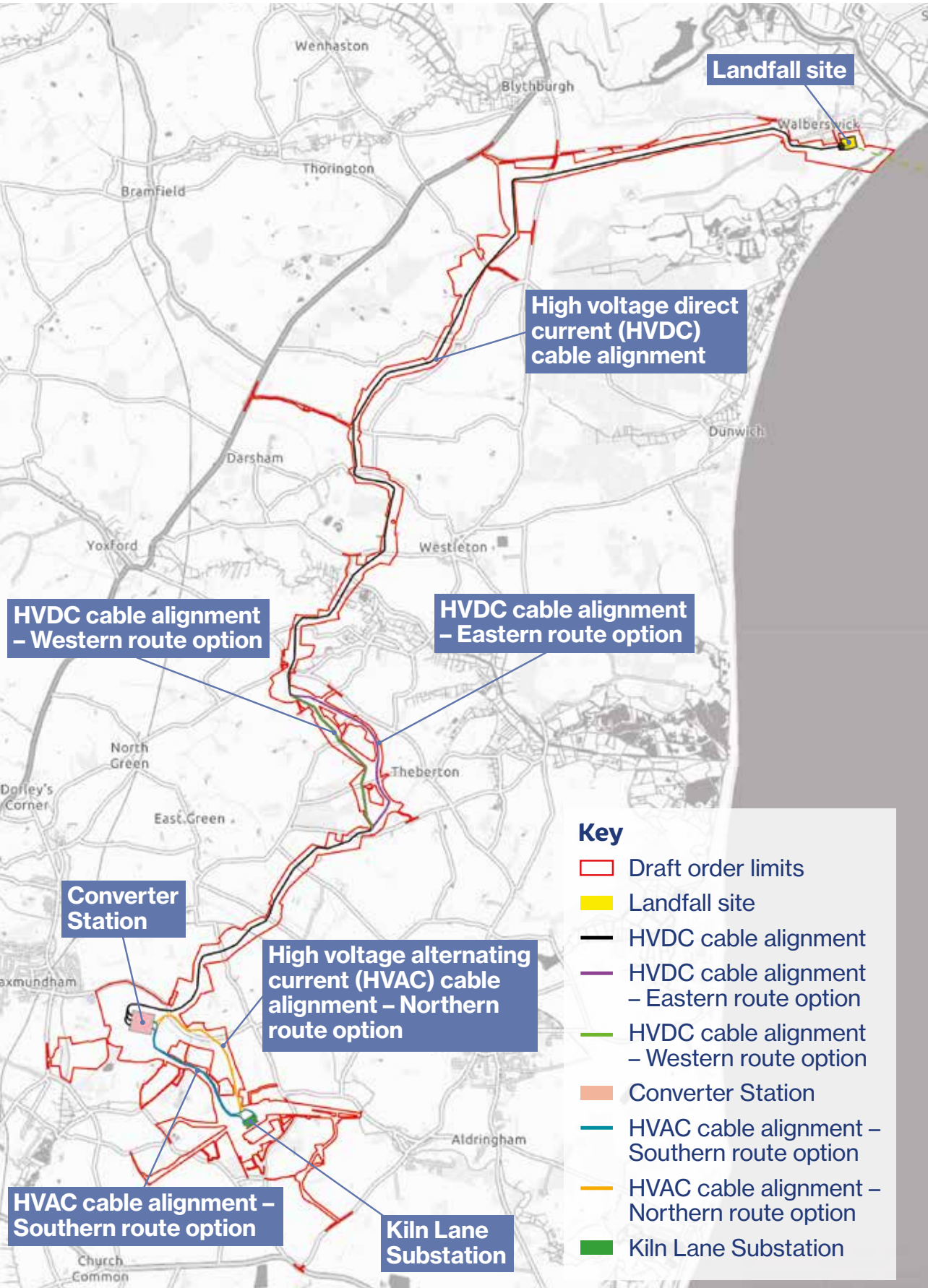
Please provide your comments here about why you chose this option.

Q2 Do you have any comments on the process we followed to identify the options, siting and routeing for LionLink, including on the points listed below?

