

**THE NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC (WEST BURTON TO
RATCLIFFE-ON-SOAR REFURBISHMENT PROJECT) COMPULSORY PURCHASE
ORDER 2026**

**Compulsory purchase of land and new rights in land between West Burton and
Ratcliffe-on-Soar to enable various works to refurbish and uprate the existing
electricity transmission between these locations.**

**The Electricity Act 1989
and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981**

1. National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (Company Registration number 02366977) has made the National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (West Burton to Ratcliffe-on-Soar Refurbishment Project) Compulsory Purchase Order 2026 (in this Notice referred to as the "**Order**") on 12 February 2026 under section 10 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to the Electricity Act 1989 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.
2. The Order has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for confirmation and, if confirmed, would authorise National Grid Electricity Transmission plc to purchase compulsorily the land and new rights described in the Schedule below for the purpose of enabling the refurbishment of the existing 400kV single circuits: West Burton to High Marnham, High Marnham to Stoke Bardolph, Ratcliffe-on-Soar to Stoke Bardolph and Cottam to Staythorpe 1 and associated works to maintain and uprate the existing electricity transmission system.
3. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero has appointed an Inspector to hold a public local inquiry to hear objections to the above-named Compulsory Purchase Order. The Inquiry will be held on Tuesday 18 August 2026, Wednesday 19 August, Thursday 20 August, Tuesday 25 August, Wednesday 26 August and Thursday 27 August commencing at 10:00am on the first day. The venue is the Q Hotels Belton Woods, Belton, Grantham, NG32 2LN.
4. A copy of the Order and the maps referred to therein have been deposited and may be seen at all reasonable hours at the following locations:
 - **Radcliffe on Trent Library:** New Road, Nottingham NG12 2AJ
 - **Retford Library:** 17 Churchgate, Retford DN22 6PE
 - **Newark Library:** Beaumont Gardens, Balderton Gate, Newark-on-Trent NG24 1UW

A copy of the Order and accompanying maps and documents are available for inspection online at: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/west-burton-to-ratcliffe-on-soar#4257225834-3524114006-3>

Copies are available on reasonable request made in writing to "National Grid Community Relations Team, Freepost National Grid Projects (JBP)", by email to box.contactwestburtontoratcliffeonsoar@nationalgrid.com or by telephoning 0800 073 1047 (Monday to Friday from 9am to 5:30pm).

SCHEDULE

DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND AND NEW RIGHTS

The land subject to the Order is situated within the administrative boundaries of Bassetlaw District Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council, Gedling Borough Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council.

The Order authorises the compulsory acquisition of land and rights to enable the refurbishment of the existing 400kV single circuits: West Burton to High Marnham (A403), High Marnham to Stoke Bardolph (A41E), Ratcliffe-on-Soar to Stoke Bardolph (A41F) (together, the "**WRRE Project**") and Cottam to Staythorpe 1 (A408) (the "**SCRE Project**"), spanning approximately 106 kilometres in total (together the "**Project**").

The WRRE Project overhead line route extends approximately 79 kilometres and comprises three sections: (i) West Burton to High Marnham (A403), approximately 14 kilometres, running between towers ZDA210D and ZDA247; (ii) High Marnham to Stoke Bardolph (A41E), approximately 40 kilometres, running between towers ZDA247 and ZDF57 and ZD1 to ZD061, crossing the A1 road, railway lines near Radcliffe on Trent, Keyworth, Ruddington, Weston and Thurgaton Station, a viaduct at Radcliffe on Trent, the River Soar and Hoveringham Lake; and (iii) Stoke Bardolph to Ratcliffe-on-Soar (A41F), approximately 25 kilometres, running between towers ZD61 and ZD137, crossing the A453, A60, A52 and the River Soar.

The SCRE Project route, between Cottam and Staythorpe substations, is approximately 27 kilometres long, running between towers ZDA228B and ZDA248B through rural Nottinghamshire, crossing the A1 road, the River Soar, farmland and minor roads.

For the overhead line routes referenced above, the Project comprises the reconductoring of the existing overhead electric lines which includes the replacement of fittings, earth wire, steelwork and tower furniture.

At the West Burton and Ratcliffe-on-Soar substations, new underground cables and high-voltage equipment will be replaced to be consistent with the updated overhead line capacity. Equipment uprating works will also be carried out at Cottam, Staythorpe and Stoke Bardolph substations.

The land subject to the Order predominantly comprises, or is immediately adjacent to, land on which existing electricity transmission infrastructure is already situated, and is predominantly agricultural land.

The land and rights subject to the Order include the compulsory acquisition of a small area of freehold land, together with new rights over the remainder of the land subject to the Order. The land and rights sought are necessary in connection with the overhead line and cabling works set out above and are labelled "Overhead Line Rights", "Cabling Rights", "Access Rights", "Construction Compound Rights" and "Oversail Rights", as defined in the Order.



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On behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
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