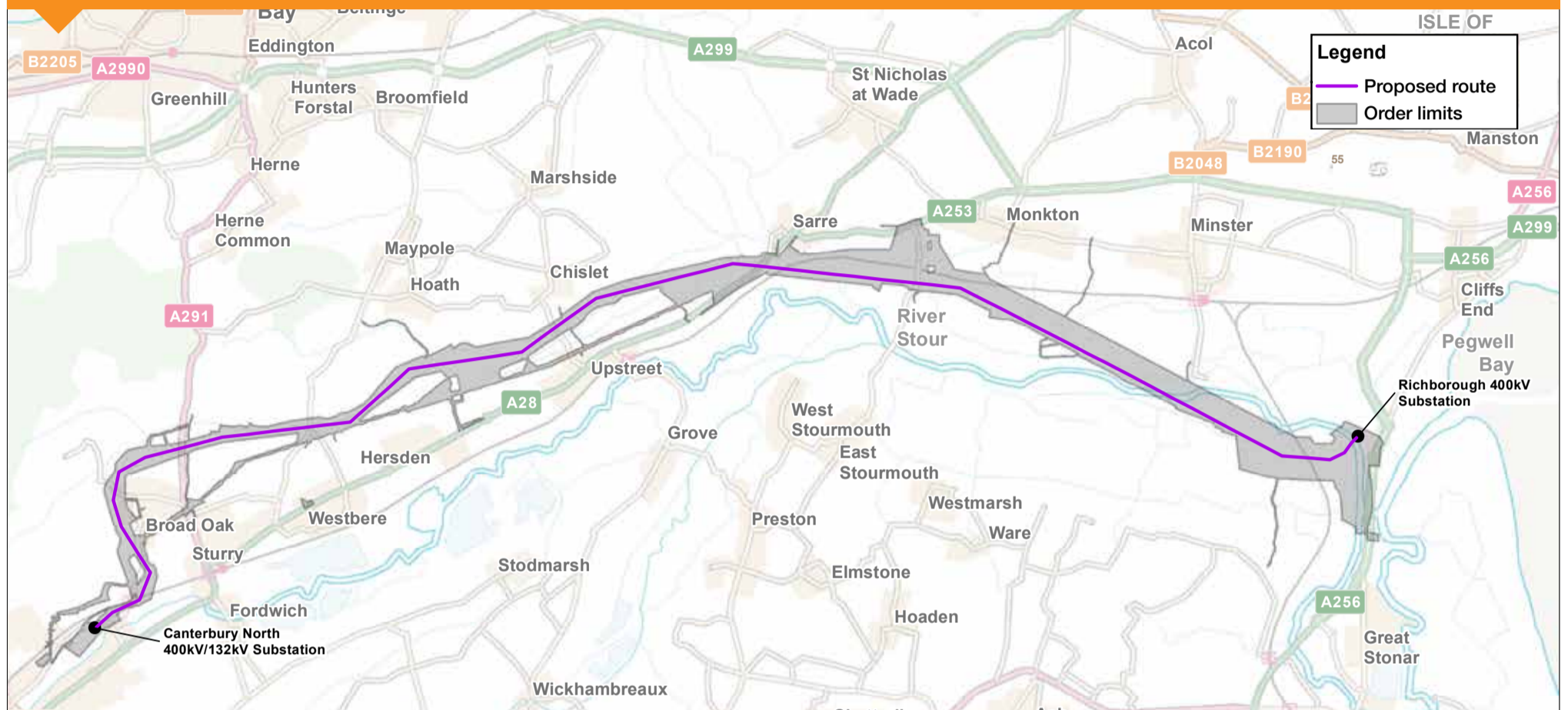


Consultation now open – have your say 10 February to 27 March 2015



Welcome to the latest edition of *projectnews*, keeping you up to date with National Grid's proposed Richborough Connection Project.

In this issue, we are letting you know:

- The route we propose to take forward
- Our proposals for the type of pylon we plan to use
- Details of how you can have your say on our proposals, including our route, pylon type and pylon locations.
- Next steps for the project



Give us your views!

Our formal consultation under the Planning Act 2008 has now started and will run from 10 February to 27 March 2015.

