

The Great Grid Upgrade

Western Link 2

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Project: Western Link 2

National Grid Electricity Transmission (referred to as National Grid) is working with Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) to deliver our proposals for Western Link 2, a new High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) offshore connection which will transport electricity between Scotland and Wales. Western Link 2 would reinforce the transmission network, transporting electricity both to and from Scotland and Wales. With this flexibility, we would strengthen energy security in the UK, support home-grown renewable generation and help balance supply and demand as the energy system changes.

Glossary

- **High voltage direct current (HVDC) cables** – HVDC cables can be used to transport large amounts of power over long distances, both onshore and offshore. When used onshore, these cables are installed underground.
- **High voltage alternating current (HVAC) cables** – Power is normally generated, transmitted and distributed by alternating current (AC), which is an efficient means of transporting energy to homes and businesses. HVAC can be transported by underground cables.
- **Landfall** – The location at which the marine HVDC cables connect to the terrestrial HVDC cables. The connection is made through a terrestrial underground transition joint bay (TJB).
- **Converter stations** – Convert power from HVAC to HVDC and vice versa. These stations are above ground facilities and comprise both buildings and outside electrical plant and equipment.
- **Substations** – Connect the converter stations to the transmission network and ultimately to the distribution networks that supply homes and businesses. They also provide a connection point for energy generators inputting power into the network, and for the distribution companies taking power from the network to supply homes and businesses. Substations are also above ground facilities comprising electrical plant and equipment.



Introduction

This document outlines how we intend to carry this Stage 1 consultation in June and July 2026 on our Western Link 2 project proposals.

Western Link 2 is a new HVDC electricity link that would be mostly under the sea, that would transport electricity both to and from Scotland and Wales. With this flexibility, Western Link 2 would strengthen energy security in the UK and help balance supply and demand as the energy system changes.

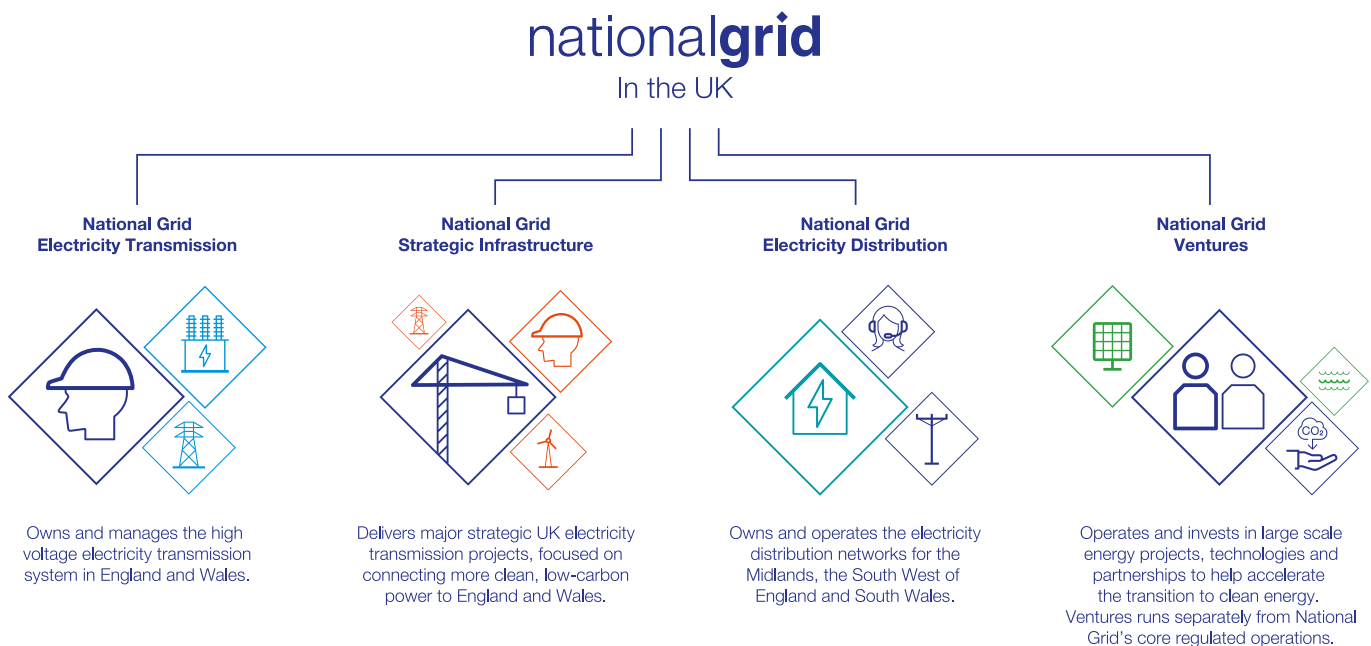
Early involvement of communities, their representatives, local authorities and key stakeholders will help us identify valuable information about the potential impacts of the project and help shape its development.

It also ensures that potential mitigation measures can be considered and, where appropriate, built into our designs before an application for consent is submitted.

