

LionLink

Statutory consultation

January 2026



What is LionLink?

National Grid Ventures (NGV) is consulting on updated proposals for LionLink. The consultation will run between Tuesday 13 January to Tuesday 10 March 2026.

LionLink is a first-of-its-kind electricity link that will enable the flow of energy between the UK and Dutch electricity systems, including through connection to a Dutch offshore wind farm. With the capacity to deliver up to 2 gigawatts (GW) of electricity, LionLink will play an important role in keeping household energy bills down and providing the UK with a secure and reliable energy supply.

LionLink will deliver a range of benefits, including:



**Strengthening
the UK's national
energy security**



**Lowering
energy bills**



**Providing clean, green,
renewable energy**

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What is an interconnector?

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.



Viking Link cabling being laid into landfall point

Our proposals

The UK elements of the proposed scheme include:

- Kiln Lane Substation, north of Friston (previously known as Friston Substation);
- Underground high voltage alternating current (HVAC) cables between Kiln Lane Substation and the proposed converter station;
- Converter station, east of Saxmundham;

- Underground high voltage direct current (HVDC) cables between the proposed converter station and the proposed landfall site;
- Landfall site near Walberswick; and
- Subsea HVDC cables from the proposed landfall site to the edge of the UK's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

The back page of this leaflet includes maps that provide an overview of our onshore and offshore proposals for LionLink.

Statutory consultation

This consultation follows two non-statutory consultations on our early proposals, held in 2022 and 2023, which outlined our initial siting and routing options for our onshore infrastructure.

This statutory consultation gives you the opportunity to see how the design of LionLink has progressed and have your say on our refined proposals. All feedback received will be summarised and responded to in our Consultation Report, which will form part of our application for development consent which we expect to submit in 2026.

The consultation will run between **Tuesday 13 January** to **Tuesday 10 March 2026**.

This leaflet is part of our general awareness-raising activities and anyone who may be directly affected by LionLink will be contacted separately.

Find out more

You can take part in the consultation in the following ways:

- **Attend a public information exhibition** – come along to our public information exhibitions to find out more
- **Join a webinar** – come along to one of our online webinars by signing up on our website
- **Visit our website** – all of our consultation materials, including detailed maps, can be found on our website at nationalgrid.com/lionlink

Public information exhibitions

Throughout the consultation we will be holding a series of events across the local area.

Date	Time	Location
Saturday 24 January 2026	11am – 4pm	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	2 – 7pm	High Lodge Leisure, Haw Wood, Hinton, Nr Darsham, 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

Webinars

Date	Time	
Wednesday 04 February 2026	6 – 7:30pm	You can register to attend our webinars via our project website. The webinars will include a British Sign Language interpreter.
Tuesday 03 March 2026	6 – 7:30pm	



Deposit locations

Information about LionLink is available to view and collect from the following locations from Tuesday 13 January 2026. The following documents will also be made available:

- Project overview document
- Project overview document – quick read
- Consultation leaflet
- Feedback form and freepost envelopes
- Statement of community consultation*

- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) non technical summary*
- Options siting and routing report*
- Plans and drawings*
- Guide to using the consultation plans and drawings*

All documents will also be available to view and download from our website, including the full PEIR.

* Reference copies available only.


Location	Address	Opening hours
Saxmundham Library	Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 9.30 am – 5.30 pm Wednesday: 9.30 am – 5.30 pm Thursday: Closed Friday: 9.30 am – 5.30 pm Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm Sunday: 10 am – 3 pm
Saxmundham Town Council	The Town House, Station Approach, Saxmundham, IP17 1BW	Monday: 9 am – 4 pm Tuesday: 9 am – 4 pm Wednesday: 9 am – 4 pm Thursday: 9 am – 4 pm Friday: 9 am – 4 pm Saturday and Sunday: Closed
Southwold Library	Old Hospital Hub, Field Stile Road, Southwold, IP18 6LD	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 10 am – 1 pm, 2 – 6 pm Wednesday: 10 am – 1 pm, 2 – 6 pm Thursday: 10 am – 1 pm, 2 – 6 pm Friday: 10 am – 1 pm, 2 – 6 pm Saturday: 9:30 am – 1 pm, 2 – 5 pm Sunday: 11 am – 4 pm
Halesworth Library	Bridge Street, Halesworth, IP19 8AD	Monday: 9 am – 1 pm Tuesday: 9 am – 5 pm Wednesday: 9 am – 5 pm Thursday: Closed Friday: 9 am – 5 pm Saturday: 9 am – 5 pm Sunday: 10 am – 3 pm
Leiston Library	Main Street, Leiston, IP16 4ER	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 9:30am – 7:30pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday 9:30am – 5:30pm Friday: 9:30am – 1 pm, 2 – 5 pm Saturday: 9:30am – 1 pm, 2 – 5 pm Sunday: 10am – 3pm

Have your say

Our statutory public consultation runs from **Tuesday 13 January to Tuesday 10 March 2026**.

