

Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3) and Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 4)

Community Update

March 2026

Welcome to the latest update on our proposals for Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3) and Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 4), two primarily marine high voltage electricity links between Scotland and England.

EGL 3's subsea cables would run from Aberdeenshire and EGL 4's from Fife, before coming onshore at Anderby Creek on the Lincolnshire coastline. From here the cables would be buried underground and run south to West Norfolk, where they would connect into the electricity network via two new converter stations and a new substation in the Walpole area.

The Projects are part of The Great Grid Upgrade, the largest overhaul of the electricity grid in generations. They will play a significant role in boosting our nation's energy security by transporting enough home-grown energy to power up to four million homes.

In May 2025, we held our Stage 2 public consultation and invited communities to share their views on our updated proposals.

Our Stage 2 consultation

In Spring 2024 we held our first stage of consultation. The feedback informed the proposals we presented at our second stage of consultation between 13 May and 23 June 2025. All the materials we published for the consultation can be found here: nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4

We have now reviewed all the feedback received and are using it to complete our proposals.



This newsletter explains what is happening now, how your feedback from our 2025 consultation has influenced our plans and what happens next.

Our Stage 2 consultation in numbers



22,224 newsletters sent to local residents.



18,999 visits to the Projects' website.



692 people attended eight consultation events.



268 responses to the consultation.

Your feedback

We have reviewed all of the feedback received and have identified these key themes:



Agricultural land: Feedback highlighted the potential impact of the Projects on agricultural land. We recognise the vital importance of agriculture in Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk. We will work closely with landowners to minimise impacts on productive farmland.



Construction: Concerns about construction disruption, particularly increased traffic on local roads, were frequently raised. We are working with local authorities to develop a traffic management plan that minimises disruption. Should consent be granted, we will also keep local communities informed in advance about construction activities and timings.



Cumulative impact: Feedback acknowledged that multiple projects are being developed in the area simultaneously. We are coordinating with other National Grid projects in the area, and other developers, to minimise impacts on local communities and the environment wherever possible.



Environment: Respondents raised concerns about how the local environment may be impacted by the Projects. This feedback has helped us to develop our proposals for enhancing the local environment.



Overground infrastructure: Local residents shared their views on our four options for the siting of our two proposed converter stations in the Walpole area. Page 6 of this newsletter includes more information on how our proposals have developed.



Communities: We heard your concerns about how the Projects may affect residents and local communities. We understand this can be disruptive and we are committed to giving back through long-lasting benefits for communities. You can find more on page 5 of this newsletter.



Surveys

Surveys have been ongoing since the early development stages for EGL 3 and EGL 4. These surveys help us to gather detailed information about the local area, informing where the Projects could be built.

During the first half of 2026, our specialist teams will continue to conduct ecological and cultural heritage surveys to gather further details about important features across the route. These surveys are non-intrusive, meaning they do not require any ground disturbance.

Archaeological trial trenching also began in Lincolnshire in early 2026 and will continue throughout the year. Our teams dig small trenches to see what is buried underground. If they find anything interesting, they then check the nearby area in more detail to make sure all items are safely excavated and their origins understood.

We are also undertaking geotechnical ground investigations along the route. These surveys will involve excavation to learn more about the soil conditions.

This work informs our approach to building the Projects, and the measures we put in place to protect and enhance the environment.

Surveys take place in publicly accessible areas and private land within the Projects' proposed route. Impacted landowners will be contacted by our Lands team directly. More information can be found on the *Landowners and surveys* tab of our Projects' website: nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4

Targeted consultation: Spring 2026

Following feedback from our Stage 2 consultation and local surveys, we have made further updates to our proposals for EGL 3 and EGL 4. This includes identifying some additional land that we would need to build the Projects.

The newly identified land will be required to build EGL 3 and EGL 4. This includes:

- proposed utilities and work on existing electricity utilities
- highway works to accommodate construction vehicles and the delivery of large equipment
- access tracks and use of existing access for the construction and maintenance of the Projects
- the operation of construction compounds
- land drainage
- environmental mitigation measures.

This land was not included in our Stage 2 consultation. We are therefore carrying out a targeted consultation to seek feedback specifically on the proposed works within these additional areas.

We will invite feedback from affected landowners, relevant statutory bodies (including local authorities), and Parish Councils. This feedback will help us finalise our proposals.

Unlike our Stage 1 and Stage 2 consultations, this consultation will not involve the wider community, as the overall proposals have not fundamentally changed. We are only seeking views on the works proposed within the newly identified land.

At the start of our targeted consultation, more information will be available at nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4. You can also contact us using the details on the final page of this newsletter if you have any questions.

