

Community benefit survey

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National Grid Electricity Transmission (National Grid) is consulting on proposals for Grimsby to Walpole, a new high-voltage electricity transmission line and associated works between a new substation at Grimsby West in North East Lincolnshire and a new substation in the Walpole area, in Norfolk. More information on our proposals can be found on our Project website - nationalgrid.com/g-w.

Communities should benefit from hosting new electricity transmission infrastructure. To help us deliver community benefit programmes that work for your area, we are keen to hear your views. We want to understand what is important to you, and where community benefit funds could deliver long-lasting benefits, including through community grant schemes and investment in community groups or via regional partnerships.

The way we deliver community benefit funding is informed by government guidance¹ published in March 2025. This sets out the types of infrastructure projects that should deliver community benefit funds, and the level of funding that should be made available. This is based on:

- £530,000 for new substations, converter stations and switching stations
- £200,000 per kilometre of new overhead line*.

The responses to this survey will help us understand the priorities of the local community. It will form part of a series of engagement with communities and stakeholders as we develop our plans for community benefit associated with Grimsby to Walpole.

This form is specifically intended to understand views on community benefits. Please do not use this form to provide feedback on Grimsby to Walpole or any other National Grid project proposals.

We are not seeking views on the government's emerging proposals for energy bill discounts. The legislation that government is proposing to introduce energy bill discounts is not yet in place. This consultation is therefore only focussing on community funds in line with the current guidance.

¹ <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67cef18c54faabbad916090/community-funds-for-transmission-infrastructure.pdf>

* This includes changes to some existing network infrastructure, such as upgrading existing overhead power cables and extensions to existing substations as defined within the government guidance.

We want to understand what is important to you, to help us deliver genuine long-lasting benefits in the areas hosting the Grimsby to Walpole project.

Please do not use this form to provide feedback on our proposals for Grimsby to Walpole.

Q1. These are some of the areas we believe could be supported through community benefit funds in your community. Which of these are important to you?

- Delivering environmental enhancements
- Supporting employment, education and skills development
- Promoting health and wellbeing in the community
- Investing in community infrastructure and facilities
- Alleviating fuel poverty and enhancing energy efficiency
- Supporting communities to decarbonise
- Anything else

Please provide further details here if required:

Q2. Do you have any views on the types of projects or programmes that would be most beneficial to your community?

Q3. Do you have any other ideas about community benefits that you want to share with us?

About you

We would be grateful if you could answer the following, optional, demographic questions. We will use the information we receive to help understand whether our consultation has been useful to people of different backgrounds and requirements, and only in accordance with our Data Privacy Statement, as set out later in this form.

We may publish a summary of the results, but no information about an individual would be revealed. The answers you provide to some of these questions are defined as 'special category data'. If you agree to provide this information, you can withdraw your permission for us to use it in our reports at any time. To withdraw your permission, please contact us via email at contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com.

Q4. How would you describe your interest in Grimsby to Walpole?

- Local resident
- Local representative (i.e. Councillor, MP)
- Potentially affected landowner or tenant/occupier
- Local business owner
- Regular visitor to the area
- Local interest group member (please specify below)
- Local charity or not-for-profit organisation
- Other

Please provide further details here if required:

Q5. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to say

Q6. Do you consider yourself to be a person with a disability?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q7. How would you describe your ethnic background?

- White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background (please state below)
- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background (please state below)
- Asian/Asian British
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background (please state below)
- Black African
- Black Caribbean
- Black British
- Any other Black/African/Caribbean background (please state below)
- Arab
- Any other ethnic group (please state below)
- Prefer not to say

If other, please state here:

Q8. What is your age?

- Under 16
- 16-24
- 25-34
- 35-44

- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+
- Prefer not to say

Data privacy statement

We will use your personal data collected via this consultation for a number of purposes, including:

- to analyse your responses
- to keep up-to-date records of our communications with individuals and organisations.

Any personal information you include in this form will be handled and used by (or made available to) the following recipients, to record, analyse and report on the feedback we receive:

- National Grid
- our legal advisers
- consultants working on behalf of National Grid.

Next steps

We will take account of responses to this survey, and continue to engage with the community and stakeholders to develop a plan tailored to meet the needs of the community.

We will be clear about how community involvement has shaped the development of the plan.

Contact us

Please get in touch if you have any questions:

- call us: **0808 258 4395** (lines are open Monday to Friday 9am–5pm, with an answerphone facility taking messages outside of these hours)
- email us: **contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com**
- write to us: **Freepost G TO W** (no stamp or further address details are required).

