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National Grid – Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3) and Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 4) Projects Update

Dear neighbour,

We are writing to update you on survey works taking place in the Walpole area as part of the proposed Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3) and Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 4) Projects.

We recognise that some residents may have already noticed local activity or traffic management measures before receiving information directly from us. We appreciate this may have caused confusion and we apologise for not communicating sooner.

We want to explain what these works involve, why they are taking place and what you may see over the coming months.

Survey works and why they are needed

Before we can submit an application for development consent for EGL 3 and EGL 4, we need to understand the local environment and ground conditions.

Surveys play an important part in this process. The information gathered helps us develop our proposals and plan construction more effectively, should the Projects receive development consent.

You may see specialist teams carrying out different types of surveys in King's Lynn and West Norfolk over the coming months. Surveys will take place in both publicly accessible areas and on private land within the Projects' proposed route.

The latest information about survey works in the Walpole area can be found in the Landowners and surveys section of our website: nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4

Ongoing survey works

Surveys have been taking place since the early development stages for EGL 3 and EGL 4. The information collected so far has helped us build a detailed understanding of the local area and assess options for the Projects.

We are currently carrying out ecological and heritage surveys to help us understand local habitats and identify important features along the proposed route. These surveys are non-intrusive and are expected to be completed by the end of July 2026.

Ground investigation works began in late June and are expected to continue until October 2026. Activities include drilling boreholes and digging trial pits to help us understand local ground conditions. As these activities may involve some ground disturbance, equipment and survey teams will be visible.

All ground investigations will be carried out with the agreement of landowners and under National Grid's Permitted Development Rights for essential national infrastructure. This means planning permission is not required to carry out these surveys. The land used for these investigations will be reinstated once the work has been completed.

To facilitate these different types of surveys, we are establishing two temporary compounds in the local area. These compounds will provide welfare facilities, site offices and parking for survey teams.

One compound is located in West Walton, off the A17. The other compound is located in Walpole, off the A47. You may notice temporary traffic management in these areas while survey work is taking place.

Traffic management and reducing disruption

We understand that traffic is an important concern for many local residents and appreciate that additional vehicle movements can be disruptive.

We have developed local traffic management plans to keep residents, road users and our workforce safe.

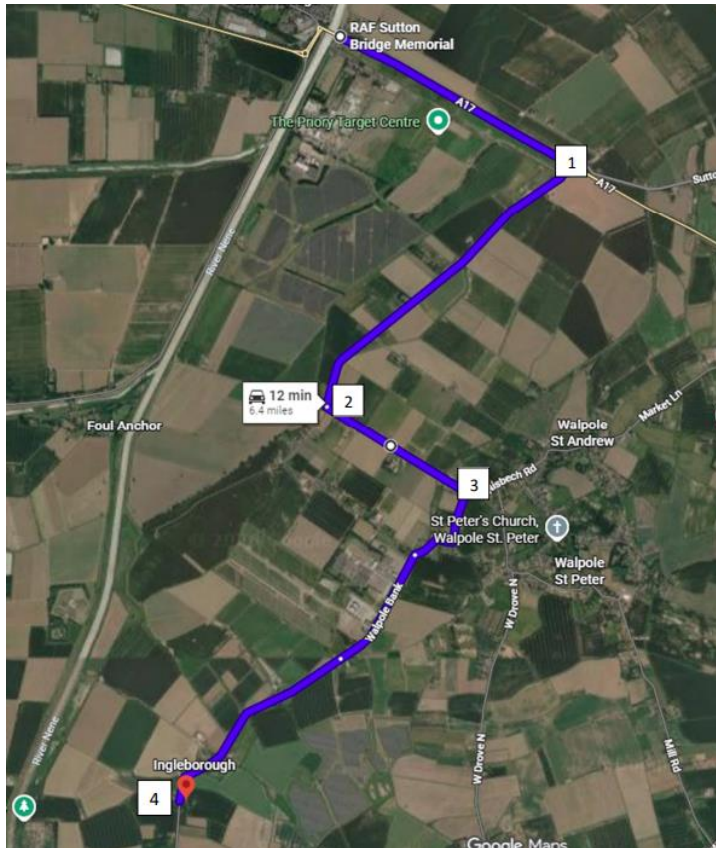
For both compounds, the hours of operation are Monday to Thursday between 8am and 5pm, and Friday between 8am and 2pm.

We expect around 10 vehicle movements each day per compound, although numbers may vary. Speed restrictions are in place at the entrances to both compounds and no vehicles will access the compounds at weekends unless there is an operational requirement.

All drivers are required to follow the designated access routes and comply with the traffic management plans for each site.



Traffic management route into EGL 3 compound – numbers indicate locations of turns within route



Traffic management route into EGL 4 compound – numbers indicate locations of turns within route

About EGL 3 and EGL 4

EGL 3 and EGL 4 are two proposed primarily marine high voltage electricity links between Scotland and England, with associated onshore infrastructure.

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 there, the cables would be buried underground and run south to West Norfolk, where they would connect into the electricity network via 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.

Contact us

Thank you for your patience while these survey works are taking place. We are committed to listening to local communities, reducing disruption and keeping residents informed as the Projects progress.

If you have any questions or concerns about these works, please contact us by email at contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com or by phone on 0800 298 0405.

Kind regards,

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