

Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement

3 Feedback Form
September 2022

National Grid is seeking further feedback on our plans to reinforce the electricity transmission network between Bramford substation in Suffolk and Twinstead Tee in Essex.

As a result of feedback received during our statutory consultation in spring 2022, we have made some further changes to our proposals. The biggest changes to the plans are in the western part of the Stour Valley, in the parishes of Lamarsh, Alphamstone, Twinstead, Pebmarsh and Little Maplestead. We have also made several smaller changes across the wider route of the proposed reinforcement. We are seeking your comments on the proposed changes within this targeted consultation.

You do not need to resubmit or repeat comments that you have already submitted to previous consultations.

We have prepared a Consultation Summary Document and a number of updated plans and drawings to explain the proposed changes.

These documents can be found online at nationalgrid.com/bramford-twinstead from 8 September 2022, and free paper copies can be requested using the contact details on the right of this page. These documents are also displayed at deposit locations, details of which can be found on our website.

The deadline for submitting your response to our consultation is 23:59 on Friday 7 October 2022.

How to provide your feedback



online at
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email us at contact@bramford-twinstead.nationalgrid.com



return the feedback form in the freepost envelope provided or by writing to
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0808 196 1515

Call us to request paper copies of the materials

You are welcome to answer all or only some of the questions in this feedback form, depending on the issues that are most important to you. You do not need to repeat comments that you submitted at a previous consultation unless you wish to do so. As with previous consultations, all feedback received before the deadline will be considered prior to the submission of an application for development consent. As part of our future application, we will produce a consultation report, setting out the feedback received.

Please be specific and give as much detail as possible in your response. If you need additional space please use extra paper, clearly marking which question you are responding to.

Data privacy notice

National Grid is committed to protecting your personal information. Whenever you provide such information, we are legally obliged to use it in line with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

How will National Grid use the information we collect about you?

We will use your personal data collected via this consultation for a number of purposes, including:

- to analyse your feedback to the consultation
- to produce a Consultation Report, based on our analysis of feedback (individuals will not be identified in the Report)
- to write to you with updates about the results of the consultation and other developments
- to keep up-to-date records of our communications with individuals and organisations.

Any personal information you include in this form will be handled and used by (or made available to) the following recipients to record, analyse and report on the feedback we receive:

- National Grid
- the Planning Inspectorate (which will consider our application for consent to build the Bramford to Twinstead reinforcement – any details published as part of this process will be anonymised)
- the Secretary of State (who will take the decision on our application)
- our legal advisers
- external consultants working on the Bramford to Twinstead reinforcement.