We have consulted with the local planning authority at Cyngor Gwynedd on our reasoning and approach to this Stage 1 consultation. This document sets out how we will consult and engage with communities and stakeholders during this Stage 1 consultation.

National Grid Electricity Transmission – what we do in the UK

National Grid holds the transmission licence for England and Wales under the Electricity Act 1989 (“the Electricity Act”). National Grid owns, builds, and maintains the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales – the overhead lines, underground cables, substations and converter stations that transport power around the country.



Western Link 2 project

Background and need

The way we generate electricity has changed and is continuing to change. The demand for electricity is set to double by 2050 as the way we power our homes, businesses, industry and transport changes. We need to significantly upgrade the grid now to ensure we can meet this increase in demand.

To deliver more secure, cleaner power to homes and businesses and increase our energy security, we must upgrade the electricity transmission system – ‘the grid’ – at an unprecedented scale and pace.

The Great Grid Upgrade is the largest overhaul of the electricity grid in generations.

Our infrastructure projects across Wales and England are helping to connect cleaner, home-grown energy from more affordable sources to your homes and businesses.

Transitioning to secure, cleaner and more affordable energy sources, means we need to build new infrastructure, as well as upgrading the existing grid, to bring this power from where it’s generated to where it’s needed in homes and businesses.

Western Link 2 would play an important part in the Great Grid Upgrade.



The project

Western Link 2 is being jointly developed by National Grid and Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) with each company responsible for different elements of the project.

National Grid is responsible for developing the offshore HVDC cable in Welsh waters as well as new infrastructure in North Wales. National Grid and SPEN are also jointly developing the offshore HVDC cable in Northern Irish and Manx waters, between Scotland and Wales. Consultation and engagement in relation to the offshore cable within Manx and Northern Irish waters is a separate process.

National Grid's onshore proposals comprise the following elements:

- a new underground transition joint bay at a location on the Gwynedd coastline at Caernarfon Bay, where the new marine HVDC cable will connect to the new onshore HVDC cable
- a new approximately 25 km underground HVDC cable from the landfall location to a new converter station
- a new converter station in proximity to the existing Pentir substation in Gwynedd
- a new extension to the existing Pentir substation, for the purposes of connecting Western Link 2 to the existing transmission network in Wales
- a new short length underground High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) cable between the new converter station and the Pentir substation extension.

National Grid's nearshore marine proposals comprise the following elements:

- approximately 183 km of new marine HVDC cable, starting from the limit of Welsh territorial seas to a new underground transition joint bay at a landfall location on the Gwynedd coastline, at Caernarfon Bay.

National Grid's wider offshore marine proposals comprise the following elements:

- approximately 240 km of new marine HVDC cable, starting from the southern limit of Scotland's territorial seas and routeing further south through both Northern Irish and Manx territorial seas, until it reaches landfall in Wales.



In this consultation we are asking for views on the Welsh elements of the project only. SPEN is responsible for the Scottish section, and the proposed route they identified was subject to consultation in November 2025.

Purpose of this Stage 1 consultation

We are committed to engaging and consulting with communities and stakeholders at an early stage of the project, giving people, their representatives, local authorities and key stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback and insight about the potential effects of the project at a formative stage ahead of more detailed design work being carried out.

Early involvement also ensures that potential mitigation measures can be considered and, where appropriate, built into our designs before an application for consent is submitted.

The purpose of the consultation is to gather feedback from local communities and stakeholders, answer questions and ensure everyone has the opportunity to comment on our work to date.

During the consultation, we will:

- introduce our early proposals
- explain the different elements of the project – the proposed offshore and nearshore cable route corridor, landfall locations, onshore cable route corridors, converter station siting zones, and the extension of existing Pentir substation

- explain why this project is needed
- communicate our principles for design and seek relevant feedback
- explain the options and emerging preferences for the cable landfall locations, the cable route corridor and the converter station siting zones that we are currently considering
- outline the next steps, including how we intend to further develop our project proposals.



You can find more details about our proposals on our website, nationalgrid.com/westernlink2 or in our Stage 1 consultation document.

Consultation timing

This Stage 1 consultation will run for four weeks from Tuesday 23 June to Tuesday 21 July 2026.

Consultation area

We have developed a Primary Consultation Zone (PCZ) and Secondary Consultation Zone (SCZ) for the Project to inform our engagement activities. They are shown in Appendix A.

The PCZ for the project will include people whose properties lie within 250 metres of the emerging preferred corridor and landfall locations, and 1 km from the converter station siting zones and extension of existing Pentir substation.

Where appropriate, the PCZ has been extended to include whole streets and postcodes rather than the boundary dissecting hamlets or neighbourhoods. It also follows natural borders such as roads or field boundaries as appropriate. All relevant stakeholders within this area will be consulted including contacting each residential and business address directly.

Before the start of the consultation, we will mail a newsletter to all properties within the PCZ.

The newsletter will include:

- an introduction to the project and an explanation of what we are consulting on
- details of the project website, dates and times for public exhibitions, webinars and how the local community and stakeholders can leave their feedback on our proposals, including instructions on how to complete the online feedback form which will be located on the project website

- information on further project materials and where these can be accessed
- a map showing the emerging preferred route corridor, converter station siting zones and emerging preferred landfall locations
- an indicative project timeline.

