

In your area:

Corby Glen, Burton-le-Coggles, Swayfield and surrounding areas

This leaflet focuses on the section of our proposals in the Corby Glen, Burton-le-Coggles and Swayfield area. It explains how the project has developed since our Stage 1 Consultation last year, and why.

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What we are proposing and why

With electricity demand set to more than double by 2050, our proposals for Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire would help deliver secure, cleaner and more affordable home-grown energy from where it is generated to where it is needed.

This would create a stronger, more reliable network for homes, schools, hospitals and businesses in the region.

Our proposals include:



New overhead line

Approximately 60 km of new overhead line from Weston Marsh in Lincolnshire to near Wartnaby in Leicestershire.



Two new substations

- **WMEL-A** near Corby Glen, Lincolnshire
- **WMEL-B** near Wartnaby, Leicestershire



Upgrading the existing line

Upgrading approximately 66 km of the existing overhead line from WMEL-B substation down to the existing Grendon substation in Northamptonshire.

You can find out more about our proposals across the full route in our Stage 2 Consultation Document, on our website, or by visiting one of our public information events.



The Corby Glen, Burton-le-Coggles and Swayfield area is within Route Section 2: South Kesteven.

Please scan the QR code to visit our project website



We would like your views on



Our Stage 2 Consultation runs from midday on Tuesday 8 September to Tuesday 3 November. You can send us your feedback until 11:59pm on 3 November 2026.

1. the proposed new route and existing line upgrade
2. our construction proposals
3. any other information that would be useful in developing our proposals.

You can share your views by completing a feedback form on our website, emailing us, writing to us, or completing a printed feedback form and returning it by post.

If you need any information in an alternative format, please contact us.

What happens when you share your feedback:

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You provide us with **your feedback**

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We **process and organise** all feedback

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Each piece of **feedback is carefully analysed**

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Feedback which identifies potential changes to **improve the project or reduce impacts on people, communities and the environment**, will be considered as the design develops

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Specialist teams including ecology, ornithology, engineering, hydrology, landscape, historical and land experts review your feedback

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Changes that are feasible, and do not compromise the project's technical, safety or regulatory requirements, will be **incorporated into the final design**

Our proposals in your area

Last summer, at our Stage 1 Consultation, we showed a **preferred corridor**. This was the wider area we were considering for the route. This is shown in **grey** on the map below.

Since then, we have carefully reviewed the feedback we received and carried out further environmental and technical studies. This has helped us refine our proposals.

The map below shows the draft Order Limits overlaid against the Stage 1 proposals. Black dots show proposed pylon locations, and the **blue outline** shows the draft Order Limits.

Draft Order Limits

Draft Order Limits show the area within which the project could be built, operated and maintained. This includes land needed for permanent infrastructure, temporary construction works, access routes and other associated works.

Please note draft Order Limits are not final, we will continue to refine our proposals before submitting the final design for DCO approval.

How our proposals have developed since Stage 1

At Stage 1, the preferred corridor showed options for the route to go north or south of Corby Glen.

