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National Grid Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project, Peak District (East): Statement of Community Engagement (SCE)

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 Introduction

This Statement of Community Engagement has been prepared to support an application for planning permission by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (National Grid) for its stakeholder-driven proposals to reduce the visual impact of a section of electricity transmission line (4ZO.2) east of the Woodhead Tunnel near Dunford Bridge and along the national Trans Pennine Trail.

The proposals involve the removal of an approximately 2km section of overhead line and replacing it with an underground connection, permanently removing seven pylons (including a prominent sealing end compound in the small village of Dunford Bridge) from the landscape. The Statement of Community Engagement outlines National Grid's approach to pre-application community engagement on its proposals, detailing the activities undertaken as well as the outcomes of this programme and the changes made to the proposals due to stakeholder feedback.

1.2 About Visual Impact Provision

National Grid's Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project makes use of part of a £500million provision by Ofgem to mitigate the visual impact of existing electricity transmission infrastructure in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) and National Parks in England and Wales.

The allowance was made available following extensive willingness to pay research by National Grid, conducted on behalf of the energy regulator, Ofgem. This revealed that electricity consumers would be prepared to fund work to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and environmental heritage within our most protected landscapes. This independent research was undertaken in 2013.

A further round of acceptability testing among electricity bill paying members of the general public was undertaken at the start of 2018. When asked specifically about the project in the Peak District, 73 per cent of respondents felt that it was acceptable to pay a little extra on their electricity bill to fund the work.

The Guiding Principles of the VIP project¹, against which potential projects are measured, reflect its stakeholder-driven nature and focus on benefits not only to the landscape, but to the community and wider public. They state:

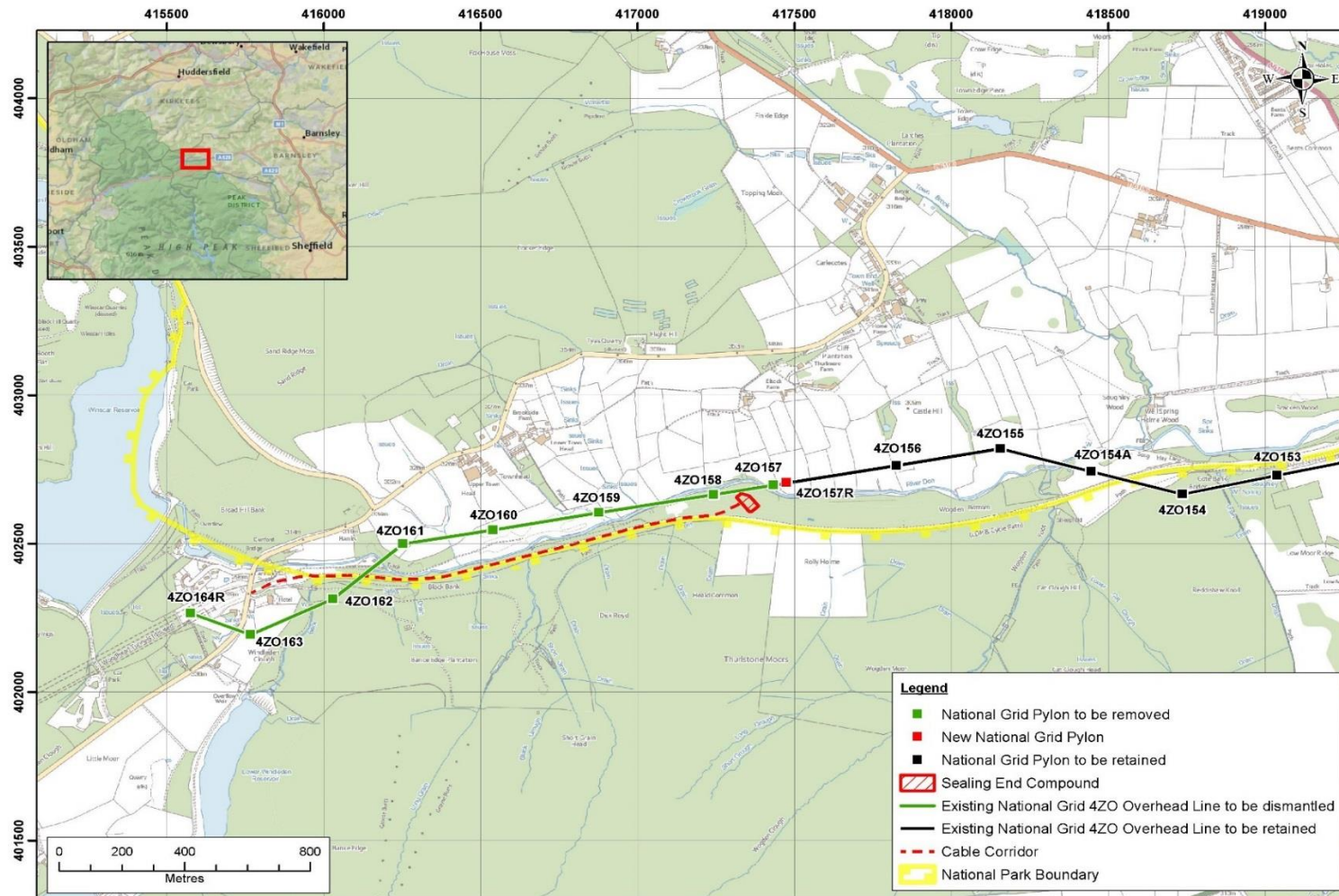
"Working with stakeholders, we will prioritise proposals which:

- result in greatest landscape enhancement benefits*
- result in greatest opportunities to conserve and enhance natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage whilst avoiding unacceptable environmental impacts*
- result in greatest opportunities to **encourage public understanding and enjoyment of the protected landscapes, including positive socio-economic impacts***
- are technically feasible in context of the wider transmission system*
- are economical and efficient"*

¹ <http://peakdistricteast.nationalgrid.co.uk/route-options/visual-impact-provision-policy/>

1.3 Overhead Line Proposed for Removal

The 2km section of National Grid overhead transmission line that has been proposed for removal as part of the VIP project in the Peak District National Park was identified following a comprehensive, independent survey across AONBs and National Parks in England and Wales.