We will include details on how people without access to the internet can view paper copies of materials and project contact details to find out more information.

The SCZ (see appendix A) will extend to 5 km from the edge of the emerging preferred corridor and graduated swathe, converter station siting zones, landfall locations and other associated works. The SCZ will include stakeholders who are further from the project but may have concerns such as construction traffic and long-distance views of the converter station. Anyone can register on the website to receive project updates.

We will seek to raise awareness of the project and public consultation within the SCZ through methods of publicity that extend beyond the PCZ.

This will include:

- placing advertisements in local newspapers providing information about the consultation and how to get involved
- providing project documents at local information points within the SCZ for public viewing
- placing advertisements on social media to target different demographics and to include those who might not otherwise engage with the consultation
- publishing details of consultation events on the project website
- providing contact details for queries and how to request paper copies of consultation materials on the project website
- asking community councils to display information regarding the public consultation.

Requests for paper copies of the technical documents 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 and will be up-to a maximum value of £500 for the whole suite of consultation documents.

National Grid will also consider requests for alternative formats of documents, such as translations and large print, on a case-by-case basis to take into account individual circumstances.

For enquiries relating to the consultation materials or for requests of printed or alternative formats, the project team can be contacted by email at westernlink2@nationalgrid.com



Approach to consultation

Welsh language

We recognise the importance of the Welsh language and are committed to ensuring the consultation is accessible for those that wish to take part in Welsh. All non-technical materials will be available in Welsh and Welsh speakers will be available at all consultation events and webinars.

Feedback can be provided in Welsh.

For the purposes of analysing and reporting Welsh feedback alongside other responses, Welsh feedback will be translated by the project's appointed translation agency (which is based in North Wales).

Accessible for all

We are proposing to use a blend of digital and traditional engagement channels for the public consultation. This will involve using the project website, and other digital tools to present information on the project and gather feedback on our proposals. This includes the Grid Engage app which is available to download as an alternative means of viewing information on the project.

We remain committed to engaging with all community members and stakeholders throughout the consultation period.

We want to ensure that all our engagement and consultation is inclusive and will reach those who may not otherwise engage with us. You can see our approach to engaging with seldom heard groups on page 22.

We also recognise that some people may not have access to or use of the internet. We have taken steps to ensure that paper copies of all our materials are available upon request and at specified locations along the route. Further information including the locations and opening hours of these local information points is available in the table overleaf.



Local information points

Local information points are venues along the project route where people can collect paper copies of some documents, feedback forms and view documents online. Copies of technical documents will be reference copy only. See table of local information points below (also see Appendix C):

| Venue | Address | Opening times |
|--|--|--|
| Bangor Library | Gwynedd Road, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 1DT | Monday, Tuesday & Thursday Wednesday & Friday Saturday Sunday 9:30am–6pm 9:30am–5pm 9:30am–1pm Closed |
| Bethesda Public Library | Dyffryn Ogwen Community Library, Ffordd Coetmor, Bethesda, Gwynedd, LL57 3DP | Monday Tuesday & Saturday Wednesday Thursday Friday Sunday 2–6pm 10am–12pm Closed 10am–12pm 2–5pm 2–5pm Closed |
| Byw'n Iach Plas Silyn (Leisure Centre in Penygroes) | Plas Silyn, County Road, Penygroes, Gwynedd, LL54 6HJ | Monday & Thursday Tuesday & Wednesday Friday Saturday & Sunday 9am–9pm 9am–10pm 9am–7pm 9am–3pm |
| Byw'n Iach Plas Ffrancon | Ffordd Newydd, Coetmor, Bethesda, Gwynedd, LL57 3DT | Monday – Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday 7:30am–9pm 7:30am–8pm 9:30am–3pm 10am–4pm |
| Caernarfon Library | Lôn Pafiliwn, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1AS | Monday, Tuesday & Thursday Wednesday & Friday Saturday Sunday 9:30am–6pm 9:30am–5pm 9:30am–1pm Closed |
| Inigo Jones Slate Works | Tudor Slate Works, Y Groeslon, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL54 7UE | Monday – Saturday 9am–5pm |
| Menter Ty'n Llan | Ty'n Llan, Llandwrog, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL54 5SY | Monday – Thursday Friday Saturday & Sunday 12–11pm 10.30am–11pm 12–11pm |



*Please note, local information point opening hours are subject to change. We recommend checking with the relevant venue for the most up to date opening hours.