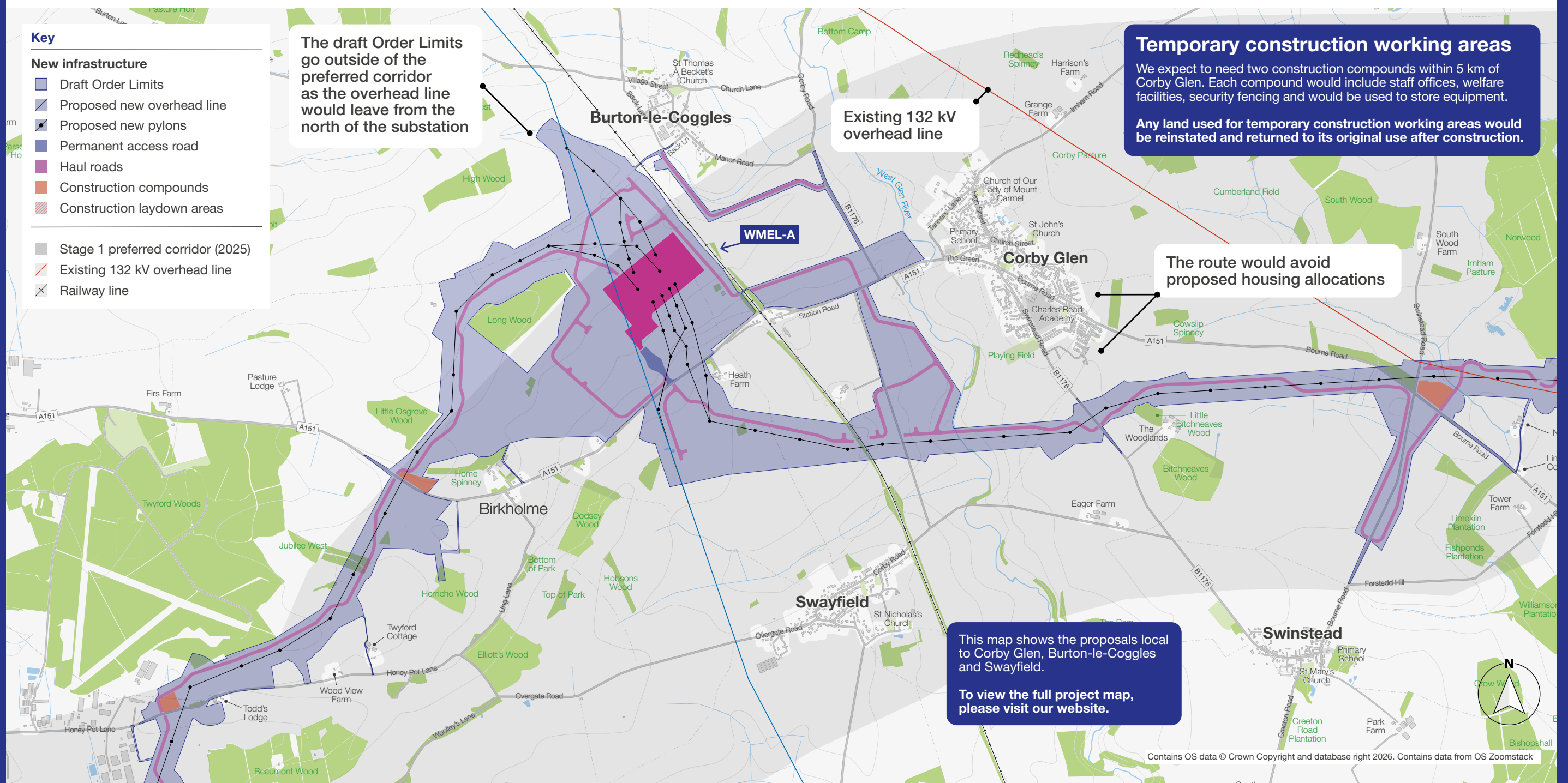
Some of the feedback we received asked us to consider following the existing overhead line north of Corby Glen, while other requests asked that we choose the southern route option.

We carefully assessed both options. The northern route would require the existing 132 kV overhead line east of Corby Glen to be diverted, cross areas at risk of flooding and be more disruptive to local roads. This could increase the project's complexity, cost and

environmental impact. Taking these factors into account, we have decided to progress a southern route around Corby Glen.

In the section near the proposed WMEL-A substation, our draft Order Limits go outside of the preferred corridor we presented at Stage 1. We are still assessing the substation layout - in our current proposals the overhead line will enter the substation from the south and leave from the north.

The updated route would also be screened by existing woodland, helping to reduce visual effects.



Understanding the local area

Understanding the local area and what matters most to people who live and work here is a vital part of developing our proposals.

Local knowledge helps us understand the places, landscapes and communities that people value. By combining this insight with detailed environmental evidence, we can make more informed decisions as we refine our proposals.

A full assessment of the project's potential environmental effects, and how we propose to address them, will be included in the Environmental Statement in our Development Consent Order (DCO) application. This will include an assessment of cumulative effects with other developments in the area.

Where impacts cannot be avoided, we will work to reduce them as much as possible. This could include creating and improving habitats for wildlife, planting trees and other landscaping, and carefully managing construction activities to minimise disruption.