This section of overhead line is one of 12 overhead line sections where the existing National Grid infrastructure is considered to have the greatest visual impact on the landscape.

It is one of three identified in the Peak District National Park, with the nine others being in Brecon Beacons National Park, High Weald AONB, New Forest National Park, North Wessex Downs AONB, Snowdonia National Park, the Tamar Valley AONB and the Dorset AONB (three sections of line).

Following work by National Grid and its specialist consultants looking at each of the 12 sections of line with the greatest landscape impacts, in September 2015, the project's independent Stakeholder Advisory Group (see below) selected four projects to be progressed. The proposed Peak District National Park project was one of the four along with sections in the New Forest National Park, Snowdonia National Park and Dorset AONB.

In June 2018, the project in the Dorset AONB became the first to receive planning consent, awarded by West Dorset District Council's planning committee. Construction there is due to commence in 2019 and will see an approximately 8.8km section of line and 22 pylons removed from the landscape.

The Peak District National Park section is close to a number of properties and communities, particularly Dunford Bridge, Townhead and Carlecotes. The area also attracts a significant number of visitors and tourists who make use of the nationally promoted Trans Pennine Trail. National Grid has proactively sought to engage with all of these parties during its development of the project, including those who could potentially be impacted by construction.

1.4 Overview of Public Consultation and Engagement Methodology

How National Grid manages its relationships and works with communities and other affected stakeholders is important to us. Under Section 38 and Schedule 9 of the Electricity Act 1989, National Grid has a duty to have regard to the desirability of the preservation of amenity: the natural environment, cultural heritage, landscape and visual quality, as well as the effect of its works on communities.

National Grid's Stakeholder, Community and Amenity Policy² sets out a commitment to meet this duty. It makes the following commitments to consultation when undertaking electricity works:

"We will promote genuine and meaningful stakeholder and community engagement. We will meet and, where appropriate, exceed the statutory requirements for consultation or engagement. We will adopt the following principles to help us meet this commitment:

- seek to identify and understand the views and opinions of all the stakeholders and communities who may be affected by our works*
- provide opportunities for engagement from the early stages of the process, where options and alternatives are being considered and there is the greatest scope to influence the design of the works to influence the design of the works*
- endeavor to enable constructive debate to take place, creating open and two-way communication processes*
- ensure that benefits, constraints and adverse impacts of proposed works are communicated openly for meaningful stakeholder and community comment and discussion. We will be clear about any aspects of the works that cannot be altered*
- utilise appropriate methods and effort in engaging stakeholders and communities, proportionate to the scale and impact of the works*

² <https://www.nationalgridgas.com/document/81026/download>

- *provide feedback on how views expressed have been considered and the outcomes of any engagement process or activity”*

National Grid has tailored its consultation programme with regard to the community in the Peak District and has gone above and beyond guidelines and requirements set out for developers, engaging as many stakeholders as possible and maximising opportunities for feedback. Prior to finalising the proposals, National Grid carefully considered the feedback it received from local stakeholders and residents during the consultation process.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (February 2019) encourages pro-active communication between applicants, local planning authorities and local communities. It states:

“Early engagement has significant potential to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning application system for all parties. Good quality pre-application discussion enables better communication between public and private resources and improved outcomes for the community.” (ref para 39)

The NPPF continues by stating that:

“Local planning authorities have a key role to play in encouraging other parties to take maximum advantage of the pre-application stage. They cannot require that a developer engages with them before submitting a planning application, but they should encourage take-up of any pre-application services they do offer. They should also, where they think this would be beneficial, encourage any applicants who are not already required to do so by law to engage with the local community before submitting their applications.” (ref para 40)

It also advises that:

“The more issues that can be resolved at pre-application stage, including the need to deliver improvements in infrastructure and affordable housing, the greater the benefits.....” (ref para 41).

The Statement of Community Involvement issued by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council in 2015³ encourages the involvement of local stakeholders and the community in the consultation process. In section 1.3 it states:

“It is important to us that all sections of the community are given the opportunity to take part in the planning process at the earliest opportunity so that decisions can take account of the range of community views and reflects, as far as possible, the concerns and aspirations of the people affected by them.”

In section 22.4 it also says:

“All applicants should consider the benefits of involving the community in developments which are considered likely to have an impact on the community, even in cases where these may be below thresholds for significant applications. This is encouraged at an early stage before the application is submitted... The overall aim is to encourage an inclusive and transparent process that enables communities to get involved at an early stage as well as improving the quality of applications.”

³ <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/4534/sd14-statementofcommunityinvolvement-2015.pdf>

National Grid recognises that pre-application consultation is an effective process for informing people about policies and proposals in good time, enabling communities to comment on, and participate in, the development of planning applications.

In order to achieve plans which provide the maximum enhancement benefits for the landscape while minimising disruption to the local community, National Grid has worked closely with the Peak District National Park Authority, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, key stakeholders and the public to foster an inclusive, partnership approach to engagement.

2.0 Approach to Engagement

2.1 Stakeholder Advisory Group

To enable National Grid to maximise the potential landscape enhancement from the available funds and identify where those should most appropriately be used, it invited a group of stakeholders with national remits for England and Wales to guide the project's development as a Stakeholder Advisory Group, under an independent chair.

Established in April 2014, the Group is chaired by environmentalist and broadcaster Chris Baines and comprises senior representation from 15 stakeholder bodies, namely: Cadw, Campaign for National Parks, Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (CPRW), Historic England, the Landscape Institute, the National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs), National Parks England, National Parks Wales, the National Trust, Natural England, Natural Resources Wales, The Ramblers, Visit England and Visit Wales.

These organisations are dedicated to enhancing landscapes and countryside areas throughout England and Wales. They advise the project not only on identifying and developing individual projects, but also on the most effective ways to engage with stakeholders at a local level.

National Grid has worked in collaboration with the Stakeholder Advisory Group to develop its approach to wider consultation, which involves proactively reaching out to engage with stakeholders through a broad engagement programme underpinned by open and transparent communications.

The Group continue to monitor and advise as well as making key decisions throughout the lifetime of the VIP project.