Consultation materials

The following materials will be published at the start of the consultation period:

| Material type | Description |
|---|---|
| Stage 1 consultation document | Non-technical document providing an overview of the project, our emerging proposals and the background to those, together with information on how we are consulting and how to get involved. |
| Community newsletter | Direct mailout to all communities in the PCZ summarising details of the project and public consultation. |
| Consultation strategy | Document outlining our approach to the Stage 1 consultation. |
| Strategic Options Report (SOR) | Explaining the strategic options considered, and the strategic option proposed, to deliver the necessary network upgrade. |
| Marine Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study (M CPRSS) | Technical document setting out the options identification, appraisal and selection process for the marine elements of the project, including the routeing and siting options assessed and our proposed option. |
| Terrestrial Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study (T CPRSS) | Technical document setting out the options identification, appraisal and selection process for the terrestrial elements of the project, including the routeing and siting options assessed and our proposed option. |
| Summary of Landfall and Terrestrial Routeing and Siting Options | Summary document providing an overview of the routeing and siting options considered. |
| Bridging notes for the M CPRSS and T CPRSS documents | Providing further information on the development of routeing and siting options. |
| Project website | Hosting all project information, including downloadable versions of the consultation documents, FAQs, an online feedback questionnaire and interactive map. |
| Interactive map | Interactive map showing the proposals and providing further detail on the project. |



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| Feedback form | To gather consultation comments and feedback. Available online, at public information events, local information points and by request. |
| Public information event banners | Display material used at public information events, providing an overview of key aspects of the scheme. |
| Maps of our proposals | Maps showing the potential landfall locations, emerging preferred corridor and graduated swathe and converter station siting zone. |

*All non-technical consultation materials will be produced in Welsh and English

Stakeholder briefings and meetings

At the start of the public consultation, we will offer briefings to the following stakeholders:

- Members of Parliament where all or part of their constituencies lie within the PCZ
- Members of the Senedd where all or part of their constituencies lie within the PCZ
- Elected representatives of Cyngor Gwynedd whose electoral boundaries fall within the PCZ
- Community and town councils where all or part of the area falls inside the PCZ.

These stakeholders will be sent digital copies of the project information (paper copies will be provided upon request) along with details on how to respond to the consultation and engage with the project team. We will also keep them updated at key project milestones.

We will engage with other organisations on request.

Project website

We will update the project website so people can easily find information relevant to them.

The website will allow people to easily access and download project information and documents and find links to other resources that we will also make available to view at public consultation events. It will include:

| Function | Rationale |
|---|--|
| Document library with access to consultation documents | The library will be the 'go to' deposit location for all project information. It will ensure that all project information is available in one, easy to access location. |
| Consultation pages | These pages will display further information on the proposals and links to relevant documents. |
| Find out more pages | Details of dates and timings of public information events and webinars during the consultation period. |
| FAQs | To provide answers to frequently asked questions. |
| Project contact details | Telephone, email and freepost details are on the website and all consultation materials for the public to get in contact and request further details or ask questions. |
| Feedback form | The online form will enable members of the public to provide their feedback easily and send it back directly to the project team. |
| GDPR (legal statement) | All personal data will be held in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 and personal data will not be transferred outside of the European Economic Area, or used for purposes other than those outlined. The website will be made accessible for all users through the provision of audio guides, videos, other visual material, and the ability to request translation. |



*The project website and non-technical documents will be available in Welsh and English.

Interactive map

A dual-language interactive map of proposals will be produced. This will include the ability to zoom to specific locations using a postcode function. There will be pointers to further information, which may contain images, text or signpost to a different page that expands on what is being presented.

Grid Engage app

Information available on the project website will also be added to National Grid's community engagement app. This will include information on the project and details of the public information events and webinars. The app will be available to download on the Android and Apple stores.

Public information events and webinars

A programme of in-person public information events and online webinars will provide the community and stakeholders with the opportunity to find out more about the Western Link 2 project proposals and to provide feedback.

Public information events are organised to be accessible to as many as possible and held at suitable venues.

These events will provide the opportunity to speak and ask questions to technical experts within the team.

In-person public information events will commence shortly after the publicity and launch of this Stage 1 consultation and will run for several weeks into the consultation to allow people to make arrangements to attend.

A higher number of events will be held along the emerging preferred corridor and graduated swathe, with an additional event held in proximity to the proposed converter station siting zones.

The events will be held on a variety of days and times, where feasible, including evenings in the week and at least one weekend. No events will take place during school holidays or on bank holidays.

We are proposing to hold public information events at the following locations (also available in Appendix B):

| Venue | Address | Date |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Clynnog Fawr Village Hall <i>What 3 Words location: chicken.arranges.item</i> | Llys Eben, Clynnog Fawr, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL54 5AQ | Thursday 25 June, 2–7pm |
| Penygroes Memorial Hall <i>What 3 Words location: insist.manly.processes</i> | 2 Market Place, Penygroes, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL54 6NN | Friday 26 June, 2–7pm |
| Menter Cymunedol Bethel (Bedol) <i>What 3 Words location: elevator.northward.region</i> | Bethel, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1AX | Thursday 09 July, 12–4.30pm |



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|--|---|--|
| <p>Rhiwlas Village Hall</p> <p><i>What 3 Words location: ditched.countries.cakewalk</i></p> | <p>Rhiwlas, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 4GA (follow road signs to the village hall)</p> | <p>Friday 10 July, 2–7pm</p> |
| <p>The Centre Bontnewydd</p> <p><i>What 3 Words location: match.uptake.stoppage</i></p> | <p>Bontnewydd, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 2UF</p> | <p>Saturday 11 July, 10am–1:30pm</p> |

If any public information event details change due to unforeseen circumstances, the project team will use the same communications channels used to raise awareness of the consultation to convey any new information.

