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Consultation Summary Report

Thank you for taking part

National Grid would like to thank everyone that took the time to attend our public consultation events and provide feedback on our proposals for Bramford to Twinstead. Non-statutory Consultation has now closed.

This document contains a summary of the non-statutory consultation and the feedback received, together with information on next steps. As part of our statutory consultation towards the end of the year, we will provide further detail on how this feedback has helped inform the development of the proposals.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the project team using the details provided.

The Consultation in numbers

Non-statutory consultation took place between 25 March and 6 May 2021. **During this time:**



8 local and national papers advertised the consultation, comprising **10 published notices** and **134,000 online views**

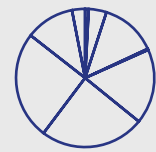


537 feedback responses were received from stakeholders and members of the local community



Number of feedback forms received:

Online: **36.2%**
Hard copy: **63.8%**



A diverse age range of respondents

18-24: **1.1%**
25-34: **4.2%**
35-44: **13.6%**
45-54: **17.4%**
55-64: **24.3%**
65-74: **25.3%**
75-84: **11.7%**



4,564 users visited the project website



4 Deposit locations were in operation where the consultation documents were available



Our social media advertising across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Spotify was viewed/listened to **1,149,878 times**



87 people attended our virtual events (webinars, telephone surgeries, Live chats)

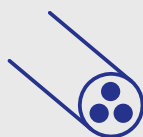
Feedback from the Consultation

On this page we have provided a summary of some of the key themes across all feedback received during the consultation period. Please note that isn't an exhaustive breakdown of all issues raised, and we are analysing and considering all feedback received (including that not mentioned below).



Undersea Cabling

Responses indicated a desire for National Grid to explore alternative solutions for reinforcing the network in East Anglia, including offshore cabling to create an offshore ring main, and underwater cables linking East Anglia with London



Underground Cables

A number of responses indicated a desire to see further use of underground cable technology beyond the sections in which it is already being proposed, whilst some respondents also expressed a desire to see superconducting cables used



Overhead Lines

Approximately half of all responses indicated a desire to see a reduction in the use of overhead lines technology used within the proposals, with a portion of respondents in favour of switching the entire route from Bramford to Twinstead from overhead lines to underground cabling



Visual Impact

The visual impact of the proposed overhead lines was also raised as a major consideration, with a sizeable number of individuals noting that these would cause harm to the landscape and the heritage of the countryside



Environmental Impact

Several comments were received regarding the potential for potential impacts on the local environment and wildlife, including from the installation of the cable sealing end compounds and new substation



AONB

A number of individuals expressed their concern at the potential negative impacts of the project on the Dedham Vale AONB, and expressed their views that the route should be undergrounded within the proposed extension to the AONB



Net Zero

74% of people responded that they are concerned about the UK meeting its target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050



Need for Reinforcement

60% of people recognised the need for the reinforcement



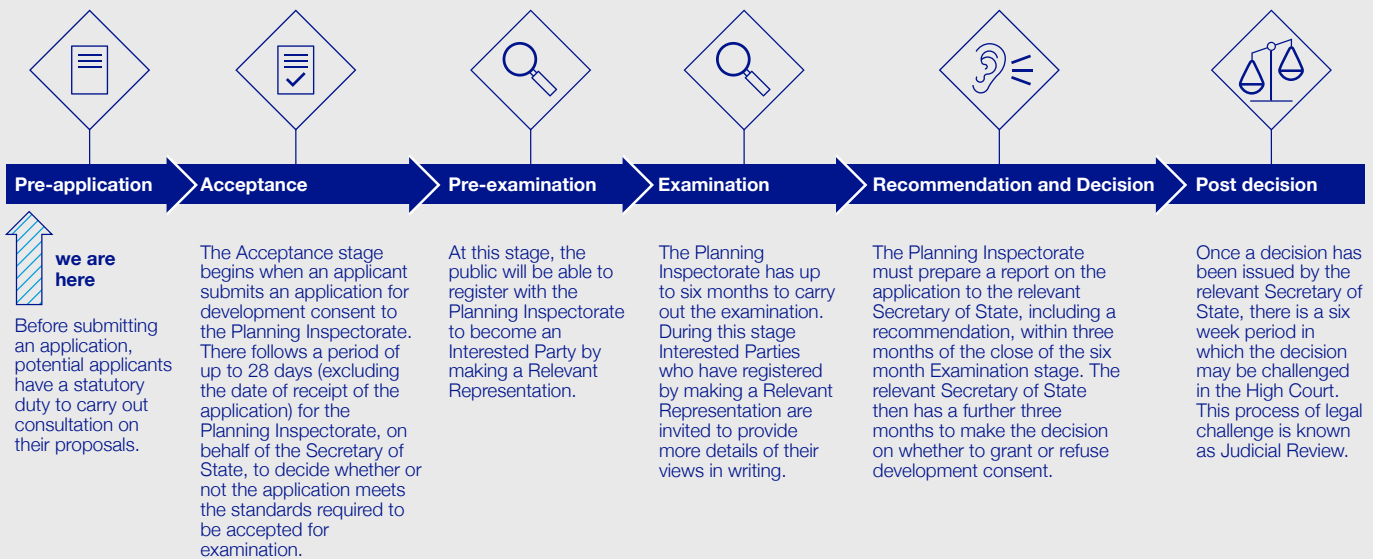
Information presented

Several respondents expressed a desire to learn more about the detail of what is proposed, including the impacts of possible future projects in the area

Next steps & anticipated project timeline

For further information about the DCO planning process, please visit the Planning Inspectorate's website: infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk





Contact us

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