

**The Great Grid Upgrade**

Eastern Green Link 5 (EGL 5)

# Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.0 Purpose of this document

- 1.0.0 The Eastern Green Link 5 (EGL 5) project (the Project) is a primarily marine high voltage electricity link between Scotland and England, with associated onshore infrastructure. This document is a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) which sets out how National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET or we) intends to consult statutory consultees, stakeholders, affected residents, businesses and local communities on its proposals in England and English waters to build EGL 5, ahead of making an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO). SSEN Transmission are responsible for obtaining the relevant consent for its section of EGL 5 in Scotland and in Scottish waters.
- 1.0.1 The Project requires consent from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the Secretary of State) via a DCO, which would also include a deemed marine licence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. This document has therefore been prepared in accordance with Section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (the Planning Act), which requires applicants to prepare a statement explaining how they intend to consult with the local community regarding their proposals, and to carry out pre-application consultation in accordance with this statement.
- 1.0.2 As the proposed Project is an 'EIA Development' (meaning it is subject to an environmental impact assessment or EIA), this SoCC sets out how NGET intends to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information, in accordance with Regulation 12 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations). For the marine elements of the Project this will be in accordance with Schedule 4 of the Marine Works EIA Regulations 2017 (as amended).
- 1.0.3 In accordance with Section 47(2) of the Planning Act, NGET has consulted with and had regard to comments from the following host and neighbouring local authorities that may be affected by the Project whilst developing the SoCC:

Host local authorities:

- Lincolnshire County Council
- East Lindsey District Council

Neighbouring local authorities

- North Lincolnshire Council
- Boston District Council
- North East Lincolnshire Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Leicestershire County Council

- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Norfolk County Council
- West Lindsey District Council
- North Kesteven District Council
- Rutland County Council
- Peterborough City Council

1.0.4 The listed local authorities were consulted for at least 28 days, between 6 March 2026 and 10 April 2026 on the contents of this SoCC.

## 1.1 Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

1.1.0 Offshore transmission cables, their converter stations and associated onshore infrastructure do not meet the criteria to be considered Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) under the Planning Act. This means that EGL 5 was not automatically eligible to be consented via an application for a development consent order (DCO). However, on 17 April 2025 NGET wrote to the Secretary of State to ask that they issue a direction on whether the proposed Project could be treated as a nationally significant development for which development consent is required.

1.1.1 On 14 May 2025 the Secretary of State issued a direction confirming that the proposed Project be treated as such, in accordance with Section 35(1) of the Planning Act.

1.1.2 A DCO is therefore required to consent the proposed Project.

1.1.3 The application for a DCO will be submitted to, and examined by, the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. The Planning Inspectorate will provide a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will review the application for development consent for the proposed Project. The DCO process is explained in further detail in Figure 1.1.

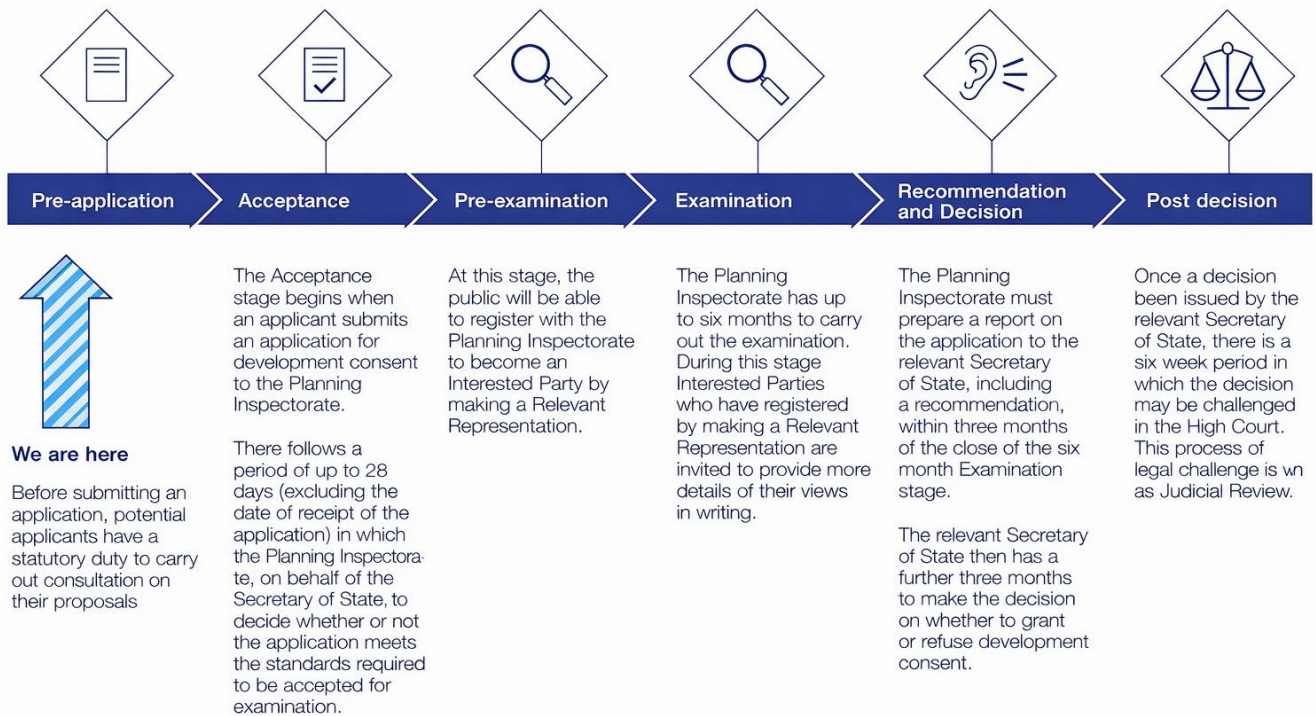
1.1.4 Before submitting an application to the Planning Inspectorate, the Planning Act requires NGET to carry out consultation, including with Persons with an Interest in Land (PILs) identified as being potentially impacted and other statutory consultees. For marine elements, NGET is also required to consult with relevant Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies (SNCBs), the Marine Management Organisation (MMO), the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), Trinity House and other relevant sea users.

1.1.5 Early involvement of communities, local authorities and other stakeholders helps to ensure we identify valuable information about the potential effects of the proposed Project. Feedback from consultees is important in helping to shape the Project's development.

1.1.6 Early involvement also ensures that potential mitigation measures can be considered and, where appropriate, built into the project design before an application for a DCO is submitted.

1.1.7 Proposed changes to the consultation requirements for the DCO process have not yet been enacted under the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025. The consultation is therefore being undertaken in accordance with the current regulations.

