

## The Great Grid Upgrade

Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3) and  
Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 4)

# Targeted Consultation Strategy

April 2026

A green tractor is shown working in a field, likely plowing or tilling the soil. The field is brown and appears to be recently tilled. In the background, there are several trees and a clear blue sky. The overall scene is a rural, agricultural landscape.

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## Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3) and Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 4) are two proposed primarily marine high voltage electricity links, with associated onshore infrastructure, between Scotland and England.

Consultation is an important part of how we develop our proposals for EGL 3 and EGL 4. We understand that these Projects have impacts and benefits both locally and nationally. The consultation feedback we receive helps to minimise the impacts and maximise the benefits of the Projects for local communities.

We have held two stages of consultation on the EGL 3 and EGL 4 Projects. Stage 1 (non-statutory) consultation was held between 23 April and 14 June 2024, with Stage 2 (statutory) consultation held between 13 May and 23 June 2025. Our Stage 2 consultation included updated proposals informed by feedback received at Stage 1 consultation.

We set out how we intended to consult the community, as part of our Stage 2 consultation, in a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) published in May 2025. We carried out the Stage 2 consultation in accordance with that SoCC.

Further details of how we carried out these consultations and the proposals we presented at each stage can be found on the *Document library* section of our website: [nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4](https://nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4).

Following the close of the Stage 2 consultation in June 2025, we reviewed and considered all feedback received in order to refine our proposals. We have also continued to carry out further assessments and survey work.

Along with consultation feedback, the information gathered as part of this work has informed the development of EGL 3 and EGL 4. We are now proposing further changes to the Projects. This includes additional land needed for construction activities, works associated with the main proposals and to deliver environmental mitigation measures.

This strategy applies to Section 1 to Section 6 of the EGL 3 and EGL 4 Projects. It also covers Section 7 of EGL 3 and EGL 4 Projects and Route Section 7 of the Grimsby to Walpole Project. Please visit the Grimsby to Walpole website for more information: [nationalgrid.com/grimsby-to-walpole](https://nationalgrid.com/grimsby-to-walpole).

To gather your views on the proposed changes, we are holding a targeted consultation. This will give stakeholders and people with an interest in the relevant land an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes.

### Development consent order (DCO)

EGL 3 and EGL 4 are projects of national significance. These types of projects require a special type of planning permission in order to be built, known as a development consent order (DCO).

Consultation is an important part of the DCO process. Feedback from consultation helps us to develop our proposals before we submit our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate.

The Planning Inspectorate will then examine our application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero who will decide whether to grant consent for the building and operation of EGL 3 and EGL 4.

## Our targeted consultation approach

The changes we are presenting would not fundamentally change our proposals from what was shared at our Stage 2 consultation.

We are therefore taking forward a targeted consultation approach, which is in line with guidance (Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, paragraph 020) issued in April 2024 by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (now Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government):

*“In understanding whether there has been a material and substantial change, applicants should take into account the following guiding factors:*

- *the degree of change as compared to the proposals previously consulted upon as a whole;*
- *the number of materially worse environmental effects as compared to what has been the subject of previous consultations; and*
- *the level of public interest, and the likelihood that such interest would merit further consideration in the context of that change.”*

*“For any material change to a part of the proposed application where the project as a whole is not fundamentally changed, for example in the case of linear aspects where new information leads to a new alignment for a particular section of the proposal, a bespoke and targeted approach to further consultation can be adopted, which can address the specific consultation obligations arising proportionately.”*

*“Targeted consultation can be statutory or non-statutory or a combination of the two depending on whether new persons needing to be consulted under section 42 of the Planning Act have been identified, but such targeted consultation will not require the production of Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) provided proportionate and appropriate information on environmental implications of any changes, where necessary, is provided.”*

This Targeted Consultation Strategy sets out how we will undertake this consultation so far as is relevant, practicable and proportionate in accordance with the principles and methods which are set out in the SoCC and the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 and relevant guidance. The SoCC can be found on the Projects' website: [nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4](https://nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4).

All consultation feedback received will be considered and help to shape our proposals before they are finalised.

If feedback provided in response to this consultation relates to National Grid's Grimsby to Walpole proposals in the Walpole area, we will share it with their project team for consideration. For queries about the Grimsby to Walpole Project, please contact the project team directly by emailing [contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com) or by calling **0808 258 4395**.