Details of where and when the events are taking place will be included on the project website, in newspaper adverts and in our consultation newsletter.

Online webinars will be organised to enable the project team to present the same information as at the public information events. One webinar will be conducted in Welsh, and one in English.

These will be recorded and uploaded to the project website for playback by those unable to attend.

If events need to be cancelled for any reason, we will hold an online event on the published date, where practicable.

We are proposing the following dates and times for online webinars (also available in Appendix B):

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| Welsh speaking webinar | Tuesday 7 July | 6–7pm |
| English speaking webinar | Tuesday 7 July | 7–8pm |



These online webinars will be organised to supplement the in-person consultation events allowing community members and stakeholders the best opportunity to attend. Registration for the webinars and recordings of the sessions will also be made available on the project website.



Information helpline

Contact details including a freephone information line, email address and freepost address will be widely publicised, including in paper copies of consultation materials and on the website. People will also be able to request information over the phone.

Providing feedback on our proposals

We want to make providing feedback on our proposals as easy as possible for the local community and all stakeholders. Paper copies of the feedback form will be available at public information events and at local information points along the route corridor.

Visitors to our project website will be able to fill out a feedback form online and send it back directly or download and print and return via our freepost address.

Members of the public will also be able to telephone our freephone contact number and request a paper copy of the feedback form and a freepost envelope, enabling them to send their feedback to the project team free of charge.

We will review all returned feedback forms. Comments will be analysed and considered as the project is developed further.

All feedback must be provided in writing either via email, online feedback form or paper copy feedback form.

Advertising

We will use advertising to raise awareness of the public consultation on the project proposals.

Traditional media

To raise general awareness of the project within the area and to advertise the consultation programme, we will place bilingual advertisements in key local publications. These advertisements will help build awareness of the consultation within the PCZ and SCZ.

Advertisements will be published at the start of public consultation to inform the local community and stakeholders of deadlines for feedback and dates for public information events and webinars. We will also engage proactively with local news media, issuing a press release at the start of the consultation and will be responding constructively to any requests for media interest throughout the consultation.

Digital media

Where newspapers have a related digital outlet, we will publish corresponding advertisements on the digital publications.

Social media

We will use social media to advertise the consultation. Advertisements will target the postcodes within the PCZ and SCZ. Social media advertisement may draw in stakeholders who wouldn't otherwise engage with the consultation, for example, young people.

Social media advertisement will include the use of Facebook and Instagram.

Engaging with seldom heard and interest groups

Seldom heard groups are defined as being inaccessible to most traditional and conventional methods of consultation for any reason.

National Grid wants to ensure that all our engagement and consultation activity is inclusive and wants to reach those who otherwise may not engage with us.

We recognise that some people and groups may not have access to, or use of, the internet or be able to access traditional consultations easily.

To ensure our consultation is accessible to all, we will:

- publish and advertise our contact details widely so people can call, email or write to us for assistance
- directly mail a newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and provide details of how to access paper copies of other project documents, and provide feedback by post
- set up local information points along the corridor where people can collect paper copies of some documents and feedback forms
- make important information available in 'plain language' in both digital and non-digital formats to make it as accessible as possible for people to understand and take part in consultation, enhanced with supporting images, drawings and graphics to make it easier for people to understand technical information
- wherever possible, upon request aim to provide materials in different formats, including easy-read, large print and in different languages. To request this, we ask that consultees and/or stakeholders contact the project team
- advertise the availability of the telephone helpline.

Seldom heard groups may include the following:

- ethnic minority groups and people for whom English is a second language
- the Traveller community
- the elderly
- people with visual and hearing impairments
- people with limited mobility/disability
- youth age groups
- carers and families with young children
- economically inactive individuals
- geographically isolated communities or individuals.
- digitally isolated.

Interest groups will include:

- business groups such as Local Enterprise Partnerships and Chambers of Commerce
- community groups such as residents' associations with a close geographical relationship to the project
- educational establishments like universities, colleges and schools along the emerging preferred corridor.



Communication tools for seldom heard and interest groups:

| Communication tool | Objective(s) | Result |
|--|---|---|
| Direct Engagement | Engagement with representative groups and organisations, building links with the project and helping identify seldom heard and interest groups in local communities. These could include community groups, youth groups, business groups, activity centres, ethnic minority groups, religious groups. | National Grid can make use of existing communication channels that these community groups have in place to communicate with a wider audience of harder to reach groups and individuals. |
| Project Website | As an online hub for the consultation with easily accessible contact details, this acts as a two-way communication tool between the project and the public. | This will support easy access to information about the project for anyone with visual or hearing impairments. |
| Grid Engage app | An app with information on the project and details about the consultation events. | This will support access to information on the project by creating an alternative means for individuals to stay up to date on proposals. |
| Engagement with ambassadors/champions (for example, town and community councils which have their own communications channels) | Identify community leaders who can help facilitate wider consultation beyond traditional channels and assist the project team in identifying likely issues and concerns from stakeholders and ways to overcome them. | Feedback is received from group representatives and individuals. |
| Publicity – consultation will be publicised through the following channels as appropriate for target audiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • printed materials • press releases • paid advertising • social media advertising | Raising awareness for the project including how to provide feedback and the dates / times of in-person events and online webinars. | To create greater publicity for the project and help inform those beyond the PCZ about the consultation. |
| Telephone helpline | Allowing members of the public to ask questions about the project and find out more about the consultation. | To support those who may have difficulty accessing online information or attending public information events. |
| Paper copy materials | Providing paper copies of materials to those without access to the internet on request. | Participation in the consultation from those who may have difficulty accessing online information or attending public information events. |