**Figure 1.1 – DCO Process**



## 1.2 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 1.2.0 In the Scoping Report, NGET formally notified, under Regulation 8(1) (b) of the EIA Regulations, that due to its size and nature, the proposed Project meets the criteria outlined in Schedule 3 and therefore qualifies as an ‘EIA Development’.
- 1.2.1 As part of this process on 2 September 2025, NGET submitted a Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate. This Scoping Report will inform the EIA of the proposed Project.
- 1.2.2 A Scoping opinion for the proposed Project was adopted by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) on 13 October 2025 and an EIA will be undertaken in line with the output of this scoping opinion.
- 1.2.3 Feedback received during the Stage 2 consultation will be considered as part of the EIA development.

## 1.3 About National Grid Electricity Transmission plc

- 1.3.0 National Grid sits at the heart of Britain’s energy system, connecting millions of people and businesses to the energy they use every day. We bring energy to life: in the heat, light and power we bring to our customer’s homes and businesses; in the way that we support our communities and help them to grow; and in the way we show up in the world.
- 1.3.1 Within the National Grid Group there are distinctly separate legal entities, each with their individual responsibilities and roles. The roles of these are summarised below. The proposed Project is being promoted by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET).

- 1.3.2 **National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)** holds the transmission licence for England and Wales under the Electricity Act 1989. NGET owns, builds, and maintains the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales – the overhead lines, buried cables, converter stations and substations that carry power around the country.
- 1.3.3 **National Grid Ventures (NGV)** sits outside the above businesses and develops, operates, and invests in large-scale energy infrastructure projects. That includes interconnectors – connecting the UK with countries across the North Sea, allowing trade between energy markets and efficient use of renewable energy resources.
- 1.3.4 **National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED)** is the local distribution network operator for the Midlands, South West of England and South Wales.
- 1.3.5 NGET is regulated by the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem), which sets price controls and monitors how the companies develop and operate their networks on behalf of consumers.
- 1.3.6 NGET has a statutory duty to develop and maintain an efficient, coordinated and economical system of electricity transmission under the Electricity Act 1989 (the Electricity Act). This includes a statutory obligation to offer to connect any new generating stations or interconnectors applying to connect to the transmission system.
- 1.3.7 NGET is also required, under Section 38 of the Electricity Act, to comply with the provisions of Schedule 9 of the Electricity Act. Schedule 9 requires license holders, in the formulation of proposals to transmit electricity, to preserve amenity, as outlined below:
- Schedule 9(1)(a) ‘...have regard to the desirability of preserving natural beauty, of conserving flora, fauna and geological or physiographical features of special interest and of protecting sites, buildings and objects of architectural, historic or archaeological interest;’ and;
- Schedule 9(1)(b) ‘...do what [it] reasonably can, to mitigate any effect which the proposals would have on the natural beauty of the countryside or on any such flora, fauna, features, sites, buildings or objects’.
- 1.3.8 How we set out to meet these environmental responsibilities and our commitments relating to engagement and consultation about proposals, is explained in our Stakeholder, Community and Amenity Policy<sup>1</sup>. Please note, our Stakeholder, Community and Amenity Policy may have been updated since the publication of this SoCC.

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<sup>1</sup> [nationalgrid.com/document/566431/download](https://nationalgrid.com/document/566431/download)

## 2. The Eastern Green Link 5 project

### 2.0 Background and need

- 2.0.0 As the UK looks to improve its energy security by increasing homegrown, clean energy generation, we'll all be using more electricity than ever before. Demand for electricity is expected to increase by 40% by 2035<sup>2</sup>, as we decarbonise the energy that's used for things like heating and transport.
- 2.0.1 There has already been a significant shift in how energy is generated in the UK. This is because more of the energy we use is coming from offshore wind, nuclear power and trading energy through interconnectors with other neighbouring countries.
- 2.0.2 The Clean Power 2030 Action Plan, published in December 2024, sets out the Government's ambition to see 43-50 GW of offshore wind, 27-29 GW of onshore wind, and 45-47 GW of solar power connected by 2030, significantly reducing our dependency as a country on fossil-fuel. Meeting these targets will be a major step towards decarbonising our economy and providing customers with more secure, cleaner, home-grown energy from more affordable sources.
- 2.0.3 To deliver more home-grown clean power to where it is needed and increase our energy security, we must also upgrade the transmission system – 'the grid' – at an unprecedented scale and pace.
- 2.0.4 This is because our existing transmission system was originally designed to move energy from power stations near the coal fields of the North and Midlands or gas fired power stations, for example in the Humber area, to homes and businesses across the country. New renewable sources of electricity, such as from offshore wind, are often located away from where the grid was originally designed to serve.
- 2.0.5 EGL 5 is needed 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.
- 2.0.6 EGL 5 forms part of 'The Great Grid Upgrade'<sup>3</sup>, which is the largest overhaul of the grid in generations.

### 2.1 The Project

- 2.1.0 EGL 5 is a proposed marine high voltage electricity link, with associated onshore infrastructure, between Scotland and England.
- 2.1.1 NGET is jointly developing EGL 5 with Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN Transmission). SSEN Transmission are responsible for obtaining the relevant consent for its section of EGL5's cable in Scottish and in Scottish waters.

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<sup>2</sup> [neso.energy/news/future-britains-energy-network](https://neso.energy/news/future-britains-energy-network)

<sup>3</sup> [nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade](https://nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade)

- 2.1.2 NGET will be seeking consent for the English onshore and marine elements of EGL 5 via an application to the Planning Inspectorate for a DCO. The DCO will include a deemed marine licence for the English marine elements of the Project.
- 2.1.3 The proposed onshore infrastructure in England for EGL 5 includes:
- landfall siting at Anderby Creek on the Lincolnshire coastline
  - a transition joint bay connecting the marine and onshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) underground cables at landfall in Anderby Creek
  - new underground HVDC cables, from landfall at Anderby Creek to the converter station
  - a new converter station
  - new underground high voltage alternating current (HVAC) cables. This will be between the converter station and the proposed substation. *This substation is included in the DCO for the Grimsby to Walpole project. It therefore will not be included or consulted on as part of the EGL 5 proposals*
- 2.1.4 The proposed marine infrastructure for EGL 5 in England will include:
- new subsea HVDC cables in English waters
- 2.1.5 The land included within the draft Order Limits of the proposed Project will also include land drainage from the construction and operational areas and opportunities for environmental mitigation, compensation and enhancement.
- 2.1.6 The construction phase will involve various temporary activities including, but not limited to, working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, storage accesses, bellmouths, and haul roads, as well as watercourse crossings and the diversion of public rights of way. In the marine environment there will also be the presence of survey and installation vessels. Construction will also provide opportunities for environmental mitigation, compensation and enhancement.