Your feedback to date has enabled us to develop and improve our proposals, so we'd like to thank you for your involvement so far.

But it's still really important we hear your views as it

will help us to shape our thinking before we submit our plans in the autumn. This is likely to be our last consultation on the Richborough Connection project before we apply for consent, so please come and tell us what you think.

Turn to the back page for a list of event dates, as well as details of other ways to have your say.

About the project

The Richborough Connection is a project to join the Nemo Link® (an electricity link between Zeebrugge in Belgium and Richborough, near Sandwich in the UK) to our existing electricity network. A new electricity connection between Richborough and the high voltage electricity network in Canterbury is required to do this.

New connections like this are vital to keeping the lights on in the future, and we're committed to working with the community to find ways to reduce its impact on the landscape.

Over the last two years we have carried out a range of studies into how to connect the Nemo Link® to the existing network, and we asked for your views on our proposals throughout this period.

In May 2014 we published our proposed draft route. Since then, we've spoken to people impacted by the project and reviewed their feedback, as well as continuing with our surveys on the ground.

Taking this into account, our plans haven't changed significantly as we believe they strike the right balance between the sensitivities of a new overhead line and the cost on everyone's bills. We're now able to publish the route we propose to take forward, including the type of pylons we plan to use and their locations.

Unfold this newsletter to see an overview map of our proposals. You can also visit www.richboroughconnection.co.uk to view an interactive map.

Our proposed route

Our proposed project includes the following key elements:

- Construction of a 20km 400kV overhead line and pylons
- The removal of an existing 132kV UK Power Networks overhead line
- Localised temporary and permanent diversions of existing lower voltage overhead lines in the area, where our new proposed route would cross.
- Other works such as temporary access roads, highway works, temporary construction compounds, protective scaffold structures and work sites

Our proposed route:

Our proposed route has not significantly changed since May 2014 and still allows us to remove the existing UK Power Networks overhead line. The proposed route still runs further away from houses in Hersden, Upstreet, Sarre and Gore Street than the existing UK Power Networks line.

Our revised route is also further away from Monkton and Minster.

To find out more about the project in your area, and for a more detailed explanation of our proposals, read our **Overview Report** which is available at www.richboroughconnection.co.uk

