

# Stage 2 community newsletter

May 2026

**National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) owns and operates the high-voltage electricity network in England and Wales. We are now seeking feedback on updated proposals for our Eastern Green Link 5 (EGL 5) project.**

Britain's use of electricity is changing fast. By 2035, demand is expected to be 40 per cent higher than it is today. To keep the lights on in our homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses, we need to strengthen the network that carries electricity around the country.

That's why we are proposing EGL 5, a high-voltage electricity link between Scotland and England. EGL 5 is part of The Great Grid Upgrade, the largest overhaul of the grid in generations which will help make bills more stable and improve the UK's energy security.

EGL 5 would be predominantly offshore, with some infrastructure being hosted onshore.

This new link is needed because the existing electricity network does not have enough capacity. It cannot reliably transport the increasing amount of energy generated in Scotland and Scottish waters to where it is needed.

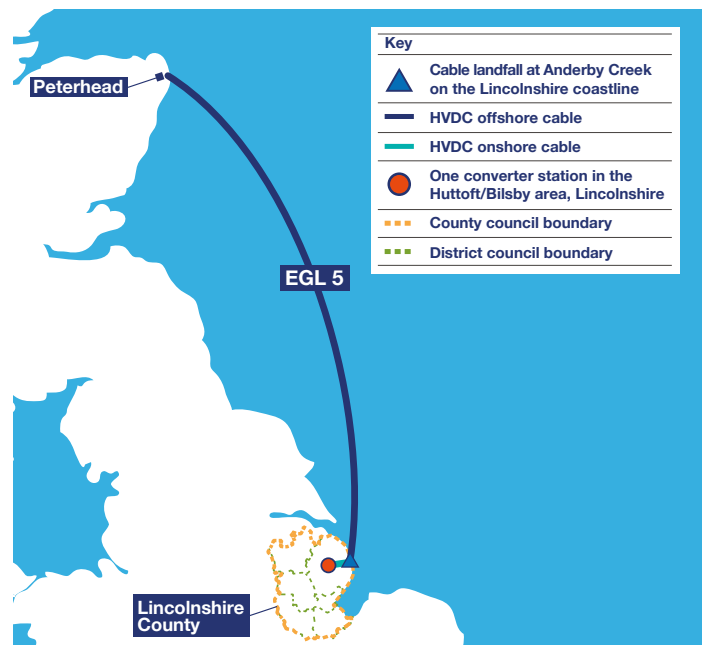
### Your feedback matters

Feedback from our first stage of consultation last summer has helped us update our proposals. Your views on the updated proposals will help further shape EGL 5.

**The Stage 2 consultation runs from 12pm on Friday 29 May to 11:59pm on Friday 24 July 2026.**

Inside this newsletter you will find details about the project and how you can share your views.

### Overview map of the EGL 5 proposals



**This newsletter provides a summary of our proposals, details of how you can get involved in our public consultation and where more information can be found.**

# Our proposals

**EGL 5 would connect enough home-grown energy to power up to two million homes and businesses across the Midlands and South of England and boost Britain's energy security.**

**The key elements of the proposals on which we are seeking feedback are:**

- 423 km of subsea high voltage direct current (HVDC) cables in English waters
- landfall siting at Anderby Creek on the Lincolnshire coastline
- a transition joint bay connecting the offshore and onshore HVDC underground cables at landfall in Anderby Creek
- up to 8 km of new underground HVDC cable, from the landfall point at Anderby Creek to the new converter station
- a new converter station, east of Bilsby, East Lindsey
- up to 1 km of new underground High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) cable. This will run between the converter station and the proposed Lincolnshire Connection Substation B (LCS-B) being consulted on as part of the Grimsby to Walpole Project.

We are also seeking feedback on our proposals for construction, including two route options for a temporary haul road and use of land for other construction activities.

We are proposing that EGL 5 connects into the substation (referred to as Lincolnshire Connection Substation B) being proposed as part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) for National Grid's Grimsby to Walpole Project.

