

Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire

Community benefit survey

June 2025

National Grid Electricity Transmission (National Grid) is consulting on proposals to build approximately 60 kilometres (km) of new 400,000 volt (400 kV) electricity transmission line between Weston Marsh and East Leicestershire, two new substations, and the upgrade (reconductoring) of approximately 55 km of existing overhead transmission line.

More information on our proposals for Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire can be found on our project website – nationalgrid.com/wmel.

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 community benefit funds could deliver long-lasting benefits, including through community grant schemes and investment in community groups or via regional partnerships.

The way we deliver community benefit funding is informed by government guidance¹ 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 Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire.

This form is specifically intended to understand views on community benefits. Please do not use this form to provide feedback on Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire 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.

If you would prefer to complete this survey on-line, please scan the QR code or visit our project website – nationalgrid.com/wmel.



¹ [Community Funds for Transmission Infrastructure: Guidance](#)

* 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 Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire project.

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?

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|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Delivering environmental enhancements | <input type="checkbox"/> | Alleviating fuel poverty and enhancing energy efficiency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Supporting employment, education and skills development | <input type="checkbox"/> | Supporting communities to decarbonise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Promoting health and wellbeing in the community | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify in the text below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Investing in community infrastructure and facilities | | |

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?

Please do not use this form to provide feedback on our proposals for Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire.

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 consent, please contact us via email at ContactWMEL@nationalgrid.com.

Q4. How would you describe your interest in community benefits associated with Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire?

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|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Local resident | <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular visitor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Local representative (e.g. Councillor, MP) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Local interest group member
(please specify in the text box below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Landowner or tenant/occupier within the preferred corridor | <input type="checkbox"/> | Statutory organisation
(please specify in the text box below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Local business owner | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other
(please specify in the text box below) |

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 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?

Asian or Asian British

- Indian
 - Pakistani
 - Bangladeshi
 - Chinese
 - Any other Asian background (please state)
-

Black, Black British, Caribbean or African

- Caribbean
 - African
 - Any other Black, Black British, or Caribbean background (please state)
-

Other ethnic group

- Arab
 - Any other ethnic group (please state)
-

Mixed or multiple ethnic groups

- White and Black Caribbean
 - White and Black African
 - White and Asian
 - Any other Mixed or multiple ethnic background (please state)
-

White

- Scottish, English, Welsh, Northern Irish or British
 - Irish
 - Gypsy or Irish Traveller
 - Roma
 - Any other White background (please state)
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Prefer not to say

Q8. What is your age?

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 | |

Data privacy statement

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

- to analyse your responses
- to write to you with updates about the development of our community benefit plans (if you do not wish to be contacted, you can submit the form anonymously by clicking the box at the top of the final page)
- 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.

Contact us

Please get in touch if you have any questions:



Call us:
0800 138 9191
(lines are open 9am–5:30pm)



Email us:
ContactWMEL@nationalgrid.com



Write to us: **FREEPOST WM TO EL**
(no stamp or further address details are required)

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(lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am–5:30pm).
Please note, we do not accept feedback over the phone.
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