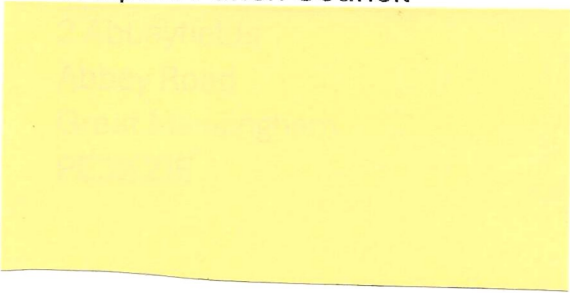


Caroline Boyden
Parish Clerk
Walpole Parish Council



11 June 2025

Dear Caroline Boyden

Grimsby to Walpole

Statutory Consultation Notice under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations)

Notification under Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations)

Introduction

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc ('National Grid') will be launching a statutory consultation on **Wednesday 11th June 2025** in accordance with sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act') for the proposed Grimsby to Walpole project ('the Project').

We are formally notifying you of the consultation because you are a prescribed consultee under section 42(1) of the Act and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009.

The Project is an "EIA development" for the purposes of the EIA Regulations. Regulation 13 requires National Grid to send your organisation a copy of the Notice which is being published in accordance with section 48 of the Act, and this is enclosed, together with the project's Community newsletter.

The Project

The Project involves the construction of approximately 140 km of new overhead transmission lines from Grimsby to Walpole, associated new substations in the vicinity

of Grimsby, Mablethorpe, Spalding Tee-Point in South Holland District and Walpole, and other associated required works.

The Project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Act and requires an application for development consent to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. The development consent being sought will include a number of other provisions, including those which authorise the compulsory acquisition of land and rights over land, if necessary, to construct and maintain the Project.

For the purpose of assessment, the Project has been split into seven Sections. These are:

- **Route Section 1** - New Grimsby West Substation;
- **Route Section 2** – New Grimsby West Substation to new Lincolnshire Connection Substation A;
- **Route Section 3** – New Lincolnshire Connection Substations A and B;
- **Route Section 4** - New Lincolnshire Connection Substation B to Refined Weston Marsh Substation Siting Zone;
- **Route Section 5** - Refined Weston Marsh Substation Siting Zone;
- **Route Section 6** - Refined Weston Marsh Substation Siting Zone to Walpole B Substation; and
- **Route Section 7** - New Walpole B Substation

A detailed description of the route sections is contained in Chapter 5 of the Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR).

It should be noted that Route Section 5 (Refined Weston Marsh Substation Siting Zone) comprises less design information compared to other sections. Since the Stage 1 (non-statutory) consultation there have been changes to the connections required at Weston Marsh as well as identification of additional design parameters. As a result, further design work is being undertaken, including consideration of whether there is a need for up to two new substations. National Grid will undertake further targeted statutory consultation on Section 5 (including publication of preliminary environmental information) at a future date when this design work has been completed. For the purposes of the PEIR provided with the Statutory Consultation, an appraisal has been undertaken of the Refined Weston Marsh Substation Siting Zone considering up to two substations as well as associated electrical connections between them.

Consultation Material

Consultation documents will be available to view online and at in-person public information events, with select documents available at our local information points. The consultation documents comprise:

- **Stage 2 consultation document:** provides an overview of the Project, summarising our technical documents and providing information on how to take part in the consultation
- **Feedback form:** to gather consultation comments and feedback, this can be completed online or in paper copy
- **Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR):** sets out the preliminary findings from the environmental studies and assessments we are carrying out to develop our proposals
- **Non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEIR:** a summary of the PEIR in non-technical language
- **Design development report (DDR):** details the design work we have undertaken to date, focussing on the works since the Stage 1 (non-statutory) consultation
- **Community newsletter:** provides a high-level overview of our proposals and details of how to get involved in the consultation
- **2024 Stage 1 consultation feedback report:** summarises the feedback we received during the Stage 1 (non-statutory) consultation in 2024 and how we have considered this feedback
- **Updated strategic options report:** providing an updated overview of the appraisal approach we have used to date to consider strategic options
- **Interactive map:** online map of the proposed route alignment. A postcode or address can be entered to view pylon locations
- **Maps of our proposals:** overview map and individual section maps showing the proposed alignment, sectioned by geographical area, with further maps to highlight features considered as part of the routing and siting process
- **Guide to interacting with our consultation plans:** A guide outlining the consultation maps and plans, and how to use them
- **Statement of community consultation (SoCC):** sets out how we are carrying out this consultation. The SoCC was developed in consultation with relevant local authorities.