All feedback must be submitted by 11:59pm on Tuesday 10 March. Postal responses will be accepted until Monday 16 March to allow time for delivery.

You can provide your feedback in the following ways:

-  **Online feedback form:** You can give your feedback by completing our online feedback form by visiting nationalgrid.com/lionlink
-  **Paper feedback form:** You can send a completed feedback form or letter to "Freepost NGV LIONLINK". The feedback form is also available on our website and can be collected at public information exhibitions and deposit points
-  **Email us:** send us an email with your feedback to info@lionlink.nationalgrid.com

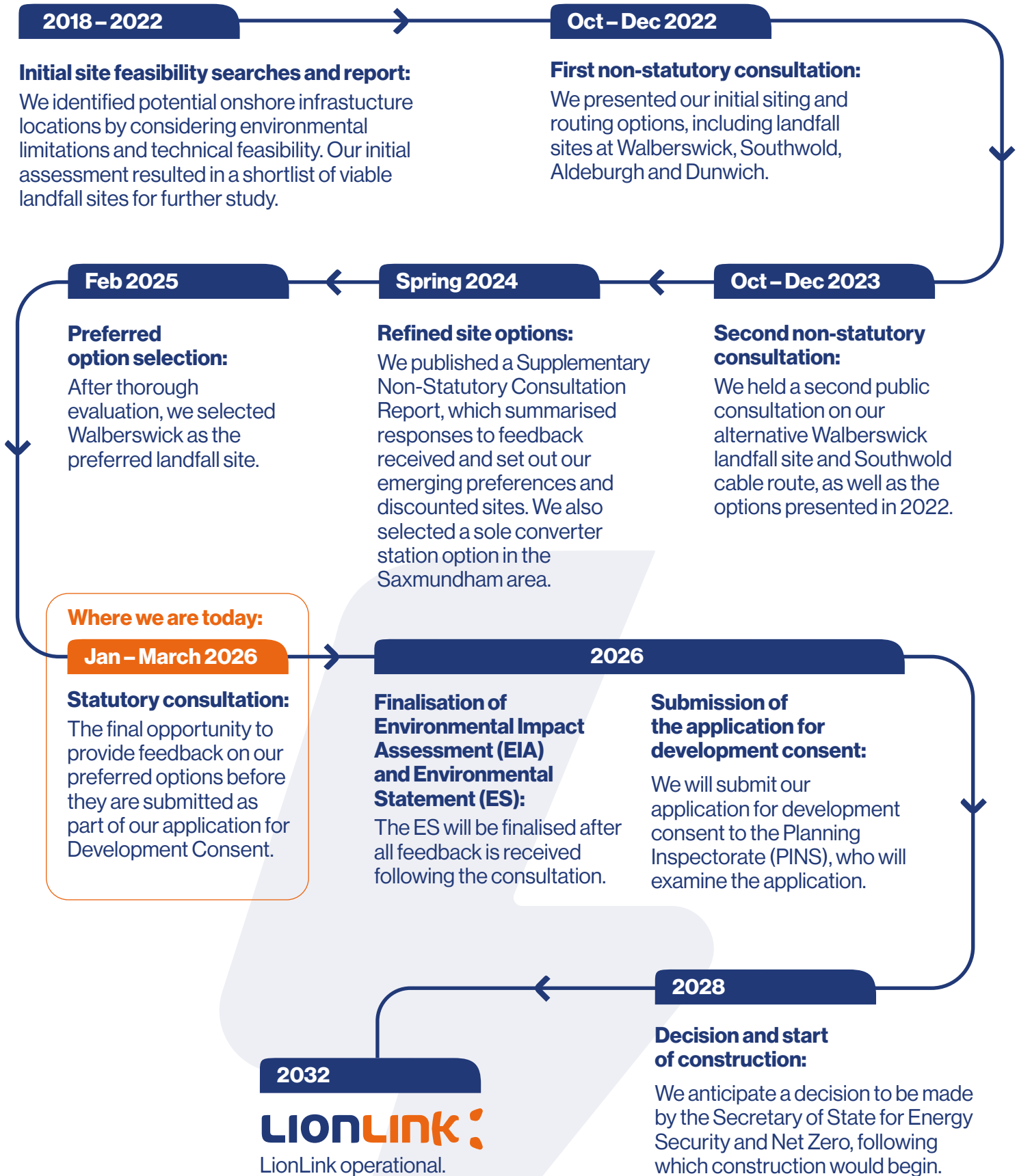
Accessibility

Hardcopies of some key consultation materials will be available at our public information exhibitions and all documents can be downloaded via our project website. You will not be charged for requests to print hard copies of documents, with the exception of those relating to the full PEIR (due to the size of this document) which will be subject to a fee. Requests for copies of consultation materials can be made via our project team.

Requests for select documents in alternative formats (e.g. large print, audio, another language or braille) will be considered and provided where required. Please contact our project team on 0800 083 1787 or by email using info@lionlink.nationalgrid.com to request any of these materials.



Project timeline



Next steps

All feedback we receive as part of this consultation will be carefully considered as we finalise our proposals and refine our designs to prepare our application for development consent.