Seldom heard and interest groups contact database

We have created a database of identified relevant contacts at seldom heard community groups and other interest groups and organisations.

This database also includes details of youth organisations across the project area. We will continue to seek the input of local people and their representatives to ask for recommendations on additional groups or organisations to include.

We will use this contact database to ensure these groups and organisations are kept up

to date with the development of the scheme and are aware of how to participate in the development of the project, including each stage of public consultation.

We will also continue to monitor the success of our communications tools to test the suitability of our approach to engagement.

Depending on the reception of our early communications with these interest groups, we will adjust our approach to engagement accordingly.

Methods of responding to the consultation

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



Online via the project website at nationalgrid.com/westernlink2



By post, you can download and print a copy of our feedback form from our website and post it back at FREEPOST W LINK 2 (no stamp or other address details needed). Paper feedback forms will also be available at public information events and at local information points.



By email at: Westernlink2@nationalgrid.com

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

All feedback must be provided in writing either via email, online feedback form or paper copy feedback form.

Responses provided orally, such as via telephone, will be accepted only in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis, where someone may not otherwise be able to respond to the consultation.

Feedback (except via post) must be submitted by 23:59 on the closing date of the consultation.

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

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) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

More details on how National Grid will use the information collected about respondents can be found in the consultation feedback questionnaire and on the project website during the consultation period.

Reporting on the consultation

Following the close of the consultation all feedback will be collated, reviewed and analysed to understand key themes and concerns. We will give due regard to all consultation responses received. Our proposals will be reviewed and, where practicable, refined in light of feedback.

The outcomes from this Stage 1 consultation will be made available to the public and stakeholders in a range of ways.

Initially, we will publish an update following the consultation which will provide an overview of the key matters raised, how we're considering them and what the timescales and next steps are.

When we submit our application for consent, it will include a Consultation Report which will include responses to the issues raised at this Stage 1 consultation. Responses to the consultation and extracts of responses may be published as part of the report unless specifically stated in the response not to be published. Any responses that are published will have all personal details redacted.

Further consultation

Feedback from this Stage 1 consultation will help shape our proposals. We are planning to undertake further consultation on our refined proposals for Western Link 2 in 2027.



Other National Grid projects

National Grid is currently developing proposals for other electricity transmission network reinforcements in the region, including:

- the Dinorwig to Pentir cable replacement project
- the Pentir to Trawsfynydd reinforcement and refurbishment project
- Bodelwyddan substation extension
- Connah's Quay to Bodelwyddan overhead line refurbishment project
- Eryri/Snowdonia Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project
- Penrhos Substation project on Ynys Môn /Anglesey.
- ensuring staff at consultation events are equipped with an oversight and understanding of other forthcoming local National Grid projects; and
- ensuring that any responses submitted as part of the consultation that are intended for or are clearly relevant to another National Grid consultation on another project, are passed on to the relevant community relations or project consultation team.

National Grid is mindful of the potential project interactions and overlaps when developing consultation and engagement programmes for its projects in the region.

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.

This includes:

- developing consistent messaging across its potentially interacting projects to support local understanding of the interactions between these projects;
- co-ordinating consultation timelines to minimise potential impacts on the local community, while maintaining transparency around forthcoming National Grid projects and consultations;

Project contact details

The Western Link 2 project team can be contacted at the below contact details:



Call our Community Helpline:
0800 156 0706
(lines are open Monday to Friday
9am-5.30pm)



