

The Great Grid Upgrade

Chesterfield to Willington

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Stage 2 consultation community newsletter

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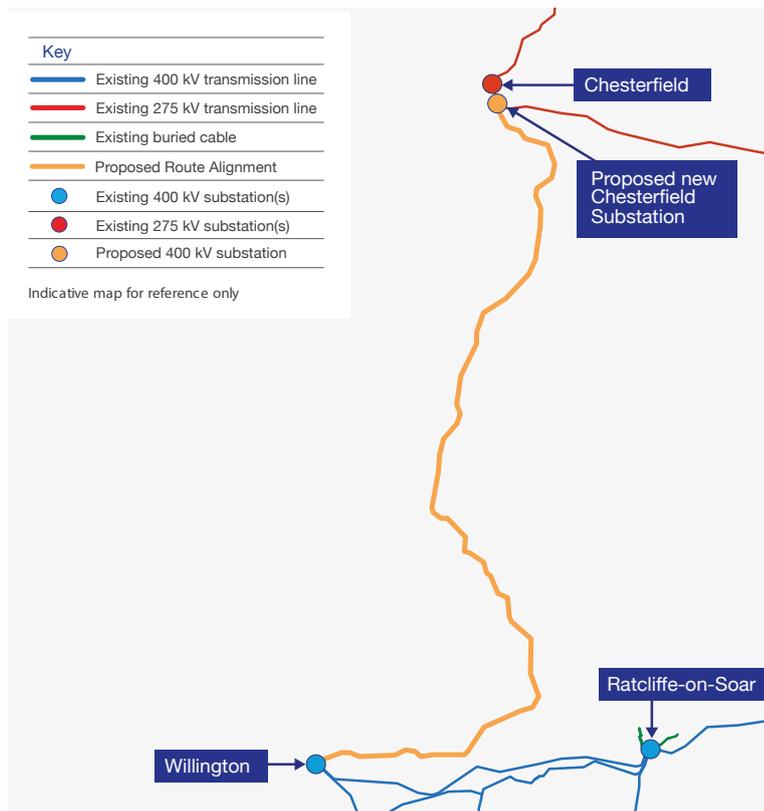
National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) would like to hear your views about our updated proposals for Chesterfield to Willington, a new high-voltage electricity transmission line with associated works in Derbyshire. The overhead line will connect a new substation at Chesterfield to the existing Willington Substation.

Chesterfield to Willington is part of The Great Grid Upgrade, the largest upgrade of the network in England and Wales in generations. It is needed as electricity demand is set to double by 2050 as the way we power our homes, businesses, industry and transport changes.

By boosting the capacity of the East Midlands network, Chesterfield to Willington will help transport electricity to around two million homes in the Midlands and beyond.

We are now seeking comments on our updated proposals, which have changed since our first consultation in spring/summer 2024. The feedback received at that time, as well as further technical and environmental assessments, have helped to shape our updated proposals.

This newsletter includes a summary and map of our proposals, details for how you can get involved in the consultation, and where you can find more information.



Indicative location of Project proposals

Take part in the public consultation

This Stage 2 consultation will run for eight weeks, from **12pm Tuesday 3 March 2026 to 11:59pm Tuesday 28 April 2026** and we encourage you to share your views on our updated proposals.

If you would like to understand how feedback from our first consultation in 2024 has helped shape our proposals, please see the **Stage 1 Consultation Feedback Report** on the Project website nationalgrid.com/chesterfieldtowillington.

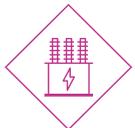
Our proposals

Chesterfield to Willington would play an important role in transporting more secure, cleaner, home-grown energy from more affordable sources – generated off the coast of Britain – to the East Midlands and beyond. We are now seeking your feedback on our detailed proposals.

Our proposals for Chesterfield to Willington include:



a new 400 kV overhead line, approximately 60 kilometres (km) in length between a new substation in the Chesterfield area and the existing Willington Substation;



a new 400 kV substation at Chesterfield, to be built in the vicinity of the existing 275 kV Chesterfield Substation and the existing 132 kV National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED) substation to the south east of Chesterfield (referred to as the 'new Chesterfield Substation');*



replacement of short sections of existing overhead line and local changes to the lower voltage distribution network to facilitate the construction of the Project; and



other works needed for construction, such as temporary access roads, highway improvements, construction work compounds, ancillary works, utility diversions and drainage. Land would also be required for environmental mitigation and enhancement, which would deliver an overall Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), an approach to development that leaves habitats in a better state than before.