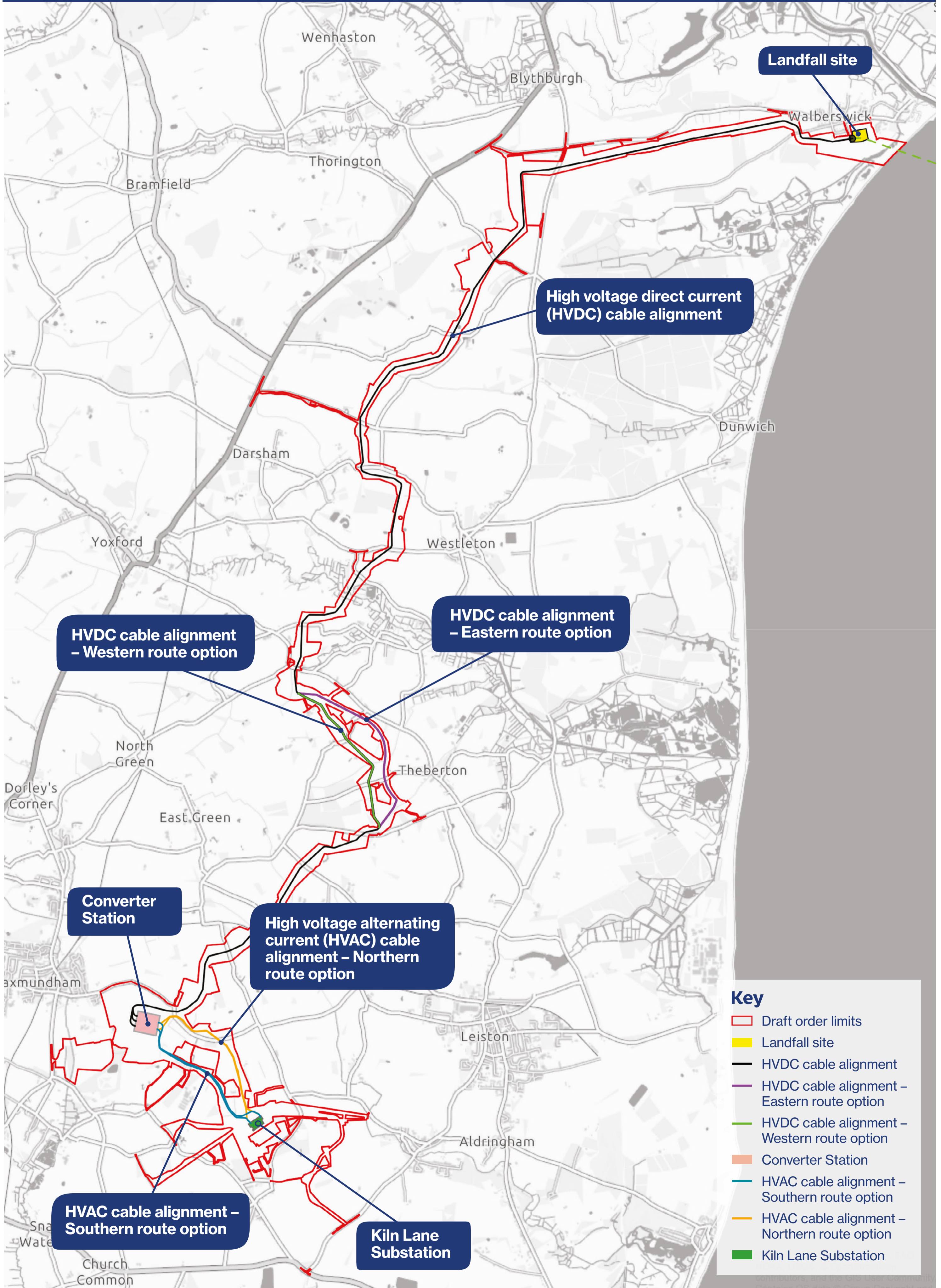
The application process

What happens when the application is submitted?

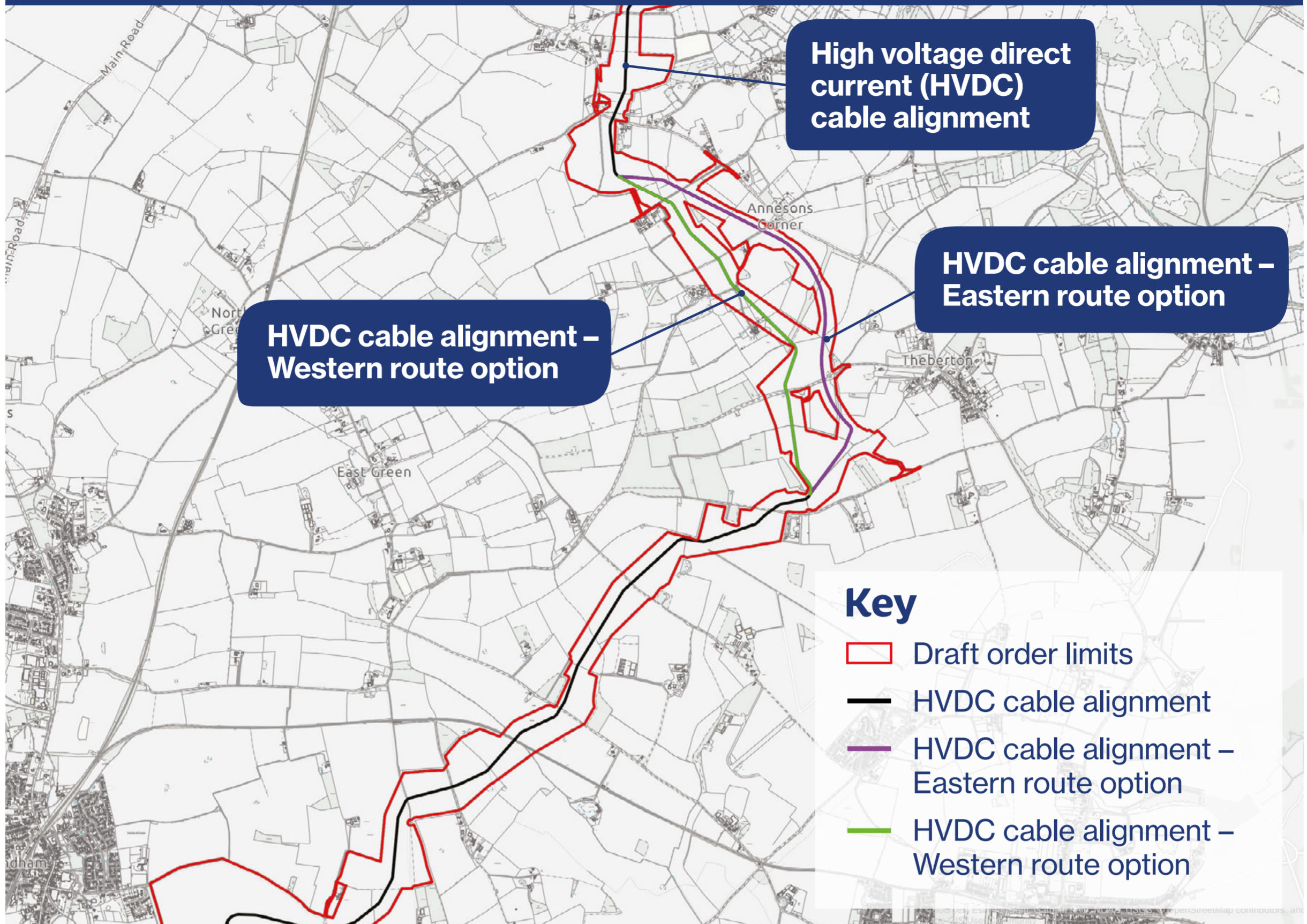
- After receiving our application, PINS has 28 days to decide if it can proceed to the examination stage.
- If the application is accepted, anyone wishing to be involved in the examination process will be able to register their interest with PINS.
- Those who register their interest will be invited to submit their views on our proposals in writing and may be asked to speak at any public hearings that are held.
- PINS will hold an examination. When this finishes it has three months to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State (SoS) about whether the application should be approved. The SoS then has a further three months to make a final decision.
- Subject to our application being approved, construction of the project would start no earlier than 2028.