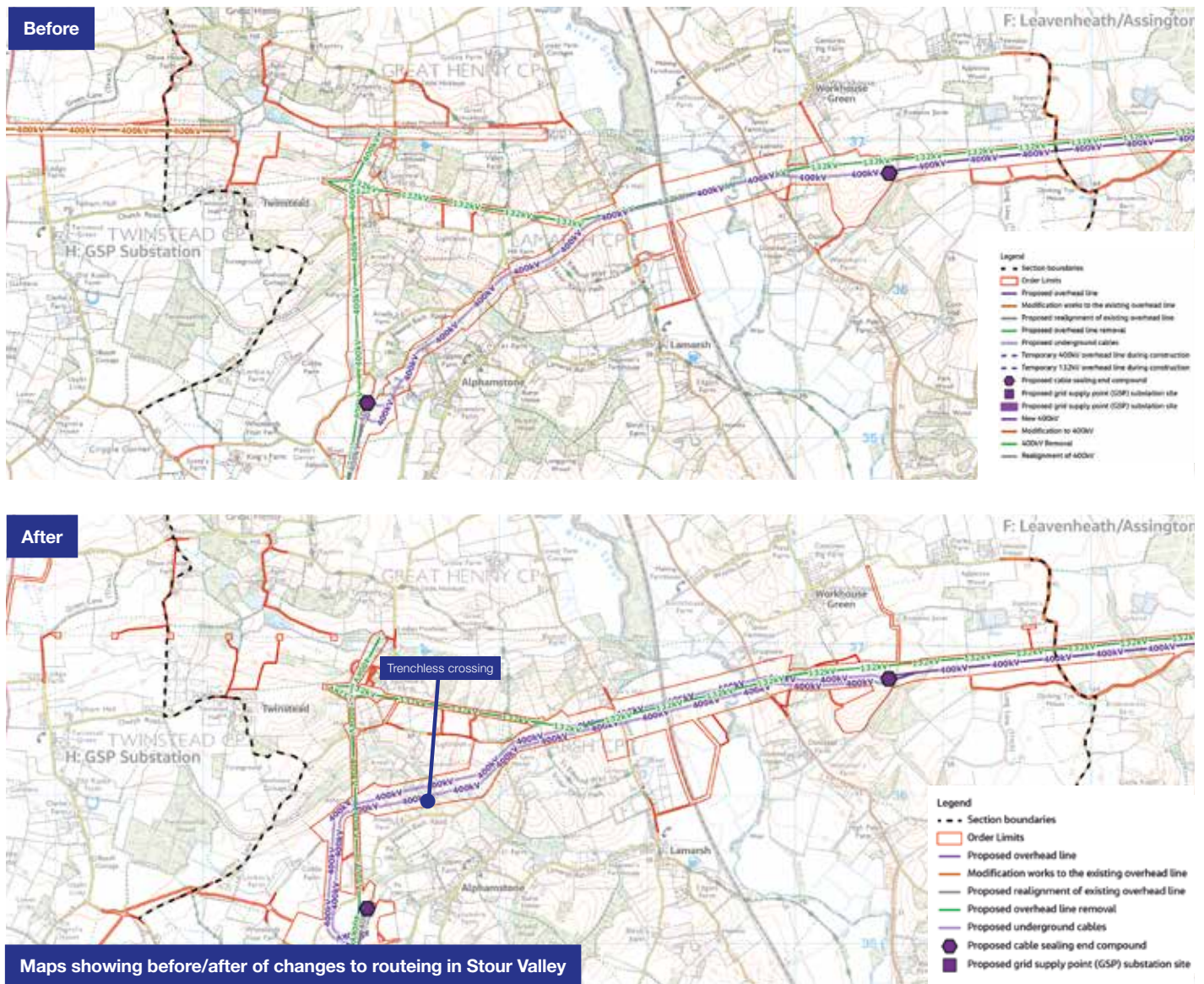


What rights do I have over my personal data?

Under the terms of the UK GDPR you have certain rights over how your personal data is retained and used by National Grid. For more information, see our full data privacy statement at nationalgrid.com/privacy-policy



Changes to the proposed route of undergrounding in the western part of the Stour Valley (Section G)



Maps showing before/after of changes to routing in Stour Valley

Our plans in this area

We propose a mix of new 400 kV overhead line and underground cables in this section.

This includes a new overhead line to the south of the existing 400 kV and 132 kV pylons before connecting into the Stour Valley East cable sealing end compound to the south of Workhouse Green.

From here, underground cables would pass under the B1058, the River Stour and the Sudbury branch railway line. From Moat Lane, the underground cables would run to the north of Henny Back Road, south of Ansell's Grove, before passing the existing 400 kV overhead line and connecting to the Stour Valley West cable sealing end compound.

The Stour Valley West cable sealing end compound is located to the south of Henny Back Road and connect the reinforcement to the existing 400 kV pylons. In the wooded valley to the south of Ansell's Grove, we would use trenchless construction methods to lay the underground cables.

The existing 132 kV pylons would be removed in this section up to Twinstead Tee, as well as 2 km of the existing 400 kV line south of Twinstead Tee resulting in fewer overhead lines in the Stour Valley.



Illustration of trenchless crossing

What’s changed and why?

Feedback received from stakeholders expressed concerns about the proximity of construction activities to Alphamstone, as well as concerns around the impact on sensitive parts of the environment and footpaths.

As a result, we have looked again at our plans for the route of undergrounding and are proposing to change the route of underground cables between Moat Lane and the Stour Valley West cable sealing end compound.

To reduce the environmental impact of the construction of underground cables we are proposing to install a section of these underground cables beneath the wooded valley to the south of Ansell’s Grove using trenchless construction methods. This means that we would not need to dig trenches in order to install the cables. Instead, cables will be drilled horizontally underground, beneath the landscape. This will protect the vegetation, watercourse and landscape in this area.

What hasn’t changed?

We are not proposing any changes to the location of the Stour Valley East or West cable sealing end compound, nor to the amount of existing 132 kV / 400 kV overhead line that we would remove in this section. We remain committed to undergrounding the route of the reinforcement in the Stour Valley.

What are we seeking feedback on?

We are seeking your feedback on whether our planned changes to the route of underground cables between moat lane and the Stour Valley West cable sealing end compound, along with the use of trenchless crossing technology, is an improvement on the plans we presented at our statutory consultation.