2.2 Stakeholder Reference Groups

To guide the project at a local level, an independent Stakeholder Reference Group has been established in each VIP priority area, including in the Peak District. These Groups are a critical part of National Grid's wider stakeholder engagement and empowerment programme, allowing us to create open dialogues with local stakeholders, keep them informed about the project and establish their priorities for using the Visual Impact Provision funding.

The Stakeholder Reference Group for the Peak District was established in April 2015 and has been invaluable in providing vital information and advice on National Grid's plans for reducing the impact of its transmission lines in the Peak District National Park.

Its membership includes representatives from the Peak District National Park Authority, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Dunford Parish Council, Natural England and the Trans Pennine Trail office. The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust also joined the group in summer 2018.

Peak District Stakeholder Reference Group meetings occurred in April 2015, August 2015, March 2016, June 2016, August 2016, November 2016, December 2017, May 2018, July 2018, August 2018, March 2019 and most recently in June 2019.

National Grid will continue to work with the Stakeholder Reference Group and other stakeholders to shape its proposals and create the best possible project, maximising benefits for the landscape and the local community.

3.0 Early Engagement Programme

National Grid recognises the importance and value of involving local residents and organisations early in the planning and development process and has taken a broad approach to engaging with stakeholders and communities on its plans to replace a section of existing overhead transmission line with underground cables.

3.1 Initial Engagement in 2015

In the Peak District, engagement began in 2015 to gather technical information and intelligence to develop the Proposed Project and to gauge local attitudes and opinions to the work. National Grid aimed to involve local groups and individuals at the outset to help identify any potential problems, challenges and potential solutions.

i. Technical workshop

A technical workshop was held in April 2015 for key representatives from the Peak District National Park Authority, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and other stakeholder bodies, including representatives from Dunford Parish Council, Natural England and the Trans Pennine Trail office. This group formed the project's Stakeholder Reference Group.

This followed an earlier workshop event with stakeholders held in Sheffield when all three sections of shortlisted line in the Peak District (both west and east of the Woodhead Tunnel) were discussed. Stakeholders suggested and it was agreed by National Grid that a separate group and different set of stakeholders should meet to discuss the eastern section as the initial workshop involved stakeholders primarily with an interest on the western side of the tunnel.

ii. Public drop-in event

As well as the establishment of the Peak District Stakeholder Reference Group, a public drop-in event was held in April 2015 to inform the community about the developing proposals. This took place at the Dunford Parish Community Centre in Crow Edge, Holmfirth – a venue close to the community of Dunford Bridge – and was attended by 19 people.

Publicity material advertising the events can be seen in appendix one.

iii. Political engagement

At this stage, National Grid wrote to constituency MP Angela Smith, along with the ward councillors and cabinet members of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, informing them of the project.

Parish councillors from Dunford Parish Council were also written to individually to inform them of National Grid's plans and briefings were offered on an individual basis.

From this correspondence, National Grid met with officers from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council in October 2015. A briefing for the three ward councillors representing Penistone West, the ward where the project is located, was held in December 2015.

iv. Prioritisation announcement

The early engagement in the Peak District fed into an Options Appraisal Study⁴ for the project, prepared by National Grid's expert environmental and landscape advisors. This appraised the potential options for mitigating the visual impact of the transmission line and their potential impacts to establish a preferred option.

The Peak District Stakeholder Reference Group formally endorsed the findings of the Peak District Options Appraisals study at its meeting in August 2015.

Following this, during the September 2015 meeting of the VIP project's national Stakeholder Advisory Group, the section of line near Dunford Bridge (Woodhead Tunnel 4ZO.2) was formally selected as one of the four priority projects to be pursued, alongside projects in the New Forest National Park, Snowdonia National Park and Dorset AONB.

National Grid directly informed the Peak District National Park Authority and the communications teams at Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and spread the word widely through media releases, social media and other National Park communications channels.

Cuttings of national media coverage from the *Daily Express*, *Daily Mail*, *Daily Telegraph*, *The Times* and *The Guardian* on the shortlisting of the Peak District section are presented in appendix one, together with regional coverage from the *Yorkshire Post*.

Direct contact was also made with members of the Stakeholder Reference Group and with those who had registered for updates via the main VIP project website <https://www.nationalgridet.com/planning-together-riio/visual-impact-provision>.

3.2 Further Engagement in 2016

Following the confirmation in September 2015 that the project would be pursued, National Grid, its appointed environmental consultants and consents team continued to liaise with the National Park Authority, members of the Stakeholder Reference Group and other relevant technical organisations to help shape the project proposals.

i. Landowners

National Grid, through its appointed agents Bruton Knowles (BK), has been in discussion with landowners and affected tenants along the route of the proposed cable since the Peak District option was prioritised in September 2015. BK continue to discuss voluntary option agreements with all landowners to obtain the rights to build, operate, access and maintain the new cable and remove the existing infrastructure. BK has also been in regular contact with the tenant grazier of Wogden Foot who will be affected by the proposed works in Wogden Foot and along the Trans Pennine Trail.

ii. Project website

A dedicated website (<http://peakdistricteast.nationalgrid.co.uk/>) was established with a focus on information specific to the VIP Peak District (East) Project, providing visitors with notification of drop-in (and other) events and the chance to relay comments and views. This remains live and will be regularly updated throughout the lifetime of the project, including through the construction phase, should the application be successful.

⁴ <http://peakdistricteast.nationalgrid.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/150821-Peak-District-East-DOR-for-SAG.pdf>

iii. Political engagement

Briefings for political stakeholders were held to inform and update them on project progress.

National Grid wrote to Angela Smith MP offering a briefing in November 2015 and a meeting to update her on the project took place in April 2016.

A presentation was given to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council in October 2016 and further meetings held with the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Place and the Head of Place Directorate, as well as officers covering a range of disciplines, were held in November and December 2016.

iv. Public drop-in events

Updates were also issued to the local media on project milestones and to publicise drop-in events. These were held in Penistone Town Hall and Dunford Parish Community Centre in Crow Edge, Holmfirth, on 7 July 2016, and in a National Grid Mobile Unit in the Trans Pennine Trail car park at Dunford Bridge on 8 July 2016. Relevant publicity materials advertising the events, including posters and a flyer, are presented in appendix two.

Posters were placed in well-known community locations around Dunford Bridge and Penistone, to raise awareness of the events. In addition, copies of the poster were placed in the bookbags of pupils at local primary schools, including Hade Edge in Holmfirth and Millhouse Primary School in Millhouse Green.

