

Community Project Update

June 2026

Chesterfield to Willington – Stage 2 consultation update and next steps

The Chesterfield to Willington Stage 2 consultation closed on 28 April 2026. Thank you to everyone who took part, attended events and webinars, and shared their views.

During the consultation we received:

- Online feedback forms: **2,178**
- Paper feedback forms: **337**
- Feedback by email: **1,215**
- Feedback by letter: **21**
- **Total feedback responses: 3,751**

During the consultation, we spoke to **more than 1,500 people and businesses**. We held nine in-person events, eight online webinars, three parish council briefings, and thirteen other stakeholder briefings, including MPs and local authority members. Our Community Relations team responded to enquiries and helped people understand the Project so they could take part in the consultation.

- In-person event attendees: **999**
- Webinar attendees: **228**
- Parish council briefing attendees: **30**
- MP and local authority briefing attendees: **59**
- Enquiries received: **271**

Following the consultation, the Project team is now reviewing all feedback received alongside ongoing technical and environmental assessments. We are using this information together to refine the Project, reduce impacts where possible, and respond to local concerns.

The feedback gathered through consultation will help inform the final design of the Project and the preparation of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application, which we expect to submit in 2027.

As part of the application, we'll publish a Consultation Report that sets out:

- what we did during consultation;
- what feedback we received; and
- how we have considered this feedback in developing the Project.



Stage 2 consultation public information event in Shirland Village Hall on 17 April 2026

Ground investigation surveys taking place

From June 2026, for around 12 to 18 months, we'll carry out ground investigation (GI) surveys at locations along the route, within the Project boundary (shown as the draft Order Limits at Stage 2 consultation).

GI surveys involve digging or boring below ground to collect information about soil, rock and groundwater conditions or potential archaeology.

The information will help us identify potential impacts and site constraints. It will also help us design the route and find ways to reduce environmental effects and, where possible, improve the environment.

These surveys are part of a long-term programme that will help shape the Project's final design and support our target operational date of 2031. If we need to survey additional locations based on feedback, we will include these in the programme.

Further information about surveys taking place can be found on the [Landowners and surveys](#) page of our Project website.

Community Benefit Survey



Communities are at the heart of the UK's transition to more secure, cleaner, home-grown energy from more affordable sources. We have a long-standing commitment to the communities we work alongside and want to ensure lasting benefits for the people and places that host new energy infrastructure.

Where planning approval is granted, new above-ground electricity transmission infrastructure such as Chesterfield to Willington will unlock a dedicated community fund. Shaped by the community, the fund will reflect local needs and be developed in line with government guidance to deliver a lasting, positive impact.

We're seeking your views on how the community fund for this Project could be used to benefit your community, whether it's:

- investing in **skills**;
- enhancing **green spaces**;
- supporting physical **health and wellbeing**;
- improving **community hubs**; or
- creating partnerships with **charities or service providers**.

Our Community Benefit Survey is still open and gives you the opportunity to share your views on how funding could be used in your area. You can take part by completing the [survey online](#).

[Complete the online Community Benefit Survey](#)

Kilburn Junior School pupils take part in STEM energy session



Members of the Chesterfield to Willington Project team visited Kilburn Junior School recently to deliver a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) session to Year 3 and Year 4 pupils.

The children have been learning about electricity, and the session built on this by sharing a real-life example of a proposed electricity project and engaging pupils through practical activities.

A team from across the Project (including consents, lands, community relations and project management) taught around 80 pupils where energy comes from, how the electricity network works, and the difference between renewable and non-renewable energy.



Students handled some of the equipment that we use when constructing new electricity infrastructure, including overhead and underground cables, insulators and spacers.

Rob Hull, Kilburn Junior School headteacher, said: "The children enjoyed the engaging and interactive session, asked lots of questions and left feeling inspired and enthusiastic about engineering. We thank the team from National Grid for giving up their time to visit us. What the company is proposing represents something the children may see as they grow up, and the type of jobs the UK needs in the future."

David Woodcock, Senior Project Manager at National Grid, added: "I hope the session gave pupils food for thought about the wide range of STEM jobs available in the energy sector which are needed to connect new sources of energy into the network and meet our country's growing demand for electricity."

To register interest for your school to take part in a future session, please email chesterfield-willington@nationalgrid.com.

Keeping you updated

We'll continue to keep you informed as the Project progresses. You can find the latest updates on our [Project website](#).

You can still access all consultation materials – including the interactive map, fly-through videos, photomontages, construction animations and webinar recording – via the [Document library](#).

You can also stay up to date using our [Grid:Engage app](#), available on the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Get in touch

Please get in touch if you have any questions about the Project:

- Email: chesterfield-willington@nationalgrid.com
- Call: **0800 073 1047** available Monday to Friday, 9am–5:30pm, with an answerphone service taking messages outside these times.
- Write to: **FREEPOST NATIONAL GRID PROJECTS (JBP)** no stamp or further address is required.

If you're a landowner and want to talk to our lands team, please:

- Email: chesterfield-willington@ardentmanagement.com
- Call: **0203 489 9414**
- Write to: **The Lands Team at Ardent, 36-38 Botolph Lane, London EC3R 8DE**

Yours faithfully,

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