Responding to the consultation

The consultation is running from **Wednesday 11th June** until **23:59** on **Wednesday 6th August 2025**. Consultation feedback can be provided in the following ways:

- By completing the feedback form online via the Project website at **nationalgrid.com/g-w**;
- By providing feedback by email via **contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com**; or

- By completing and returning a paper feedback form which can be requested by calling **0808 258 4395** or emailing **contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com**, and posted to you free of charge with a Freepost envelope to return it in. Alternatively, paper feedback forms and Freepost envelopes can be obtained by visiting one of the consultation events or deposit locations detailed below.

Documents which provide further details of this consultation and our proposals can be viewed online at **nationalgrid.com/g-w**.

There will be twelve in-person Public information events to enable you to find out more about the proposals, meet members of the Project team, and ask any questions. These will be hosted at the following locations and dates:

Table 1: Public Information Events

Date and time	Venue
Wednesday 18 June 2pm - 7pm	Burgh le Marsh Village Hall Jacksons Lane, Burgh le Marsh, Skegness, PE24 5LA
Friday 20 June 1pm - 7pm	London Road Pavilion London Road, Louth, LN11 9QP
Tuesday 24 June 1pm – 7pm	Holton-le-Clay Village Hall Pinfold Lane, Holton-le-Clay, Grimsby DN36 5DL
Wednesday 25 June 1pm - 7pm	Alvingham Village Community Hall 352 Yarburgh Road, Alvingham, Louth, LN11 0QG
Friday 27 June 1pm - 7pm	Huttoft Village Hall Sutton Road, Alford, LN13 9RG
Saturday 28 June 11am - 4pm	Alford Corn Exchange 9 Market Place, Alford, LN13 9EB
Wednesday 2 July 1pm - 7pm	Eastville, Midville and New Leake Village Hall Station Road, Boston, PE22 8LS
Tuesday 8 July 1pm - 7pm	Hubberts Bridge Community Centre Langrick Road, Boston, PE20 3SG
Thursday 10 July 1pm - 7pm	Weston Village Hall Small Drove, Weston, Spalding, PE12 6HU
Wednesday 16 July 1pm - 7pm	Humber Royal Hotel Little Coates Road, Grimsby, DN34 4LX
Friday 18 July 1pm – 7pm	Walpole Community Centre Summer Close, Wisbech, PE14 7JW

Date and time	Venue
Saturday 19 July 11am – 4pm	Tydd St Giles Community Centre Broad Drove E, Wisbech, PE13 5LN

We are also holding a series of webinars for those who cannot make the in-person consultation events. The details of these webinars are as follows:

Table 2: Webinar Information

Date and time	Proposed session
Monday 23 June 6.30pm – 7.30pm	General – overview of proposals
Thursday 26 June 6.30pm – 7.30pm	Route Section 5 & 6 & 7
Monday 30 June 6.30pm – 7.30pm	Route Sections 1 & 2
Monday 14 July 6.30pm – 7.30pm	Route Section 3 & 4
Monday 21 July 2pm – 3pm	General - overview of proposals

As soon as the statutory consultation goes live on Wednesday 11th June 2025, interested parties will be able to register for the webinars online via the project website (nationalgrid.com/g-w), by e-mail (contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com), or by telephone on 0808 258 4395. Joining instructions for the webinar will be provided upon registration.