At the events, members of the VIP team together with relevant professional advisers were on hand to update the public on the project's progress and receive opinions on the developing plans. Printed feedback forms were available at the events to provide feedback via freepost and comments were also received via the website.

75 people attended the events, including local councillors and representatives of Dunford Parish Council. 10 feedback forms were received, with around 70 percent of those who submitted a form being in favour of the project.

v. Other local events

The VIP project also had a presence at relevant local events, where appropriate.

Members of the project team staffed an information stand at the Penistone Show in September 2016 – an annual agricultural show local to the Penistone community.

vi. Meetings with stakeholder organisations

As well as ongoing meetings of the Stakeholder Reference Group, National Grid continued to pursue opportunities to engage with local bodies and groups to shape its plans.

- On 15 March 2016, the VIP project team presented the project to the Barnsley Local Access Forum – an independent statutory body that works with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to advise on improvements to Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and green spaces in Barnsley. The Forum is comprised of volunteers who represent the following groups:
 - Local farmers/tenant farmers
 - Cycling groups/clubs
 - Walking groups/rambling bodies
 - Equestrian bodies

- Naturalists
- Wildlife/agricultural advisory groups
- Motorised vehicle groups
- Disabled users
- General leisure users
- On 6 April 2016, a meeting was held with representatives from Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) South Yorkshire and Friends of the Peak District.

4.0 Further Engagement Activity and Consultation Programme

Given the complexity of the project and the need to overcome specific challenges relating to the diversion of the Trans Pennine Trail and the location of laydown areas during construction and a new sealing end compound at Wogden Foot, National Grid continued to liaise with stakeholders throughout 2017.

4.1 Engagement Activity in 2017

i. Technical workshops

In January 2017, National Grid held two technical workshops with key ecology stakeholders to gather ideas and feedback on proposals for mitigation and enhancement along the Trans Pennine Trail and within Wogden Foot. Stakeholders in attendance included groups interested in public rights of way (PROW) and access, including the Barnsley Biodiversity Trust, Barnsley Local Access Forum, British Horse Society, Friends of the Peak District, and Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers, as well as specialist environmental organisations including the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Barnsley Biodiversity Trust and CPRE. Relevant members of the project's Stakeholder Reference Group also participated.

ii. Further meetings with stakeholder organisations

National Grid continued to meet with relevant stakeholder organisations to update them on project progress and gather input into the proposals.

- A site visit with officers from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and the Peak District National Park Authority took place in March 2017.
- National Grid met with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in April 2017.
- The project was presented to the Peak District National Park Authority's Chief Executive and Head of Landscape Conservation in June 2017.
- A project briefing and site visit with CPRE South Yorkshire, Friends of the Peak District, Northern Powergrid and the Peak District National Park Authority was held in December 2017. Both CPRE South Yorkshire and Friends of the Peak District have expressed their support for the VIP project. To further reduce the visual impact of electricity infrastructure in Dunford Bridge, CPRE South Yorkshire has been working with the Distribution Network Operator (DNO) for the area on a project to remove the overhead lines on wooden poles that serve properties in the village. This project is going ahead so that when VIP is completed, there will be no overhead electricity infrastructure visible anywhere in the village.

A further meeting of the Stakeholder Reference Group was held in December 2017.

iii. Keeping local residents informed

Prior to embarking on a programme of environmental survey work in March 2017, National Grid wrote to local residents in Dunford Bridge and Townhead to explain the purpose and nature of the works. A copy of this letter is presented in appendix two.

4.2 Engagement Activity in 2018 and 2019

Throughout 2018, the project team maintained ongoing engagement activity with a range of relevant stakeholders as set out below.

In response to the issues raised during the public consultation at the end of 2018, the team continued to meet with relevant stakeholders to discuss the main issues raised and explore ways to resolve them ahead of the submission of the planning application.

i. Political engagement

Following an initial briefing in 2016, members of the project team met with Angela Smith MP to update her on project progress in October 2018 and again in April 2019.

National Grid also held further briefings with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council ward councillors for both Penistone East and Penistone West wards at the town council offices in Penistone in October 2019 and July 2019.

Representatives of Barnsley MBC's Place Directorate were regularly updated on the project, particularly in relation to its impact on any potential re-opening of the Woodhead Railway line, including a discussion at the inaugural Transport for the North conference in Sheffield in February and at a meeting in March 2019. In June 2019, the VIP team briefed Councillor Chris Lamb (portfolio holder for Place and successor to Councillor Roy Miller) alongside the Executive Director and Head of Planning.

In January 2019, National Grid met with the Sheffield City Region strategic transport team to discuss the project in the context of infrastructure ambitions for the wider area. The Greater Manchester Combined Authority has also been informed of the project and offered a briefing.

More information on meetings to discuss the Woodhead Railway line is included below (Section 6. Response to feedback).

ii. Further stakeholder meetings

National Grid continued to meet with relevant stakeholder organisations to update them of project progress to gather input into the proposals.

- In March 2019, the chief executive and director of planning of the Peak District National Park Authority were briefed on project progress.
- Meetings with representatives from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust took place, prior to the organisation becoming a member of the project's Stakeholder Reference Group in summer 2018.
- In May 2019, VIP team members held a tele conference with the chief executive of Grand Northern Rail to discuss the aspirations of both projects and a way forward. This followed their attendance at the public consultation events. A useful discussion ended with both Grand Northern Rail and National Grid agreeing to progress their projects to the next stage.

- National Grid met with both the Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce and the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce in June 2019 to discuss the project's alignment with regional transport ambitions.
- An update on project progress was presented to the Barnsley Local Access Forum at its meetings in June 2018 and July 2019.
- Members of the project team met with the owners of local hospitality business the Stanhope Arms, Dunford Bridge to discuss the project proposals in more detail.
- In September 2018 and January 2019, National Grid held ecology and landscape mitigation workshops with ecology stakeholders from the project's Stakeholder Reference Group, which included a walkover of the project site.
- In July 2019, the project team met with CPRE and Friends of the Peak District to discuss the detail of the forthcoming planning application and the future potential of VIP.