1. Do you think the changes we are proposing to the route of undergrounding and the use of trenchless crossing technology is an improvement on the plans we presented previously?

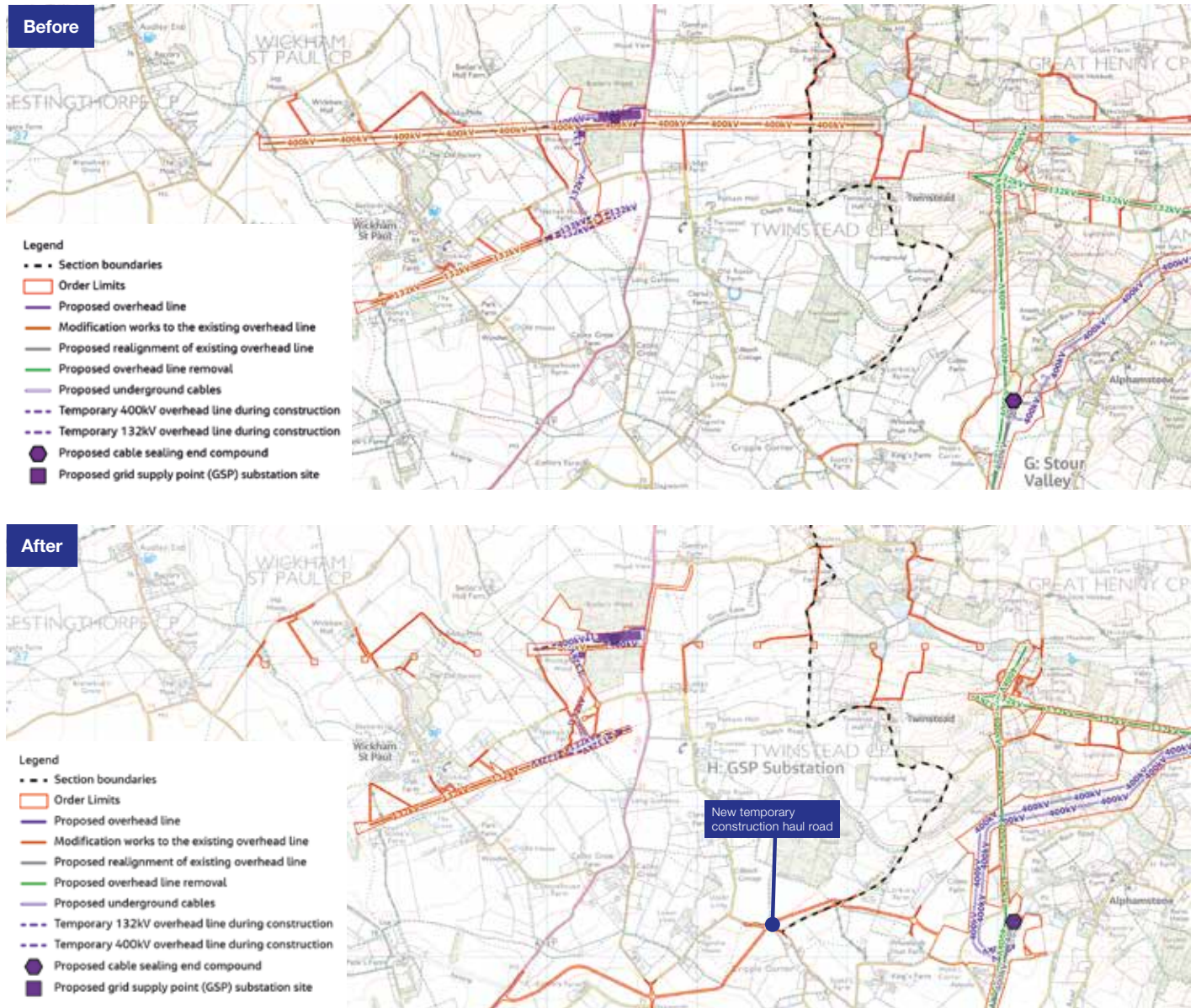
- National Grid have listened to feedback and improved the proposals
- National Grid have not listened to/misunderstood feedback
- National Grid have listened to feedback but further change is required
- Other (please state) _____

2. Do you have any further comments regarding our proposed changes in this section?

Please select which changes your comments relate to.