*The new Chesterfield Substation is expected to be delivered by NGET's Chesterfield to High Marnham project. However, there is a possibility that it could be included in this Project's DCO application.

We welcome your feedback on all aspects of our proposals.

Supporting local communities

We believe communities which host new electricity infrastructure should benefit from doing so. Millions of pounds will be available to benefit local communities and the wider area from projects such as this. Across the region, we will build partnerships and invest in skills and employment opportunities, and we are interested in your views on how this funding should be spent.



Our consultation

Our Stage 2 consultation will run for eight weeks from 12pm on Tuesday 3 March 2026 to 11:59pm Tuesday 28 April 2026. This consultation is open to anyone interested in our proposals.

You can respond to our consultation in several ways:



Online feedback form:

Available on our website at nationalgrid.com/chesterfieldtowillington or by scanning the QR code



Letter:

You can write to us at **FREEPOST NATIONAL GRID PROJECTS (JBP)** no stamp or further address required



Email:

You can send feedback via email to chesterfield-willington@nationalgrid.com



Paper feedback form:

You can pick up a paper feedback form from any of the public information events or local information points. Alternatively, contact us to be sent a form in the post. You can also download and print a copy of our feedback form from our website and return it using the Freepost address opposite.

Important: To avoid any misinterpretation and ensure we have an accurate record of what we have received, we typically only accept written feedback via the methods set out above. If for any reason someone is unable to provide written feedback, we may be able to take feedback over the phone. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Call us on **0800 073 1047**, or email chesterfield-willington@nationalgrid.com, if you need any assistance in providing feedback.

Your comments must be received by 11:59pm on Tuesday 28 April 2026.

The DCO process

Chesterfield to Willington is a project of national significance. This type of project requires a special type of planning permission to be built, known as a Development Consent Order (DCO).

Hearing your views is important to us. Your feedback – along with the outcome of technical assessments and environmental surveys – helps us to develop our proposals before we submit our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate.

The Planning Inspectorate will examine our proposals and make a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State, who will make the final decision on whether to grant consent.

How to find out more

We encourage you to provide feedback after reviewing our consultation materials, including our Stage 2 Consultation Document, which explains our proposals in more detail.

Technical information which explains the potential effects of our proposals on the environment, along with the measures we would take to mitigate against any impacts, can be found in the **Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)**.

All documents can be found on the Project website, and key documents are available to view or collect at local information points, at our events or on request. **If you require documents in a different format or language, please contact us.**

You can find out more information by:



Attending a public information event:

Come along to one of our nine face-to-face public exhibitions at locations across the route



Joining an online webinar:

Register on the Project website or contact us for more information



Visiting our website:

All the latest consultation materials can be found at nationalgrid.com/chesterfieldtowillington



Requesting or picking up printed materials at events or information points:

Many are available for free, however some technical documents may be subject to a printing charge



Getting in touch with us:

By telephone at **0800 073 1047** (Monday to Friday, 9am–5:30pm)
or by email at chesterfield-willington@nationalgrid.com



Public information events

We are holding nine in-person public information events, which will include information about our proposals and printed copies of maps and technical documents.

Members of the Project team will be available to answer your questions. There is no need to register; you can turn up at any time on the day.

Area	Date	Time	Location
North Wingfield North East Derbyshire	Thursday 19 March	2pm–7pm	North Wingfield Community Resource Centre Whiteleas Avenue, North Wingfield, Chesterfield S42 5PW
Ripley Amber Valley	Friday 20 March	2pm–7pm	Greenwich Community Sports Hub Nottingham Road, Ripley DE5 3AY
Willington South Derbyshire	Saturday 21 March	10am–4pm	Willington Village Hall Twyford Road, Willington DE65 6DE
Ockbrook and Borrowash Erewash	Wednesday 25 March	2pm–7pm	Ashbrook Community Centre Harrington Avenue, Borrowash DE72 3JE
Weston-on-Trent South Derbyshire	Thursday 26 March	1pm–6pm	Weston-on-Trent Village Hall 47 Main Street, Weston-on-Trent DE72 2BL
Calow North East Derbyshire	Friday 27 March	12:30pm–5:30pm	Calow Community Centre Allpits Road, Calow, Chesterfield S44 5AT
Stanley and West Hallam Erewash	Thursday 16 April	12pm–5pm	Stanley Village Hall Park Avenue, Stanley, Ilkeston DE7 6FF
Shirland and Higham Amber Valley	Friday 17 April	2pm–7pm	Shirland Village Hall Main Road, Shirland, Alfreton DE55 6BB
Kilburn Amber Valley	Saturday 18 April	10am–4pm	Kilburn Junior School The Flat, Kilburn, Belper DE56 0LA

Online webinars

We are hosting eight online webinars via Microsoft Teams where we will present our proposals and hold open question and answer sessions.

