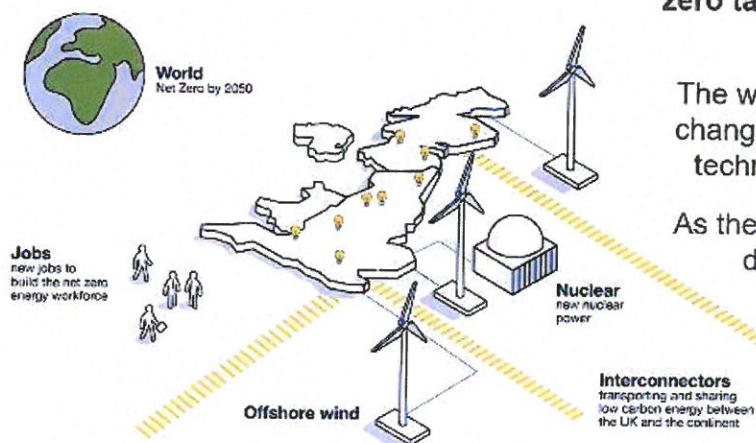


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Moving towards net zero



The Government has made it clear that its net zero targets are an important milestone in creating a cleaner, greener future.

The way we generate electricity in the UK is changing rapidly, as we transition to cleaner technologies like new offshore wind farms.

As the way we generate electricity changes, demand is set to significantly increase.

The Great Grid Upgrade

As we connect new sources of electricity to the grid and move to renewables and low carbon energy sources, we need to deliver the largest overhaul of the electricity grid in generations.

Over the next seven years, the UK needs to deliver over five times the amount of electricity transmission infrastructure than has been built in the last 30.

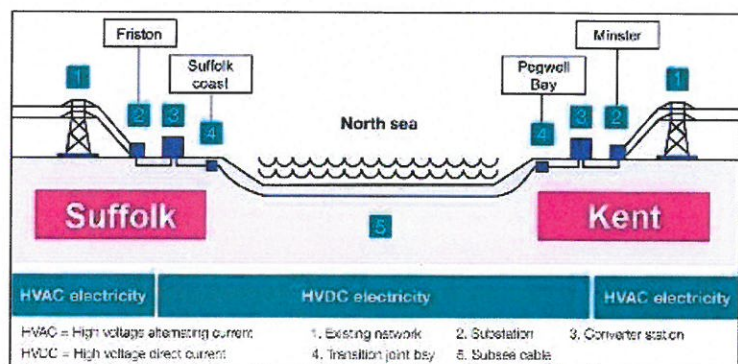
The Great Grid Upgrade is a programme of infrastructure projects taking place across England, of which Sea Link is a part.



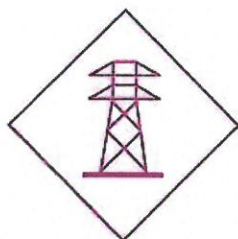
About Sea Link

Sea Link is a proposal to reinforce the electricity transmission network via a new, primarily offshore, 2 gigawatt (GW) high voltage direct current (HVDC) link.

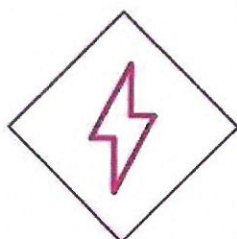
It has been designed to increase the capability of the network to carry low carbon and renewable energy from where it is generated to homes and businesses across the country.



The need for network reinforcement



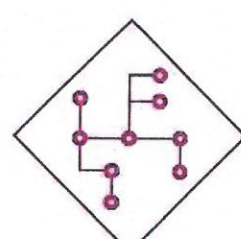
The existing transmission network was not designed to transport electricity from where we increasingly now generate it (largely offshore)



Growth in offshore wind, interconnectors and nuclear power means that more electricity will be generated in the years ahead than the current network is able to securely and reliably transport



As a country, electricity demand is forecasted to at least double by 2050, increasing the amount of energy we need to transport to homes and businesses



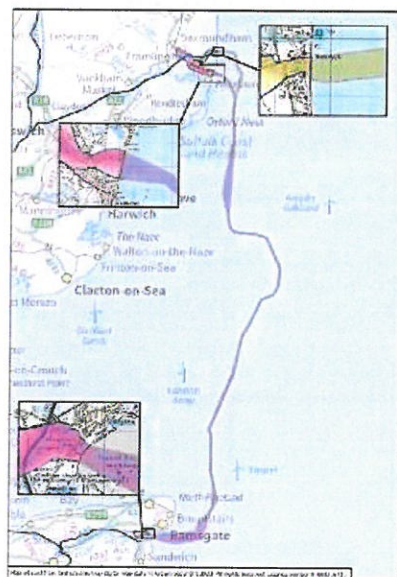
Upgrading the existing network as it is today (such as through replacing cables to carry more power) will not be enough to carry the amount of future power whilst operating to required standards