## 2.2 Consultation and engagement to date

- 2.2.0 NGET is committed to engaging and consulting with communities and stakeholders at an early stage of Project timelines, giving people the opportunity to provide feedback and insight at a formative stage ahead of more detailed design work being carried out.
- 2.2.1 NGET's approach to engagement in support of the Project is to carry out both non-statutory and statutory consultation guided by the requirements of the Planning Act 2008.
- 2.2.2 NGET held a non-statutory consultation (Stage 1 consultation) on the proposed Project for a period of six weeks between 13 May and 23 June 2025. It will be followed by our statutory consultation (Stage 2 consultation) as set out in Section 3.
- 2.2.3 The Stage 1 consultation had the following aims:
- to introduce the proposed Project to the public, providing an overview of the early-stage proposals and outline why the Project is needed

- to set out options that have been considered and the decision-making undertaken so far
- to present early plans, including the proposed marine cabling route, landfall location, underground cabling routes and overground infrastructure
- to provide an opportunity for stakeholders and those interested in the Project to give their feedback on our early-stage proposals
- to outline the Project's indicative timeline.

- 2.2.4 During the Stage 1 consultation, NGET presented an emerging preferred corridor for our onshore proposals, which included siting zones for overground infrastructure and a 'graduated swathe' to illustrate where new infrastructure could be located. NGET also presented an indicative offshore route corridor for the proposed marine cabling in English waters.
- 2.2.5 Following the conclusion of the consultation, we analysed the feedback and, along with further technical studies and design work, further developed the Project's design ahead of the Stage 2 consultation.
- 2.2.6 NGET gave the stakeholders and the local community digital and non-digital opportunities to engage with the proposals through a dedicated website, in-person public information events and online webinars, as well as the ability to provide feedback on the Project via our Consultation feedback form (both printed and online), email and freepost (see Section 4.0).
- 2.2.7 Over the course of the Stage 1 consultation, the Project team held two face-to-face in-person public consultation events, two online webinars and three online stakeholder webinars (one for parish councils and two for district and county councils). Two MP briefings were also held after the Stage 2 consultation.
- 2.2.8 The Stage 1 consultation was advertised through a mixture of direct mailings, email updates, newspaper and social media adverts. Consultation materials were made available online, at public information events and at two local information points in the vicinity of the proposed Project, some of these materials at local information points were able to be taken away and some were for reference only. Dedicated contact channels were also established for those who had questions about the Project.
- 2.2.9 The Stage 1 consultation for EGL 5 was held concurrently with the Stage 2 consultation for Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3) and Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 4). This is due to the proximity of the proposed projects and the alignment of their separate project timelines. This collaborative approach recognised the geographical proximity of the projects. It enabled NGET to maximise engagement opportunities for communities and stakeholders interested in both consultations.
- 2.2.10 The consultation events and briefings (as set out in 2.2.7) and local information points (as set out in 2.2.9) all provided information on the EGL 5 Stage 1 consultation and EGL 3 and EGL 4 Stage 2 consultation. Please note, EGL 3 and EGL 4 held further consultation events and briefings for stakeholders, residents and local communities which were not proximate to the location of EGL 5's onshore proposals.
- 2.2.11 During the consultation, NGET provided a contact centre to address residents' queries regarding the non-statutory consultation and proposals for the Project. Contact methods

included a Freephone line (which was operated 9am – 5pm on weekdays), a project email and a Freepost address. The contact details are the same to those set out in Table 3.4.

- 2.2.12 NGET also provided a number of ways for members of the public and those interested in the consultation to give their feedback. These included:
- emailing comments to the Project’s email address (contactegl5@nationalgrid.com)
  - sending written comments by post (to Freepost EGL 5)
  - completing an online Feedback Form on the Project website (nationalgrid.com/egl5)
  - completing a paper Feedback Form (either at an in-person public information event or by sending to Freepost EGL 5).
- 2.2.13 355 feedback responses to the proposals were submitted as part of the Stage 1 consultation.
- 2.2.14 The list of consultees is kept under ongoing review. We have continued to review the list of consultees as the proposed Project has developed, to ensure that it is maintained and up to date. All prescribed consultees will be contacted formally and consulted as part of the statutory consultation.
- 2.2.15 In addition to the consultation periods listed above, NGET has engaged with key stakeholders through meetings and other forms of discussion on a regular basis. These stakeholders include, but are not limited to, local authorities, Natural England, the Environment Agency, Historic England, the Joint Nature Conservation Committee and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO).
- 2.2.16 More information on the Stage 1 consultation carried out can be found in the Stage 1 Consultation Report, which is part of the suite of documents published at Stage 2 consultation. Archive documents from the Stage 1 consultation will remain available on the Project website.
- 2.2.17 Methods used to continue engagement during and between the Stage 1 and Stage 2 consultation periods included:
- providing updates in relation to surveys
  - responding to ongoing requests and queries
  - engaging with key stakeholders and requests for meetings
  - issuing an interim community update newsletter in February 2026 to provide an update on the Project following the Stage 1 consultation. This was issued to all properties with postcodes within the primary consultation zone used for Stage 1 consultation, as well as those individuals that signed up for updates on the Project and relevant non-statutory stakeholders.

## 2.3 Project timeline

- 2.3.0 The Project is currently in the pre-application stage of the national infrastructure planning process. Table 2.1 sets out the milestone for each stage of the Project from the pre-application consultation through to construction.
- 2.3.1 In 2025, we held our Stage 1 consultation, also known as a non-statutory consultation. This stage of consultation is an optional stage of consultation as part of the DCO process and was designed to introduce our early proposals and gain early feedback on our proposals.
- 2.3.2 Our Stage 2 consultation, referenced throughout this document as our statutory consultation, is a stage of consultation currently required as part of our DCO application submission.

**Table 2.1 – Project milestones**

Stage
<b>Stage 1 consultation</b> – We held a period of Stage 1 (non-statutory) consultation between 13 May and 23 June 2025.
<b>Consideration of 2025 Stage 1 consultation feedback</b> – We reviewed and had regard to feedback received during non-statutory consultation to inform the design of the Project.
<b>Stage 2 consultation</b> – We will consult the public and discharge our duties to publicise and carry out consultation in accordance with sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008 on the draft proposals.
<b>Consideration of Stage 2 consultation feedback</b> – We will review and have regard to the feedback received from the statutory consultation and finalise the proposed design. We will also continue engagement with stakeholders prior to submission of our DCO application.
<b>DCO application submission</b> – We plan to submit our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate in 2027. The Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, has up to 28 days to decide whether the application meets the standards required to be accepted for examination.
<b>Examination</b> – If the application is accepted, it will go through a six-month examination period. Prior to this period, stakeholders can register with the Planning Inspectorate to become an ‘Interested Party’ by making what is called a ‘Relevant Representation’. Interested Parties are invited to provide more details of their views in writing during this phase. Careful consideration is given by the Examining Authority to all relevant and written representations and supporting evidence. The Examining Authority is an appointed person, or a panel of up to five inspectors, appointed to conduct the examination of the application for the DCO.

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**Recommendation and decision** – Within three months of the close of the examination, the Examining Authority who conducted the examination will prepare a report on the examination, including a recommendation for the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State will then make a decision on the application.