Additional meetings of the Stakeholder Reference Group were held in May 2018, August 2018, March 2019 and July 2019.

iii. Other local events

Following a presence in 2016, members of the project team staffed an information stand at the Penistone Show in September 2018, where 38 people visited the stand and engaged with members of the project team. Similar materials were shown to stand visitors as those used in the public consultation events in December – although due to the timing they were not as detailed as the December materials.

iv. Public consultation

After more than three years of ongoing engagement work, National Grid began its consultation process in 2018. This occurred prior to the submission of the planning application to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, allowing the views of the public and key political and technical stakeholders to shape their final proposals.

National Grid held five public drop-in events:

- Saturday 1 December 2018, between 10am and 4pm: Pennine Sailing Club, Winscar Reservoir, Dunford Bridge, South Yorkshire, S36 4TF
- Wednesday 5 December 2018, between 1pm and 6:30pm: Millhouse Green Institute, Manchester Road, Millhouse Green, Sheffield, S36 9NZ
- Thursday 6 December 2018, between 10am and 3pm: St John's Community Centre, Church Street, Penistone, Sheffield, S36 6AR
- Thursday 6 December 2018, between 4pm and 8pm: Dunford Parish Community Centre, A616 Sheffield Road, Nr Crow Edge, HD9 7TP
- Saturday 8 December 2018, between 10am and 4pm: Pennine Sailing Club, Winscar Reservoir, Dunford Bridge, South Yorkshire, S36 4TF

These venues were chosen because each was in a highly accessible location in frequent use by the local community, providing straightforward access to members of the public. The venues were clearly marked and signposted with posters and A-frame boards.

The event at the Millhouse Green Institute was organised in response to feedback received at a meeting with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council ward councillors for Penistone West.



Image of the exhibition at the Pennine Sailing Club

The opening hours covered weekend and evening times to ensure that everyone had an opportunity to attend and provide the biggest potential audience of people living and working nearby.

These sessions allowed the community to view detailed proposals for the project, including the proposed measures to be put in place to minimise impact on the local community during construction.

Members of the project team were on hand at all times to answer any queries and a feedback form was available at the exhibitions for attendees to provide comments on the plans. Images and further relevant information about the project were on display in A3 folders at the exhibition, along with digitally generated photomontages to demonstrate the effect of the proposals on the landscape. The materials and exhibition boards on show can be found in appendix three.

Representatives from the VIP project team staffed the exhibition at all times, together with engineering specialists, environmental consultants, lands consultants and members of the National Grid External Affairs and Consultation teams.

4.3 Event Publicity and Media Coverage

Prior to the public consultation, National Grid sought to maximise awareness of its proposals in order to engage as many local residents and stakeholders as possible. A range of communication mechanisms were used to achieve this as detailed below.

i. Invitations to local residents and stakeholders

Local residents were sent a double-sided flyer (see appendix three) inviting them to the public exhibitions, which also included a copy of the project's route map. The flyers sought to ensure that residents were aware of the proposals, were invited to the public exhibition and were provided details of the website, as well as email and telephone contact details for the community relations team.

Flyers were issued on week commencing 19 November 2018 to 1,503 neighbouring properties in the area of Dunford Bridge, Townhead, Hepworth, Carlecotes, Holmfirth, Crow Edge, Flouch, Langsett and Millhouse Green.

Further to this, email invitations to the events and a briefing on the project were sent to elected representatives from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Dunford Parish Council, Langsett Parish Council, Penistone Town Council and Angela Smith, MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge.

National Grid also engaged with local organisations to raise awareness of the Visual Impact Provision project and to promote the drop-in events to their members and audiences, including the Peak District

National Park Authority, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Trans Pennine Trail office, Dunford Parish Council, Penistone Town Council, CPRE South Yorkshire, Friends of the Peak District, Sustrans, PLACE, Barnsley Biodiversity Trust, British Horse Society, South Yorkshire Archaeology, Country and Land Business Association (CLA), Cycling UK, Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers and the Barnsley Local Access Forum. A variety of coverage appeared across these organisations' digital and social media platforms, as presented in appendix three.

ii. Press briefings and news releases

A programme of media relations complemented the consultation programme to ensure that press coverage was generated in local media. National Grid submitted a press release to key local publications and broadcasters promoting the details of the consultation, including the *Huddersfield Daily Examiner*, the *Yorkshire Post*, *Barnsley Chronicle*, *The Star (Sheffield)* and *Penistone FM*.

Editorial coverage appeared in local publications on the following dates:

- Thursday 22 November 2018 (*Yorkshire Post*, print)
- Saturday 1 December 2018 (*Barnsley Chronicle*, online)
- Monday 3 December 2018 (*The Star*, online)

Copies of cuttings can be found in appendix three.

iii. Further event promotion

Posters were produced (see appendix three) and placed in the Trans Pennine Trail car park at Dunford Bridge and at the consultation venues. In addition, 900 copies were printed as leaflets and placed in bookbags of pupils at the following local schools:

- Millhouse Green Primary School, Lee Lane, Millhouse Green, Sheffield, S36 9LN
- Springvale Primary School, Sheffield Road, Penistone, Sheffield, S36 6HJ
- St John the Baptist Primary School (infant site), Chapelfield Lane, Penistone, S36 6FS
- St John the Baptist Primary School (junior site), High St, Penistone, Sheffield S36 6BS

4.4 Feedback Mechanisms

i. Feedback forms – paper and online

Feedback forms were available at the exhibitions for attendees to submit their comments into a clearly marked ballot box at each event, with a FREEPOST postal address provided for people to send forms to for those not wishing to submit their feedback on the days of the events. Attendees were also encouraged to submit feedback via the project website.

ii. Feedback form questions

The majority of the questions were deliberately open-ended and qualitative so as not to constrain respondents to a set list of options. It also provided a space for attendees to leave their preferred contact details to receive further information about the project.

