

# Community Benefit Survey

March 2026

**National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) is consulting on proposals for Chesterfield to Willington, a new high-voltage electricity transmission line and associated works in Derbyshire between a new substation at Chesterfield and the existing Willington Substation. More information on our proposals can be found on our Project website - [nationalgrid.com/chesterfieldtowillington](https://nationalgrid.com/chesterfieldtowillington).**

Communities should benefit from hosting new electricity transmission infrastructure. To help us deliver community benefit programmes that work for your area, we are keen to hear your views. We want to understand what is important to you and where funds could deliver long-lasting benefits, including through community grant schemes and investment in community groups or via strategic partnerships.

The way we deliver community benefit funding is informed by government guidance<sup>1</sup> published in March 2025. This sets out the types of infrastructure projects that should deliver community benefit funds, and the level of funding that should be made available. This is based on:

- £530,000 for new substations, converter stations and switching stations
- £200,000 per kilometre of new overhead line\*.

The responses to this survey will help us understand the priorities of the local community. It will form part of a series of engagement with communities and stakeholders as we develop our plans for community benefit associated with Chesterfield to Willington.

This form is specifically intended to understand views on community benefits. Please do not use this form to provide feedback on Chesterfield to Willington or any other National Grid project proposals.

We are not seeking views on the government's emerging proposals for energy bill discounts. The legislation that government is proposing to introduce energy bill discounts is not yet in place. This consultation is therefore only focussing on community funds in line with the current guidance.

To learn more about our proposals for Chesterfield to Willington, visit our website [nationalgrid.com/chesterfieldtowillington](https://nationalgrid.com/chesterfieldtowillington) or scan the QR code.



Complete this survey on our Project website, or return your completed paper copy at no cost to **FREEPOST NATIONAL GRID PROJECTS (JBP)** or email it to [chesterfield-willington@nationalgrid.com](mailto:chesterfield-willington@nationalgrid.com)

<sup>1</sup> <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67cef18c54faabbad9f16090/community-funds-for-transmission-infrastructure.pdf>

\* This includes changes to some existing network infrastructure, such as upgrading existing overhead power cables and extensions to existing substations as defined within the government guidance.

**We want to understand what is important to you, to help us deliver genuine long-lasting benefits in the areas hosting the Chesterfield to Willington project.**

**Please do not use this form to provide feedback on our proposals for Chesterfield to Willington.**

**Q1. These are some of the areas we believe could be supported through community benefit funds in your community. Which of these are important to you?**

- Delivering environmental enhancements
- Supporting employment, education and skills development
- Promoting health and wellbeing in the community
- Investing in community infrastructure and facilities
- Alleviating fuel poverty and enhancing energy efficiency
- Supporting communities to decarbonise
- Anything else - please include in the box below

Please provide further details here if required:

**Q2. Do you have any views on the types of projects or programmes that would be most beneficial to your community?**

**Q3. Do you have any other ideas about community benefits that you want to share with us?**

## About you

We would be grateful if you could answer the following, optional, demographic questions. We will use the information we receive to help understand whether our consultation has been useful to people of different backgrounds and requirements, and only in accordance with our Data Privacy Statement, as set out later in this form.

We may publish a summary of the results, but no information about an individual would be revealed. The answers you provide to some of these questions are defined as 'special category data'. If you agree to provide 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 [chesterfield-willington@nationalgrid.com](mailto:chesterfield-willington@nationalgrid.com).

### Q4. How would you describe your interest in Chesterfield to Willington?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local resident                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular visitor to the area                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local representative (i.e. Councillor, MP)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Local interest group member (please specify below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially affected landowner or tenant/occupier | <input type="checkbox"/> Local charity or not-for-profit organisation       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local business owner                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |

Please provide further details here if required:

### Q5. What is your gender?

- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male   | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

### Q6. Do you consider yourself to be a person with a disability?

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|------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No  |  |

### Q7. How would you describe your ethnic background?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British                | <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irish  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy or Irish Traveller   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other White background (please state below)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background (please state below)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black Caribbean  | <input type="checkbox"/> Black African   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African  | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Caribbean   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian  | <input type="checkbox"/> Black British   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background (please state below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Black/African/Caribbean background (please state below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British  | <input type="checkbox"/> Arab  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian   | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic group (please state below)                       |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say   |

If other, please state here:

**Q8. What is your age?**

- Under 16
- 16-24
- 25-34
- 35-44

- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+
- Prefer not to say

**Data privacy statement**

We will use your personal data collected via this consultation for a number of purposes, including:

- to analyse your responses
- to keep up-to-date records of our communications with individuals and organisations.

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

- National Grid
- our legal advisers
- consultants working on behalf of National Grid.

**Next steps**

We will take account of responses to this survey, and continue to engage with the community and stakeholders to develop a plan tailored to meet the needs of the community.

We will be clear about how community involvement has shaped the development of the plan.

The community benefit programme will be delivered once the project receives all necessary approvals and construction begins.

**Contact us**

Please get in touch if you have any questions:

- call us: **0800 073 1047** lines are open Monday to Friday 9am–5:30pm, with an answerphone facility taking messages outside of these hours
- email us:  
**chesterfield-willington@nationalgrid.com**
- write to us: **FREEPOST NATIONAL GRID PROJECTS (JBP)** no stamp or further address details are required.

