

# Community Update

June 2026

**North Humber to High Marnham is a proposed new 90 kilometre high voltage overhead line which would carry more power to homes and businesses.**

As part of The Great Grid Upgrade, we are reinforcing the electricity network across East Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. More electricity is being generated from renewable sources, often in different parts of the country from where it is used. To support the movement of electricity to where it is needed and meet future demand, the electricity network needs upgrading.

Our plans involve building a new overhead line between a substation just outside of Hull and a substation at High Marnham, near Newark. This will help to connect secure, cleaner and more affordable home-grown energy to where it is needed.

North Humber to High Marnham is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008. This means we need to apply for a type of planning consent called a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build and operate it.

## In this update

In this newsletter, you can read about:

- what you told us in response to our Community Fund survey
- targeted landowner consultation
- surveys currently taking place
- construction animations
- community engagement
- next steps for our Development Consent Order (DCO) application.

## Community Fund survey – what you told us

The North Humber to High Marnham Community Fund is designed to deliver positive, long-term benefits for the people and places near to the project. It recognises the role local communities play in hosting nationally significant transmission infrastructure.

Government guidance sets out recommended funding levels based on the type and extent of qualifying infrastructure. This means that for North Humber to High Marnham, the Community Fund could total around £18 million.

Earlier this year, we invited you to share your views on how a Community Fund could be used if the project is approved. We received responses from local residents, parish councils and other stakeholders.

Overall, your feedback highlighted a strong preference for practical improvements that deliver everyday benefits. The most frequently supported suggestions were:

- investing in community infrastructure and facilities, such as village halls and shared spaces
- supporting health and wellbeing initiatives
- delivering environmental enhancements
- helping with energy efficiency and fuel poverty

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond. Your feedback will help shape how a Community Fund would be delivered, should the project receive planning consent.



You can find out more by watching our latest Community Fund video by scanning the QR code using your phone or tablet. Here you will also find our Community Fund factsheet, bringing together all the information we have shared so far on the Community Fund. You can view it online or request a copy to be sent to you using the contact details in this update.

## Targeted landowner consultation



Following the close of our statutory consultation in April 2025, our teams have been reviewing your feedback alongside the results of further ongoing survey work and assessments.

We have also continued to work with potentially impacted landowners and stakeholders, such as highways, archaeology and environmental officers at your local councils.

This has resulted in some changes to our draft order limits, the boundary of all the land we would need to build and operate North Humber to High Marnham, including temporary construction works. We have therefore been undertaking targeted landowner consultation on these changes.

If you are impacted by these changes, our Lands team will have contacted you with further information.

## Ongoing surveys

You may have seen members of our team carrying out surveys along the proposed route. These surveys help us understand local environmental conditions so that we can minimise impacts and refine our proposals ahead of submitting our DCO application.

Some surveys take place on public rights of way, while others require access to private land. Where private land access is needed, this is always agreed in advance with landowners or occupiers and all survey staff carry identification.

We will shortly be carrying out ground investigation survey works at various locations along the route of our proposals. The purpose of these surveys is to gather information about the ground conditions to help inform the detailed design of the project. The works, which are temporary in nature, will include small boreholes (narrow holes drilled into the ground), trial pits (shallow excavations) and ground strength testing. Whilst the majority of these surveys will take place on private land, some of the ground strength testing will take place on public roads.

These surveys are carried out using a small, hand-held device and take only a short time to complete. They do not involve heavy machinery or long periods of digging.

When carrying out survey works on public roads, traffic management (such as temporary traffic lights) will be put in place so that we can carry out the works safely. We will share further details about locations and traffic arrangements as soon as these are confirmed.

Before we start any works, we contact affected landowners directly to put any required agreements in place. As part of this, we may hold site meetings to explain the works, answer questions, and understand any specific needs or concerns so that the activities can be carried out in a considerate and appropriate way. Carrying out these surveys now will help to develop our proposals further and will support the project as it progresses through the Development Consent Order process.

## Construction animations

Should consent for North Humber to High Marnham be granted, we would expect construction to start in 2028, with the project becoming fully operational in 2031.

To learn more about our construction activities, we've created a series of animation videos, which you can watch in the Document library on our website at [nationalgrid.com/nh-hm](https://nationalgrid.com/nh-hm).



If you have questions about surveys or land access, our Lands team at Dalcour Maclaren can be contacted at:

- [NH-HM@dalcourmaclaren.com](mailto:NH-HM@dalcourmaclaren.com)
- 0333 188 3511

## Community engagement

Earlier this year, members of our project team visited the Newark Engineering Society to talk about the project.

They shared insight into some of the engineering challenges involved in delivering new infrastructure across a varied landscape, while ensuring the continued safe and reliable supply of electricity. The session also touched on why these upgrades are needed to support the UK's move towards cleaner, more affordable energy as part of The Great Grid Upgrade.



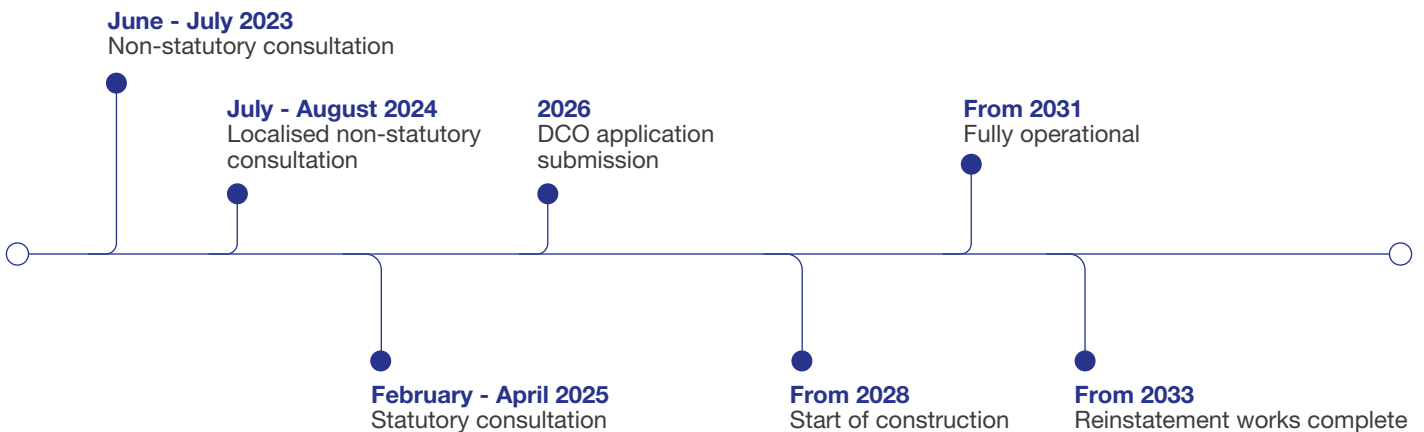
## Next steps

**We plan to submit our DCO application later this year.**

If our application is accepted, the Planning Inspectorate will appoint an independent 'Examining Authority' to review and examine our application. This process includes considering views from local communities and other interested parties.

Following a six-month examination of our plans, the Examining Authority will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. The Secretary of State then has the final say on whether or not to approve our DCO application. To find out more about the DCO process, please see the Planning Inspectorate's website at [national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/decision-making-process-guide](https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/decision-making-process-guide).

We will keep communities informed through future newsletters and updates to our project website.



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