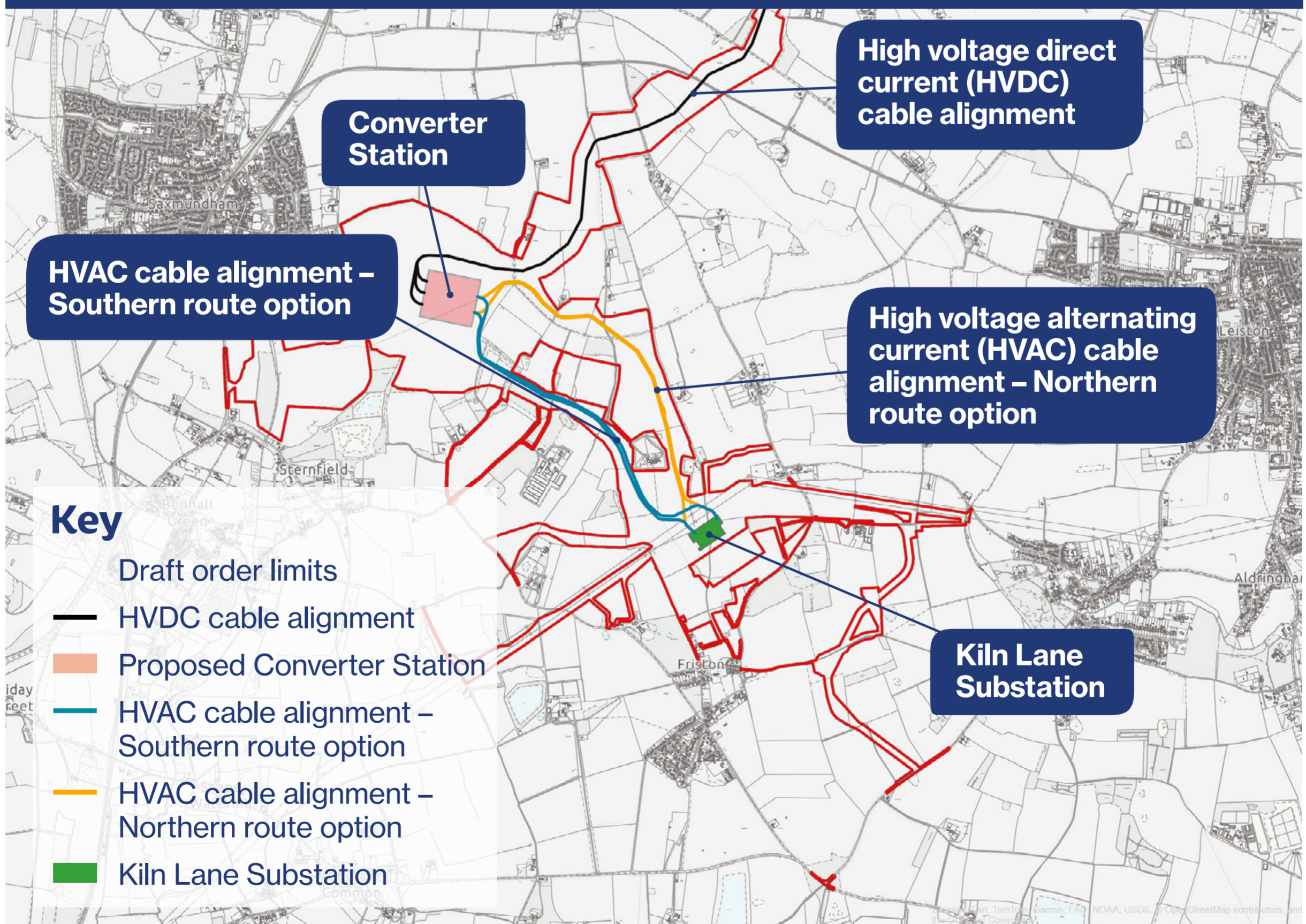
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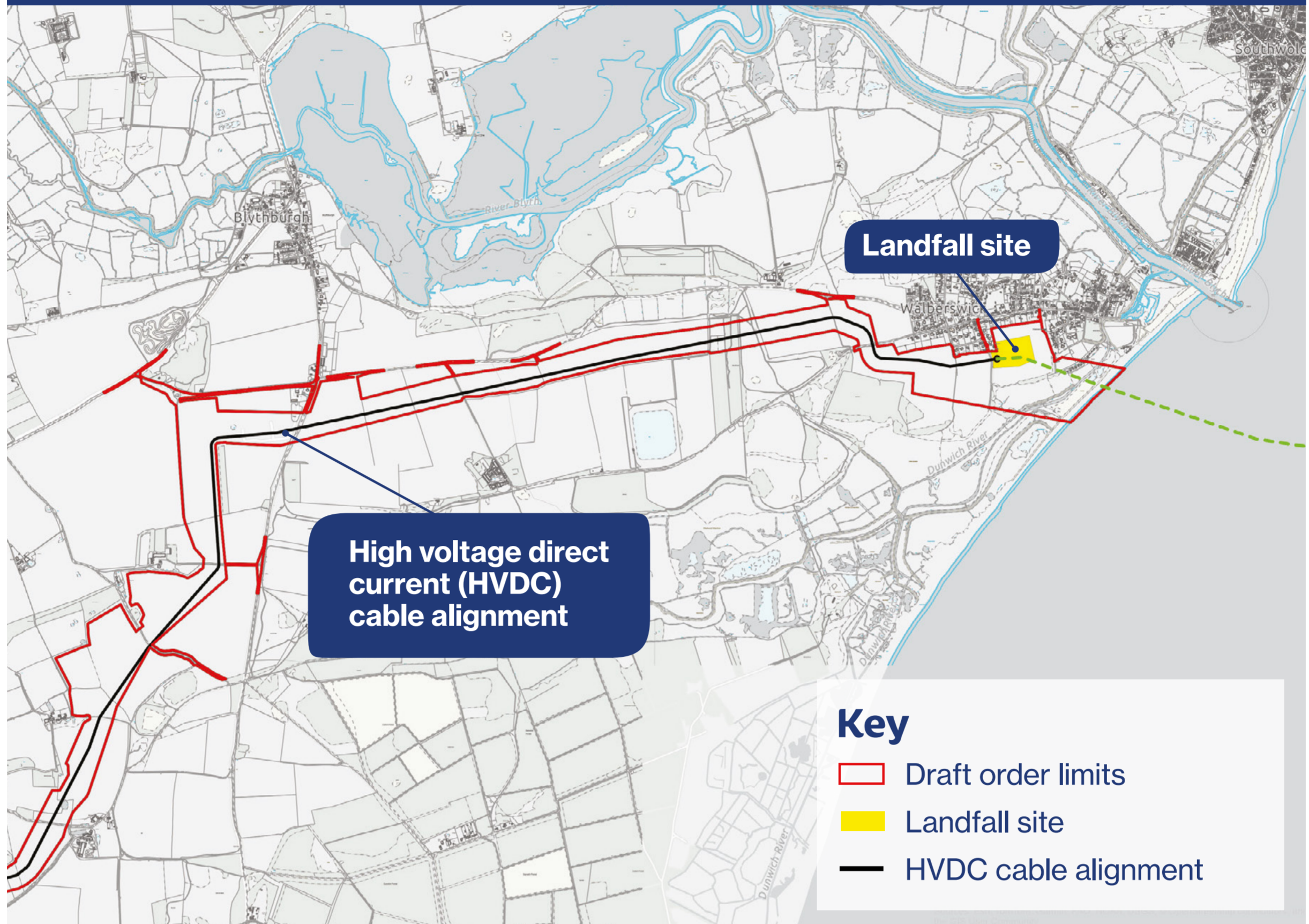