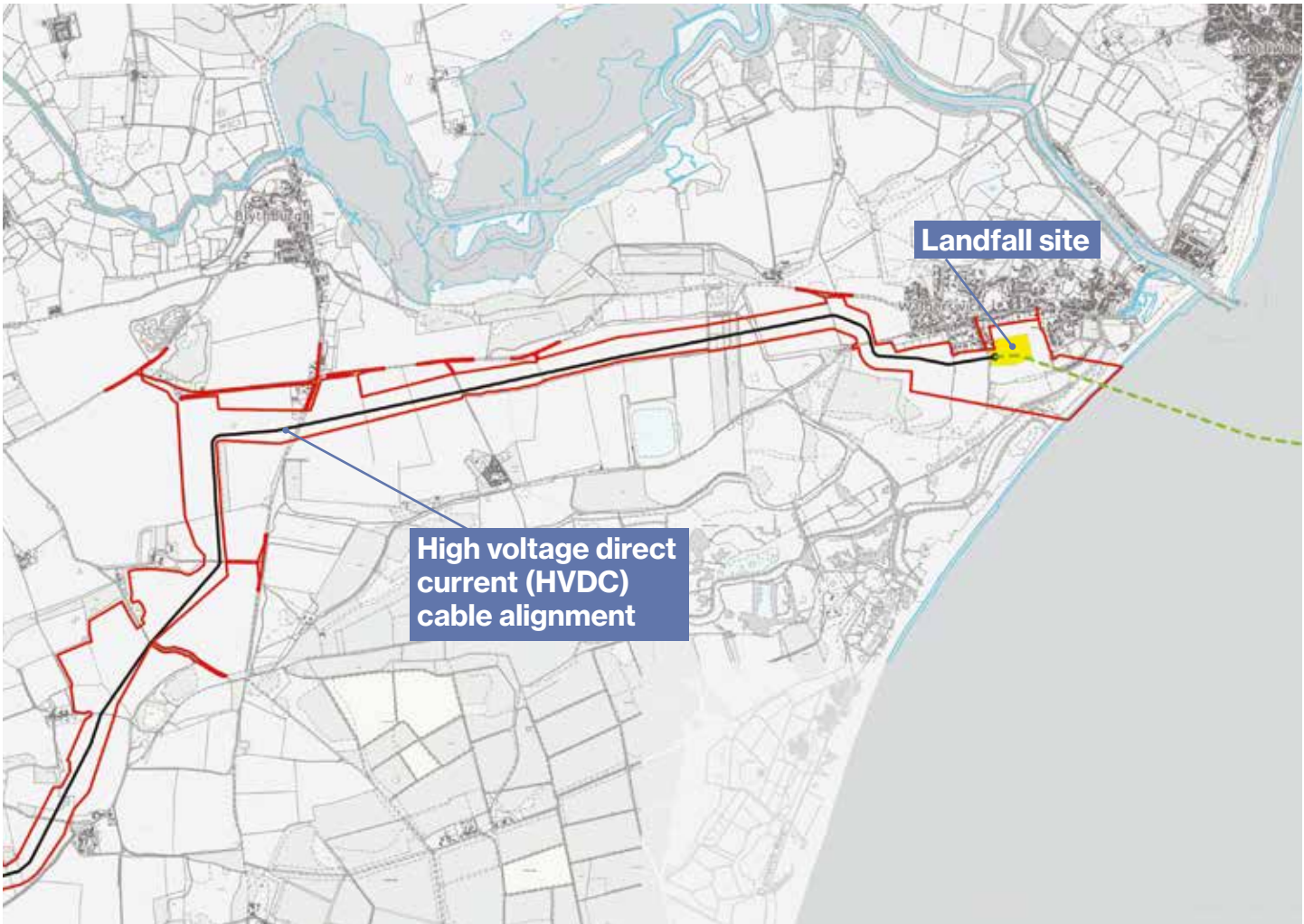
- ☐ Discounted options
- ☐ Options not considered
- ☐ How we assessed the options
- ☐ Any other considerations

Please add your comments:

