

Community Update

August 2026

Welcome to your latest community update from National Grid.

Each edition brings together news on our proposals for **Chesterfield to Willington**, progress on our work, and details of how you can stay involved.

Survey works explained

You may see our teams carrying out environmental and engineering surveys along and around the current Proposed Route Alignment.

These surveys gather information about local conditions, including ground conditions, wildlife, habitats and other environmental features. This evidence helps us understand potential constraints, assess impacts and develop the Project's design.

Survey activity in an area does not mean any decisions have been made about the final route or location of infrastructure. Survey work is continuing while we review the feedback received during our Stage 2 consultation. We are considering suggested route changes and alternative options alongside survey findings, technical studies and environmental assessments.

We carefully plan all survey work to minimise disruption. Where we need access to private land, our land agents contact landowners and occupiers separately to discuss and agree arrangements.

View the latest survey schedule and find out more on our [Landowners and surveys page](#).



Community Benefit Survey closing soon

Communities play an important role in the UK's transition to more secure, cleaner, home-grown energy from more affordable sources. National Grid wants to ensure that communities hosting new energy infrastructure receive lasting benefits.

If Chesterfield to Willington receives planning consent, the Project will unlock a dedicated Community Fund of around £12 million, subject to final route length. We will develop the fund with local communities, in line with government guidance, to ensure it reflects local priorities and delivers lasting benefits.

We want to hear how you think the fund could benefit your community. This could include:

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

The Community Benefit Survey closes at 11:59pm on **Monday 31 August 2026**, so please share your views before the deadline. You can take part by completing the [online survey](#).

We'll share details of the next stage of engagement on the proposed Community Fund for Chesterfield to Willington soon.

Complete the Community Benefit Survey by 31 August

Your questions answered

Here we feature the most common questions we've received recently.

Question: How is my feedback being considered?

Answer: Thank you to everyone who took part in our Stage 2 consultation. Every comment and suggestion we receive is carefully reviewed alongside our technical studies and environmental assessments.

Your feedback helps us understand local views and identify opportunities to improve our proposals. While we may not be able to make every change suggested, all feedback is considered as we further develop our plans.

When we apply for development consent (anticipated in mid-2027), we'll publish an engagement summary explaining what we heard and how feedback has helped shape our proposals.

Leys Junior Schoolpupils take part in STEM energy session

Pupils at Leys Junior School in Alfreton explored careers in energy and engineering when members of the Chesterfield to Willington Project team joined the school's Careers Aspirations Day in July.



During interactive sessions with pupils in Years 3 to 6, the team explained how electricity travels from where it is generated to homes, schools and businesses. Pupils also learned about renewable energy, the growing demand for electricity and National Grid's proposals for a new 60-kilometre overhead electricity line between Chesterfield and Willington.

Team members shared their own career journeys and introduced the wide range of people involved in planning and delivering major infrastructure projects. These include engineers, ecologists, environmental specialists, surveyors, project managers and community relations professionals.

Pupils then explored some of the factors involved in planning an overhead line route, including nearby communities, wildlife habitats, woodlands, historic sites, roads and railway lines. They also learned about construction safety and the importance of personal protective equipment.

The sessions ended with a hands-on engineering challenge. Working in groups, pupils used K'Nex to design and build pylon structures before connecting them to create a miniature electricity network.

The visit formed part of National Grid's work to bring STEM subjects to life and help young people understand the variety of careers available across the energy sector.

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 via the **Document library**, including the interactive map, fly-through videos, photomontages, construction animations and webinar recording.

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** 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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