

**The Great Grid Upgrade**

Sea Link

# Ground investigation works

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## National Grid will be undertaking ground investigation works in Kent from August 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 August, we need to undertake ground investigation works to understand the locations of any potential unexploded ordnance (such as wartime bombs) within the land close to our proposed converter station in Minster, Kent.

### When will these works take place?

In June 2026, we submitted a Lawful Development Certificate to gain consent to undertake these works.

If granted, we expect the ground investigation works to take place from **August 2026** and **take approximately 5 months to complete**, weather and site conditions permitting. We have also submitted a separate planning application to carry out archaeology surveys in the same area, meaning that both sets of work will happen at the same time.

We will continue to keep local communities updated on the progress of works via the [surveys page](#) on our project website.

<b>Start</b>	August 2026
<b>Finish</b>	Late 2026, weather and site conditions permitting.
<b>Time/day</b>	7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, 7am to 5pm, Saturday, Sunday working TBC

### What do these works involve?

These surveys will use specialist equipment to safely check the ground for any signs of potential unexploded ordnance within the land close to our proposed converter station.

The survey will be completed using a magnetometer probe which is hydraulically pushed into the ground to survey the soil for deep unexploded ordnance over a series of small boreholes or piles. The survey will not involve any excavation or removal of potential unexploded ordnance.

### What does this mean for you?

The works will take place in a remote area, with minimal impact to local residents. When nearby the works site, you may notice survey equipment and machinery in use as well as some low noise.

If you live or work in the area you may notice survey equipment and machinery in use as well as some low noise. This will be in the same location as the archaeology works.

We are proposing to build a temporary access track between Ebbsfleet Lane North and the survey area, including three temporary bridges within the working area. This will avoid the need for vehicles travelling to and from the works to use Brooks Lane, except when building the temporary access track. Any public rights of way crossing the site will remain open however, some traffic management will be required when building the access track.

We are working closely with the County archaeologist and Historic England to coordinate these surveys and minimise any impact on 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](https://nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/sea-link).



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