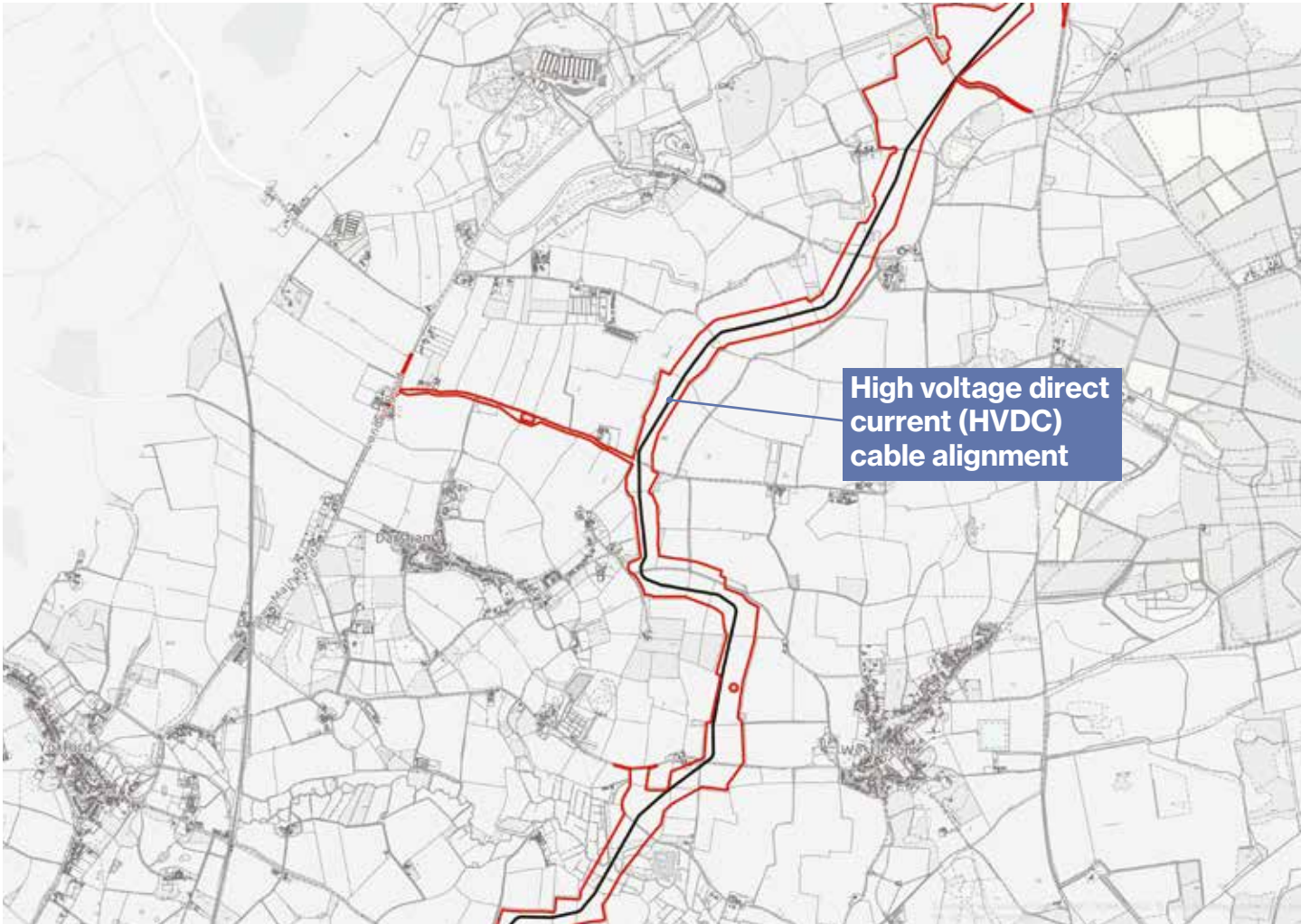
Our onshore proposals



Onshore proposals 1 – Walberswick to Hinton

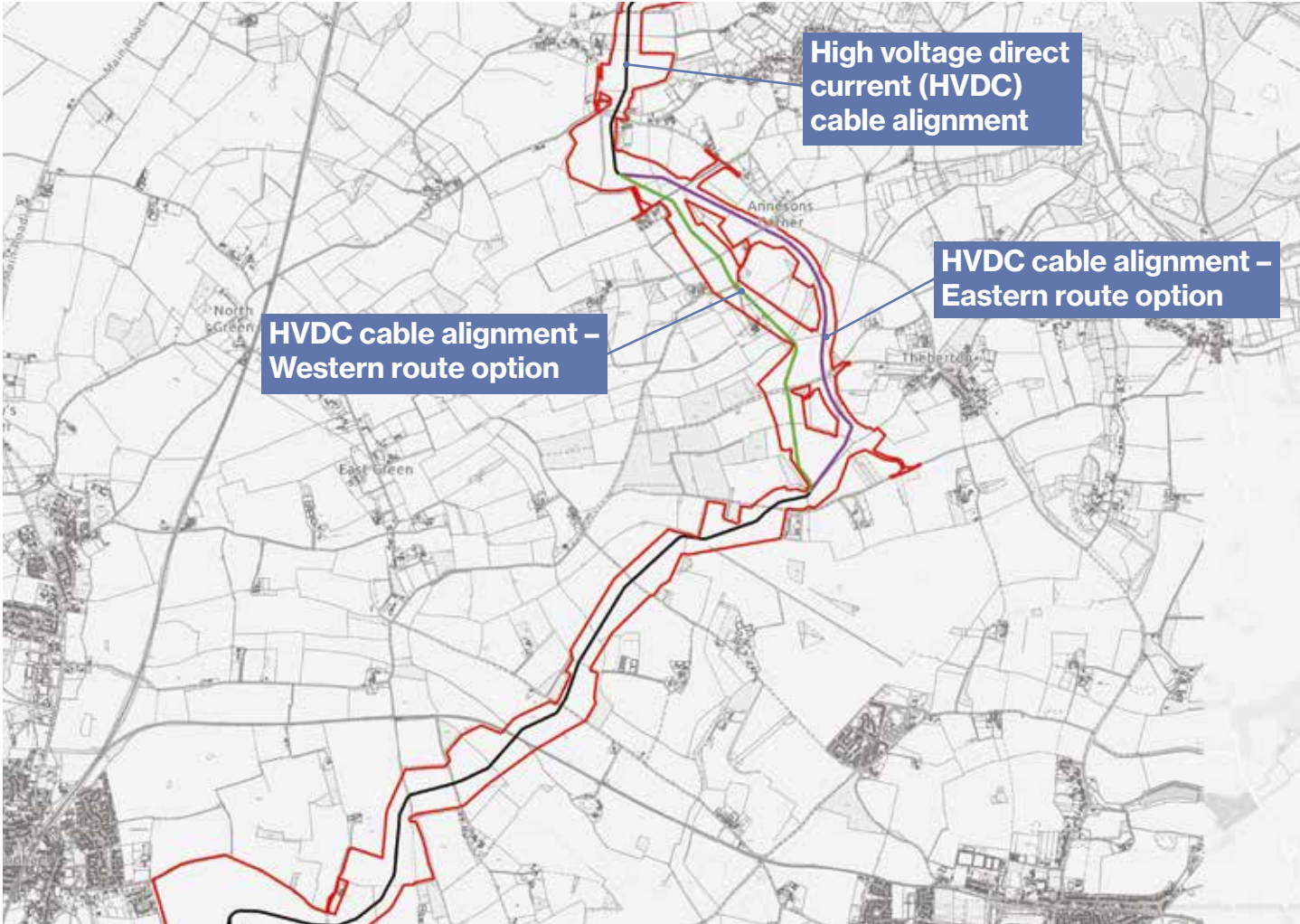


Onshore proposals 2 – Hinton to Theberton



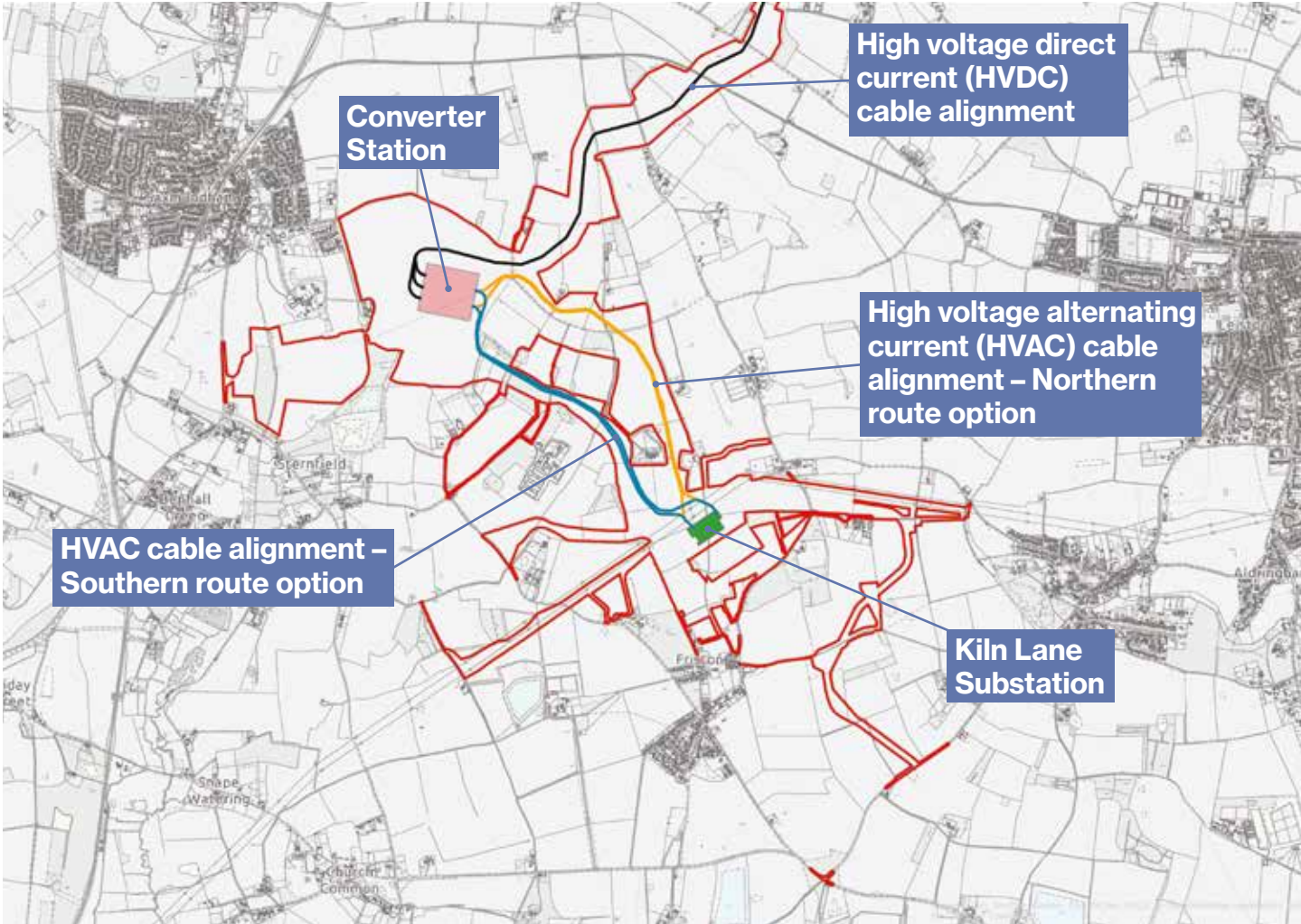
- Key**
- ▬ Draft order limits
 - ▬ HVDC cable alignment

Onshore proposals 3 – Theberton to Saxmundham



- Key**
- ▬ Draft order limits
 - ▬ HVDC cable alignment
 - ▬ HVDC cable alignment – Eastern route option
 - ▬ HVDC cable alignment – Western route option

Onshore proposals 4 – Saxmundham to Friston



- Key**
- Draft order limits
 - HVDC cable alignment
 - Proposed Converter Station
 - HVAC cable alignment – Southern route option
 - HVAC cable alignment – Northern route option
 - Kiln Lane Substation

Landfall site

The proposed landfall site would be at Walberswick, where the offshore HVDC cable corridor would connect to the proposed underground HVDC cable corridor. **This is outlined in onshore proposals 1 on page 13.**