## About the Projects

**EGL 3 and EGL 4 are needed as the existing transmission network does not have enough capacity to securely and reliably transport the increasing amount of energy generated in Scotland and Scottish waters, particularly from offshore wind, to population centres in the Midlands and South of England.**

EGL 3 would run from Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, to Walpole, Norfolk, and EGL 4 would run from Westfield, Fife, to a common location in Walpole.

The key onshore and offshore elements of the Projects in England and English waters are:

- offshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) cables. In English waters, EGL 3's cable would be approximately 436 km long and EGL 4's would be approximately 425 km
- transition joint bays to connect our offshore and onshore HVDC cables, located onshore near to our proposed cables landfall at Anderby Creek on the Lincolnshire coastline
- underground HVDC cables running together for approximately 100 km from the joint landfall at Anderby Creek to the EGL 3 and EGL 4 converter stations in the Walpole area, West Norfolk

- two converter stations in the Walpole area, with one converter station for EGL 3 and one for EGL 4
- one substation in the Walpole area, called Walpole B, where both EGL 3 and EGL 4's Walpole converter stations would connect to and then onto the electricity transmission network (this substation is also jointly proposed as part of NGET's Grimsby to Walpole project)
- underground high voltage alternating current (HVAC) cables that would connect the converter stations into the substation
- supplementary works to the existing 400 kV overhead line to enable a connection with the new Walpole substation.

### Consent in Scotland

We are jointly developing EGL 3 with Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN Transmission) and EGL 4 with SP Energy Networks. SSEN Transmission and SP Energy Networks are responsible for obtaining consent for EGL 3 and EGL 4 in Scotland and Scottish waters.

### The Grimsby to Walpole Project

Grimsby to Walpole is a proposed 140km overhead line and substations project between Grimsby in Lincolnshire and Walpole in Norfolk. New substations will be required at Grimsby, two southwest of Mablethorpe, two at Weston Marsh and one at Walpole. More information can be found at [nationalgrid.com/g-w](https://nationalgrid.com/g-w).

The proposed Walpole B substation is a shared connection point for multiple National Grid projects, including EGL 3 and EGL 4. As a result, there is an overlap between the projects in the Walpole area, particularly in relation to land requirements and construction activities.

EGL 3 and EGL 4 along with Grimsby to Walpole are essential new reinforcements that form part of the Great Grid Upgrade. Without these upgrades, the network won't have the capacity that is needed to move electricity from where it is produced to where it is needed.

Where proposals for Grimsby to Walpole and EGL 3 and EGL 4 overlap, National Grid seeks where possible to coordinate consultation activity so that affected landowners and stakeholders can understand how the projects relate to one another and provide feedback in a proportionate and coordinated way.

Further to Grimsby to Walpole's consultations last year and in 2024, NGET is now undertaking this targeted statutory consultation jointly on behalf of EGL 3 and EGL 4 and Grimsby to Walpole regarding design refinements to seek further feedback within the overlapping area of the projects.

## What we are consulting on for EGL 3 and EGL 4

As part of this targeted consultation, we will be seeking feedback on additional land we have identified that would be needed to build EGL 3 and EGL 4. This additional land has been identified in areas along our proposed onshore route which runs from Anderby Creek in East Lindsey to Walpole in West Norfolk.

These specific areas of land were not included in the draft order limits shared at our Stage 2 consultation.

The newly identified additional land will be required to build EGL 3 and EGL 4. Works in these areas include:

- proposed utilities and work on existing electricity utilities
- highway works to accommodate construction vehicles and the delivery of large equipment
- access tracks and use of existing accesses for the construction and maintenance of the Projects
- the provision of and operation of construction compounds
- land drainage
- environmental mitigation measures.

This will be a targeted (statutory) consultation as the proposed changes affect new areas that have not been consulted on before.

## What we are consulting on jointly with Grimsby to Walpole

The newly identified additional land required to build the EGL 3 and EGL 4 Projects and Route Section 7 of the Grimsby to Walpole Project will be used for the following proposed works and activities:

- reprovision and/or diversion of utilities and work on existing electricity utilities
- environmental mitigation measures
- highway works to accommodate construction vehicles and the delivery of large equipment
- access tracks and use of existing access for the construction and maintenance of the Projects.