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**Post-decision** – If granted development consent, construction could begin in 2030, subject to the discharge of requirements. We are aiming for the Project to be operational in 2035.

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# 3. Consultation on the proposed application

## 3.0 When will the consultation take place?

3.0.0 The consultation (under Sections 42 and 47 of the Planning Act 2008) will open at 12:00pm noon 29 May 2026. All responses, except postal, to the consultation must be received before 11:59pm on the closing date, 24 July 2026. Postal responses will be accepted until a week after the consultation closes.

## 3.1 What proposals will be consulted on?

3.1.0 NGET will seek views and feedback on all aspects of the proposed Project, including, but not limited to the:

- landfall siting at Anderby Creek on the Lincolnshire coastline
- a transition joint bay connecting the marine and onshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) underground cables at landfall in Anderby Creek
- new underground HVDC cables, from the landfall point at Anderby Creek to the converter station
- a new converter station
- new underground high voltage alternating current (HVAC) cables. This will be between the converter station and the proposed substation. *This substation is included in the DCO for the Grimsby to Walpole project. It therefore will not be included or consulted on as part of the EGL 5 proposals*
- subsea HVDC cables in English waters.

3.1.1 The proposed Project continues to evolve in response to consultation feedback and further technical and design assessments. The statutory consultation presents a snapshot in time. Documents such as the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) will allow consultees to develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed Project and will outline any limitations on the current assessments. If any substantive changes are made to the design of the proposed Project, following this Stage 2 consultation, NGET will consider whether there is a requirement for further consultation (see Section 4.2).

3.1.2 Overall location plans will be used to describe sections of the Project and will be provided during the Stage 2 consultation.

## 3.2 Who will be consulted?

- 3.2.0 Principally, this consultation is open to anyone who is interested in the proposed Project. All views are welcomed and NGET will have regard to all comments and feedback when developing the details of the proposed Project for our application for development consent.
- 3.2.1 Under section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, NGET has a duty to consult the local community. Two consultation zones have been developed to identify the areas in which our engagement is focused and to assist in our approaches to community engagement (see Appendix A).
- 3.2.2 As part of our Stage 2 consultation, we will share draft Order Limits for the proposed Project, which outline the outer area for which new infrastructure and temporary construction works would be located, these areas have helped to inform the two consultation zones for our Stage 2 consultation. The primary consultation zone (PCZ) includes the area within the draft Order Limits and extends 1 kilometre (km) from the outer edge of the draft Order Limits. From the location of the proposed converter station the PCZ is extended to 1.5 km. The secondary consultation zone (SCZ) extends from the edge of the PCZ to 5 km from the outer edge of the draft Order Limits. Appendix A sets out the boundaries of these two consultation zones.
- 3.2.3 The local community and local stakeholders within the PCZ and SCZ will be notified about the consultation via the methods outlined in Section 3.4.
- 3.2.4 While we will publicise the consultation within both the PCZ and the SCZ, our approach to promoting the consultation will slightly differ between the two to reflect their respective distances to the proposed Project, more information on this can be found in Section 3.4.
- 3.2.5 The PCZ and SCZ have been updated since the Stage 1 consultation as a result of the Project's design refinement and changes in the routeing and siting. These changes have been made following our Stage 1 consultation, as a result of consultation feedback and technical and environmental assessments.
- 3.2.6 In addition to the local community, NGET will consult prescribed bodies and local authorities as required under section 42(1)(a), (aa) and (b) of the Planning Act and undertake the relevant notification under the EIA Regulations. NGET will also consult Persons with an Interest in Land (PILs) under section 42(1)(d).

## 3.3 Consultation materials

- 3.3.0 Table 3.1 sets out the consultation materials that will be developed to help people understand the proposals for the proposed Project and provide their feedback.

**Table 3.1 – Consultation materials**

Material	Description	Target Audience and locations for viewing
Stage 2 Consultation Community	This will set out the Project information, details about the consultation, an	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All those interested in the consultation within the local community (Section 3.2). This will be posted to all</li> </ul>

Newsletter (newsletter)	overview map of the Project area and how to provide feedback, along with information on engagement activities throughout the consultation period. This will be written in non-technical language that is readily accessible to the general public.	properties (residential, business and organisations) within the PCZ (which have postcodes) and, where appropriate, additional relevant addresses closely neighbouring the PCZ
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The document will be available to download via the Project website, collected at public information events (Section 3.5) and additional printed copies will be posted on request</li> <li>• Members of the public will also be able to collect a copy of the document at local information points (Section 3.10)</li> <li>• A fee will not be charged for printed copies of this document. We will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats (such as braille, large print, translations) on a case-by-basis, considering individual circumstances.</li> </ul>
Stage 2 Consultation Document	A single document which gives a comprehensive overview of the proposed Project, its various components, where to find more detailed consultation information and how to contact the Project team. Project area maps will be included within the document. This will be written in non-technical language that is readily accessible to the general public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2)</li> <li>• The document will be available to download via the Project website, collect at public information events and printed copies will be posted on request</li> <li>• Members of the public will be able to access a copy at local information points (Section 3.10)</li> <li>• A fee will not be charged for printed copies of this document. NGET will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats (such as braille, large print, translations) on a case-by-basis, considering individual circumstances.</li> </ul>
Stage 1 Consultation Report	Summarising the feedback, we received during the 2025 non-statutory consultation and how it has been considered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2)</li> <li>• The document, including the appendices, will be available to download via the Project website</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The document, not including the appendices, will be available to view at public information events and printed copies will be posted on request. A fee will not be charged for a copy of the document without appendices</li> <li>• The document, including the appendices, can be provided on request. This will be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees (Section 3.3.2)</li> <li>• NGET will consider requests for copies of the document, without the appendices, in alternative formats (such as braille, large print, translations) on a case-by-basis, considering individual circumstances.</li> </ul>
<p>Stage 2 Consultation Feedback Form</p>	<p>Consultation feedback questionnaire with questions to gain thoughts and feedback on the proposed Project. This will be a non-technical consultation material. This will be written in non-technical language that is readily accessible to the general public.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2)</li> <li>• The document will be available to access via the Project website, collect at public information events and printed copies will be posted on request</li> <li>• Members of the public will also be able to access a copy at local information points (Section 3.10)</li> <li>• A fee will not be charged for printed copies of this document. NGET will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats (such as braille, large print, translations) on a case-by-basis, considering individual circumstances</li> <li>• The online version will be available to complete on the Project website</li> <li>• Paper copies can be completed and returned free of charge using the Project's Freepost address (Freepost EGL 5) or during public information events.</li> </ul>

