

The Great Grid Upgrade

Sea Link

Marine survey works

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National Grid will be undertaking marine survey works in Kent and Suffolk from mid-April 2026.

As part of our application for development consent, we published an Environment Statement (ES) that sets out the results of a range of detailed environmental surveys that we have undertaken in recent years. The ES also explains that there are some areas where further survey work would be required.

From mid-April, we need to undertake offshore and coastal marine surveys to understand the locations of any potential unexploded ordnance (such as wartime bombs) within the land that would be required for the construction and operation of Sea Link.

When will these works take place?

The surveys will take place from **17 April 2026** and are expected to **take approximately 5 months to complete**, weather and site conditions permitting. We will continue to keep local communities updated on the progress of works via the [surveys page](#) on our project website.

Start	Offshore surveys: 17 April 2026 Onshore surveys: late April (subject to confirmation).
Finish	Mid-August 2026, weather and site conditions permitting.
Time/day	Onshore works 8am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday

What do these works involve?

Onshore surveys will involve drone magnetometry (magnetics) and Lidar (a laser based remote sensing technology) surveys along the shoreline in Kent and Suffolk, close to our proposed landfall locations in Pegwell Bay and Aldeburgh, to identify any signs of potential unexploded ordnance.

Offshore surveys will involve mapping the seabed along the offshore cable corridor and identifying any potential unexploded ordnance, using specialist equipment and vessels. This survey will be non-intrusive, we are not investigating or removing anything during these offshore surveys.

All vessels used to undertake the offshore surveys will mobilise from Margate, Kent.

What does this mean for you?

The majority of the works will take place offshore, with minimal impact to local residents.

If you live or work in the area you may notice survey equipment and drones in use at the landfall locations or see vessels at sea close to the cable route.

As part of these surveys, we are working closely with the Marine Management Organisation and Historic England to coordinate this work and ensure we minimise our impact to the community and environment.

If you would like to receive project updates, please register [here](#) or via our project webpage.

Contact us

If you have any questions about the upcoming survey works, you can contact our Community Relations team via the details below or you can visit our project website at nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/sea-link.



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