Two of these webinars will offer a general overview of the Project, while the other six will focus on specific Route Sections. You can attend the webinar(s) most relevant to you.

These sessions offer an opportunity for those who do not wish to attend or cannot travel to our in-person events to get involved in the consultation.

A recording of the first general overview webinar will be made available on our website after it has taken place.

Webinar topic	Date	Time
General overview of the proposals	Tuesday 10 March	6pm–7pm
Route Section 1: Chesterfield to Tibshelf	Thursday 12 March	6pm–7pm
Route Section 2: Tibshelf to Ripley	Monday 16 March	6pm–7pm
Route Section 3: Ripley to Morley	Tuesday 17 March	6pm–7pm
Route Section 4: Morley to Ockbrook	Monday 13 April	6pm–7pm
Route Section 5: Ockbrook to Aston-on-Trent	Tuesday 14 April	6pm–7pm
Route Section 6: Aston-on-Trent to Willington	Tuesday 21 April	6pm–7pm
General overview of the proposals	Thursday 23 April	6pm–7pm



For more information on how to register to attend a webinar, please visit our website, call us on **0800 073 1047**, or email us at **chesterfield-willington@nationalgrid.com**.

Local information points

Information about Chesterfield to Willington is available to view and collect from the locations listed below from 3 March 2026 for the duration of the consultation.

Printed copies of the consultation newsletter, feedback form and USB sticks containing the PEIR are available to view or take away at information points or can be posted to you free of charge on request. Reference-only copies of the **Stage 2 Consultation Document, Statement of Community Consultation, Strategic Options Report Update, Design Development Report** and **Non-technical Summary of the PEIR** are also available to view at these locations.

All consultation materials are published on our Project website: nationalgrid.com/chesterfieldtowillington

Public information points	Opening times*
Chesterfield	
Chesterfield Library New Beetwell Street, Chesterfield S40 1QN	Monday - Wednesday, Friday: 9am-5pm Thursday: 9am-6pm Saturday: 9am-3pm Sunday: closed
Chesterfield Town Hall Rose Hill, Chesterfield S40 1LP	Monday - Friday: 9am-5pm Saturday and Sunday: closed
North East Derbyshire	
Clay Cross Library Kenning Park, Holmgate Road, Clay Cross S45 9PH	Monday: 9:30am-1pm, 2pm-6pm Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30am-1pm, 2pm-5pm Friday: 9:30am-1pm Saturday: 9:30am-12:30pm Wednesday and Sunday: closed
Holmewood Library Heath Road, Holmewood S42 5RB	Monday: 9:30am-1pm Thursday: 9:30am-1pm, 2pm-5pm Friday: 2pm-5pm Saturday: 9:30am-12:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday: closed
Bolsover	
South Normanton Library The Hub, Shiners Way, South Normanton DE55 2AA	Monday: 9:30am-1pm Tuesday: 9:30am-1pm, 2pm-6pm Thursday and Friday: 9:30am-1pm, 2pm-5pm Saturday: 9:30am-12:30pm Wednesday and Sunday: closed
Bolsover Library Church Street, Bolsover S44 6HB	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am-5pm Wednesday: 9:30am-6pm Saturday: 9:30am-2pm Sunday: closed
Old Bolsover Town Hall Cotton Street, Bolsover S44 6HA	Monday - Friday: 9am-1pm Saturday - Sunday: closed
Amber Valley	
Ripley Library Grosvenor Road, Ripley DE5 3JE	Monday: 9:30am-6pm Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am-5pm Saturday: 9:30am-2pm Sunday: closed
Alfreton Library Severn Square, Alfreton DE55 7BQ	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:30am-5pm Wednesday: 9:30am-6pm Saturday: 9:30am-2pm Sunday: closed
Belper Library Derwent Street, Belper DE56 1UQ	Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9:30am-5pm Tuesday: 9:30am-6pm Saturday: 9:30am-2pm Sunday: closed
Heanor Library Ilkeston Road, Heanor DE75 7DX	Monday - Wednesday and Friday: 9:30am-5pm Thursday: 9:30am-6pm Saturday: 9:30am-2pm Sunday: closed
Ripley Town Hall Market Place, Ripley DE5 3BT	Monday - Friday: 10am-3pm Saturday and Sunday: closed

