

## The Great Grid Upgrade

North Humber to High Marnham

# Community update

January 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 in East Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. Our plans involve building a new overhead line between a substation just outside of Hull and a substation at High Marnham, north of Newark. By doing this, we will help boost the UK's energy security through connecting secure, cleaner and more affordable energy from where it's generated to where it's needed.

Over the last three years, we have held multiple rounds of public consultation on our plans, most recently in early 2025. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in these consultations and given their feedback.

**3 rounds**



of public consultation

**c. 1,850**



people attended  
a consultation event

**Around**

**1,200**



consultation  
responses received

Since our last consultation, we have been busy reviewing your feedback and carrying out further technical and environmental assessments. In this newsletter, you can read about:

- targeted landowner consultation
- current surveys and updates for landowners
- archaeology updates
- Birkhill Wood and High Marnham substations update
- volunteering in the community
- our community benefit fund
- project next steps.

## Targeted landowner consultation

Following the close of our last consultation in April 2025, our teams have been reviewing your feedback and the results of further, ongoing survey work. We have also continued to engage with potentially impacted landowners and stakeholders, such as expert transport, archaeology and environmental teams at your local council. You can find out more about some of the other updates in this newsletter by scanning the QR code using your phone or tablet.



This work has resulted in some changes to our draft order limits, which include all of the land we would need to build and operate North Humber to High Marnham. We are therefore undertaking a targeted landowner consultation on the changes.

**If you are impacted by these changes, our Lands team will be getting in contact with you with further information.**

## Current surveys and updates for landowners

Over the past few years, you may have seen members of our team out on-site along the route of the project as they carry out a range of environmental surveys. These surveys are important as they help us to understand the area around our proposals so that we can take into account as we develop our plans. Surveys will continue between now and the submission of our application for development consent.

While some surveys will take place on public rights of way, there will be instances where we need to access private land to carry out our work. We will always seek to agree this with the landowner/occupier where we can before the work takes place, and the members of our team carrying out survey works will always carry identification.

## Archaeology surveys

Alongside our engineering and environmental surveys, we are looking into the archaeological heritage of the region. We are committed to understanding the archaeological potential of the landscape, ensuring all heritage assets are identified and protected as much as possible along our proposed route.

In autumn 2025, we started archaeological surveys along the route that will continue through the winter period. This work involves excavating trenches for investigation by specialists. The results of these surveys are being used to inform the environmental assessment and proposed design of the project. Our findings will be detailed in full as part of our development consent order application.

If you are a landowner or occupier and have questions about surveys, you can speak to our Lands team at Dalcour Maclaren. They can be contacted by:



emailing

**[NH-HM@dalcourmaclaren.com](mailto:NH-HM@dalcourmaclaren.com)**



calling **0333 188 3511**



or writing to **The Barn, Bignell Park Barns, Chesterton, Bicester, OX26 1TD.**

## Project benefits



**Up-to 6 million homes could be powered through the energy carried by North Humber to High Marnham**



**Boosting energy security by helping reduce our dependence on imported gas**



**Helping to lower energy bills by connecting the Grid to more affordable forms of electricity**



## Birkhill Wood and High Marnham substations update

At our last consultation in early 2025, the planning applications for both Birkhill Wood and High Marnham substations had not been submitted. We therefore consulted on both substations as part of our proposals for North Humber to High Marnham.

Since then, we have shared all feedback about the substations with each of the substation project teams for consideration as part of their design development, and further progress has been made to ensure the relevant permissions are in place.

We are pleased to say that the planning applications for Birkhill Wood and High Marnham substations have now been submitted to the relevant local planning authorities.

As a result, we have removed the Birkhill Wood and High Marnham substations and associated works from our proposals for North Humber to High Marnham. We will continue to work closely with both substation projects to coordinate our works.



# Have your say on community benefits for your area

**In 2025, the Government published new guidance that sets out how projects like ours can deliver a lasting positive legacy through community benefit funding.**

This guidance could unlock millions of pounds of funding to benefit local communities and the wider area:



## £200,000

**new overhead lines could provide £200,000 of funding for every kilometre built**

Any funding would be available after the project is granted development consent and construction work has started. In the meantime, we have developed a community benefits survey to ask for your views on how any future funding could be spent. The community benefit fund on North Humber to High Marnham could be in the region of around £18 million.

We want to understand what is important to you, and where funding could deliver long-lasting benefits, including through community grant schemes and investment in community groups or via regional partnerships.