Delivering benefits locally

We believe communities should benefit from hosting new transmission infrastructure.

The Government recently published guidance on community benefits for major infrastructure projects like EGL 3 and EGL 4. This will support us in our work with communities and help us to deliver meaningful, long-term, local benefits.

We want to understand what matters most to you – this could include community grant schemes, investment in community groups or regional partnerships. The Community Benefit Survey has been open since the start of our Stage 2 consultation and you can share your thoughts by visiting our Projects’ website. Alternatively, you can request a hard copy survey be sent to you in the post which you can then return free of charge.

- So far, we have received 34 responses to our Community Benefit Survey and here are some common themes that have been shared:
-  Providing education and Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) opportunities for school children.
 -  Protecting the environment and ensuring access to green spaces.
 -  Helping with the cost of living and employability.
 -  Improving community spaces.
 -  Encouraging physical health and activity.
 -  Supporting mental health and wellbeing in the community.



In the community

As part of our commitment to supporting local communities, we are already working with schools and young people in the area to bring energy to life through fun and interactive STEM activities.

We recently attended the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board’s festival, designed to inspire students about careers in construction and engineering.

Our Lincolnshire teams went to encourage the next generation and show them the opportunities available in the energy sector.

We continued this work on Lincolnshire Day with more hands-on workshops for primary school children. Teachers told us how creative the activities were and how much the children learned from the experience.



National Grid employees working with primary school children on Lincolnshire Day

Updates for the Walpole area

At our Stage 2 consultation, we presented four options for the proposed siting of the two converter stations in the Walpole area and options for the cable route to cross the River Nene. Since then, we have identified the options we will be progressing which will form part of our final proposals.

Walpole siting

We have considered all of the feedback we received regarding the proposed converter station siting. We have also undertaken detailed environmental and engineering assessments, and worked with National Grid’s separate Grimsby to Walpole Project to coordinate with their proposals and reduce impacts where possible.

Following this work, Option A (shown on page 7) emerged as the preferred option for the converter station siting. This option best balances engineering feasibility, construction impact and environmental mitigation.

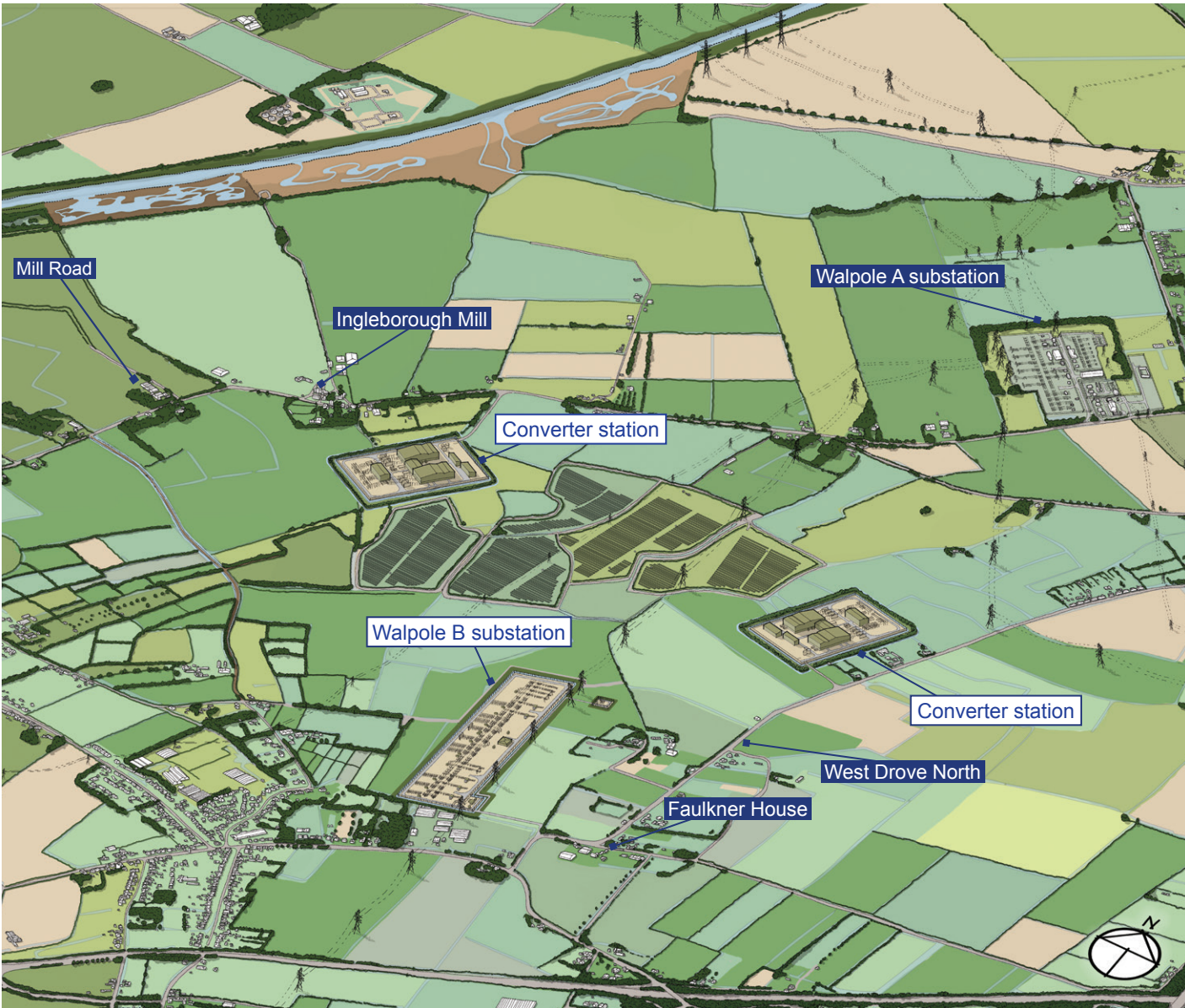
Landowners directly affected by this have been contacted by our land agents. If you have questions about how this may affect you, please contact us using the details on the back page of this newsletter.