Q1: *I have found this exhibition:*

- *Very informative*
- *Quite informative*
- *Not very informative*
- *Not sure / Don't know*

- Q2: *How would you like to be kept informed of progress with the project going forward?*
- *By post*
 - *By email*
 - *None of the above*
- Q3: *Tell us what you think about our proposals to enhance the landscape and reduce the visual impact of the overhead line by removing the chosen section and replacing it with an underground solution?*
- Q4: *Do you have any comments on specific aspects of our plans e.g. relating to traffic, environment, construction, archaeology, access or any other issue?*
- Q5: *Are there any other comments you would like to make?*

iii. Accessible contact details

National Grid made available a range of contact channels throughout the consultation process:

- A consultation telephone line
- A project email address (visualimpact@nationalgrid.com)
- A FREEPOST postal address for feedback forms and other correspondence

5.0 Participation and Feedback

A total of 103 people attended the five public exhibition events over the four days: 31 at Pennine Sailing Club (1 December 2018), 19 at Millhouse Green Institute, 33 at St John's Community Centre, nine at Dunford Parish Community Centre and 11 at the Pennine Sailing Club (8 December 2018). There were very few short visits and the vast majority of visitors took the opportunity to speak with at least one member of the project team during their visit.

Attendees included representatives from PLACE, Sustrans and the Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers, as well as members of the public, local business owners and affected landowners.



Images of the events at the Millhouse Green Institute and St John's Community Centre

5.1 Verbal Feedback

After each day of the exhibition, the National Grid team compared notes on their discussions to establish common issues and themes to have emerged.

Overall, visitors generally expressed a broad support for the proposals. In many cases, individuals simply wanted to find out more about the plans and what was being done to address concerns.

Common issues and themes to emerge from verbal feedback	
A	Landscape enhancement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was widespread support for the proposals • Many were pleased that there were proposals to take the pylons down • People felt that the project would have a positive impact on the landscape and provide a boost for Dunford Bridge
B	Trans Pennine Trail (Trans Pennine Trail) diversion
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People wanted reassurance that the Trail would remain open and be fully accessible to all users • People were also interested in the nature of the surface both of the temporary diversion and the reinstated Trans Pennine Trail
C	Traffic
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was concern over the potential for large numbers of HGVs passing through the village and particularly through Townhead
D	Re-opening of the railway
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small number of visitors were concerned that the plans would prevent the future re-opening of the railway at a date in the future • Representatives from Grand Northern Rail were unhappy with the plans which they felt would hinder their proposals for a freight line between Sheffield and Manchester making use of the Trans Pennine Trail
E	Ecological impact on Wogden Foot
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were a number of questions about the impact on the ecology of Wogden Foot. While some were happy with National Grid's proposed mitigation, others expressed their concern for the plans

5.2 Feedback Analysis

5.2.1 Statements of Feedback

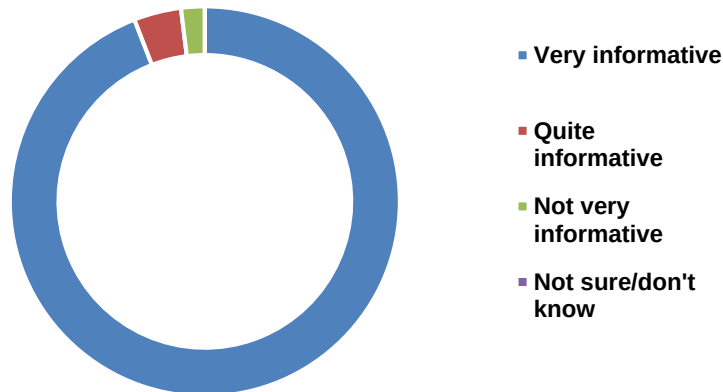
60 statements of feedback were received in total, including 51 feedback forms, eight emails via the website and a handwritten letter. An analysis of the feedback received follows in the next section.

Q1: I have found this exhibition...

A total of 51 respondents answered this question:

- **48 respondents** (94.1%): *'Very informative'*
- **2 respondents** (3.9%): *'Quite informative'*
- **1 respondents** (2.0%): *'Not very informative'*
- **0 respondents** (0%): *'Not sure/I don't know'*

I have found this exhibition



Q2: How would you like to be kept informed of progress with this project going forward?

A total of 51 respondents answered this question. The following forms of communication emerged as preferable:

- **34 respondents** (66.6%): *Email*
- **12 respondents** (23.5%): *Post*
- **1 respondent** (2%): *None of the above*

A further four respondents (7.8%) asked to be kept informed by both email and post.

National Grid will use this feedback to shape our ongoing communication with the local community. Contact details for those indicating they would like to be kept up-to-date with our proposals have been collated for further contact in accordance with applicable data protection and privacy laws.

5.2.2 Analysis of Comments

Questions three, four and five on the feedback form were qualitative, to allow respondents to freely express their thoughts on the project. The analysis below categorises the sentiment towards the project and identifies key themes that were raised in the comments received.

Sentiment

i. Support for the project proposals

- **40 respondents** made comments indicating they were fully supportive of the project

Examples of comments:

"Very happy with the proposals. Seem well planned. Look forward to this work being done."

"A long time overdue. Dunford Bridge will be transformed."

"I am pleased that these works are being proposed as I dislike pylons"

- **Six respondents** gave neutral or balanced feedback about the project

Examples of comments:

"Personally I am not offended by the pylons – suppose I am used to them"

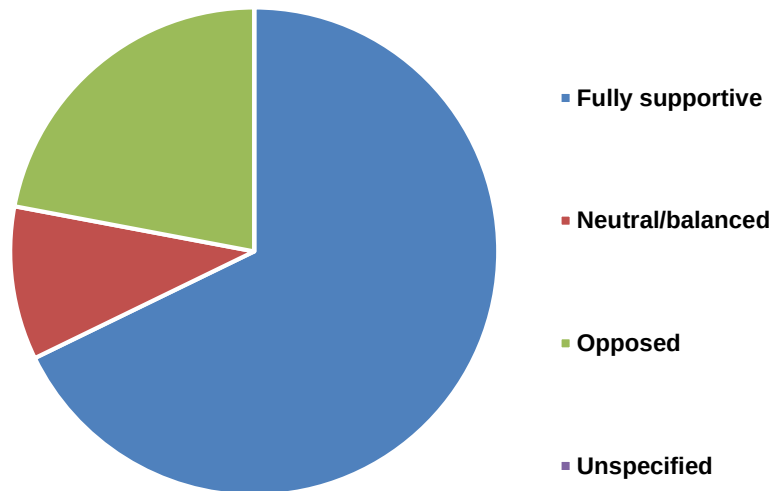
- **13 respondents** said they were opposed to the project

Examples of comments:

"I would like to object to your plans to use cables under the track bed of the former Woodhead railway line"

"We hope that even at this late stage sense may prevail and the proposal is rejected."