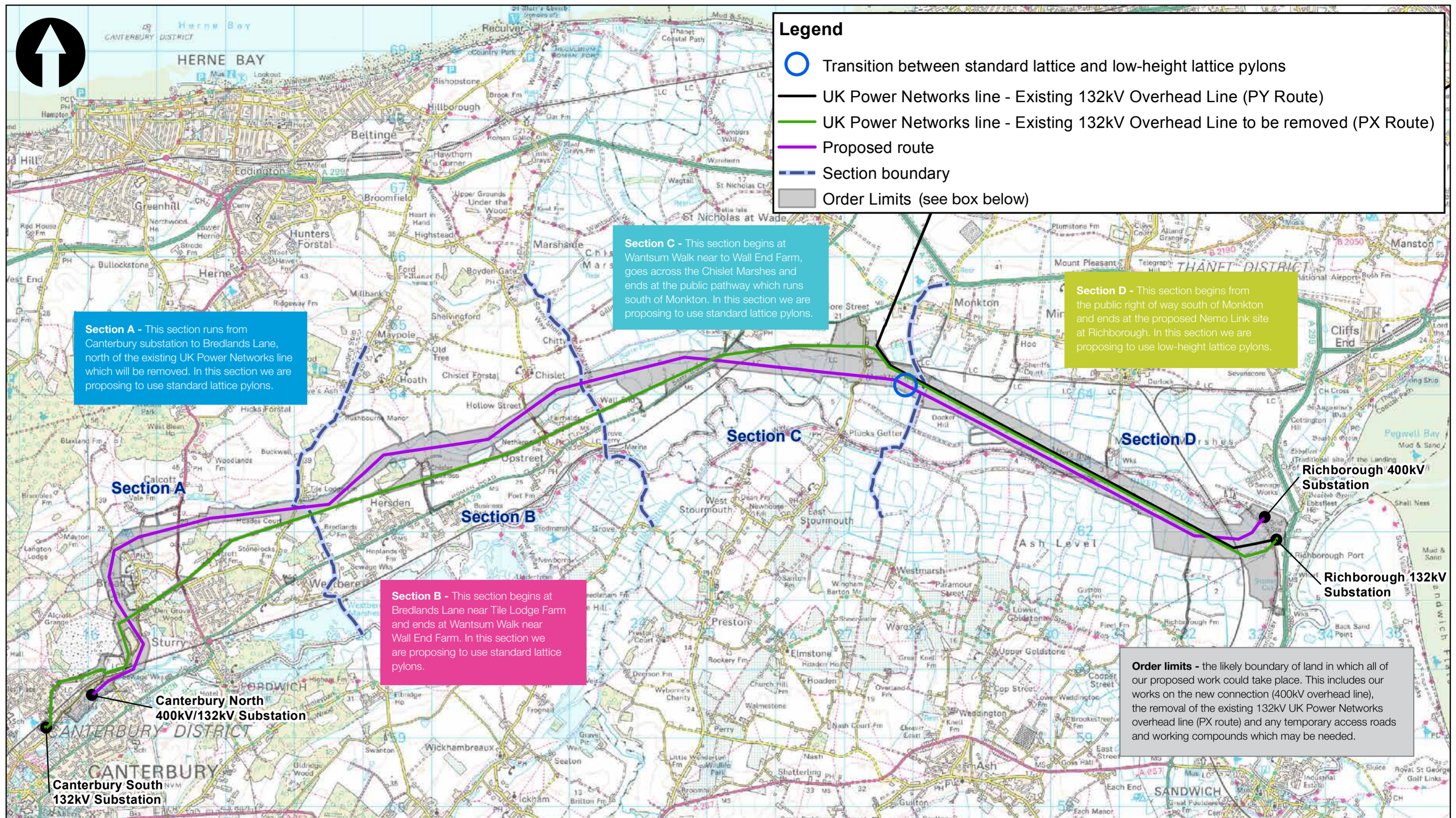
Pylon type

Last year we asked for your views on the types of pylon we could use to make the connection. Since then we have carried out a number of further studies and surveys and considered the views of stakeholders, landowners, tenants and the general public.

The feedback we received to date doesn't show a strong preference for a particular type of pylon. Our studies also show that lattice pylons would have the least visual and environmental impact on the local area.

We therefore propose standard lattice pylons for the majority of the route with the exception of the Ash Levels (Section D), where we are proposing to use a lower height lattice pylon. In this section, using a lower height pylon will allow us to reduce impacts on wildlife and blend in with the existing overhead lines, which will remain in place nearby.

Our proposed route would use approximately 25% fewer pylons than UK Power Networks' existing line. Specific pylon locations can be found using the interactive map on www.richboroughconnection.co.uk and in our work plans available on our website, at events and in inspection boxes.



Standard lattice pylons

Key features

- Approximately 50m high
- Smaller in width than T-pylon and low-height lattice pylon



Low-height lattice pylons: Ash Levels

Key features

- Approximately 35m high; up to a quarter shorter than a conventional lattice pylon
- Two cross arms rather than three for a standard lattice pylon.

Richborough Connection Project

Have your say

There are lots of ways to find out more about our proposals and have your say by 27 March 2015, including:

www.richboroughconnection.co.uk – Visit our project website to view electronic versions of our documents and see where the connection would go using the interactive map. You can also submit your feedback online.

Consultation events – Meet the project team and view all of the reports and plans. We'll be on hand to talk you through our proposals and answer any questions you have. You can also complete one of the feedback forms provided. For locations and opening times please see the table below.

Phone – Call us on Freephone 0800 157 7878

Pop-up events – We'll be out and about at shopping centres and supermarkets during the consultation to answer questions and explain more about the project. Further details can be found below.

Information points – Pick up a copy of our project newsletter, Overview Report, Feedback Form and a CD containing all the latest reports and plans. The locations and opening times of these information points can be found below.

Inspection boxes – You'll find reference copies of our reports and plans at local libraries and council head offices throughout the area, and you can also take a CD containing all the latest project documents.