Our non-statutory consultation

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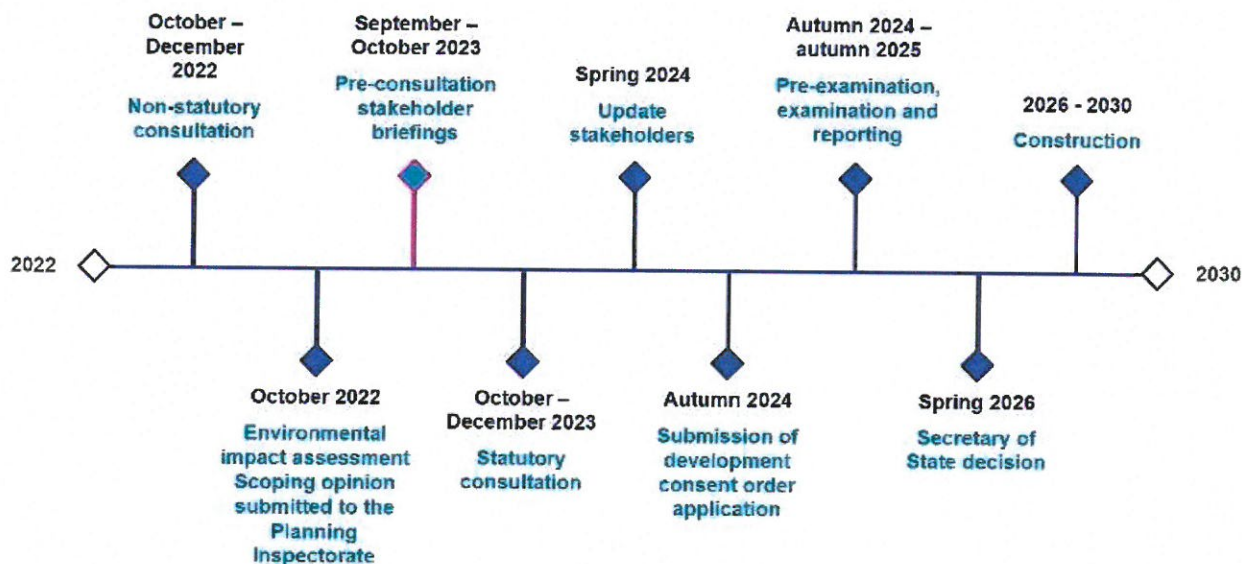
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inbound calls and emails

456

feedback forms submitted

Project timeline



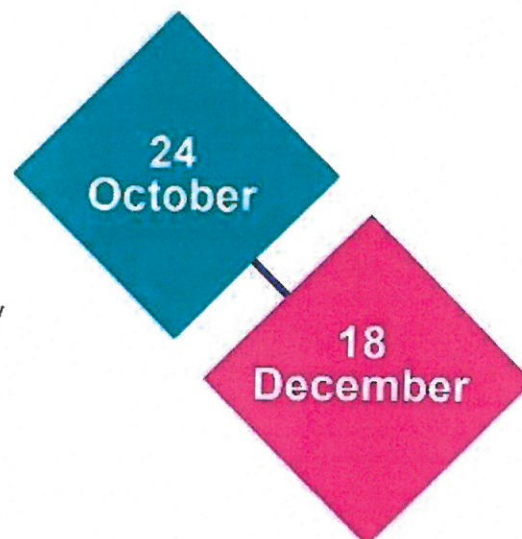
Our statutory consultation

Between 24 October and 18 December 2023, we are holding a statutory consultation on our detailed plans for Sea Link.

As part of this consultation, we'll explain how our plans have changed since our last consultation and seek your views on our developed proposals, including proposed underground cable corridors, landfall points, converter stations, substations and any other associated infrastructure.

We'll also share details of our construction methodology and preliminary environmental impact report, along with the measures we are proposing to mitigate any identified impacts.

National Grid | Statutory consultation pre-briefing



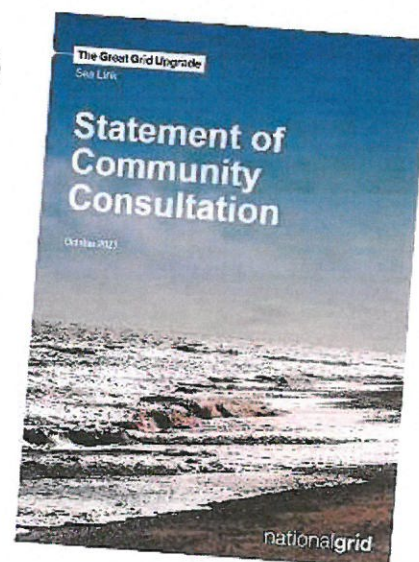
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Statement of Community Consultation

Our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) sets out how we plan to consult during our statutory consultation.