Q3 Do you have comments on our proposed landfall site at Walberswick, including on the points listed below?

- Environmental impacts and how they would be managed
- The construction area required
- Draft Order Limits (the land required both temporarily and permanently for the construction and operation of LionLink for this section)
- Any other considerations

Please add your comments:

Underground HVDC cable corridor

LionLink would include approximately 20 km of underground HVDC cables between the proposed landfall site at Walberswick and the proposed converter station site east of Saxmundham. **This is outlined in all of the above maps.**

For the section of cable corridor between B1119 Saxmundham Road to Middleton Moor (shown in onshore proposals 3 on page 15), we are considering two options:

- **Western route option** – where our cabling would be installed within its own route corridor.
- **Eastern route option** – which would enable us to co-locate cabling within the Sizewell Link Road.

We would like your feedback on both options, as well as the wider route.

You can find more information on the proposed underground HVDC cable corridor in the 'Our proposals' section of the project overview document.



Q4 Do you have any comments on the proposed underground HVDC cable corridor (incorporating the section of optionality with the Eastern route and the Western route), including on the points listed below?

- Cable route alignment
 - Cable installation methods
 - Draft Order Limits for this section
 - Environmental impacts and how they would be managed
- Effects on land and property
 - Coordination with other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) proposals
 - Any other considerations

Please add your comments:

Converter station

LionLink would build a converter station to change electricity from direct current (DC) to alternating current (AC), so it can connect to the grid. An onshore connection is essential to link the electricity into the UK's existing grid infrastructure.