- Change to the route of underground cables
- Use of trenchless construction method

Plans for a temporary construction haul road between Sudbury Road (A131) and Stour Valley West cable sealing end compound



Maps showing before/after temporary construction haul road route

Our plans in this area

We propose a 3.5 km temporary construction haul road between Sudbury Road (A131) and the Stour Valley West cable sealing end compound, to enable us to construct this part of the reinforcement.

The temporary construction haul road would leave the A131 northeast of Little Maplestead and bring construction traffic east to bypass a network of narrow roads which have been identified as unsuitable for some of the required construction vehicles.

The temporary haul road will mainly cross agricultural land but will also intersect with three roads (Lorkin’s Lane, Cripple Corner and Oak Road) and an access track where junctions will need to be created.

The haul road will be removed once construction is complete, with the land reinstated to its original condition. It would only be required during operation in the event of a requirement for major cable works.

What’s changed and why?

The temporary construction haul road is a new addition to our plans and was not included in the proposals shown at our statutory consultation in spring 2022.

Feedback from this consultation highlighted concerns about the suitability of the local road network for large construction vehicles.

Alongside this, an assessment of the existing road network indicated that a high number of changes, modifications or restrictions would be required to the local road network to accommodate the larger construction vehicles required to build the reinforcement. These changes could include road widening, temporary removal of street furniture, vegetation clearance, and the reprofiling of banks and verges. These interventions could be disruptive to local residents and road users.

Building a temporary construction haul road would reduce the need for the changes highlighted above as larger construction vehicles could bypass local roads. The use of the temporary haul road would also avoid the need to use roads such as Cripple Corner, where respondents raised concerns.

What hasn’t changed?

Although we are now proposing to build a temporary haul road, smaller construction traffic may still use local roads as part of the construction of the reinforcement.

What are we seeking feedback on?

We are seeking your feedback on the route proposed for the temporary construction haul road.



3. To what extent do you agree with the proposed route of the temporary construction haul road?

- Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

4. Do you have any further comments regarding the proposed temporary construction haul road?

Anything else?

5. Do you have any other comments about the Bramford to Twinstead reinforcement to give that you have not previously mentioned here or in previous consultations?





How are we doing?

Please let us know your views on the quality of our consultation materials, the accessibility of our consultation, how we have notified people about our proposals, and anything else related to this consultation.

7. Please let us know how you heard about this consultation by ticking one of more of the following boxes:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Informed by a local representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Saw advertisements in local media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Received a letter from National Grid | <input type="checkbox"/> Saw social media coverage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Received a leaflet from National Grid | <input type="checkbox"/> Saw coverage in local and/or national media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Received an email from National Grid | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Received information from a local authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please state) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saw an advert in the local and/or national media | |

8. Please rate the information included as part of this consultation in terms of how clearly it was presented and how easy it was to understand:

- Very good Good Average Poor Very Poor Unsure

9. Please rate how well this consultation was promoted and advertised to the public:

- Very good Good Average Poor Very Poor Unsure



10. Which consultation documents have you viewed during the consultation process?

Please tick all that apply.

- Consultation Summary Document
- General arrangement plans
- Documents from previous consultations (such as the Project Background Document or Project Development Options Report)
- Other (please state) _____

11. Have you previously taken part in any other consultations held by National Grid on the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement, such as the consultations in spring 2021 and spring 2022?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring 2021 – Non-Statutory Consultation | <input type="checkbox"/> I had not heard about the scheme previously |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring 2022 – Statutory Consultation | <input type="checkbox"/> I have recently moved to the area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) _____ |



Inclusion and diversity

National Grid would be grateful if you could answer the following inclusion and diversity questions. We will use the information we receive to help understand whether our consultation has been useful to people of different backgrounds and requirements.

We may publish a summary of the results, but no information about an individual would be revealed. The answers you provide to these questions are defined as 'special category data'. If you agree to provide Inclusion and Diversity Information, you can withdraw your permission at any time. To withdraw your details, please contact us via email at contact@bramford-twinstead.nationalgrid.com or Freephone **0808 196 1515**.

12. What is your gender?

- Male Female Non-binary Prefer not to say
-

13. Do you consider yourself a person with a disability?

- Yes No Prefer not to say
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14. How would you describe your ethnic background?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British | <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy or Irish Traveller | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other White background | <input type="checkbox"/> Black, African, Caribbean or Black British |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups | <input type="checkbox"/> African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Black, African or Caribbean background (please state) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Arab |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background (please state) | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic group (please state) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian or Pakistani | |



Contact us

If you have any difficulties completing this feedback form, accessing the consultation documents, or require the documents in an alternative format, please contact the project team via the contact details below.

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