This substation does not form part of the EGL 5 proposals or this consultation.

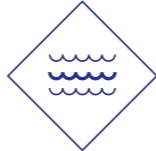


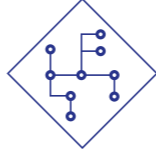

**We are jointly developing EGL 5 with Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN Transmission). SSEN Transmission is responsible for obtaining the relevant consents in Scotland and Scottish waters. In Scotland, EGL 5 would make landfall in Aberdeenshire and connect to the electricity network at the Netherton Hub.**

**You can find out more about SSEN's part of the project on it's website:**



# How have our proposals changed?

**Since Stage 1 consultation last summer, we have made some key changes to the proposals.**

Project element	What we proposed in Stage 1	What we are proposing in Stage 2
 <b>Offshore elements</b>	In Stage 1 we indicated there would be approximately 415 km of subsea HVDC cables in English waters. This would be from landfall somewhere in Scotland to landfall in Anderby Creek, Lincolnshire.	423 km of subsea HVDC cable from Netherton Hub near Peterhead, Scotland to Anderby Creek, Lincolnshire.  This route was chosen to limit possible interaction with nearby windfarm projects and Marine Conservation Zones.
 <b>Underground onshore cable route</b>	Two route options (either north or south of Huttoft) for the underground HVDC cable from Anderby Creek to the converter station.	A single proposed route, north of Huttoft with up to 8 km of new underground HVDC cable. This would run from landfall at Anderby Creek to the converter station.
 <b>Converter station</b>	Two options - either north-east of Bilsby or north-west of Huttoft - for the converter station.	A single option for the new converter station sited north-east of Bilsby.
 <b>Connection into the grid</b>	Underground high voltage alternating current (HVAC) cables running approximately 3 km. These would connect our new converter station to a new substation proposed as part of the Grimsby to Walpole Project.	Up to 1 km of new underground high voltage alternating current (HVAC) cable. This would run between the converter station north-east of Bilsby and a substation proposed as part of the Grimsby to Walpole Project.
 <b>Land for construction</b>	As there were multiple options available for the route and location of key elements of the proposals at Stage 1, we did not include information about the proposed use of land for construction.	With preferred options now selected, we are able to consult on proposals for use of land for construction, including for a temporary haul road.



# Our consultation



# Find out more

**Stage 2 consultation will run for eight weeks, from 12pm on Friday 29 May to 11:59pm on Friday 24 July 2026.**

You can respond to the consultation in several ways:

### Online Stage 2 Feedback form

You can provide your feedback by completing our online Feedback form, available at [nationalgrid.com/egl5](https://nationalgrid.com/egl5)

### Email

You can send written feedback by email to [contactegl5@nationalgrid.com](mailto:contactegl5@nationalgrid.com)

### Paper copy Stage 2 Feedback form

You can pick up a paper Feedback form from any of the public information events or local information points. Alternatively, you can request a consultation pack to be sent to you in the post.

You can also download and print a copy of our Feedback form from our website and post it back to us at **Freepost EGL 5** (no stamp or other address details needed).

### Letter

You can send a letter to **Freepost EGL 5** (no stamp or other address details needed).

### Important

To avoid any misinterpretation and ensure we have an accurate record of what we have received, we normally only accept written feedback via the methods set out.

If for any reason someone is unable to provide written feedback, we may be able to take feedback over the phone. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

You are welcome to use our free community information line **0800 358 4817** or speak to us at our events (listed on page 6) for information on the project or if you need any further assistance in providing feedback.



**The deadline to provide feedback is 11:59pm on Friday 24 July 2026.**

**Postal responses will be accepted up to a week after the consultation closes, if they were sent during the consultation period.**

### The Development Consent Order process

EGL 5 is a project of national significance. These types of projects require a special type of consent, known as a Development Consent Order (DCO).