Support for the project proposals



Key themes

ii. Landscape enhancement

- **24** respondents praised the project's potential to enhance the landscape

Examples of comments:

"This is a beautiful area and removal of the pylons will enhance it even further"

"The area is beautiful – removing the pylons should make a great difference."

"The area will look much better for the future generations and when the work is complete, it will be more attractive."

"The works will definitely improve the area long term if this goes ahead"

- **Five** respondents wanted to see more of the existing line and pylons removed

Examples of comments:

"Just hope it can be extended to other areas in the future."

"Maybe it would have been even better if more of the columns were removed."

"Hope you continue down the valley"

- **Two** respondents commented on the project's potential to improve noise in the area

Examples of comments:

"It will also make the area quieter by removing the hissing pylon and cables and the short circuits clicking on the electric fence."

"A good thing not just visually but noise created by towers."

- **Three** respondents felt the project's enhancement of the landscape would be limited

Examples of comments:

"Not all pylons to me cause an adverse effect on the landscape."

"This is a poor scheme, ill-advised, creating an inappropriately disruptive and damaging solution to an insignificant problem."

iii. Approach to planning and engagement

- **Eight** respondents wrote positively about National Grid's approach to planning and stakeholder engagement, including the consultation process

Examples of comments:

"Working alongside local and national conservation groups is also excellent."

"Informative consultation."

"Thanks for telling and showing us so clearly"

iv. Project planning and communication

- **Three** respondents requested that National Grid continues to share regular updates on project progress

Examples of comments:

"Please ensure that both throughout the consultation and delivery we receive regular updates on progress."

"As long as the community are kept informed at all stages, the end result should benefit everyone."

"We would appreciate being kept informed about any future changes, delays etc."

- **Nine** thought the project proposals were well-planned

Examples of comments:

"Project has been undertaken in great detail and due consideration given to all aspects of the development."

"Well-planned timetable/programme – should be of great benefit to locality."

“The proposal seems well thought out and researched.”

v. Ecology and landscape mitigation

- **Five** respondents wrote favourably about National Grid’s proposals for planting

Examples of comments:

“This development could provide an opportunity to replant more suitable species along this section of the Trans Pennine Trail”

“I believe that new planting will be carried out. This will be a real benefit to the wildlife when complete.”

“There is great potential for planting”

- **Four** respondents commented that the project would impact the environment and local wildlife

Examples of comments:

“The cost is not just monetary but will impact heavily on the wild life on the trail and destroy Wogden Foot Nature reserve.”

“The destruction of habitat inflicted during works and to accommodate the new SEC will be a significantly greater loss than the potential visual benefits of undergrounding this short section of overhead line.”

“The Environmental case for this initiative is very weak.”

vi. Trans Pennine Trail

- **Three** respondents commented positively on National Grid’s plans for diverting the Trans Pennine Trail during the proposed construction phase

Examples of comments:

“The temporary path will be an attraction to visitors who would like to explore a new route.”

“As long as the Trans Pennine Trail is kept open throughout then we will have no issue with the proposed plan”

“I would link the diversionary Trans Pennine Trail route to be retained (alongside main route)

“I have noted than an alternative trail route will be constructed before work starting and this will mean less disruption for trail users.”

- **Five** respondents made suggestions to improve the project’s Trans Pennine Trail proposals

Examples of comments:

“Would be good if the proposed surface was more ‘natural’ to maintain the ‘natural’ look of the environment.”

“The furniture and carvings along the Trans Pennine Trail are important features and need looking after.”

“I would like the diversionary Trans Pennine Trail route to be retained (alongside main route) to create a circular walk.”

vii. Potential impact on the re-establishment of the Woodhead railway line

- **11** respondents raised concerns about the potential impact the project could have on any plans to re-establish the Woodhead railway line in the future

Examples of comments:

“I am fully supportive of the project to remove the pylons and put the cables underground. However, the project must be sympathetic to any future potential of re-opening the Woodhead railway line.”

“We believe the proposed relocation plans may have an impact on any potential future use of the tunnels”

“If we are looking after the environment in the longer term at the very least we should be protecting this rail route.”

vii. Traffic

- **Three** respondents were pleased with the proposed traffic management plan during construction

Examples of comments:

“Traffic impact looks to be taken care of very well. Impressed.”

“Impressed with traffic routing”

- **Six** respondents raised concerns about the volume of traffic during the construction period

Examples of comments:

“Vehicle access could be an issue but I am sure you will manage that well.”

“There already is a large amount of traffic in the area and speed limits require reducing in the village.”

viii. Cost

- **Five** respondents thought the landscape benefits did not outweigh the project cost

Examples of comments:

“This money could be better used elsewhere”

“It is a high cost scheme for very little gain”

“Some may feel it is a waste of money which could be spent more wisely in improving infrastructure.”

ix. Archaeology

- **Three** respondents commented on the importance of carrying out Archaeological investigations prior to any works on the project commencing

Examples of comments:

“Would be interested to hear of any findings in environmental/archaeological issues.”

“Be sensitive to Archaeology”

“It is very important that archaeology and any potential finds are fully investigated.”

x. Disruption

- **Three** respondents acknowledged that disruption was a worthwhile and well-managed consequence of the project

Examples of comments:

“Disruption will be relatively short term and a small price to pay for the final result we will enjoy for years to come.”

“Thoughtful awareness to minimise disruption to local residents and traffic”

“I have noted that an alternative trail route will be constructed prior to work starting and this will mean less disruption for trail users”

- **Three** respondents negative disruption

Examples of comments:

“It will cause disruption to the Trans-Pennine Trail”

“This will be 2 years of misery for this rural community living close to this Construction, Demolition and Engineering project”

“These communities consist of the individuals who will be most affected by both the short term disruptive works and the long term impacts of any tourism.”

5.3 Feedback from Landowners

As referenced in section 3.2 of this document, National Grid, through its appointed agents BK has been in discussion with landowners along the route since it was prioritised in September 2015.

