



About National Grid Electricity Transmission

National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) sits at the heart of our energy system, connecting millions of people and businesses to the energy they use every day.

We own, maintain and develop the high-voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales. We're responsible for making sure electricity is transported safely, reliably and efficiently from where it's produced to where it's needed.

Within the National Grid Group there are four distinctly separate legal entities, each with their individual responsibilities. It is National Grid Electricity Transmission that is developing plans for the new substation at Woolavington.

Our new substation

Following a request from Agratas for a connection to the UK electricity transmission network, National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) is proposing to build a new substation near Woolavington.

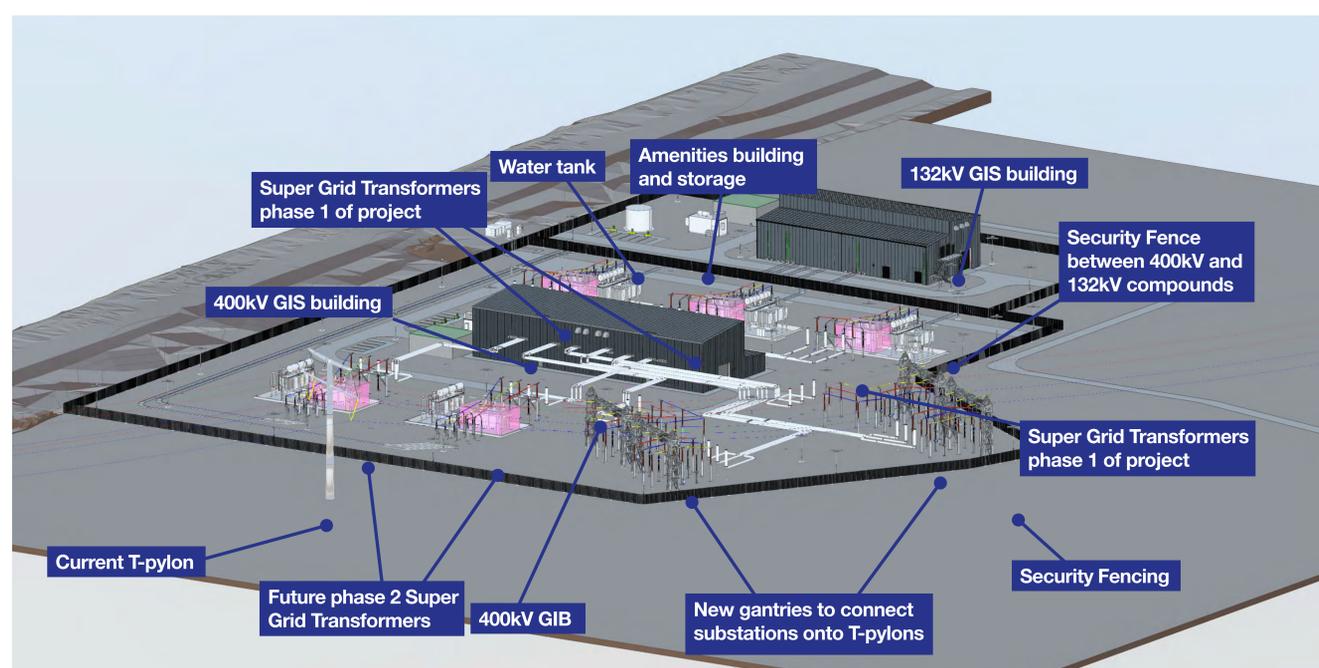
The proposed 132kV/400kV substation will connect the new battery manufacturing facility to the UK's high-voltage electricity transmission network, providing a reliable electricity supply to power the facility. It will also provide a point of connection to other users in the area.

Our proposed substation will be located on the south-eastern side of the Gravity Smart Campus.

Construction of the substation will take approximately two years. An up-to-date project timeline can be found on our website.



Map of the proposed substation location and temporary construction compound



Initial indicative design of the proposed substation



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Working in your community

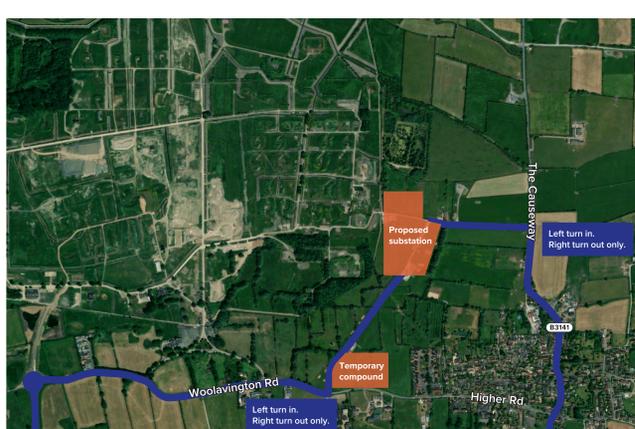
At National Grid, we're committed to carrying out works with minimal impact on the local community.

Traffic movements

We have a Construction Traffic Management Plan in place designed to reduce impact on residents and the local road network. This will be agreed with Somerset Council as the local highway authority.

We may need to implement some traffic management measures on local roads to facilitate our works, which we will communicate to residents in advance. We will have appropriate mitigation measures in place to minimise any local disruption.

During our main substation construction works, our primary access route for construction traffic will be via Enterprise Way, then Woolavington Road, with vehicles turning left into the site. Vehicles will avoid Woolavington, with access through the village only required should access via Enterprise Way or the Gravity site be restricted. We will share this with residents in advance to minimise disruption.



Proposed construction traffic routes

Noise



We appreciate that some of our activities can be noisy. The noisiest part of our construction work will be when we need to dig some deep concrete foundations, known as pile foundations. This piling work is planned to take place in a small area towards the north of the site. We have agreed on mitigation with the local authority to minimise any potential impacts. We will write to local residents in advance of the works starting.

Working hours



Our working hours will be between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday (with construction activities commencing from 8am). It may also be necessary for our teams to carry out weekend working or work extended hours, for example, for deliveries of equipment to the site or to carry out specific activities. We have agreed working hours and mitigation with Somerset Council to minimise any impact to the local community.

Keeping in touch



We are committed to keeping the local community informed about our works, so that you are aware of our plans and proposed activities, what to expect and when.

We have a dedicated website, project email address and phone line, which is staffed Monday to Friday 9am-5:30pm (an answering service is in place outside of these times). Our team is also on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have.



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Investing in communities



Communities that host new energy infrastructure play a vital role in the transition to cleaner, more affordable, homegrown sources of energy. New government guidance sets out a clear framework for the benefits we can share with communities who host our infrastructure.

Community benefit funding

The types of new electricity infrastructure projects eligible for funding include new substations, converter substations and overhead lines. In addition, some upgrades to existing infrastructure are included.

Under the guidance, if our proposal for Woolavington substation is granted planning permission, it will be eligible for £530,000 of community funding. This funding will be made available to invest in projects that benefit local people.

We will work with residents, charities, community groups and elected representatives to understand your priorities and how the funding can best support lasting, positive social, environmental or economic impact.



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