Prior to the consultation, we consulted officers at Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council, Kent County Council, Dover District Council, Thanet District Council and the Marine Management Organisation on the contents of our draft SoCC.

The SoCC will be available to view on our website and at deposit points from **24 October 2023**.



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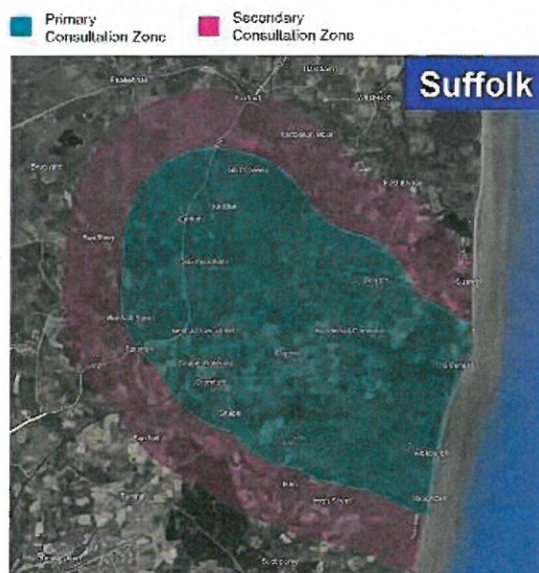
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Advertising the consultation



By post

- we will write to all residential and business addresses within our primary consultation zone (3 km of draft order limits) at the start of the consultation period
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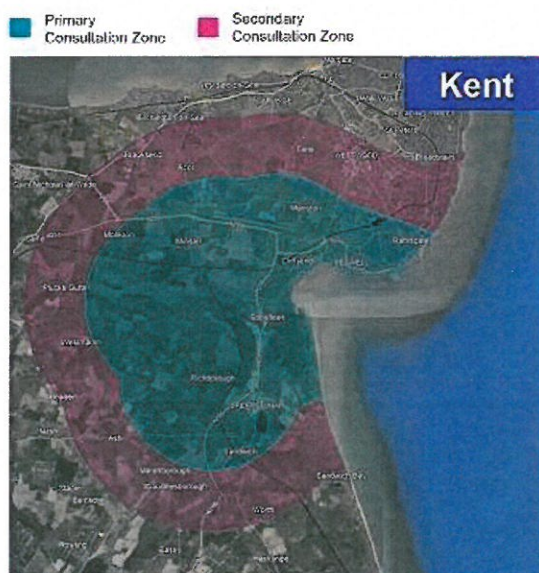


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Advertising the consultation



Digital

- we will place adverts on Facebook, Instagram and local newspaper websites advertising the consultation
- we will email local stakeholders, such as councillors and parish councils, along with contacts in our 'register for updates' database, to alert them to our consultation



In the media

- we will place adverts in local newspapers and other publications (such as parish magazines) advertising the consultation
- we will place legal notices about our consultation in local and national newspapers, and in prescribed trade publications
- we will write to media outlets with press releases advertising our consultation

How to take part



**Public information
exhibitions**



**Stakeholder
briefings**



**'Ask the Experts'
sessions**



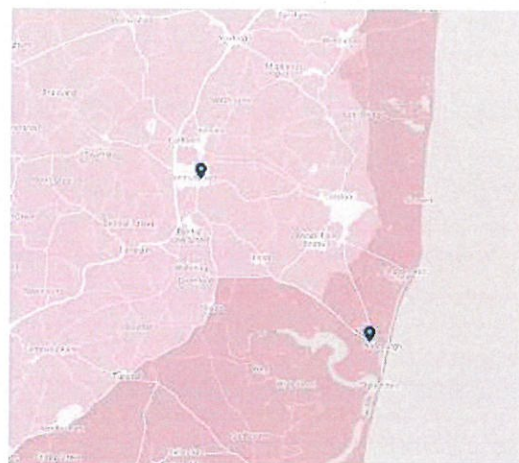
**Online
webinars**

How to take part

Public information exhibitions - Suffolk



Date	Time	Location
Wednesday 8 November	12:30pm to 5:30pm	Old Generator Station, King's Field, Aldeburgh, IP15 5HY
Thursday 9 November	11am to 4:30pm	
Friday 24 November	1pm to 6pm	Market Hall, High Street, Saxmundham, IP17 1AF
Saturday 25 November	11am to 4pm	



