

THE NATIONAL GRID (NORWICH TO TILBURY) DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (APPLICATION REFERENCE: EN020027)

NOTICE OF CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

An application for a development consent order (“DCO”) for Norwich to Tilbury (the “Project”) was made by **NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC** (“the Applicant”) of 1-3 Strand, London WC2N 5EH to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the “Secretary of State”) on 29 August 2025 (“the Application”). The Application was accepted for Examination on 26 September 2025, and the Examining Authority was appointed on 29 September 2025 to examine the Application.

Notice is given that the Applicant intends to make two concurrent applications to the Examining Authority in order to make changes to the Application (the “Proposed Changes”). A description of the Proposed Changes is set out below.

The Applicant notified the Examining Authority on 12 December 2025 of its intention to apply to make the Proposed Changes to the application for the Project (“Proposed Change Application 1” and “Proposed Change Application 2”). The Examining Authority issued a procedural decision in response to that notification on 19 December 2025.

In advance of submitting Proposed Change Application 1 and Proposed Change Application 2, the Applicant is undertaking a public consultation on the Proposed Changes. Details of how to participate in the consultation are given below.

Summary of the Project

The Project is a ‘Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project’ (“NSIP”) and a ‘Critical National Priority’ project. It principally comprises a new 400 kilovolt (kV) electricity transmission connection of approximately 180 km overall length, from Norwich Main Substation to Tilbury Substation via Bramford Substation, a new EACN Substation, and a new Tilbury North Substation.

A map showing the location of the Project can be viewed on the Norwich to Tilbury page of the Planning Inspectorate’s National Infrastructure Planning website under the Documents tab: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020027>.

The Project constitutes an Environmental Impact Assessment development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, and accordingly the Application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement (“ES”).

The ES can be viewed on the Norwich to Tilbury page of the Planning Inspectorate’s National Infrastructure Planning website under the Documents tab: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020027/documents>

Summary of the Proposed Changes to the Application

The need for the Proposed Changes has arisen following submission of the Application, as a consequence of ongoing engagement with stakeholders, and further design evolution of the Project. In summary, the Proposed Changes are as follows:

Bulphan: Change to Third Party Access and Works (Proposed Change Application 1): an increase in the Order Limits for the Project to facilitate works required for the protection of the existing Thames to Buncefield Multifuel Pipeline (the Pipeline), west of Langdon Hills Golf Club.

Little Bromley: Change to the EACN access (Proposed Change Application 2): an amendment to the Order Limits for the Project in order to support a small modification to the route of the Applicant's construction access (for use when a third-party access is not available), and a further small modification to the route for the private permanent Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) access route.

Neither of the Proposed Changes is considered likely to affect the overall assessment and conclusions with respect to the likely significant environmental effects presented within the ES.

A description of each of the Proposed Changes, together with figures showing the nature and location of the Proposed Changes and an appraisal of the potential for those changes to result in new or different likely significant environmental effects will be provided in the consultation documents (including Consultation Leaflets and Environmental Implications of Change Reports).

The consultation documents for the Proposed Changes will be available to view, free of charge, on the Norwich to Tilbury webpage from 12 noon on Monday 19 January 2026. To view the consultation documents, please visit nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury.

The consultation documents will remain on the website for the duration of the consultation period.

The consultation on the Proposed Changes takes place from **12 noon on 19 January 2026** until **23:59 on 23 February 2026**.

The Applicant is **holding one in person consultation event and one online webinar for each of the Proposed Changes** at the following dates, times and locations:

Date and Time	Location
Bulphan: Change to Third Party Access and Works (Proposed Change Application 1)	
Wednesday 28 January 2026, 11am - 4pm	Bulphan Village Hall, Church Rd, Bulphan, Upminster, RM14 3RU
Tuesday 3 February 2026, 6pm - 7pm	Microsoft Teams online webinar. Registration available at nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury .
Little Bromley: Change to the EACN access (Proposed Change Application 2)	
Thursday 29 January 2026, 12 noon - 5pm	Great Bromley Village Hall, Parsons Hill, Colchester, CO7 7JA
Wednesday 4 February 2026, 6pm - 7pm	Microsoft Teams online webinar. Registration available at nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury .

Further detail in respect of the Proposed Changes can also be found in the *"Notification of proposed change to DCO application - Change Request 1 (Bulphan)"* and *"Notification of proposed change to DCO application - Change Request 2 (Little Bromley)"*, both of which were issued by the Applicant to the Examining Authority on 12 December 2025. Copies of both documents can be viewed on the Norwich to Tilbury page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the Documents tab: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020027/documents>

Responding to the Consultation on the Proposed Changes

The consultation on the Proposed Changes takes place from **12 noon on 19 January 2026** until **23:59 on 23 February 2026**.

Any person can respond to the consultation. All responses must be received by the Applicant in writing by **23:59 on 23 February 2026**.

You can respond to the consultation by submitting your views to the Applicant in writing through the following channels:

- **Emailing:** contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com
- **Writing to:** FREEPOST N TO T (no stamp or further address details are required)

If you have any questions about the Proposed Changes, or wish to request a copy of any of the consultation materials, you can contact the Applicant at contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com or on **Freephone 0800 915 2497**.