



In your area:

Haconby, Dunsby, Stainfield and surrounding areas

This leaflet focuses on the section of our proposals near Haconby, Dunsby and Stainfield. 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 Haconby, Dunsby and Stainfield 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

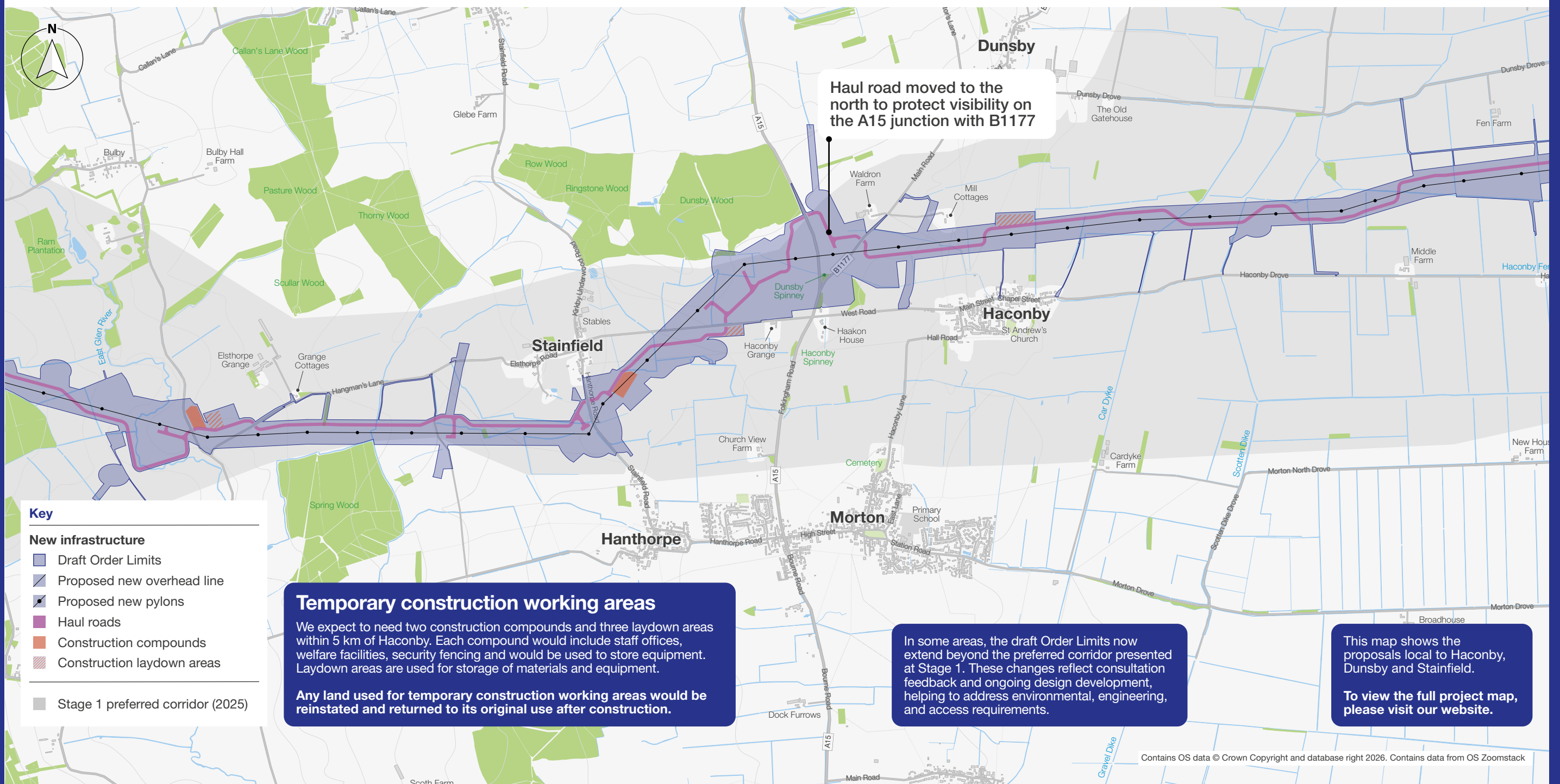
In this area, the main refinements to the route alignment are around Haconby and Stainfield.

Feedback at our Stage 1 Consultation asked that the route go north of Haconby. Following careful assessment, we were able to incorporate this into the project design.

Our assessments also found that land north of Haconby offers better ground conditions than options to the south, making it the most suitable location for the route.

We have also adjusted the route around Stainfield. This was in response to feedback received at Stage 1 that asked us to route the line south of the village.

Our updated proposals mean the overhead line would be further away from nearby woodland where possible, while also keeping separation from local villages. It would also follow a route that works around field boundaries, drains and access restrictions, helping to reduce construction impacts.



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.

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 this area. These include a Romano-British settlement site, Iron Age salt works and St Andrew's Church in Haconby.

There is also a ring ditch near Haconby. This could be the remains of an ancient earthwork (a man-made change to the land level) or burial ground.

Other nearby historic places include a Romano-British settlement site and Roman salt works in Dunsby.

We are assessing how the project could affect these important historic places and their surroundings.

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



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.



Ecology and biodiversity

Feedback from Stage 1 showed that protecting nature is important to local communities, and it remains a key consideration as we develop the project.

We are continuing surveys to understand local wildlife and habitats, including rivers, streams, ditches, woodland and field boundaries.

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 wildlife.

We are also carefully assessing potential effects on Dunsby Wood. This is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and an important area of ancient woodland located next to the draft Order Limits.

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



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 soil quality, soil function, farm holdings and long-term farming use. After construction this land would be returned to landowners and its previous use. Most farming activities would be able to continue beneath the overhead lines, 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.



Temporary construction noise

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

We are continuing to assess potential construction noise and 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.



Landscape and views

We understand that the local landscape is important to people who live and work here.

Where possible, we have positioned pylons and the overhead line away from homes. We have also used existing landscape features, such as woodland, to help screen views of the new line.

We are assessing views from a range of locations in the local area. We will keep looking for ways to reduce visual effects as the design develops.



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
Morton Village Hall	Saturday 3 October 11am–4pm	11 High Street, Morton, PE10 0NR

Local information point

Location	Opening times	Address
South Kesteven Community Point (Bourne Library)	Monday: 9am–5pm Tuesday: Closed Wednesday: 9am–6pm Thursday: Closed Friday: 9am–1pm Saturday: 9am–1pm Sunday: Closed	3 Abbey Road, Bourne, Lincolnshire, PE10 9EF

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.