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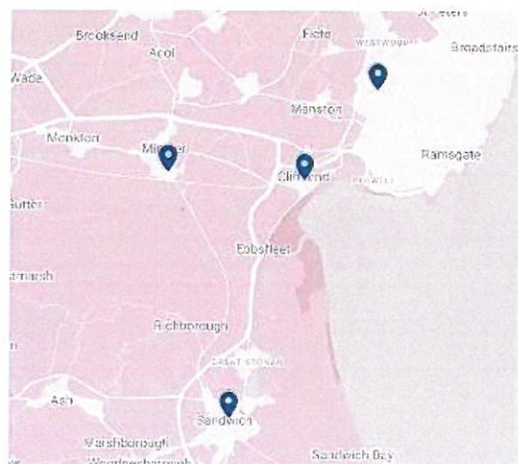
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How to take part

Public information exhibitions - Kent



Date	Time	Location
Wednesday 15 November	2:30pm to 7:30pm	Cliffsend Village Hall, 55 Foads Lane, Cliffsend, CT12 5JH
Thursday 16 November	12pm to 5:30pm	Minster Village Hall, 1 High Street, Minster, CT12 4BU
Friday 17 November	10am to 3pm	Guildhall, Cattle Market, Sandwich, CT13 9AH
Wednesday 29 November	2pm to 7pm	Cliffsend Village Hall, 55 Foads Lane, Cliffsend, CT12 5JH
Saturday 2 December	11am to 3pm	Royal Harbour Academy, Marlowe Way, Newington, CT12 6FA



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How to take part

Stakeholder briefings



Get in touch with our team by email or by phone to request a briefing or meeting to discuss our proposals.

As we expect to have a high number of stakeholders requesting a briefing during the consultation period, we would be grateful if you could provide some convenient dates and times between **16 November 2023** and **8 December 2023**, for either a virtual or in-person meeting.

How to take part

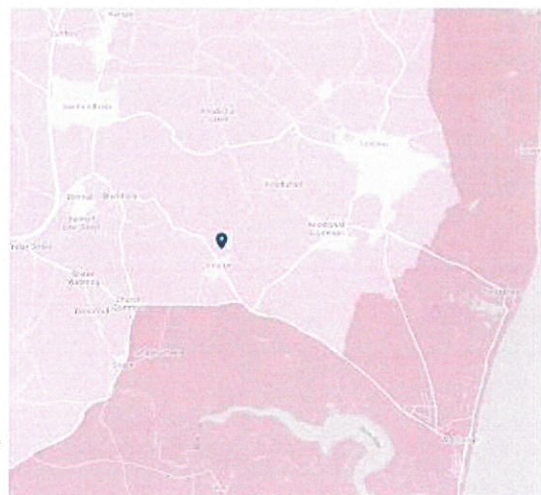
'Ask the experts' sessions



Book a one-on-one appointment with a member of our expert team. Telephone and video call appointments will also be available throughout the consultation period.

Suffolk

In-person appointments will be available on **Thursday 23 November** between **3pm** and **7:30pm** at **Friston Village Hall, Church Road, Friston, IP17 1PU**. You must have an appointment to attend the in-person session.



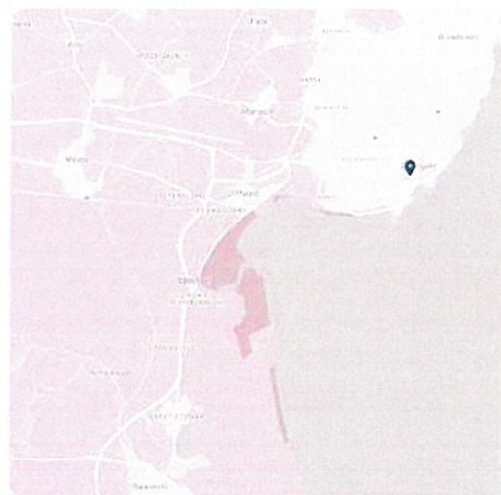
How to take part 'Ask the experts' sessions



Kent

In-person appointments will be available on **Friday 1 December** between **2pm** and **6pm** at **Radford House, 18-20 Effingham Street, Ramsgate, CT11 9AT**. You must have an appointment to attend the in-person session.

To book an appointment, visit our website, email or call us.



How to take part Online webinars



Register to attend a live webinar and take part in a live Q&A session.

Visit our website to register for a webinar. At the start of the consultation period, we will also make available a pre-recorded webinar setting out our proposals.