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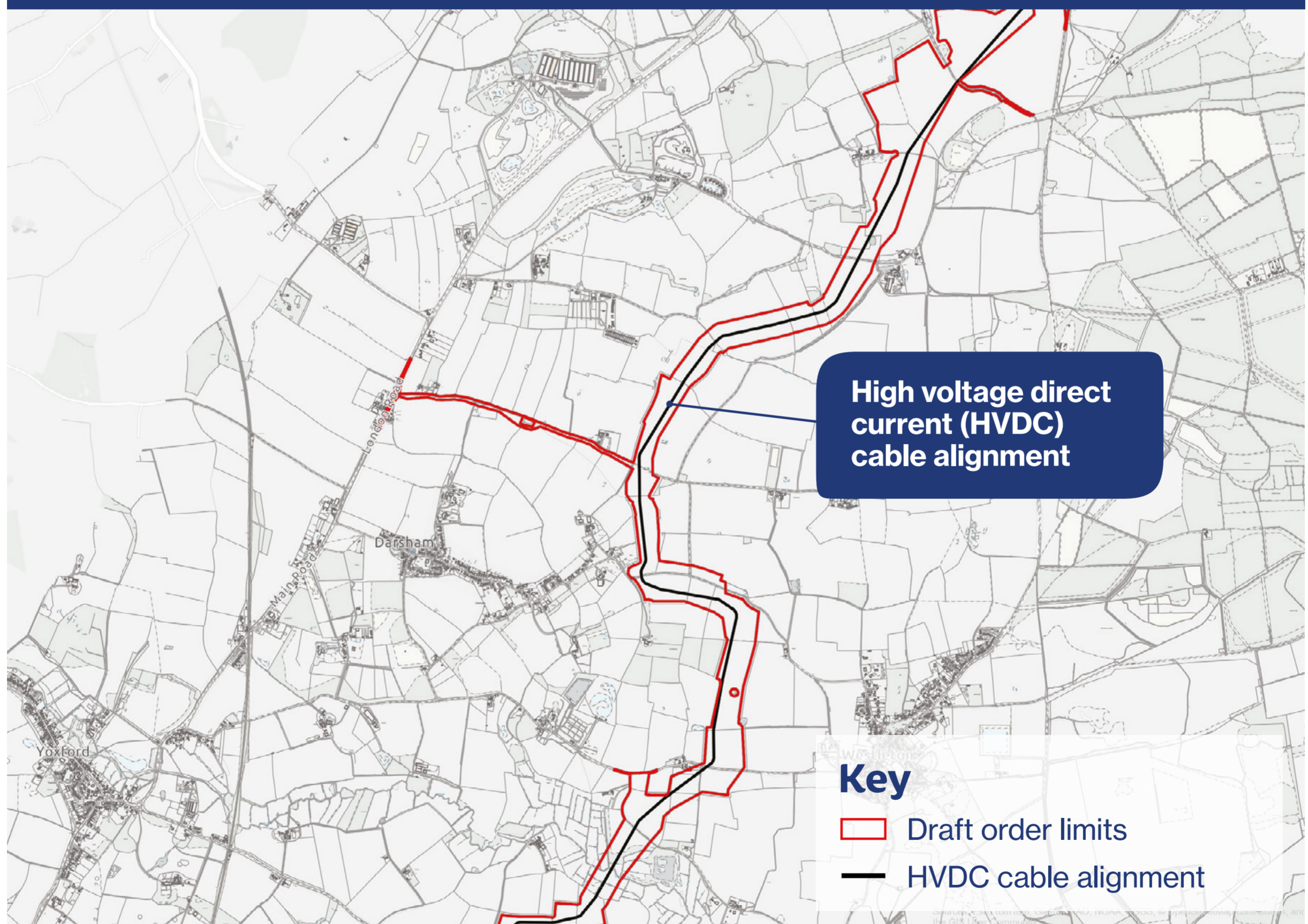
Saxmundham to Friston



Walberswick to Hinton



Hinton to Theberton





**For more information on
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