Public information points	Opening times*
Erewash	
Ilkeston Library Market Place, Ilkeston DE7 5RN	Monday, Wednesday - Friday: 9:30am-5pm Tuesday: 9:30am-6pm Saturday: 9:30am-2pm Sunday: closed
Ilkeston Town Hall Wharncliffe Road, Ilkeston DE7 5RP	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10am-12pm Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday: closed
Borrowash Library Victoria Avenue, Borrowash DE72 3HE	Monday, Friday: 9:30am-1pm, 2pm-5pm Tuesday: 9:30am-1pm Wednesday: 9:30am-1pm, 2pm-6pm Saturday: 9:30am-12:30pm Thursday and Sunday: closed
Long Eaton Library Tamworth Road, Long Eaton NG10 1JG	Monday - Thursday: 9:30am-5pm Friday: 9:30am-6pm Saturday: 9:30am-2pm Sunday: closed
Long Eaton Town Hall Derby Road, Long Eaton NG10 1HU	Monday - Wednesday and Friday: 10am-12pm Thursday, Saturday and Sunday: closed
City of Derby	
Alvaston Library 1252-1254 London Road, Alvaston, Derby DE24 8QP	Monday: 1pm-5pm Tuesday, Friday: 9:30am-5pm Thursday: 9:30am-7pm Saturday: 9:30am-1pm Wednesday and Sunday: closed
Riverside Library Council House, Corporation Street, Derby DE1 2FS	Monday - Friday: 9am-5pm Saturday: 9am-1pm Sunday: closed
Chellaston Library Barley Croft, Chellaston, Derby DE73 6TU	Tuesday, Thursday: 10am-4:30pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Sunday: closed
South Derbyshire	
Melbourne Library Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne DE73 8GF	Monday and Friday: 2pm-5pm Wednesday: 9:30am-1pm, 2pm-5pm Saturday: 9:30am-1pm Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday: closed
Swadlincote Library Civic Way, Swadlincote DE11 0AD	Monday - Wednesday and Friday: 9:30am-5pm Thursday: 9:30am-6pm Saturday: 9:30am-2pm Sunday: closed
Etwell Library Eggington Road, Etwell DE65 6NB	Monday and Thursday: 2pm-5pm Wednesday: 9:30am-1pm, 2pm-5pm Saturday: 9:30am-1pm Tuesday, Friday and Sunday: closed

* Please check with the relevant venue for the most up-to-date opening times.

Next steps

The feedback we receive at Stage 2 consultation will help us to further refine our proposals for Chesterfield to Willington before we submit an application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate.

All feedback received as part of this consultation will be carefully considered, alongside ongoing technical and environmental assessments.

The next steps after Stage 2 consultation are:

- 1. Engagement:** We will continue discussions with landowners, local elected representatives, local authorities, and other stakeholders.
- 2. Technical work:** Further technical studies and surveys will be carried out in the Project area.
- 3. Updates:** Regular updates will be provided on the Project website, nationalgrid.com/chesterfieldtowillington, and by email to those who have registered to be kept informed.
- 4. Refining our plans:** We will further refine our proposals based on feedback and findings from technical studies.
- 5. DCO application:** We will prepare our application for a DCO, which will include a **Consultation Report** detailing how we have taken account of feedback.

The Planning Inspectorate will examine our proposals and make a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State, who will make the final decision on whether to grant consent.

If approved, we expect to start construction in 2029, with Chesterfield to Willington becoming operational by 2031.

Indicative Project timeline



May – September 2024
Stage 1 consultation



March – April 2026
Stage 2 consultation



2027
Development Consent Order application submission



2027 – 2028
Examination and decision



2029
Construction starts



2031
Fully operational

Contact us

Please get in touch if you have any questions about our proposals for Chesterfield to Willington.



Call us: 0800 073 1047

lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am–5:30pm, with an answerphone service taking messages outside these times



Email us:

chesterfield-willington@nationalgrid.com



Write to us:

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no stamp or further address details are required

This is the Stage 2 Proposed Route Alignment for Chesterfield to Willington.

The Proposed Route Alignment for our Stage 2 consultation has been split into six Route Sections to make it easier to view and give feedback about areas of particular interest.

More information on our proposals, including the sections shown on the map, can be found on the website in our Stage 2 Consultation Document, detailed maps, and route fly-through videos at nationalgrid.com/chesterfieldtowillington.

What are draft Order limits?

The red line on the map shows the draft Order limits. These are the proposed boundaries within which all elements of the Project – including construction, operation and associated works – may take place.

Some sections appear on roads away from the main draft Order limits. These are to facilitate temporary access for construction activities.