Date	Time	Topic
Wednesday 25 October	6pm to 7pm	Onshore proposals in Suffolk and marine proposals
Thursday 26 October	6pm to 7pm	Onshore proposals in Kent and marine proposals
Tuesday 31 October*	2pm to 3pm	Onshore proposals in Suffolk and marine proposals
Wednesday 1 November*	2pm to 3pm	Onshore proposals in Kent and marine proposals

*British Sign Language interpreter in attendance at this session

Find out more

Consultation materials

As part of our consultation, we have prepared a range of summary and technical documents to help you understand our plans.

These materials will be available at deposit points and on our project website from the start of the consultation period.

Paper copies of most documents can be requested free of charge by phone or email.

Consultation documents

Newsletter
Project overview document
Project overview document – 10 minute read
Options selection and design evolution report
Strategic options report
Non-statutory consultation report
Feedback form
Consultation banners
Consultation banners – audio version
Guide to interacting with our consultation plans
General arrangement plans
Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR)
Non-technical summary of the PEIR
Statement of Community Consultation

How to take part

Deposit points - Suffolk

Paper copies of the newsletter, project overview document, feedback form, options selection and design evolution report, non-statutory consultation report, non-technical summary of the PEIR and statement of community consultation, along with links to a digital copy of the PEIR, are available at deposit points across the area throughout the consultation period.

Saxmundham library	Friston village hall
Leiston library	Aldeburgh library
Snape village hall	



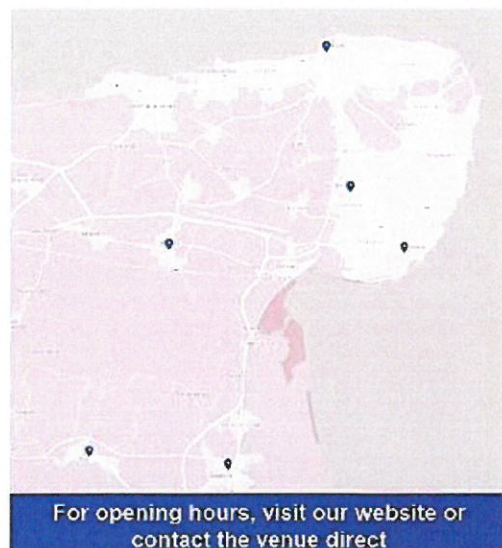
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Ash library	Minster library
Sandwich library	Ramsgate library
Thanet District Council	Newington Library
Margate library	

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Find out more

Project website

From the start of the statutory consultation period, our project website (nationalgrid.com/sealink) will have a range of information to help people take part in our consultation.

Alongside the detail of our proposals, the project website will include interactive maps, videos and animations to help explain our plans. Copies of all consultation materials will be available to download from our document library. You can also give your feedback online by completing an online feedback form and register to receive updates on the project from our team.

National Grid | Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) briefing

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Find out more Maps and plans

Interactive map

- Interactive, zoomable map of our proposals
- Includes order limits for other nearby infrastructure projects
- Available on the 'interactive map' page of our website from the start of the consultation period

General arrangement plans

- Clickable overview map that will take you straight to the detailed plans for your area
- 1:2,500 scale PDF plans of our proposals on Ordnance Survey basemapping
- Available from the 'landowner' page of our website from the start of the consultation period

Plans and drawings

- PDF plans of key infrastructure that forms part of our proposals
- Available from the 'document library' page of our website from the start of the consultation period

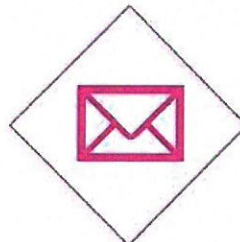
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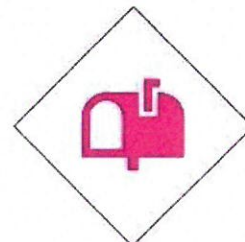
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Email us

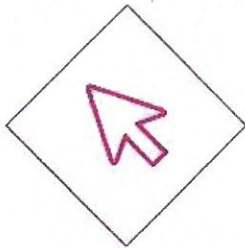
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Write to us

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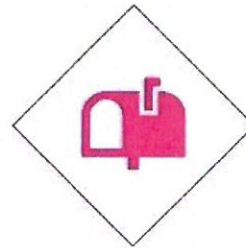
Online feedback form

You can give your feedback by completing our online feedback form, available at nationalgrid.com/sealink



Email us

If you prefer to send us your comments via email, sent them to contact@sealink.nationalgrid.com



Write to us

Pick up a paper feedback form from a deposit point, request one by phone or print from our website and send it to us at [Freepost SEA LINK](#)