We've chosen a site east of Saxmundham for the converter station.
This is outlined in onshore proposals 4 on page 16.

This site is also being considered by Sea Link for their own converter station. You can find more information on the proposed converter station in the 'Our proposals' section of the project overview document.

Converter station locations



Q5 Do you have any comments about the proposed converter station, including on the points listed below?

- Location
- Draft Order Limits for this section
- Construction impacts
- Operational impacts
- Potential for co-location with Sea Link
- Access arrangements for the site
- Any other considerations

Please add your comments:

We are considering different approaches to the external design of the proposed converter station, east of Saxmundham.

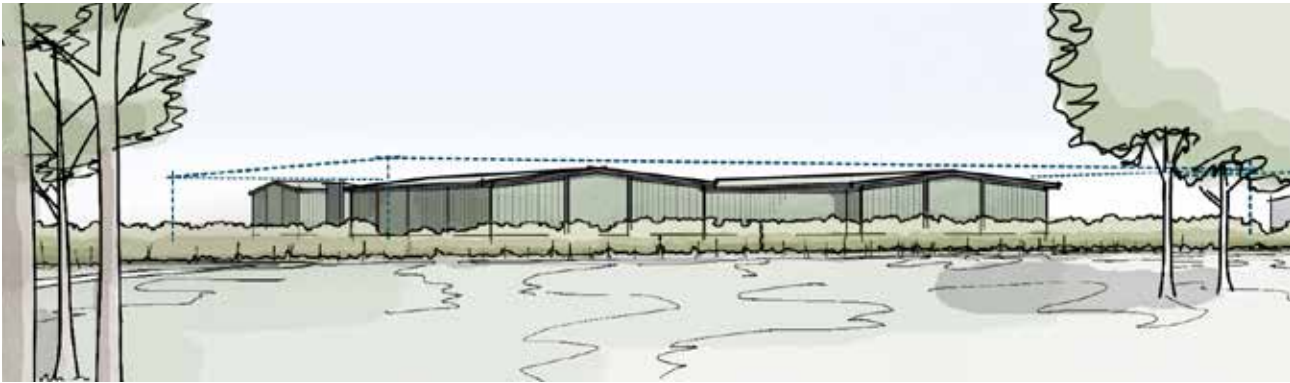
You can read more information about these approaches and how each one would affect the appearance of the proposed converter station in the 'Our proposals' section of the project overview document.

Q6 Which of the following design approaches would you like us to explore further in the next phase of design? Please select all that apply.

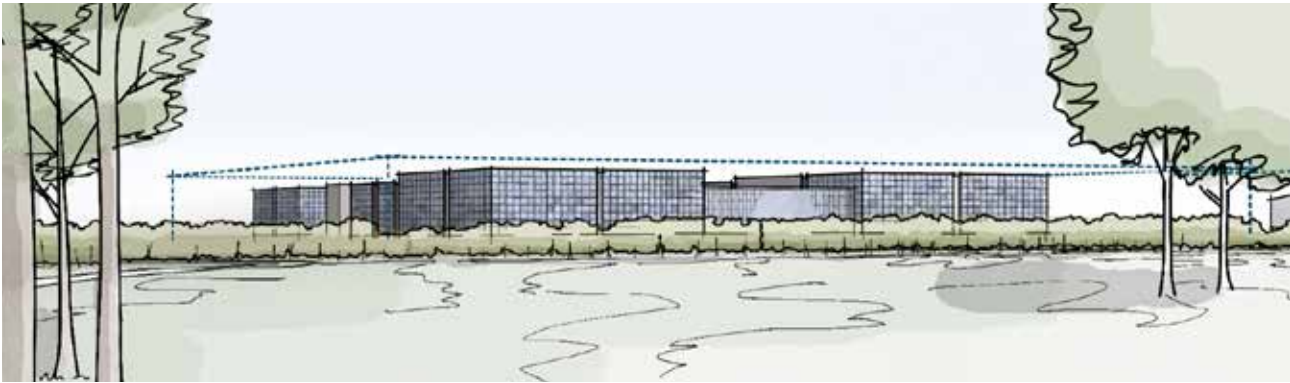
- ☐ Agricultural approach
- ☐ Enhanced façade
- ☐ Curved roof
- ☐ Fragmented forms