Consultation is an important part of the DCO process as it enables everyone to comment on the proposals. Feedback from consultation, along with the outcomes of technical studies and environmental surveys, will help us develop our plans before we submit our DCO application.

**We encourage you to review our updated plans carefully, even if you have previously provided feedback, as we have made changes since Stage 1 Consultation.**

You can also find out more by:



### Visiting our website

All the latest information and consultation materials can be found on our website: [nationalgrid.com/egl5](https://nationalgrid.com/egl5)



### Booking a 'project team call-back'

Have your questions answered via phone. You can request an appointment by contacting the Community Relations Team via freephone, email or freepost, which are detailed below.



### Attending a public information event

Come along to one of our face-to-face public exhibitions. Please see the next page for further information on our events.



### Getting in touch

You can contact us by emailing [contactegl5@nationalgrid.com](mailto:contactegl5@nationalgrid.com), writing to us at **FREEPOST EGL 5**, or by calling **0800 358 4817**. Phone lines are open Monday to Friday 9am–5pm, with an answerphone facility taking messages outside of these hours



### Joining our Whatsapp Channel

Join our WhatsApp channel to stay updated on key project updates throughout the consultation: [whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbC05fo0G0Xna3aax237](https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbC05fo0G0Xna3aax237)



### Downloading the GridEngage app

Download National Grid's GridEngage app to keep informed about the project: [gridengage.nationalgrid.com/](https://gridengage.nationalgrid.com/)

# Public information events

During the consultation, we are holding four in-person public information events. At these events, we will present information about the proposals and members of the project team will be available to answer your questions. You will also be able to view copies of our maps and technical documents.

*There is no need to register; you only need to turn up on the day.*

Public information events		
Location	Date	Time
<b>Alford Corn Exchange</b> , 9 Market Place, Alford, LN13 9EB	Saturday 6 June 2026	11am – 4pm
<b>Anderby Village Hall</b> , Sea Road, Anderby, Skegness, PE24 5YD	Thursday 11 June 2026	2pm – 7pm
<b>Huttoft Village Hall</b> , Sutton Rd, Alford, LN13 9RG	Saturday 13 June 2026	11am – 4pm
<b>Huttoft Village Hall</b> , Sutton Rd, Alford, LN13 9RG	Thursday 18 June 2026	2pm – 7pm

## Local Information Guide

During the consultation period, paper copies of key consultation materials are available to collect at the locations listed below. Reference copies of the Statement of Community Consultation, Strategic options report, Design development report and Non-technical summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) are also available to view at these locations.

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

Local information point	Address	Opening times
<b>Alford Library and Focal Point</b>	6 South Market Place, Alford, LN13 9AF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday: closed</li> <li>Tuesday: 10am – 2pm</li> <li>Wednesday: closed</li> <li>Thursday: closed</li> <li>Friday: 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm</li> <li>Saturday: 10am – 1pm</li> <li>Sunday: closed</li> </ul>
<b>Ingoldmells Community Library</b>	Skegness Road, Ingoldmells, Skegness, Lincolnshire, PE25 1NP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday: 10am – 12pm</li> <li>Tuesday: 10:30am – 12pm</li> <li>Wednesday: 10am – 12pm</li> <li>Thursday: 10am – 12pm</li> <li>Friday: closed</li> <li>Saturday: closed</li> <li>Sunday: closed</li> </ul>
<b>Sutton on Sea Library and Community Centre</b>	Broadway, Sutton on Sea, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, LN12 2JN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday: 10am – 1pm</li> <li>Tuesday: closed</li> <li>Wednesday: 1pm – 4pm</li> <li>Thursday: closed</li> <li>Friday: 10am – 1pm</li> <li>Saturday: 10am – 1pm</li> <li>Sunday: closed</li> </ul>
<b>Alford Town Council Offices</b>	1st 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>