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Stage 2 Public Information Event Banners	Summary consultation banners will be produced to provide an overview of the key components of the proposed Project. Banners will be designed to allow for further discussion with members of the Project team during public consultation events and other meetings. This will be written in non-technical language that is readily accessible to the general public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2)</li> <li>• The Consultation banners are primarily intended for use at the public information events but will also be made available on the Project website.</li> </ul>
Stage 2 Plans and Drawings	Plans and drawings of the proposed Project to assist with understanding the proposals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2)</li> <li>• The document will be available to access via the Project website, collect at public information events and printed copies will be posted on request. A fee will not be charged for printed copies of these documents.</li> </ul>
Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)	The PEIR will contain a description of the Project, and a preliminary assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the Project based on the initial information available at that time of assessment. It will also set out how we propose to mitigate these potential effects of the Project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2)</li> <li>• The document will be available to access via the Project website, and available to view in paper copy on request (subject to availability) at public information events</li> <li>• Paper copies of this document, including the appendices, can be provided on request. This will be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees (Section 3.3.2)</li> <li>• Instructions on how to access the PEIR will also be provided at local information points via a poster (Section 3.10).</li> </ul>
Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR	A condensed version of the PEIR, intended to concisely summarise and explain the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2)</li> </ul>

	<p>purpose of the PEIR and its findings. This will be written in non-technical language that is readily accessible to the general public.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The document will be available to access via the Project website, and available in paper copy on request (subject to availability) at public information events</li> <li>• Members of the public will also be able to access a copy at local information points (Section 3.10)</li> <li>• A fee will not be charged for printed copies of this document. NGET will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats (such as braille, large print, translations) on a case-by-basis, considering individual circumstances.</li> </ul>
Strategic Options Report (SOR) Update	<p>Providing an updated overview of the appraisal approach we have used to date to consider strategic options for the Project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2)</li> <li>• The document will be available to access via the Project website, and available in paper copy on request (subject to availability) at public information events</li> <li>• Paper copies of the Strategic options report update can be provided on request (subject to availability). This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees (Section 3.3.2).</li> </ul>
Project Website	<p>An online site hosting all our Project information, including downloadable versions of all the above consultation documents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2).</li> </ul>
Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)	<p>The SoCC (this document) sets out how NGET intends to consult statutory consultees, stakeholders, affected residents, businesses and local communities ahead of its application for development consent for the Project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2)</li> <li>• The SoCC will be published on the Project website and available in paper copy on request and at public information events</li> <li>• Members of the public will also be able to access a copy at local information points (Section 3.10)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A fee will not be charged for printed copies of this document. NGET will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats (such as braille, large print, translations) on a case-by-basis, considering individual circumstances.</li> </ul>
Guide to Consultation Documents and Drawings	A guide outlining the consultation documents and drawings, and how to use them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2)</li> <li>• This document will be available on the Project website and available in paper copy on request and at public information events</li> <li>• A fee will not be charged for printed copies of this document. NGET will consider requests for copies of the document in alternative formats (such as braille, large print, translations) on a case-by-basis, considering individual circumstances.</li> </ul>
Interactive Project Map	An interactive map of the Project, which shows a high level of detail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2)</li> <li>• The Interactive Project Map will be made available on the Project website and on screen at the public information events, subject to technical constraints.</li> </ul>
Consultation Notices	We will publish notices with details of the consultation and provide to statutory consultees as required under sections 47 and 48 of the Planning Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2)</li> <li>• These will be published in accordance with sections 47 and 48 of the Planning Act (Section 3.4.5).</li> </ul>
Design Development Report	Explains the design development of the Project since the Stage 1 consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those interested in the consultation (Section 3.2)</li> <li>• This document will be available on the Project website and available in paper copy on request and at public information events</li> <li>• Paper copies of the Design Development Report can be provided on request (subject to availability).</li> </ul>

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This may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage fees (Section 3.3.2).

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- 3.3.1 All consultation materials will be available on our website: [nationalgrid.com/egl5](http://nationalgrid.com/egl5). Those who have enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps will be able to call 0800 358 4817 or email [contactegl5@nationalgrid.com](mailto:contactegl5@nationalgrid.com).
- 3.3.2 Requests for paper copies of the documents which may be subject to a charge will be reviewed on a case by-case basis. To cover printing costs a reasonable copying charge may apply to be paid for by the recipient. These can be requested by contacting the Project team by email at [contactegl5@nationalgrid.com](mailto:contactegl5@nationalgrid.com), or by calling 0800 358 4817.
- 3.3.3 NGET will also consider requests for alternative formats of documents, such as translations, braille and large print, on a case-by-case basis to consider individual circumstances. Requests can be made using the contact details provided in Section 3.11.
- 3.3.4 Printed copies of consultation materials at public information events and local information points that are free to take away are subject to availability.
- 3.3.5 The Project website will provide comprehensive information about the Project and consultation, including an interactive project map, access to all consultation documents, an online feedback form, FAQs, contact details, and information for landowners about surveys.

## 3.4 Publicising the consultation

- 3.4.0 NGET will contact all properties (residential, business and organisations) with postcodes within the PCZ with a Stage 2 Community Consultation Newsletter (newsletter). The newsletter will also, where appropriate, be posted to additional relevant addresses closely neighbouring the PCZ. A map showing the PCZ can be found in Appendix A.
- 3.4.1 NGET will make best efforts to ensure that all properties with postcodes within the PCZ receive the newsletter.
- 3.4.2 NGET will contact relevant stakeholders and groups in PCZ and SCZ (Section 3.2.2) with an email informing them of consultation (Section 3.4.6), and, where relevant, offering a briefing.
- 3.4.3 In line with statutory requirements pursuant to the Planning Act, we will advertise the statutory consultation in local news publications. Advertisements will be placed in both print newspapers and digital publications to ensure wider coverage within and beyond the PCZ and SCZ.
- 3.4.4 A press release will be issued to local news publications to publicise the consultation and explain how the community can get involved.
- 3.4.5 Statutory notices will also be placed in relevant newspapers as prescribed by sections 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

- 3.4.6 We will send, via email, letters with information on the Stage 2 consultation, the Project's proposals and the methods of providing feedback, to the following:
- Parish councils representing parishes within the PCZ and SCZ and parish councils which are prescribed as a host or neighbouring consultee
  - Members of Parliament (MPs) representing constituencies within the PCZ and SCZ
  - elected representatives of district and county councils that are in the PCZ (this includes East Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council)
  - the Combined Mayoral Authority for Lincolnshire
  - 'seldom-heard' groups within both consultation zones representing people who are unlikely to respond to traditional consultation techniques, and may need additional support to access materials
  - relevant local interest groups, such as community groups
  - local organisations with relevant specialisms, such as environmental organisations
  - relevant marine users, such as fisheries, other developers and wildlife trusts
  - anyone who 'registered for email updates' on the Project.
- 3.4.7 We will also send digital information posters to the above stakeholders with a request for them to share to raise awareness of the consultation via their channels.
- 3.4.8 Adverts will be placed on social media to help raise general awareness of the consultation and target a broad range of demographics across the PCZ and SCZ, including those that might not otherwise engage with the consultation.
- 3.4.9 The project will look to establish a WhatsApp channel to share updates on the Stage 2 consultation to those who have joined the channel. Information on how to join this would be available on the Project website, at public information events and local information points.