Please add your comments about why you selected these options:

Agricultural approach



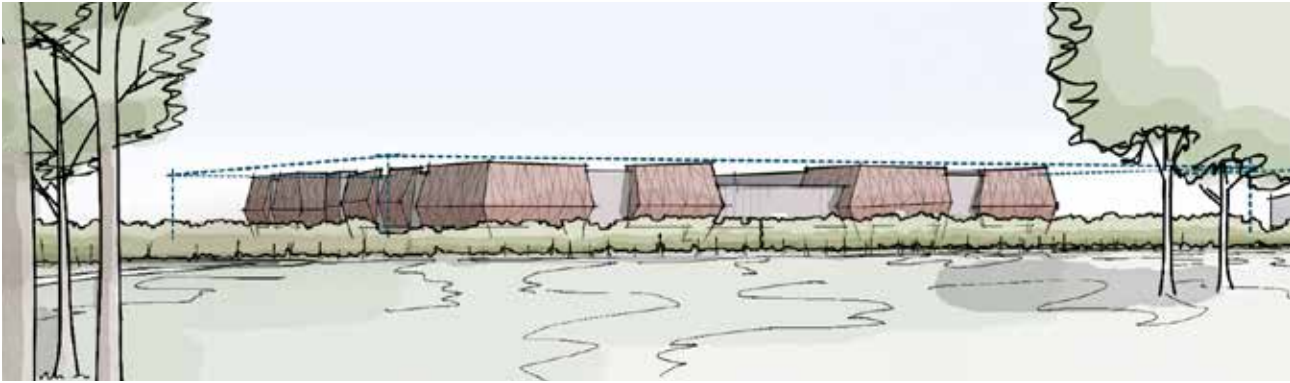
Enhanced façade



Curved roof



Fragmented forms



Underground HVAC cable corridor

We are considering two possible route options for the proposed underground HVAC cable corridor that would connect the proposed converter station to Kiln Lane Substation:

- **Southern route option** – this route would head northwest from the Kiln Lane Substation, crossing agricultural fields before entering the proposed converter station from the southeast.
This option would allow us to coordinate cabling with Sea Link.
- **Northern route option** – this route would run under the B1119 Saxmundham Road to the north, through agricultural fields heading west. It then crosses under the B1119 Saxmundham Road for a second time, to head southwest into the proposed converter station.
This option would not allow for us to coordinate cabling with Sea Link. However, this option presents reduced environmental impacts compared to the southern route option as it would avoid existing woodland, properties, underground infrastructure, and sensitive agricultural land.

These options are outlined in onshore proposals 4 on page 16.

You can find more information on these options in the ‘Our proposals’ section of the project overview document, and a more detailed description is available in Chapter 2 of the PEIR.

We would like your feedback on both of these options.

Q7 Do you have any comments on the Southern route option for the proposed Underground HVAC Cable Corridor, including on the points listed below?

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|---|---|
| ■ Cable route alignment | ■ Effects on land and property |
| ■ Cable installation methods | ■ Potential for co-location with Sea Link |
| ■ Draft Order Limits for this section | ■ Whether this is your preferred option of the two routes and why |
| ■ Environmental impacts and how they would be managed | ■ Any other considerations |

Please add your comments:



Q8 Do you have any comments on the Northern route option for the proposed Underground HVAC Cable Corridor, including on the points listed below?

- Cable route alignment
 - Cable installation methods
 - Draft Order Limits for this section
 - Environmental impacts and how they would be managed
- Effects on land and property
 - Whether this is your preferred option of the two routes and why
 - Any other considerations

Please add your comments:

Kiln Lane Substation

LionLink plans to connect to the Kiln Lane Substation in Friston. Kiln Lane Substation already has development consent as part of ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) East Anglia ONE North (EA1N) and East Anglia TWO (EA2) offshore wind projects. We anticipate that construction of the substation would be complete by 2028.

If Kiln Lane Substation has already been built, we would only seek approval for any changes required to the existing facility to connect LionLink. In the event that Kiln Lane Substation is not yet built, we would seek approval to build the full Substation.

This is outlined in onshore proposals 4 on page 16.

You can find more information on Kiln Lane Substation in the 'Our proposals' section of the project overview document, with further information available in Chapter 2 of the PEIR.

Q9 Do you have any comments on Kiln Lane Substation, including on the points listed below?

