

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

Community update

January 2025

Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3) and Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 4) form part of The Great Grid Upgrade, the largest overhaul of the electricity grid in generations, which aims to build a more secure and resilient future energy system.

In April 2024, we invited communities to share their views on our proposals for EGL 3 and EGL 4 – two new primarily offshore electricity links, with associated onshore infrastructure, between Scotland and England.

The links aim to, on completion, transport enough clean energy from Scotland to power up to four million homes in the Midlands and South of England, playing an important role in the decarbonisation of the UK electricity grid.

Our first stage of public consultation

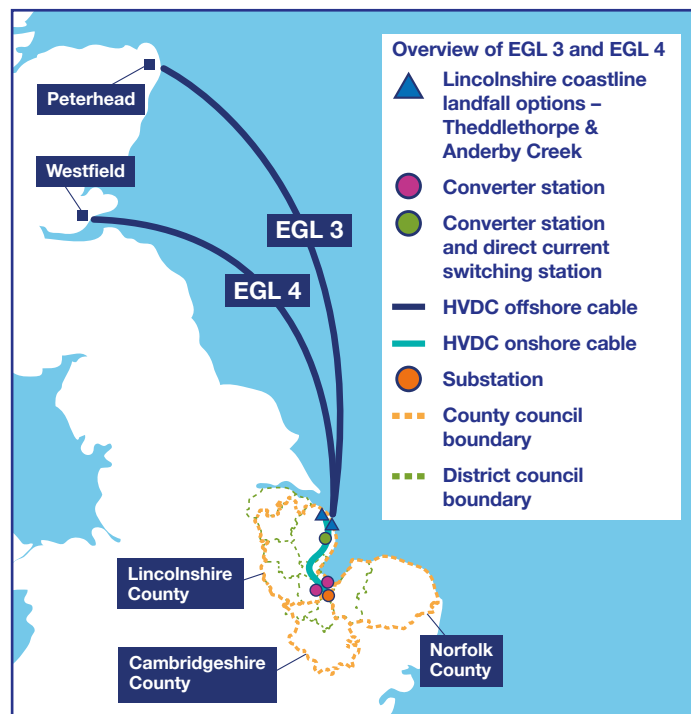
Between April and July 2024, we held our first round of public consultation, known as a non-statutory consultation, on our early proposals. Thank you to all those who took part. We received hundreds of responses from members of the public, landowners, district and county councils, parish and town councils, and local and national organisations. If you would like to view any of our non-statutory consultation materials, please visit our project website (nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4).

We are currently in the process of reviewing all feedback received. Your comments are extremely valuable and are helping us develop and refine our proposals in advance of our second round of consultation, known as a **statutory consultation**, planned for this year.

As part of our application for development consent, we will prepare a consultation report. This report will set out all the feedback we received throughout our public consultations, along with how we have had regard to that feedback.

Our proposals for EGL 3 and EGL 4's onshore infrastructure in England currently comprise of:

- Underground cables
- Converter stations
- A substation
- A direct current switching station



Stage 1 consultation in numbers

Over **21,000** homes and businesses were contacted to advertise the consultation

Over **17,000** people viewed our website

Over **600** people attended our in-person consultation events

280 responses to the consultation

Next steps

We are committed to developing our plans together with local communities. Over the coming months, we will continue talking to public bodies, such as local councils, businesses and organisations on a range of topics as we refine our proposals.



Register for future newsletters

We intend to continue updating the community via email newsletters as we develop our proposals.

To sign up to receive these updates, please use the QR code to the right, or contact us using the details at the bottom of this newsletter.

Register for
email updates



Surveys

We are currently in the process of carrying out technical and environmental surveys on the area we have identified as the potential route for the underground cables, on surrounding land that may be impacted, and in areas that may have been identified through feedback as potentially sensitive.

These surveys are to assess the landscape, ecology and cultural heritage aspects of the area, and to inform further detailed environmental assessments.

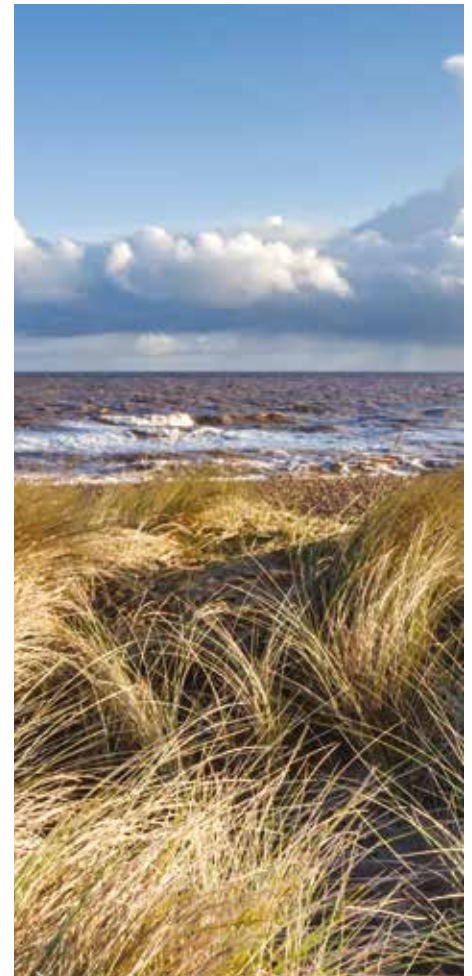
Learn more about what surveys are taking place, and when, by visiting the website's 'Landowners and surveys' page on our website (nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4).

All survey information gathered will be published either as part of our preliminary environmental information report, which helps us to fully understand and appreciate the area proposed to host our projects, at our next round of consultation or to support our application for a development consent order. This information will be publicly available on our website.



Second round of public consultation

This year, we are planning to hold our second round of public consultation, known as a statutory consultation, where we will share our updated proposals for EGL 3 and EGL 4 and invite communities, landowners, organisations and public bodies to give their feedback. Until then, you can still contact our community relations team with any comments and queries.



Contact us

Our dedicated team is on hand to answer your questions. You can contact us in the following ways:

Call us – You can contact the community relations team on **0800 298 0405** (Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm)

Send us a letter – Write to us at
Freepost EASTERN GREEN LINKS 3 & 4

Email us – Send an email to
contactegl3and4@nationalgrid.com

To find out more about EGL 3 and EGL 4, you can also visit our project website at
nationalgrid.com/egl3andegl4

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