



North Humber to High Marnham

Community Fund Factsheet

North Humber to High Marnham is a proposed new 90-kilometre high-voltage overhead line between a substation just outside Hull and a substation at High Marnham, near Newark.

As part of The Great Grid Upgrade, it would strengthen the electricity network across East Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire, helping carry cleaner, more secure energy from where it is generated to homes and businesses.

If planning approval is granted, our work on the project means we will deliver a Community Fund of around £18 million.

Shaped by the community, for the community, this fund will be designed to reflect local needs and developed in line with government guidance.

We will work with residents, charities, community groups and elected representatives to understand what matters most and how the funding can make a lasting, positive impact.

This factsheet brings together key information about the Community Fund in one place.

What is the Community Fund?

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 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.

We will look to deliver this funding through:

- a Local Fund: providing local-level grants that directly benefit communities closest to the route
- a Strategic Fund: offering longer-term investment to address shared local and regional priorities.

The Community Fund would only be available after development consent is granted and once construction has started.

How is the Community Fund being developed?

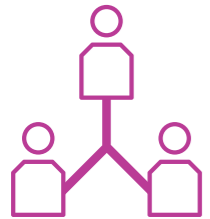
We are working with residents, charities, community groups and elected representatives to understand local priorities.

Earlier this year, we invited communities to share their views on how a Community Fund could be delivered if the project is approved. We received responses from local residents, parish councils and other stakeholders, and are grateful to everyone who contributed.

Overall, feedback showed strong support for a community-led, accessible fund that delivers practical, visible improvements that bring everyday benefits to local communities.



Of the feedback received so far, the most commonly supported ideas were:



Investing in **community infrastructure and facilities**

Delivering **environmental enhancements**



Supporting **health and wellbeing**



Helping with **energy efficiency and fuel poverty**

Following feedback from our public survey, we will engage with communities and local groups, including parish councils, over the coming months. This will help us better understand local views and inform how any future Community Fund could work.

Who will the fund benefit?

National Grid has a long-standing commitment to the communities we work alongside, and we want to ensure lasting benefits for the people and places that host new infrastructure.

The Community Fund is designed to make a direct and immediate difference to the communities closest to the project. As we develop our plans to deliver the Community Fund, we will clearly explain which areas are eligible and why.



What kinds of projects could be supported?

The Community Fund could support a wide range of activities, depending on local priorities. This may include funding for community projects, investment in local facilities, or initiatives that support skills, education or wellbeing.

Through our survey, we identified key themes that we believe funding could support. Following your feedback, these will be refined and may be included in future guidance on the types of projects funding could support.

When will the fund be available?

If planning permission for North Humber to High Marnham is granted, the Community Fund will become available when construction begins.

Based on current plans, this is expected to be from mid-2028 at the earliest.

How will funding decisions be made?

Community input is central to shaping priorities and how Community Funds are used. Funding decisions will be made through clear and transparent governance processes, with independent oversight to ensure funding delivers real benefits to communities.

National Grid will set up and oversee the fund in line with Government guidance and regulatory requirements. We will publish information on how decisions are made, which projects are funded, and the impact they deliver.



Are there other funds for different National Grid projects?

Where planning approval is granted, new electricity transmission projects can unlock dedicated Community Funds. In areas where there are multiple projects, we will work to help communities understand and navigate the different funding opportunities.

How can I stay updated?

We will share more details as the project and the Community Fund develop.

You can stay informed by visiting our project website, where you can also watch our Community Fund video under the Community Fund tab: nationalgrid.com/nh-hm



Scan the QR code to watch our Community Fund Video

Contact us

If you have any questions about the Community Fund or the North Humber to High Marnham project, you can contact us by

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