## **3.5 Public information events**

- 3.5.0 Public information events will be held for communities to find out information about the Project and the consultation and talk to representatives from the Project team.
- 3.5.1 During the consultation period, we plan to hold public information events at suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within or near to the PCZ. These venues include Huttoft Village Hall, Anderby Village Hall and Alford Corn Exchange.
- 3.5.2 All venues will have disabled access.
- 3.5.3 Details of where and when the events are taking place will be included on the Project website, in newspaper adverts and in our Consultation Community Newsletter.

- 3.5.4 The events will be held on a variety of days and times, where feasible, including evenings in the week and at least one weekend.
- 3.5.5 Copies of all relevant consultation materials will be made available at each event (detailed in Table 3.1).
- 3.5.6 Those attending the events will be encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposals.
- 3.5.7 If, for any reason, it is unfortunately necessary to cancel a scheduled event, this cancellation will be published on the proposed Project website, and a notice will be placed at the venue if practical. In these circumstances NGET will also consider organising additional events if deemed to be reasonably necessary and will communicate this accordingly.

## **3.6 Project videos**

- 3.6.0 The Project website will host a series of short video presentations, designed to provide clear and accessible information on the statutory consultation and the Project proposals.
- 3.6.1 Viewers will be encouraged to submit questions arising from the content to the project team via the contact methods set out in Section 3.11.
- 3.6.2 The videos will include subtitles to help increase accessibility.

## **3.7 ‘Team call-back’ sessions**

- 3.7.0 ‘Team call-back’ sessions will provide an opportunity for people interested in the proposals to have their questions answered by a member of the Project team over the phone, outside of the in-person public information events.
- 3.7.1 We will endeavour to deliver ‘team call-back’ sessions on an appointment-only basis and these will be made available via telephone. When requesting a call-back, individuals will be asked to outline the specific question or topic they wish to receive information on.
- 3.7.2 If, for any reason, we are unable to fulfil a ‘team call-back’ request, for example due to team availability, we will work to respond to the request via alternative methods, such as email.
- 3.7.3 People who would like to request a ‘team call-back’ will be directed to do so via the contact methods set out in Section 3.11. This information will be included in the newsletter and Project website. ‘Team call-back’ sessions can also be arranged at public information events.

## **3.8 Stakeholder briefings and meetings**

- 3.8.0 NGET will offer briefing meetings with the following stakeholders in the run-up to, or during the consultation:
- Members of Parliament (MPs) representing constituencies within the PCZ and SCZ

- elected representatives of district and county councils that are in the PCZ (this includes East Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council)
- the Combined Mayoral Authority for Lincolnshire
- Parish councils representing parishes within the PCZ and parish councils which are prescribed as a host or neighbouring consultee
- Local authorities
- Key prescribed consultees
- Persons with an Interest in Land (PILs) under sections 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act.

3.8.1 NGET will consider meetings with other organisations and individuals upon request.

### 3.9 Seldom-heard groups

3.9.0 Seldom-heard groups are defined as being inaccessible to most traditional and conventional methods of consultation.

3.9.1 NGET wants to ensure that all our engagement and consultation activity is inclusive and wants to reach those who otherwise may not engage with us. Table 3.2 sets out how the proposed Project will seek to engage Seldom-heard groups in the consultation.

3.9.2 We will maintain and update the list of seldom-heard and local interest groups as the consultation progresses to ensure that we have the up-to-date contact details and that we can engage with any newly identified groups.

**Table 3.2 – Engagement tools for Seldom-heard groups**

Seldom-heard category	Methods utilised to engage with category
Older people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directly mailing a Consultation Community Newsletter to all properties within the PCZ (which have postcodes), which provides details of how to access paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post</li> <li>• Options to submit feedback through conventional communications channels including by post, as well as telephone if deemed necessary and in exceptional circumstances</li> <li>• Providing consultation materials in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as braille and large print (upon request and reviewed on a case-by-case basis)</li> <li>• Notifying community groups serving the demographic</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing paper copies of materials at local information points along with contact details for the Project team, who will be able to provide further assistance and send consultation materials to those who are unable to access the material online upon request.</li> </ul>
People with visual impairments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing important consultation materials in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as braille and large print (upon request and reviewed on a case-by-case basis)</li> <li>• Freephone line available for those who wish to discuss the project or have questions to ask verbally</li> <li>• In-person public information events and ‘team call-back’ sessions (which also negate the need for travel) for those who would benefit from verbal engagement with the Project team.</li> </ul>
People with hearing impairments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subtitles shown as part of the short video presentations</li> <li>• Sign Language interpreter available on request at public information events if notified in advance</li> <li>• Providing consultation written and visual consultation materials, in both digital and non-digital formats</li> <li>• Options to contact and ask questions to the Project team via email and letters and receive correspondence via these channels.</li> </ul>
People with limited mobility/disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Options are available to submit feedback through conventional written communications channels including by post</li> <li>• If deemed necessary and in exceptional circumstances, feedback can be submitted via our freephone service. This will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis</li> <li>• Directly mailing a Consultation Community Newsletter to all properties within the PCZ (which have postcodes), which provides details of how to access paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post</li> <li>• Online engagement opportunities through the consultation website, short video presentations and ‘team call-back’ sessions, to negate the need for travel</li> <li>• Providing important consultation in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as braille and large print (upon request and reviewed on a case-by-case basis)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person public information events at a variety of locations across the proposed route to help reduce the distance required to travel. All events will be held at venues with disabled access to help those with limited mobility to be able to attend the events.</li> </ul>
Youth age groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online engagement</li> <li>• Social media advertisements</li> <li>• Notifying local centres of education that serve the demographic</li> <li>• Short video presentations on the Project website.</li> </ul>
Carers and families with young children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directly mailing a Consultation Community Newsletter to all properties within the PCZ (which have postcodes), which provides details of how to access paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post.</li> <li>• Options to engage through conventional and digital channels, as well as via 'team-call-back' sessions to provide flexibility</li> <li>• Face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the proposed Project</li> <li>• Online engagement opportunities through the consultation website, short video presentations and 'team call-back' sessions, to negate the need for travel</li> <li>• Social media advertisements.</li> </ul>
Economically inactive individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directly mailing a Consultation Community Newsletter to all properties within the PCZ (which have postcodes), which provides details of how to access paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post</li> <li>• Social media advertisements</li> <li>• Options to engage through conventional and digital channels, to provide flexibility</li> <li>• Online engagement opportunities through the consultation website, short video presentations and 'team call-back' sessions, to negate the need for travel.</li> </ul>
Geographically isolated individuals or communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directly mailing a Consultation Community Newsletter to all properties within the PCZ (which have a postcode); which provides details of how to access paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Face-to-face public information events at a variety of locations and times across the route of the proposed Project</li> <li>• Online engagement opportunities through the consultation website, short video presentations and 'team call-back' sessions, to negate the need for travel.</li> </ul>
Locally underrepresented minority ethnic groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emailing groups and organisations representing under-represented minority ethnic groups to offer engagement opportunities</li> <li>• Directly mailing a Consultation Community Newsletter to all properties within the PCZ (which have postcodes), which provides details of how to access paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post</li> <li>• Face-to-face public information events and webinar sessions at a variety of locations and times across the route of the Project</li> <li>• Online engagement opportunities through the consultation website and short video presentations, and 'team call-back' sessions, to negate the need for travel</li> <li>• Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ and SCZ.</li> </ul>
English as a Second Language (ESL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide consultation materials in alternative languages upon reasonable request.</li> </ul>
Travellers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reaching out to groups and organisations representing travellers to inform them of the consultation and its engagement opportunities</li> <li>• Social media and newspaper advertising across the PCZ and SCZ.</li> </ul>
Digitally isolated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reaching out to community groups representing digitally isolated groups to offer engagement opportunities.</li> <li>• Directly mailing a Consultation Community Newsletter to all properties within the PCZ (which have postcodes), which provides details of how to access paper copies of other documents and provide feedback by post</li> <li>• Advertisement of the consultation in traditional media such as local newspapers across the PCZ and SCZs</li> <li>• Providing paper copies of materials at public information points along with contact details for the Project team, who</li> </ul>