# Next steps

**The feedback we receive during this consultation, along with outputs from technical assessments and environmental surveys, will shape the development of the EGL 5 proposals.**

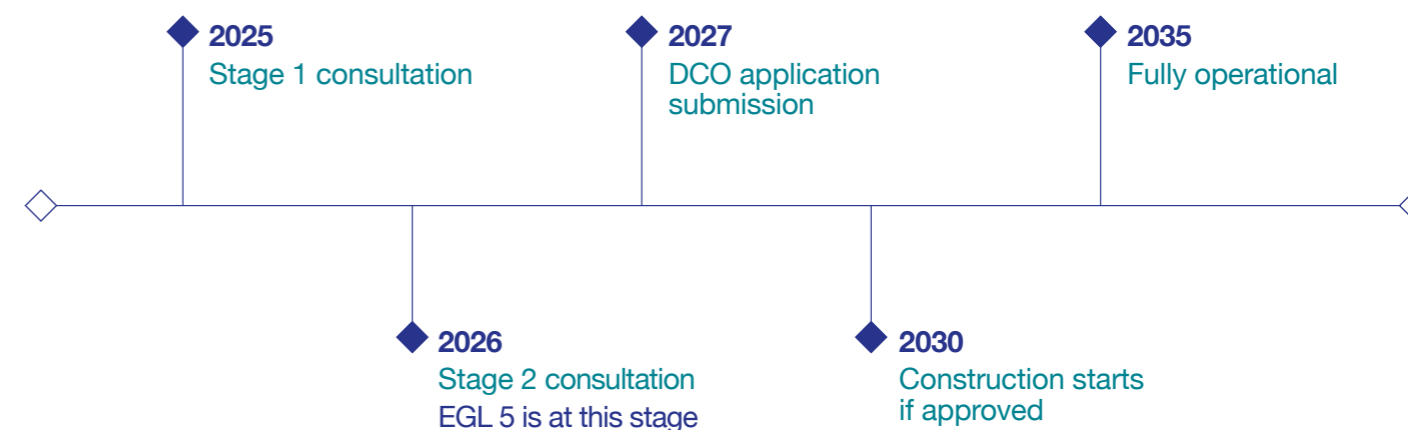
A Consultation Report showing how we have taken account of feedback will form part of the DCO application that will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

The Planning Inspectorate will review and examine our application. Local residents, landowners and other stakeholders will be able to register an interest, submit comments and take part in the examination period.

Following examination, the Planning Inspectorate will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who will decide whether to grant consent for the parts of the EGL 5 Project located in England.