Email us:
Westernlink2@nationalgrid.com

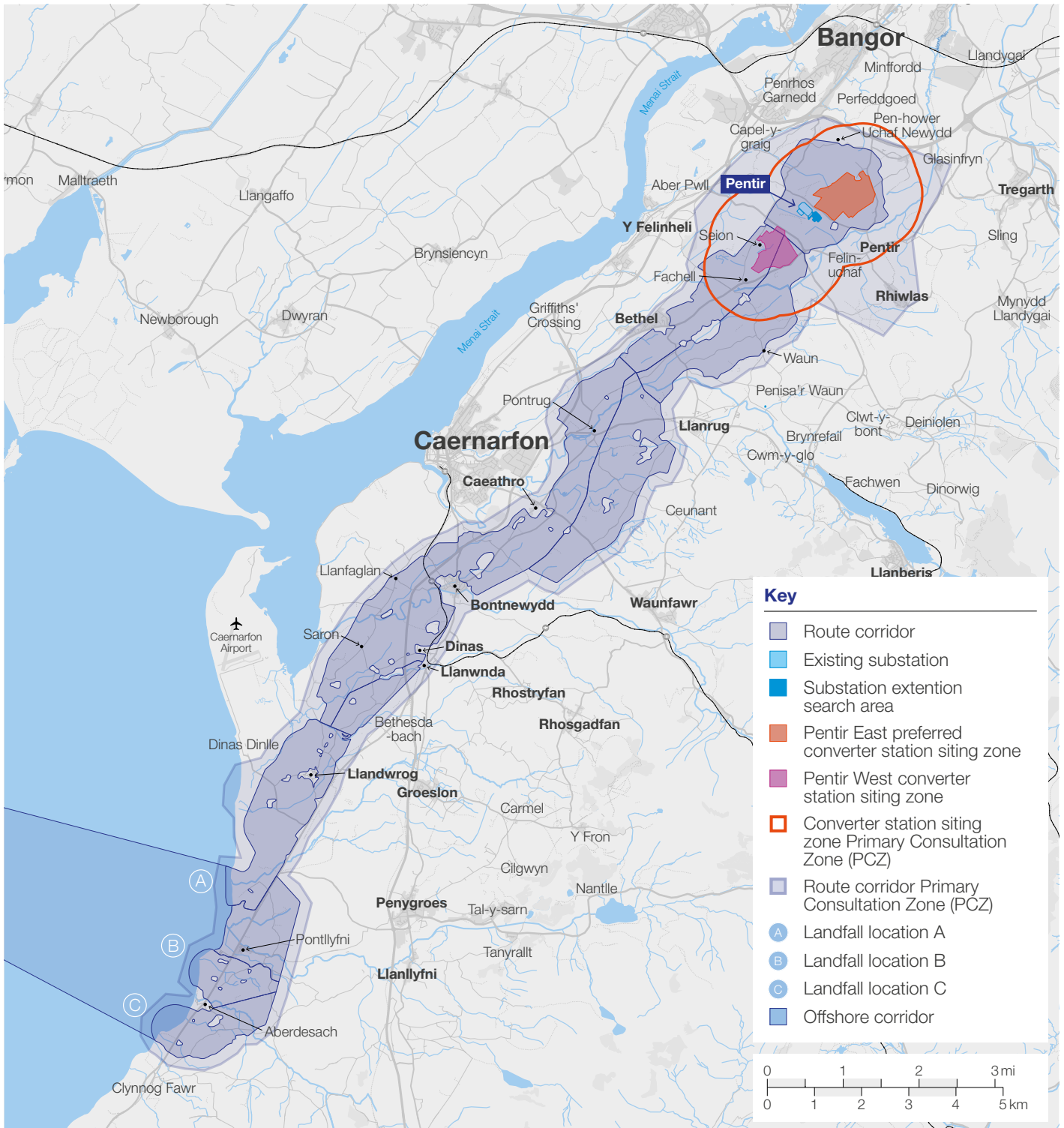


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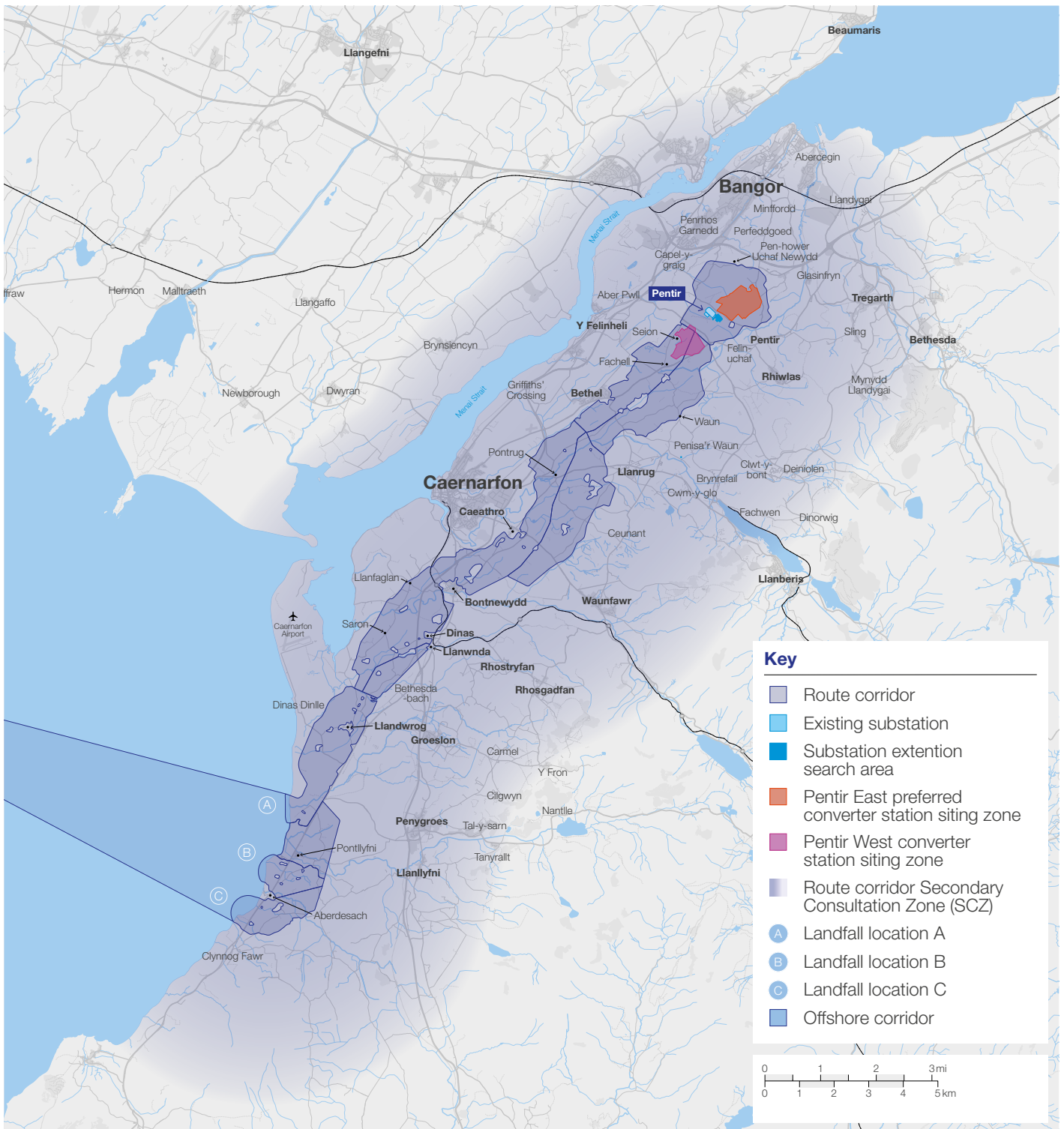
Appendix A