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will be able to provide further assistance and send consultation materials

- If deemed necessary and in exceptional circumstances, feedback can be submitted via our freephone service. This will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
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### 3.10 Local information points

3.10.0 In addition to being available online, we will seek to ensure that paper copies of the below consultation documents will be available to view at a number of locations local to the proposals:

- Stage 2 Consultation Document
- Stage 2 Consultation Community Newsletter
- Stage 2 Consultation Feedback Form
- Non-technical summary of the PEIR
- SoCC

3.10.1 Information on how to access a digital copy of the full PEIR will also be provided at the local information points, via a poster.

3.10.2 Suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within or near to the PCZ will be selected as local information points. These are listed in Table 3.3.

3.10.3 Materials will be available to view during the venues' opening hours, except in circumstances outside of NGET's control, such as severe weather, which prevent the locations specified from opening.

3.10.4 Materials will be delivered to local information points before, or on the first day of, consultation. Where venue opening hours do not align with the start-day of consultation, documents will instead be accessible from the next working day the venue is open.

3.10.5 Prior to attending these locations, it is advised that opening hours, as shown in Table 3.3, are checked with the venues.

**Table 3.3 – Venues and opening hours of venues of local information points**

Local information point	Address	Opening times
Alford Library and Focal Point	6 South Market Place, Alford, LN13 9AF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday: closed</li><li>• Tuesday: 10am to 1pm</li><li>• Wednesday: closed</li><li>• Thursday: closed</li><li>• Friday: 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm</li><li>• Saturday: 10am to 1pm</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday: closed</li> </ul>
Ingoldmells Community Library	Ingoldmells Community Library, Skegness Rd, Skegness PE25 1NL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday: 10am to 12pm</li> <li>• Tuesday: 10:30am to 12pm</li> <li>• Wednesday: 10am to 12pm</li> <li>• Thursday: 10am to 12pm</li> <li>• Friday: closed</li> <li>• Saturday: closed</li> <li>• Sunday: closed</li> </ul>
Sutton on Sea Library and Community Centre	Broadway, Sutton on Sea, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, LN12 2JN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday: 10am to 1pm</li> <li>• Tuesday: closed</li> <li>• Wednesday: 1pm to 4pm</li> <li>• Thursday: closed</li> <li>• Friday: 10am to 1pm</li> <li>• Saturday: 10am to 1pm</li> <li>• Sunday: closed</li> </ul>
Alford Town Council offices	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, South Market Place, Alford, Lincolnshire, LN13 9AF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday: 9am – 1pm</li> <li>• Tuesday: 9am – 1pm</li> <li>• Wednesday: 9am – 1pm</li> <li>• Thursday: 9am – 1pm</li> <li>• Friday: 9am – 1pm</li> <li>• Saturday: closed</li> <li>• Sunday: closed</li> </ul>

### 3.11 Contact methods

3.11.0 Table 3.4 sets out the contact channels that will be available throughout the consultation for members of the public and other stakeholders to ask questions, request further consultation or request printed copies of consultation materials and documents.

**Table 3.4 – Contact methods**

<b>Method</b>	<b>Contact details</b>	<b>Hours of operation</b>
Email	contactegl5@nationalgrid.com	9am – 5pm weekdays (Emails can be sent at any time)
Freephone	0800 358 4817	9am – 5pm weekdays (Answerphone function outside these hours)
Post	Freepost EGL 5	9am – 5pm weekdays (Letters can be sent at any time)

3.11.1 The Project team will respond to enquiries as quickly as possible. Where a substantive response requires consultation that is not readily to hand, the Project team will endeavour to respond within ten working days.

# 4. Responses to the consultation

## 4.0 Methods of responding

4.0.0 During the consultation period, feedback can be submitted in the following ways:

- completing an online Feedback Form on the Project's website ([nationalgrid.com/egl5](http://nationalgrid.com/egl5))
- completing a paper Feedback Form (either at an in-person public information event or by sending to Freepost EGL 5)
- sending written comments by post (to Freepost EGL 5)
- emailing comments to the Project's email address ([contactegl5@nationalgrid.com](mailto:contactegl5@nationalgrid.com))

4.0.1 Consultation responses received via any other method than those listed above, such as through social media, will not be formally recorded as part of the consultation.

4.0.2 In exceptional circumstances, where an individual cannot respond using the listed written methods, feedback may be accepted via the Freephone line. These requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

4.0.3 Feedback (except via post) must be submitted by 11.59pm on the final day of the consultation.

4.0.4 Feedback submissions sent by post will be accepted up until a week after the consultation has closed.

4.0.5 All feedback will be handled in accordance with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

4.0.6 More details on how NGET will use the information collected about respondents can be found in the Feedback Form and on the Project website during the consultation period.

## 4.1 Presenting the results

4.1.0 Following the close of the consultation all feedback will be collated, reviewed and analysed to identify key themes and concerns. Our proposals will be reviewed and, where practicable, refined in light of feedback.

4.1.1 The proposed application will be finalised, taking into consideration the feedback received from the consultation in accordance with section 49 of the Planning Act.

