The Great Grid Upgrade

North Humber to High Marnham

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Stage one consultation summar

November 2023

Thank you for taking part in our consultation

We would like to thank everyone that took the time to attend our public consultation events and provide feedback on our proposals for North Humber to High Marnham. Our first stage of public consultation ran for eight weeks from 1 June to 27 July 2023.

This document contains a summary of our stage one consultation and the emerging themes from the feedback received, together with information on next steps. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the project team using the details provided at the end of this booklet.

Stage one consultation in numbers

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The consultation was advertised in **five local and national papers**, generating a total of **1,256,198 impressions**



584 feedback responses were received from stakeholders and members of the local community



Copies of the consultation documents were available in **10 public information locations** (across East Riding of Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and Bassetlaw)



Responses were received from a diverse age range:

Under 16: 1% 16-24: 3% 25-34: 6% 35-44: 9% 45-54: 19% 55-64: 24% 65+: 28% Prefer not to say: 10%



18,276 unique users visited the project website



Number of feedback forms received: Online: 71% Hard copy: 29%



Our social media advertising across Facebook generated 1,922,587 impressions



630 people attended our in-person events and 46 people attended our virtual events

Feedback from the consultation



Net zero

36% of people responding said it was important for them for the UK to meet its target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050. 52% expressed neutral views and 13% disagreed.



Climate change

46% of people said they were concerned or very concerned about the effect of climate change on their lives and 52% were concerned about the impacts on the lives of future generations.



Overhead lines

Feedback included requests to use or upgrade existing overhead lines as much as possible and to bury the new line underground in places.



Construction

Comments were received regarding disruption during the construction period, including impact on the local road network. Several requests were received for considerate contractors, well-planned HGV routes, and construction activities scheduled during sociable hours.



Ecology

Some people asked us to avoid designated sites including Sites of Special Scientific Interest and to reduce impacts on local wildlife. Others asked us to avoid felling trees and expressed concerns about disturbing migrating birds.



Visual impact

The visual impact of the proposed overhead line was a common concern. Some respondents noted they would like new overhead lines to be built close to existing overhead lines and away from villages and houses. Others were concerned about the cumulative impact of an additional overhead line.



Community investment

We received comments about the need for investment in community facilities, like parks and active travel facilities. Others commented on the need for green energy infrastructure, such as EV charging.



Landscape and heritage

People asked us to ensure a new overhead line would not spoil rural landscapes and potential candidate Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Several comments were received about potential negative impacts regarding a number of different local landmarks and cultural heritage interests.



Next steps and anticipated project timeline

The feedback received throughout the first stage of consultation will inform how our plans for North Humber to High Marnham are developed further and will influence the next stage in the design of the project, including our stage two consultation in 2024. This consultation will provide an opportunity to comment on our more detailed proposals.

The timeline below indicates the milestones and indicative dates for the project. For more details on the Development Consent Order (DCO) planning process, please visit infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/.

When we are nearer to construction, our community grant programme will be open for applications from local charities and not for profit organisations to support local community initiatives. You can find out more at <u>nationalgrid.com/responsibility/community/community-grant-programme</u>.



Contact us

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If you feel your land may be affected by these proposals, our dedicated Land Team will be pleased to speak with you. You can contact the North Humber to High Marnham Land Team at Dalcour Maclaren by calling 01270 904929, writing to Unit 1, Staplehurst Farm, Weston on the Green, OX25 3QU, or by emailing NH-HM@dalcourmaclaren.com.