Paper copies of key consultation materials (the Stage 2 consultation document, Community newsletter, and Feedback form) are available to take away at a number of local information points close to the proposed route alignment during the consultation period. Reference copies of the Statement of Community Consultation, Strategic Options Report, Design Development Report and Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR, as well as USB sticks containing the PEIR, will also be available at the local information points, which are listed in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Local Information Points

Local information points	Opening times
Cleethorpes Library Alexandra Rd, Cleethorpes, DN35 8LG	Monday – Thursday – 8:30am-5:30pm Friday – Closed Saturday – 9am-1pm Sunday - Closed
Waltham Library	Monday – Closed

Local information points	Opening times
High Street, Waltham, Grimsby, DN37 0LL	Tuesday – Friday – 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30-5:30pm Saturday – 9am-1pm Sunday – Closed
Louth Library Northgate, Louth, LN11 0LY	Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 9am-5pm Tuesday – 9am-6pm Thursday – 9am-2pm Saturday – 9am-4pm Sunday - Closed
Burgh le Marsh Library and Community Hub Tinkers Green, Jacksons Lane, Burgh le Marsh, Skegness, PE24 5LA	Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday – Closed Tuesday – 2-4pm Thursday and Saturday – 10am-1pm
Skegness Library 23 Roman Bank, Skegness, PE25 2SA	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 9am-5pm Thursday – 9am-6pm Saturday – 9am-1pm Sunday – Closed
Boston Library County Hall (Bank Street entrance), Boston, PE21 6DY	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 9am-5pm Thursday – 9am-6pm Saturday – 9am-4pm Sunday - Closed
Spalding Library Victoria Street, Spalding, PE11 1EA	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 9am-5pm Thursday – 9am-6pm Saturday – 9am-1pm Sunday - Closed
Holbeach Community Library Co-Op Store, 5 Fleet Street, Holbeach, Spalding, PE12 7AX	Monday to Friday – 9am-5pm Saturday – 9am-12pm Sunday - Closed
Long Sutton Library Trafalgar Square, Long Sutton, Spalding, PE12 9HB	Monday and Thursday – 2-6pm Tuesday and Friday – 10am-5pm Wednesday – Closed Saturday – 10am-1pm Sunday - Closed

Local information points	Opening times
Sutton Bridge Community Library Curlew Centre, Bridge Road, Sutton Bridge, Spalding, PE12 9SA	Monday, Friday and Saturday – 10am-12pm Wednesday – 2-4pm Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday - Closed
Wisbech Library Ely Place, Wisbech, PE13 1EU	Monday – 9:30am-1pm Tuesday – 9:30am-7pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 9:30am-5pm Saturday – 9:30am-4pm Sunday - Closed
King's Lynn Library London Road, King's Lynn, PE30 5EZ	Monday – Friday – 8am-7pm Saturday – 8am-4pm Sunday – 10am-4pm
Walpole Community Centre Summer Close, Wisbech, PE14 7JW	Contact venue for opening times [only open for events]

Document requests

Following the launch of the statutory consultation, consultees will be able to request paper copies of consultation documents by contacting us by email at **contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com** or by telephone at **0808 258 4395**. The documents that will be made available free of charge will be:

- Community newsletter
- Stage 2 consultation document
- Feedback form
- Non Technical Summary of the PEIR
- Statement of Community Consultation.

Paper copies of other consultation materials and documents, including the full PEIR, will be subject to a reasonable copying charge (up to a maximum of £500 for the full suite of documents).

We will review the proposals for the Project in light of the feedback we receive as part of this consultation and will consider if changes are needed to further reduce the effects on communities and the local area, before we submit our application for development consent.

Please note that we may be required to make copies of representations available to the Planning Inspectorate and/or the Secretary of State.

The Great Grid Upgrade – other projects

There are several other Great Grid Upgrade projects located in this region, with each serving a unique purpose in reinforcing the network, connecting clean energy from where it's generated to where it's needed. As a result, you may have also received communications in relation to consultations for National Grid's separate projects known as **Eastern Green Link 3 and 4** (EGL 3 & 4), **Eastern Green Link 5** (EGL 5) and/or **Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire** (WMEL). If feedback relating to one of these other projects is provided in response to this consultation for Grimsby to Walpole, we will endeavour to share this with the respective project team.

If you have any questions about the Grimsby to Walpole Project or the Great Grid Upgrade more generally, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours faithfully,



Ben Muncey

**Project Director
Grimsby to Walpole**

Enclosures:

- *Notice under Section 48 of the Planning Act (1)*
- *Community newsletter (2)*