4.1.2 A Consultation Report will be produced as part of the application for development consent, as required by section 37(3)(c) of the Planning Act. The report will include a summary of the consultation process undertaken in accordance with this SoCC and will

set out how the feedback from the consultation has shaped and influenced the proposals as submitted within the application for development consent.

- 4.1.3 Responses and extracts may be published in the report unless the respondent specifically requests otherwise. Any responses that are published will have all personal and identifiable details redacted.
- 4.1.4 Upon receipt of an application for development consent, the Planning Inspectorate will decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination and will determine whether the statutory consultation process has been adequate. As part of this process, local authorities will be invited to provide an adequacy of consultation response to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 4.1.5 The consultation report will be available online, alongside other application documents, once an application for development consent has been submitted. Paper copies will be available on request and subject to a printing charge outlined in Table 3.1.

## 4.2 Further consultation

- 4.2.0 If, following the Stage 2 consultation, National Grid considers it is necessary to undertake further consultation on either the whole or part of the project, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant, practicable and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC or any update to it.

## 4.3 Other proposals and consultations

- 4.3.0 The Project team is aware that a number of other organisations are developing proposals in the area, this also includes other Great Grid Upgrade proposals by National Grid.

**Table 4.1 – Other projects in the area:**

<b>Project name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Connection location</b>
Viking CCS	Carbon capture/ storage	Theddlethorpe Gas Terminal
Outer Dowsing OWF	Offshore wind	Weston Marsh
Mablethorpe Storage	Energy Storage/ CCGT	Lincolnshire Connection Substation A/ B
Theddlethorpe Flexible Generation	Storage/ CCGT	Lincolnshire connection substation A/B
Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3) and Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 4)	Offshore transmission link	Walpole
Grimsby to Walpole	Onshore transmission link	Walpole
Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire	Onshore transmission link	WMEL-A/WMEL-B

- 4.3.1 National Grid will work to understand other developer's local projects to ensure that the scope and context of the Project is clear in relation to the other consultations. This could include, where appropriate signposting people with specific questions about other projects, to the relevant developer project team(s) to ask questions and/or provide feedback.

## **4.4 National Grid in the region**

- 4.4.0 National Grid is currently developing proposals for other electricity transmission network reinforcements in the region, including Grimsby to Walpole, Eastern Green Link 3 and Eastern Green Link 4, North Humber to High Marnham and Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire.



- 4.4.1 National Grid is mindful of its potential project interactions and overlaps when developing consultation programmes for its forthcoming projects in the region. This includes:

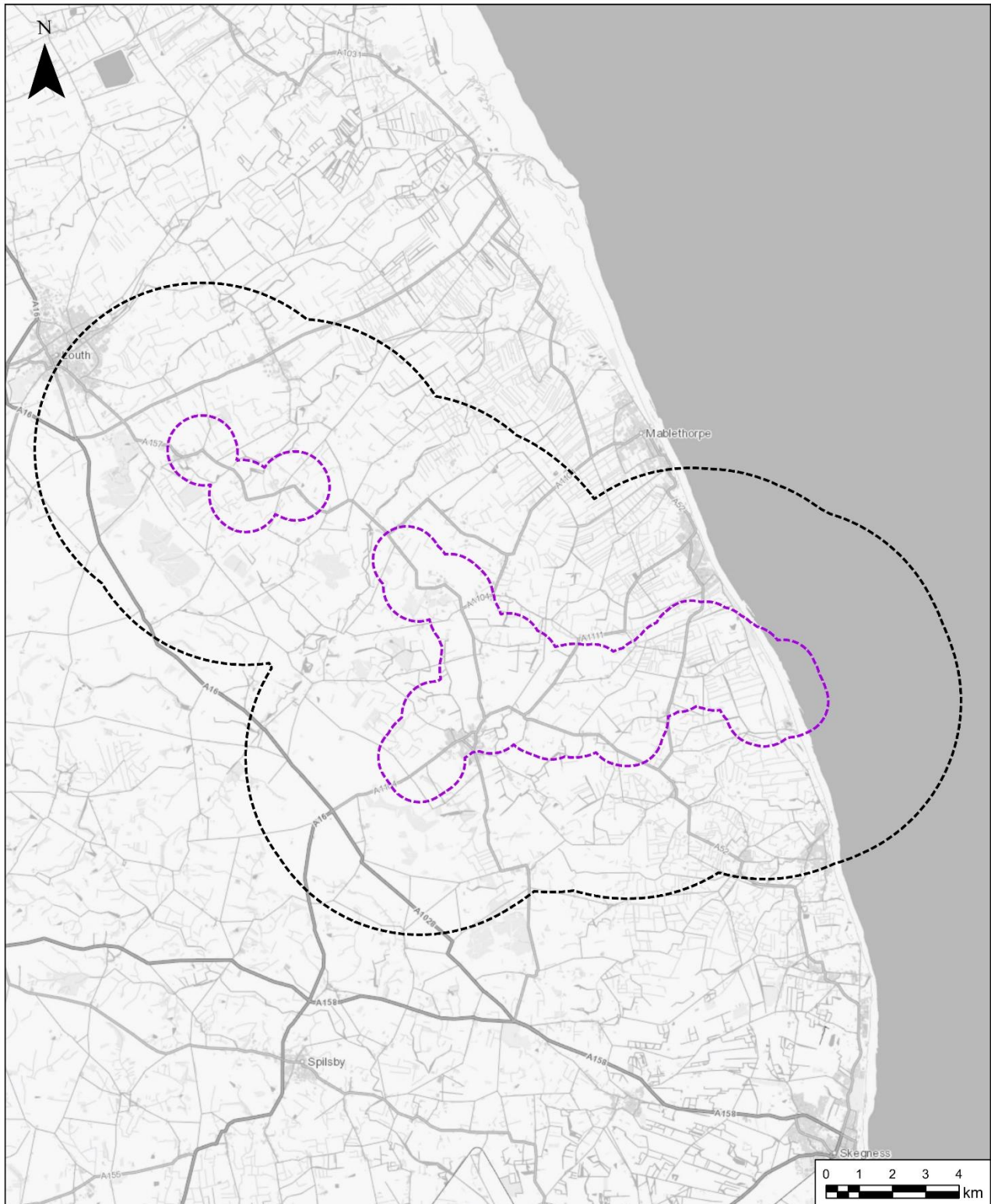
- provide information on how the projects in the region interact
- developing consistent messaging across the region
- ensuring staff at consultation events are equipped with an oversight and high-level understanding of other forthcoming local National Grid projects
- ensuring that any questions submitted in response to the Project's statutory consultation that are intended for, or are clearly relevant to another National Grid consultation, are passed on to the relevant community relations or consultation team. However, should interested parties have specific questions about other National Grid projects, they should engage directly with relevant project team(s) to ask questions and/or provide feedback.

# Appendix A

Maps outlining primary and secondary consultation zones.

## Legend

-  Primary Consultation Zone
-  Secondary Consultation Zone



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