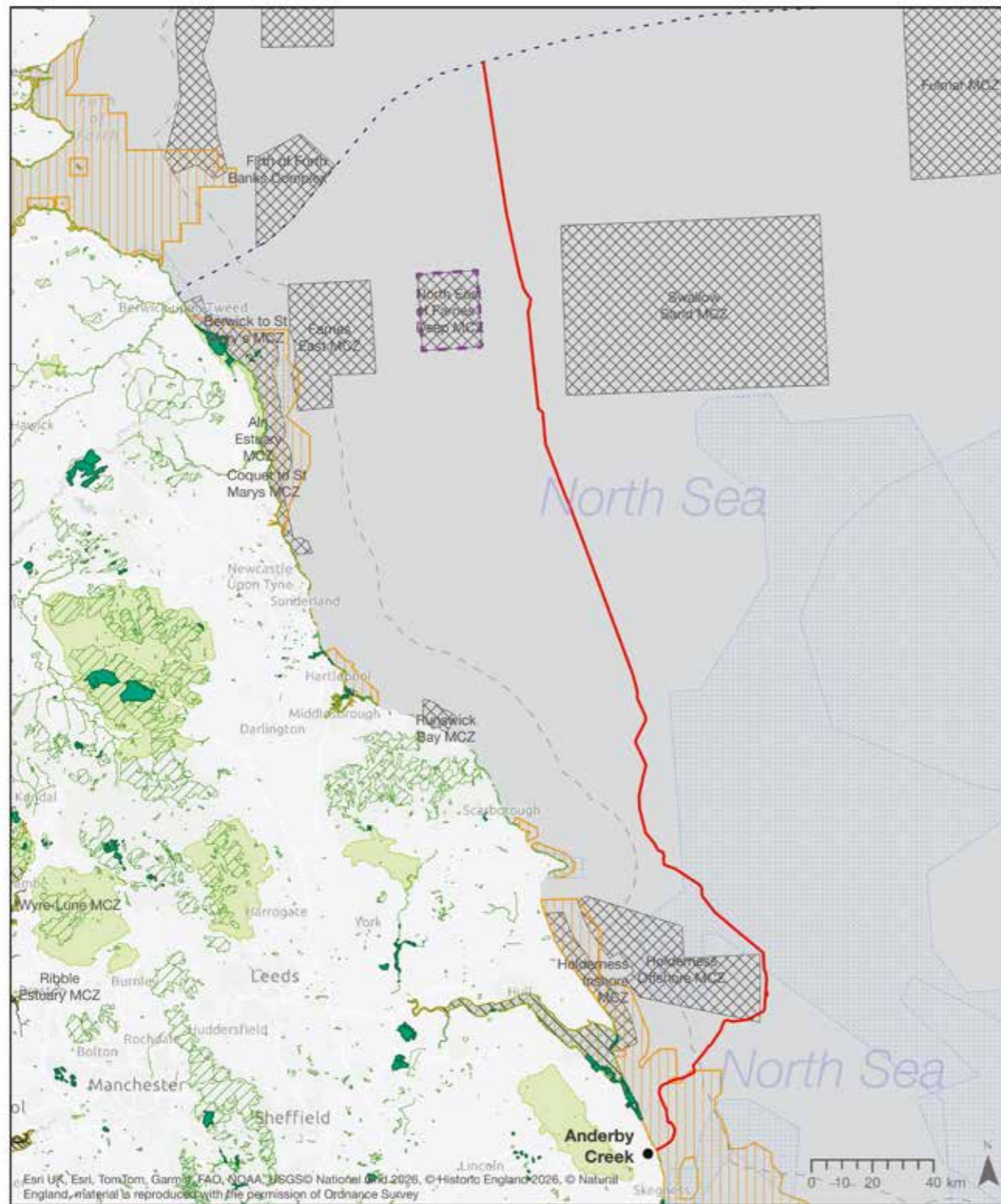
## Information for landowners

If you are a landowner and believe your property may be affected by our proposals, please email [egl5@ardent-management.com](mailto:egl5@ardent-management.com), call **0203 105 0989** or write to: **EGL 5, Ardent, 31 Temple Street, Birmingham, B2 5DB**