Potential impacts in this area include:



Cultural heritage

There are several historic buildings and places in and near this area. One of these is a crop mark ring ditch to the west of Corby Glen, which may be the remains of a Bronze Age burial site.

Our assessments indicate that construction of the project could affect this historic feature.

We will continue working with heritage specialists, local authorities and Historic England amongst others, to help avoid, reduce and manage impacts.

As the project develops, this work will help shape the design and make sure the area's heritage is carefully considered.



Landscape and views

We understand that people value the open countryside around Corby Glen. The area is characterised by rolling farmland, pasture, mature hedgerows, scattered trees and small woodlands.

We are assessing views from a range of locations and have identified that the proposed overhead line may be visible from some locations in the area. This includes west of Mussons Close, Tanners' Lane, public rights of way near Heath Farm and from parts of Swayfield and Burton-le-Coggles.

Where possible, we have positioned pylons and the overhead line away from homes. We will keep looking for ways to reduce visual effects as the design develops.



Ecology and biodiversity

We are continuing surveys to understand local wildlife and habitats including woodland, hedgerows, field boundaries, watercourses and drainage features.

We are looking at wildlife such as bats, birds, great crested newts, reptiles, otters, water voles, badgers, fish and insects. This helps us understand what is present locally, how it could be affected and what we may need to do to protect habitats and the environment.

Feedback about Great Osgrove Wood and Little Osgrove Wood has also helped shape the design. In response, we have realigned the route to avoid mature woodland and enable a lower crossing of the A151, helping to reduce visual impacts.

We are working closely with environmental specialists and the Forestry Commission to help safeguard ancient woodland and veteran trees, including maintaining a minimum 15 m buffer where practicable.

We will also deliver at least 10% Biodiversity Net Gain, leaving the environment in a better state than before construction.



Traffic, transport and local access

We know local roads, footpaths, cycle routes and community facilities are a valued part of everyday life.

While some temporary disruption may occur during construction, we are carefully assessing potential impacts and identifying opportunities to reduce them.

We will work closely with local authorities and other stakeholders to help maintain access, manage construction traffic and keep communities informed well in advance of any changes.



Agriculture and soils

Protecting farmland has been a priority throughout the design process, recognising the vital role it plays in supporting local farming businesses and communities.

Some agricultural land would be needed for the project, including small areas for pylon foundations, which are typically around 15 m x 15 m. Additional land would be required temporarily during construction for access routes and working areas.

We are assessing how this could affect soils, farm holdings and long-term farming use.

After construction, most land required for the new overhead line, including the areas underneath pylons, would be returned to landowners and its previous use. Most farming activities would be able to continue beneath the overhead line, and compensation would be available where impacts could not be avoided.

We will continue working closely with farmers and landowners to minimise disruption.

If you have seen a site notice, received a landowner questionnaire, or think you should have received one, please get in touch with us.



Noise and vibration

Some nearby homes may experience temporary increases in noise during construction.

We are continuing to assess potential noise from construction activities and traffic as well as possible vibration. We are working with specialists to identify ways to reduce impacts.

We will carefully plan construction activities and keep communities informed while the work is carried out.



WMEL-A substation

The proposed WMEL-A substation would be a new 400 kV substation located to the west of Corby Glen, close to the East Coast Main Line. It would connect the new overhead line to the existing electricity transmission network.

The substation site would cover around 16 hectares. Most buildings and equipment would be up to 12.5 m high, although some gantries would be taller at around 17 m.

During our Stage 1 Consultation, we received feedback about the location of the substation and suggestions for alternative locations. These included sites further east, south of Corby Glen and south of the A151.

We have carefully assessed these alternative locations. Following further studies, we concluded that the proposed location is still the most suitable. It is well screened, set back from nearby homes and provides an effective connection to the existing north-south network.

Since Stage 1 Consultation, we have moved from a broad siting area to a more defined

site boundary. We have also refined the layout of the substation, its access arrangements and the overhead line connections.

This work has been informed by ongoing environmental studies, engineering design and feedback.

A new permanent access road would connect the site to the A151 Station Road. We are working with the local highways authority to assess whether any improvements are needed at the A1/A151 junction.

Other supporting features would include areas for car parking and equipment storage.

We will continue refining the design, including fencing, lighting, landscaping and drainage, as the project develops.