Some of the areas we think could benefit from community benefit funding include:



**Better community spaces:**

investment in places you use every day, village halls, play parks, leisure areas, community rooms, and faster broadband. Grants to help local clubs and restore heritage sites.



**Protecting nature:** to reduce the impact of new infrastructure. Planting trees and hedgerows, boosting biodiversity, and creating nature areas around affected villages.



**Safer, easier travel:** fixing roads, adding pavements, cycle paths, bridleways, and improving rural transport options like buses and community schemes.



**Local jobs and skills:** to create opportunities for local people, offer apprenticeships, hire local contractors, support STEM in schools, and fund youth skills programmes.



**Secure, cleaner and more affordable energy:** ways to cut bills and go greener. Insulation grants, EV charge points, and community energy tariffs.

You can share your views by completing our online survey by scanning the QR code with your phone or tablet. You can also request a paper copy of the survey by emailing us at [contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com) or by calling us on **0808 189 1346** (Mon – Fri, 9am-5:30pm).



Completed paper surveys can be sent free of charge to **Freepost NH TO HM**.

The survey will close on **23 March 2026**, after which the project team will review the feedback received.





## Volunteering in the community

Members of our project team were pleased to be able to roll up their sleeves and help out recently at The Moorlands Youth and Community Centre. Located in Goole, the Centre works with the community by providing support for people, running a local food bank service, and working with youth in the community.

The team was pleased to be able to contribute to such a valuable local resource by helping renovate some of the inside of the building, such as fitting ceiling tiles, renovating an office space, organising their pantry and clearing rooms for the community to use.

For more information about the centre, search online for 'The Moorlands Youth and Community Centre'.

If your organisation or one you know of could benefit from volunteer support from National Grid, please get in touch via email at [contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com)



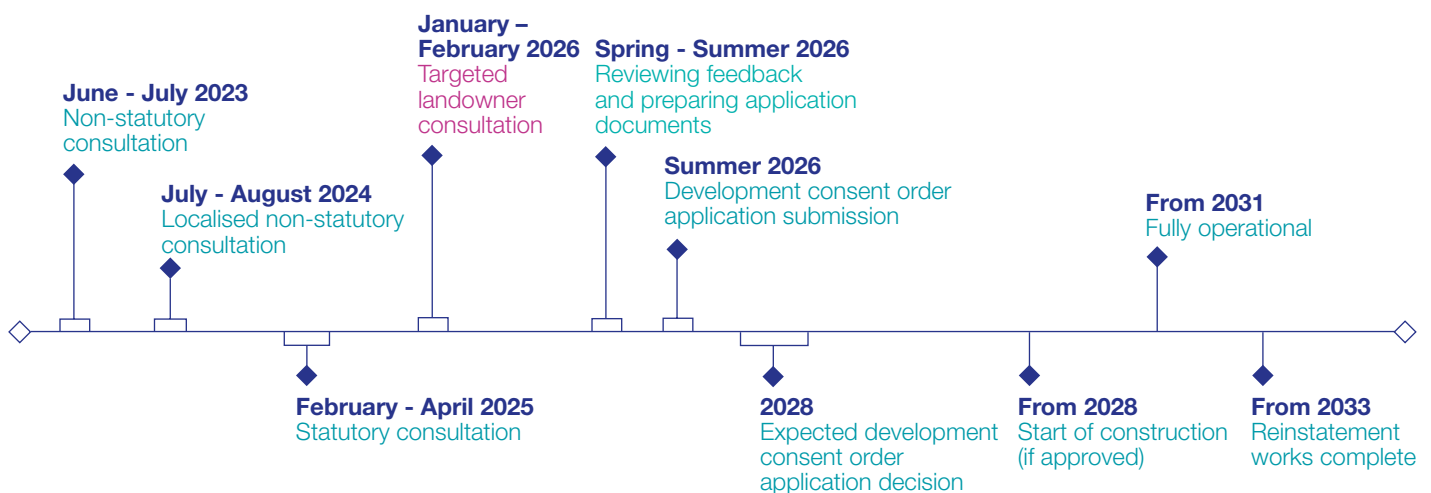
# Next steps

We will carefully consider all feedback received through our current targeted landowner consultation alongside the outcome of ongoing technical and environmental assessments. We will then finalise our proposals and prepare our application for development consent. A full account of how we have considered consultation feedback will be provided in the Consultation report, which we will prepare as part of our development consent order application.

We will continue to provide regular updates, including via our project website and update newsletters, as we prepare to submit our application for development consent in Summer 2026.



## Indicative project timeline



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