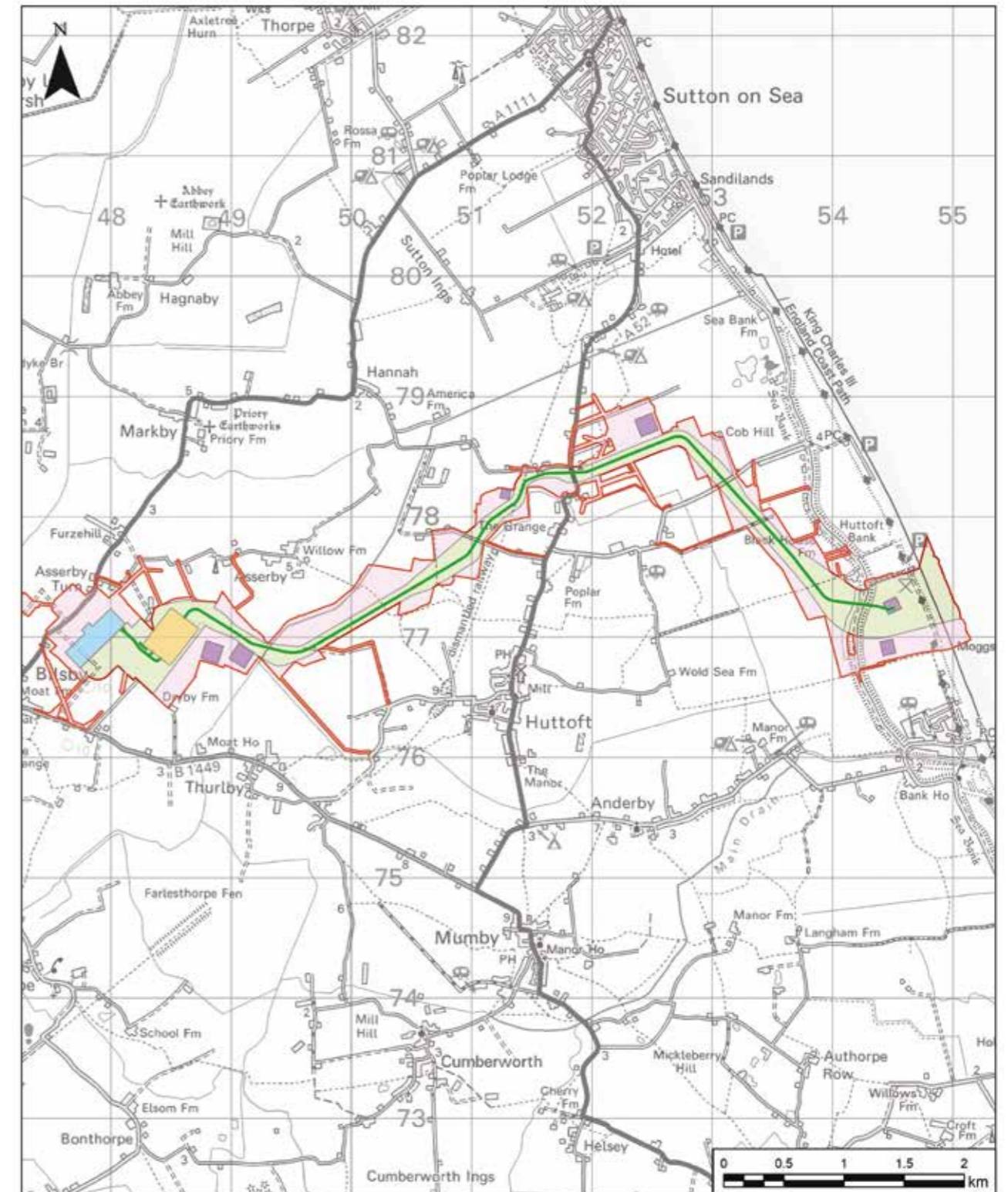
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- █ EGL5 Offshore Draft Order Limit
- Marine conservation zones
- Highly protected marine areas
- National nature reserves
- Sites of special scientific interest
- Areas of outstanding natural beauty
- Ramsar
- Special areas of conservation with marine components
- Special protection areas with marine components
- Territorial sea limit (12nm)
- Scottish adjacent waters



Legend

- Draft Order Limits
  - Indicative cable alignment
  - Indicative zone for converter station
  - Construction compound
  - LCS-B substation
  - Indicative zone for underground cable assets
  - Construction and working areas
- This substation is included in the DCO for Grimsby to Wapole and will not be consulted on as part of the EGL 5 proposals



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## Contact us

If you have any questions about our proposals for EGL 5, or would like to speak with a member of the project team, please contact us via our dedicated information lines:

**Visit our website:**

[nationalgrid.com/egl5](https://nationalgrid.com/egl5)

**Email us:**

[contactegl5nationalgrid.com](mailto:contactegl5nationalgrid.com)

**Call us on our freephone line:**

0800 358 4817 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm)

**Write to us:**

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