Post – You can write to us or send your feedback form to FREEPOST RICHBCONNECTION

Twitter – Follow us to find out more: @NGRichborough

Consultation events		
Date	Venue	Time
17 February	Monkton Village Hall, 120 Monkton Street, Ramsgate, CT12 4JT	2pm-9pm
19 February	Chislet Centre, St Mary the Virgin Church, Church Lane, CT3 4DU	2pm-9pm
20 February	Chislet Centre, St Mary the Virgin Church, Church Lane, CT3 4DU	2pm-8pm
28 February	Guildhall, Cattle Market, Sandwich, CT13 9AP	10am-4pm
4 March	Broad Oak Village Hall, 110 Shalloak Road, CT2 0QH	2pm-8pm
5 March	Broad Oak Village Hall, 110 Shalloak Road, CT2 0QH	2pm-9pm

Pop-up events		
Date	Venue	Time
10 February	Sainsbury's, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT1 1BW	10am-6pm
13 February	Westwood Cross Shopping Centre, 23 Margate Road, Broadstairs, CT10 2BF	10am-6pm
18 February	Asda Canterbury, Sturry Road, Canterbury, CT1 1DG	10am-6pm
3 March	The Co-operative Food, Moat Sole Road, Sandwich, CT13 9AL	10am-6pm

Information points	
Venue	Opening Times
Canterbury Library, 18 High Street, Canterbury, CT1 2RA	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-6pm Thursday: 9am-8pm Saturday: 9am-5pm
Hersden Community Centre, The Avenue, Hersden, Canterbury, Kent CT3 4HL	Monday-Friday: 9am-3pm
Monkton Village Hall, 120 Monkton Street, Ramsgate, CT12 4JT	Monday-Sunday: 8am-11pm
Sandwich Library, 13 Market Street, Sandwich, CT13 9DA	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am-6pm Saturday: 10am-2pm

Inspection boxes	
Venue	Opening Times
Canterbury City Council, Main Office, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW	Monday-Friday: 8.30am-5pm
Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ	Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm
Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ	Monday-Friday: 7am-8pm
Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ	Monday-Thursday: 8.45am-5.30pm Friday: 8.45am-5pm
Canterbury Library, 18 High Street, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2RA	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-6pm Thursday: 9am-8pm Saturday: 9am-5pm
Minster in Thanet Library*, 4A Monkton Road, Minster, CT12 4EA <i>*At Minster in Thanet Library a full suite of plans will not be available due to lack of space available on site.</i>	Monday: 2pm-6pm Tuesday, Thursday: 9am-1pm, 2pm-6pm Wednesday: closed Friday: 9am-6pm Saturday: 10am-2pm
Ramsgate Library, Guildford Lawn, Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 9AY	Monday-Friday: 9am-6pm Saturday: 9am-5pm
Sandwich Library, 13 Market Street, Sandwich, Kent, CT13 9DA	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am-6pm Saturday: 10am-2pm
Sturry Library, Chafy Crescent, Sturry Kent, CT2 0BA	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am-6pm Saturday: 10am-2pm
National Grid, Company Secretariat Office, 1-3 Strand, London, WC2N 5EH	Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm

Next steps

After the consultation ends on 27 March, we'll look at the feedback we receive to see if there are any ways we can improve our proposals. We will then submit our application to the Planning Inspectorate in autumn 2015.

What happens when the application has been submitted?

1. After submitting our application, the Planning Inspectorate will have 28 days to accept the application and decide if it can proceed to the examination stage.
2. If the application is accepted, those wishing to be involved in the examination process must register their interest to the

Planning Inspectorate. We'll provide you all the information you need to do this closer to the time.

3. Those who have registered are invited to provide more detail of their views in writing and may be invited to speak at any public hearings.
4. After the examination has ended, the Planning Inspectorate has three months to recommend to the Secretary of State for

Energy and Climate Change whether or not the application should be approved. The Secretary of State then has a further three months to make the final decision.

5. If approved, construction will start in spring 2017 and the new connection will be up and running by autumn 2018.
6. The existing UK Power Networks line will then be taken down in 2020.

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