Primary Consultation Zone (PCZ)



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Secondary Consultation Zone (SCZ)



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Appendix B

Public information events:

| Venue | Address | Date |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Clynnog Fawr Village Hall <i>What 3 Words location: chicken.arranges.item</i> | Llys Eben, Clynnog Fawr, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL54 5AQ | Thursday 25 June, 2–7pm |
| Penygroes Memorial Hall <i>What 3 Words location: insist.manly.processes</i> | 2 Market Place, Penygroes, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL54 6NN | Friday 26 June, 2–7pm |
| Menter Cymunedol Bethel (Bedol) <i>What 3 Words location: elevator.northward.region</i> | Bethel, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1AX | Thursday 09 July, 12–4.30pm |
| Rhiwlas Village Hall <i>What 3 Words location: ditched.countries.cakewalk</i> | Rhiwlas, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 4GA (follow road signs to the village hall) | Friday 10 July, 2–7pm |
| The Centre Bontnewydd <i>What 3 Words location: match.uptake.stoppage</i> | Bontnewydd, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 2UF | Saturday 11 July, 10am–1:30pm |

Table 1: Public information events

Webinars:

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| Welsh speaking webinar | Tuesday 7 July | 6–7pm |
| English speaking webinar | Tuesday 7 July | 7–8pm |

Table 2: Webinars



Appendix C

Local information points

| Venue | Address | Opening times |
|--|--|--|
| Bangor Library | Gwynedd Road, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 1DT | Monday, Tuesday & Thursday Wednesday & Friday Saturday Sunday 9:30am–6pm 9:30am–5pm 9:30am–1pm Closed |
| Bethesda Public Library | Dyffryn Ogwen Community Library, Ffordd Coetmor, Bethesda, Gwynedd, LL57 3DP | Monday Tuesday & Saturday Wednesday Thursday Friday Sunday 2–6pm 10am–12pm Closed 10am–12pm 2–5pm 2–5pm Closed |
| Byw'n Iach Plas Silyn (Leisure Centre in Penygroes) | Plas Silyn, County Road, Penygroes, Gwynedd, LL54 6HJ | Monday & Thursday Tuesday & Wednesday Friday Saturday & Sunday 9am–9pm 9am–10pm 9am–7pm 9am–3pm |
| Byw'n Iach Plas Ffrancon | Ffordd Newydd, Coetmor, Bethesda, Gwynedd, LL57 3DT | Monday – Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday 7:30am–9pm 7:30am–8pm 9:30am–3pm 10am–4pm |
| Caernarfon Library | Lôn Pafiliwn, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1AS | Monday, Tuesday & Thursday Wednesday & Friday Saturday Sunday 9:30am–6pm 9:30am–5pm 9:30am–1pm Closed |
| Inigo Jones Slate Works | Tudor Slate Works, Y Groeslon, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL54 7UE | Monday – Saturday 9am–5pm |
| Menter Ty'n Llan | Ty'n Llan, Llandwrog, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL54 5SY | Monday – Thursday Friday Saturday & Sunday 12–11pm 10.30am–11pm 12–11pm |



*Please note, local information point opening hours are subject to change. We recommend checking with the relevant venue for the most up to date opening hours.





Contact us

Please get in touch if you have any questions about our proposals for Western Link 2.

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