Find out more

To find out more about our proposals for the WMEL-A substation, including traffic and access and the site selection process, please visit the FAQs on our website or scan the QR code.



What is a substation?

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A substation is an important part of the electricity network. It acts like a junction, helping electricity move from one part of the network to another.

In this case, the substation would connect the new overhead line from Weston Marsh into the existing electricity network, helping electricity move safely and reliably to where it is needed.

How does a substation work?

Substations typically contain a range of specialist equipment that helps the network operate safely, efficiently and reliably.

Why are substations important?

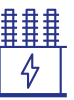
Substations help to:

- connect different parts of the electricity network
- support the growing demand for electricity as more homes, businesses and transport switch to cleaner forms of energy.

To find out more, scan this QR code.



Indicative Computer Generated Image (CGI) of the new WMEL-A substation design



Potential impacts of the substation in this area include:



Traffic, transport and local access

Some public rights of way may need to be temporarily or permanently rerouted where they pass through or near the proposed substation site.

We are assessing how this could affect local access, travel routes and recreational paths and will look for opportunities to maintain access.

We are developing a construction traffic strategy with the local highways authority that aims to reduce disruption to local

communities. Temporary haul roads would be used to limit construction traffic on local roads.

Once operational, the substation would be accessed via a new road connecting the site to the A151 Station Road.

Traffic levels are expected to be very low, with only occasional visits needed for maintenance and inspection.



Landscape and views

We understand that some people are concerned about the appearance of the proposed substation.

We are working closely with landscape and environmental specialists, local planning authorities and members of your community as we develop the design to identify opportunities to reduce visual impacts.

This will include considering the layout of the site, landscaping, screening and planting and other measures to help the substation fit into the surrounding landscape as much as possible.

During construction, people in parts of Corby Glen, along Tanners' Lane and Burton-le-Coggles, and on nearby public rights of way around Heath Farm, Birkholme and Colsterworth Lane may

see and hear activity at the site. This may include the construction of site compounds and haul roads, as well as soil excavation and the levelling of uneven ground.

Following construction, the substation is likely to remain visible from some of these locations. We will use the findings from our assessments to improve the design and reduce visual effects.

To see an example of planting around a substation, please scan the QR code. This will take you to Grimsby to Walpole's video.



Agriculture and soils

Some agricultural land, including areas of higher quality farmland, would be needed for the proposed substation.

We are carrying out detailed surveys to understand local soil quality and farming activities so that potential impacts can be carefully assessed and minimised.



Noise

Noise from the proposed WMEL-A substation could affect some nearby homes once it is operating.

We will continue working with specialists to assess ways to remove or reduce impacts from the operational noise of the substation. Noise levels would remain within relevant government guidelines.





How to find out more

We encourage you to provide feedback after reviewing our consultation materials, including our Stage 2 Consultation Document, which explains our proposals in more detail.

Meet the team

Come along to one of our public information events where you can learn more about the proposals, meet the team and ask questions.

If you are unable to attend our events and would like further information, please contact our team using the details below.

Request or pick up printed materials

Many materials are available for free. Some technical documents may be subject to a printing charge.

We will also have printed consultation materials available at several community locations. Please find details of the information point in your area below.

Visit our website

All the consultation materials can be found on the project website. Scan the QR code to visit.



Public information event in your area

Location	Date and time	Address
Corby Glen Village Hall (Ron Dawson Memorial Hall)	Saturday 17 October 11am–4pm	Swinstead Road, Corby Glen, NG33 4NU

Local information point

Location	Opening times	Address
Hatties Tearoom, Corby Glen	Monday: Closed Tuesday–Saturday: 9am–3.30pm Sunday: 9am–3pm	Hatties Tearoom, Corby Glen, NG33 4NH

For the full list of our public information events and information points, please visit our website.

Get in touch

Phone: **0800 138 9191**
(Lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am–5:30pm)

Email: **ContactWMEL@nationalgrid.com**

Write to us at: **FREEPOST WM TO EL**
(No stamp or further address details are required)

You may notice some changes to the way our consultation materials look and are presented. These updates reflect changes introduced through the Government's Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025.

For more information, please visit our website or contact the project team.