River crossings

At our Stage 2 consultation, we provided two route options near Tydd Gote. One option would cross the River Nene to the north east of Foul Anchor and continue to the Walpole area. An alternative option was to cross the North Level Main Drain. This continued past Foul Anchor before crossing the River Nene at two possible locations near Four Gates.

Following consideration of engineering and environmental constraints, we have decided to take forward the option that crosses the North Level Main Drain before crossing the River Nene just south of Foul Anchor. This option ensures we are choosing the most practical route, while minimising disruption to the surrounding solar farms, as well as communities and the environment.

You can find more information on our proposed underground cable route in this area in the FAQs on our Projects’ website.



Illustrative image of what Option A could look like, as shared at Stage 2 consultation

Next steps for the Projects

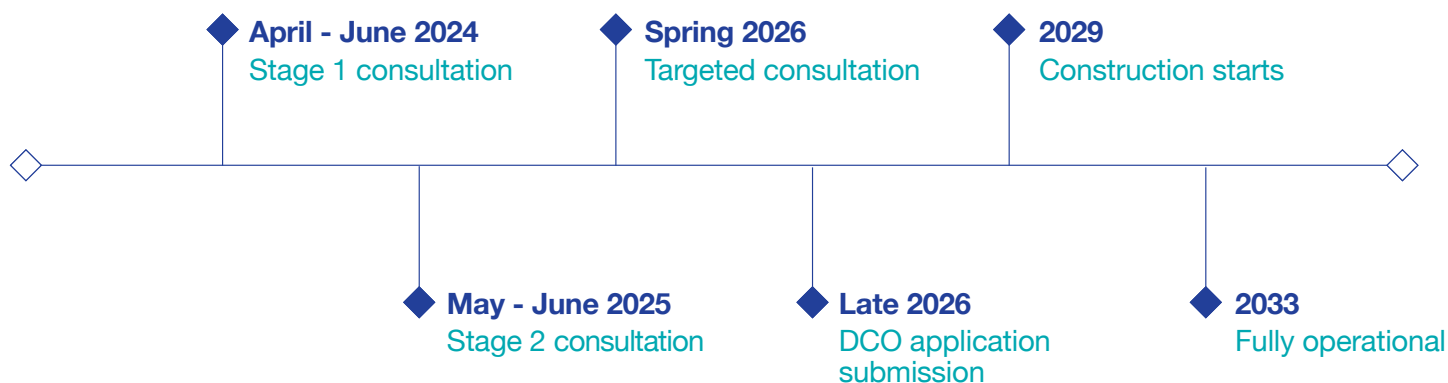
Over the coming months, we will finalise our proposals for EGL 3 and EGL 4.

We will use local feedback from the targeted consultation, information gathered from survey information and further environmental assessments to inform this work.

Once we have finalised our proposals, we will submit our application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate. We plan to submit this in late 2026.

You can register for updates to receive information on upcoming milestones on our Projects' website: nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4

EGL 3 and EGL 4 timeline



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