The changes we are presenting at this targeted consultation do not fundamentally change the Projects from what was shared at our Stage 2 consultation, as explained in more detail on page 3.

The proposed changes would not materially change the conclusions that were reported within the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) published as part of our Stage 2 consultation.



Draft order limits outline the area within which new infrastructure and temporary construction works would be located.

### Find more detail on the changes relevant to you

You can view the changes in the Section Leaflets which can be found on the website. These will provide written detail on the locations of the additional land and relevant works, as well as maps of the proposed changes.

## Who we are consulting

We are contacting and asking for feedback from parties identified pursuant to Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008, in relation to the additional land which is proposed to form part of the applications for development consent for EGL 3 and EGL 4 and Grimsby to Walpole. These include:

- **Landowners and persons with a relevant interest in land** – those who fall within the proposed changes to the EGL 3 and EGL 4 and Grimsby to Walpole draft order limits or a person who might be entitled to make a relevant compensatory claim if an order granting development consent for the Projects were to be made and implemented
- **Statutory bodies** – organisations which are prescribed by law to be consulted as part of statutory consultations, such as the Environment Agency and Historic England
- **Local Parish Councils** – within or neighbouring the proposals.

These consultees will be contacted directly and receive information most relevant to them, as well as information on how to share their feedback.

We are not consulting the wider community on these changes pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. This is because our proposals have not fundamentally changed from what was shared at Stage 2 consultation and we are requesting feedback relevant only to the additional land identified. This approach aims to be proportionate to the level of change being proposed.

## Consultation materials

Our plans for how we intend to consult as part of this targeted consultation are outlined in this document. We have also published:

- **Section Leaflets** to set out the proposed changes to our proposals across the sections of the draft Order Limits, including relevant mapping
- **Environmental Implications of Change Leaflets** to set out the proposed changes to our proposals across the sections of the draft Order Limits, including relevant mapping
- **Maps** of the proposals shared at Stage 2 consultation which also show the proposed changes
- **Interactive map** to show a higher level of detail on our proposals
- **Video presentation** where the project team will provide an overview of the proposed changes via a pre-recorded video presentation
- **Feedback form** to gather comments and feedback.

All of the consultation materials are available to view on our website: [nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4](https://nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4). Printed copies are also available free of charge on request. These can be requested by emailing [contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com](mailto:contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com) or by calling us on **0800 298 0405**.

We are committed to ensuring that the EGL 3 and EGL 4 targeted consultation is inclusive and will reach those who otherwise may not engage with our proposals or do not have access to the most traditional and conventional methods of consultation. We will consider requests for consultation materials in alternative formats on a case-by-case basis.

For further information on EGL 3 and EGL 4, visit the 2025 stage 2 consultation documents section of the *Document library* on the Projects' website. This includes the Stage 2 consultation document which provides a non-technical overview of our proposals.

**We are not planning to undertake public information events as this targeted consultation is focused on receiving feedback from specific stakeholders, including persons with an interest in the land and local Parish Councils.**



## When this targeted consultation is taking place

The targeted consultation will open on **Thursday 9 April** and ends on **Monday 11 May 2026**.

We have contacted all consultees directly, with information on how they can learn more about the changes relevant to them and how to submit feedback. We request that all feedback is shared during the targeted consultation period.

If you feel you, or your organisation, should have been contacted directly as part of this targeted consultation, but have not been, please email [contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com](mailto:contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com) or call **0800 298 0405**.

Our Lands team, Ardent, will be contacting landowners directly on our behalf. If you are a landowner and believe your property may be impacted by our proposals, and want to talk to our Lands team, please email [egl3and4@ardent-management.com](mailto:egl3and4@ardent-management.com) or call **0203 302 0545** or write to: **EGL 3 and EGL 4, Ardent, 36 Park Row, Leeds, LS1 5JL**

### Further consultation

We may carry out further consultation either with communities or landowners should there be further changes to our proposals. Where this is the case, we will carry out consultation in a practicable and proportionate way, in accordance with the relevant principles and methods set out in this strategy and our SoCC as well as the Planning Act 2008 and relevant guidance.

## Contact us

Please get in touch if you have any questions or comments about the EGL 3 and EGL 4 Projects.



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