- Construction impacts
 - Draft Order Limits for this section
 - Operational impacts
- Access arrangements for the site
 - Effects on land and property
 - Any other considerations

Please add your comments:

Our offshore proposals

LionLink’s proposed offshore scheme would run from the proposed landfall site at Walberswick, across the North Sea, to the boundary between the UK’s EEZ and the Dutch EEZ. **This is outlined in the map below.** From there, it would continue towards the Dutch offshore converter station and wind farm, covering a distance of approximately 182 km.

You can find more information on the offshore proposals for LionLink in the ‘Our proposals’ section of the project overview document. A more detailed description is provided in Chapter 2 of the PEIR.

Offshore map



- Key**
- Marine draft order limits
 - Exclusive Economic Zone boundary

- Q10 Do you have any comments on the proposed offshore HVDC cable corridor, including on the points listed below?**
- Route alignment
 - Cable installation methods
 - Draft Order Limits for this section
 - Environmental impacts and how they would be managed
 - Any other considerations

Please add your comments:

Construction

We expect construction of LionLink to begin in 2028, with the project operational by 2032.

You can find more information on our proposed construction methods in the project overview document. Chapter 2 of the PEIR provides further detail of our planned construction activities, including the potential phasing of works, typical working hours, and the use of temporary haul roads.



Q11 Do you have any comments on our approach to the construction of LionLink, including on the points listed below?

- Environmental impacts
- Archaeology
- Public access/rights of way
- Drainage/flood risk
- Construction vehicles
- Construction areas
- Construction methods
- Disruption to land use
- Any other considerations

Please add your comments:

Environment

As part of our statutory consultation, we have produced a PEIR, which is accompanied by a non-technical summary.

The PEIR explains how we're currently assessing any environmental impacts linked to the construction and operation of LionLink, and our approach to mitigating impacts.

As part of our application for development consent, we will also produce an Environmental Statement that builds on the PEIR.

Q12 Do you have any comments on our approach to assessing environmental impacts linked to the construction and operation of LionLink, as described in our PEIR and the non-technical summary?

Please add your comments:

Q13 Do you have any comments on how we should reduce or manage environmental impacts linked to the construction and operation of LionLink, including on the points listed below?

- Specific impacts to be mitigated
 - Types of mitigation to be used
- Opportunities for environmental benefits
 - Any other considerations

Please add your comments:

Coordination with other projects

We are working closely with the developers of other projects in the area, including National Grid Electricity Transmission's (NGET) Sea Link, EDF Energy's Sizewell C, SPR's East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO, and BNRG Renewables' Helios Energy Park. Our aim is to minimise environmental and community impacts by coordinating construction activities and mitigation measures wherever possible.

NGV and NGET are also working together to co-locate infrastructure for LionLink and Sea Link. This includes identifying a shared converter station site east of Saxmundham and a potential shared underground HVAC cable corridor.

You can find more information on our approach to coordination with other projects in the 'Coordination with other projects in the area' section of the project overview document. Chapter 28 of our PEIR also explains the cumulative impacts of LionLink and other planned developments in the area, and how we plan to mitigate impacts.



Q14 Do you have any comments on our approach to coordination with other projects, including on the points listed below?

- Construction scheduling
- Construction impacts
- Co-location of a converter station
- Co-location of cable routes
- Any other considerations

Please add your comments:

Community benefit

NGV is committed to being a good neighbour. In line with the Government's Community Benefit Framework published in March 2025, we are proposing a community benefit package that reflects the recommended £530,000 to be granted per proposed converter station. This funding would be provided by NGV and made available when construction of LionLink begins, should it receive approval.

To help us deliver community benefit programmes that work for your area, we are keen to hear your views. We are particularly interested in your ideas about how future community benefit funding should be distributed and what types of local initiatives we should support.

You can find more information on our plans in the 'Community Benefit' section of the project overview document.

Q15 Do you have any comments on our approach to community benefit, including any suggestions for how the funding could be used?

Please add your comments:

Consultation

Our statutory consultation aims to give local communities and stakeholders plenty of opportunities to learn about our proposals and provide their feedback.

The statement of community consultation document explains all of the steps we are taking to promote the consultation and encourage people to get involved in our proposals.

Q16 Do you have any comments on the delivery of our statutory consultation, including on the points listed below?

- Events

■ Webinars

■ Materials
- How the consultation is being publicised

■ Any other considerations

Please add your comments:

Further comments

Q17 Please use the space below to tell us anything else about LionLink that you would like us to consider.

Please add your comments:



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