During the course of these discussions, while the majority of landowners were supportive of the project overall, a number raised individual issues specific to their landholdings which National Grid has sought to resolve with them. Against this backdrop, BK has continued to discuss voluntary option agreements with all landowners to obtain the rights to build, operate, access and maintain the new cable and remove existing infrastructure.

The tenant grazier at Wogden Foot has expressed their opposition to the project throughout the consultation process. National Grid and BK continue to work with the grazier so that, should the project proceed, disruption is kept to a minimum and appropriate measures taken to deal with disruption or increased costs.

6.0 Response to Feedback

The VIP project is a stakeholder driven project. Throughout the selection and development process, National Grid has listened to and acted on the advice of stakeholders (including members of the community / public) at both a national and local level. All the major decisions relating to mitigation during construction have been taken with full stakeholder involvement. National Grid has reviewed the feedback received from members of the local community, users of the Trans Pennine Trail and stakeholder organisations and considered how the comments and suggestions made could help to improve the project proposals.

i. Traffic

Several respondents raised concerns about the impact of Traffic on the local area during the project's construction. In response, National Grid has since examined its comprehensive plans to mitigate the impact of construction, ensuring that all issues and concerns raised are fully addressed within its planning application.

National Grid has agreed that the majority of traffic to the site will access Dunford Bridge from the A628 and not via Townhead Road – although there will need to be some limited access at this location.

Most of the construction traffic will be within the site compound once work begins.

The community and relevant authorities will be informed well in advance when any abnormal loads are due to visit the site.

Following feedback from the Local Access Forum, National Grid will impose traffic speed restrictions on its vehicles entering the village from Windle Edge and increase warning signage – in particular where the road forms part of the Trans Pennine Trail.

As part of its planning application to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, National Grid will submit a construction traffic management plan and a construction environmental management plan for approval.

ii. Ecology and landscape mitigation

The impact of National Grid's construction activity and the location of the new sealing end compound in Wogden Foot local wildlife site has been one of the key consultation points of the entire project. As well as regular discussions at the national Stakeholder Advisory Group (whose members visited Dunford Bridge and walked along the Trans Pennine to Wogden Foot in 2018) and the Stakeholder Reference Group, a separate sub-group of ecology stakeholders was formed to discuss the issues.

Detailed discussions and exchanges of views and ideas between stakeholders and National Grid's appointed ecological and landscape experts have led to the creation of a package of mitigation measures – including the reinstatement of the area vacated by removal of the sealing end compound at Dunford Bridge – which stakeholders have led, shaped and agreed. There now exists a general consensus among stakeholders that the ecology and biodiversity of the area will be enhanced, as well as the landscape, once the works are completed.

At the request of stakeholders, National Grid has revisited every aspect of the impact on ecology in terms of route options and options for laydown areas where an additional study was undertaken in 2018 to further test locations and suitability.

There has also been significant discussion on the screening of the new sealing end compound and measures put in place to minimise its visibility from the Trans Pennine Trail and other important viewpoints.

Some feedback during the consultation expressed regret that more pylons were not being removed and in fact National Grid was asked by CPRE South Yorkshire to consider extending beyond Wogden Foot. However, both the national Stakeholder Advisory Group and the local Stakeholder Reference Group selected the project that is being taken forward based on the overall principles of VIP and the lack of a suitable location for the sealing end compound in landscape terms at a location further east along the Trans Pennine Trail within or in reasonable proximity to the high-scoring section of overhead line.

iii. Trans Pennine Trail

The Trans Pennine Trail is a nationally promoted trail. Representatives from the Trans Pennine Trail office as well as Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council's PROW officer have been closely involved in the development of the VIP project in the Peak District and stated from the outset that it would not be possible to close the trail and that an Equalities Act compliant alternative route would need to be identified and designed.

National Grid has listened to the requests of these and other stakeholders including the Local Access Forum and specialist interest groups such as the British Horse Society, Cycling UK and the Ramblers to design an alternative temporary diversion for the duration of construction. The design of the temporary diversion, bridges on the route, the surface and gradients to be employed have been influenced by stakeholder feedback.

Many people have expressed the desire to see footpath remain after construction to form a circular walk on both sides of the River Don from Dunford Bridge. However, the northern diversion runs through private land and it is the express wish of the landowner that the diversion is temporary for the duration of National Grid's construction works. As a result, National Grid is applying for a temporary diversion and will remove the footpath north of the River Don once the work is completed.

iv. Eastern gateway to the Peak District

Stakeholders at the Peak District National Park Authority and those represented on the Stakeholder Reference Group have encouraged National Grid to use the project to create an eastern gateway to the Peak District at Dunford Bridge. Suggestions to improve the car parking and resulting visitor experience at Dunford Bridge are reflected in National Grid's plans and will hopefully prove a catalyst for the creation of an invigorated visitor destination at a key point along the Trans Pennine Trail. National Grid will continue to work with local stakeholders during and post construction to enhance the visitor experience by improving the car park, access and providing interpretation material.

v. Archaeology

A handful of respondents highlighted the need for archaeological investigations. On all projects of this scale, National Grid is committed to thorough archaeological testing to define and fully understand the historical features of the landscape. Should the project be awarded planning consent, National Grid will work closely with the senior conservation archaeologist at the Peak District National Park Authority and the appointed contractor to carry out exploration works prior to any construction works commencing. If significant finds are made, National Grid will work together with local experts and stakeholders to manage them, and information will be shared with the public where appropriate.

vi. Keeping the community informed

Several respondents requested to be kept informed of project progress. National Grid recognises the value in clearly and regularly communicating information to local people and stakeholders and will continue to share updates of project milestones via the dedicated project website. National Grid will also send communications to the 51 respondents that answered question two of the feedback form to

say they would like to be kept up-to-date by post and/or email. Further mailouts to local residents will also be conducted, where appropriate.

A number of respondents living locally have complained about the poor broadband service to Dunford Bridge and, as a result, asked that communications are undertaken in printed form delivered to their homes as well as online.

vii. Potential impact on the reinstatement Woodhead Railway line

The most significant concerns raised related to the potential impact the project may have on any future proposals that might come forward to re-establish the Woodhead railway line.

National Grid has carefully considered and responded to this feedback and has met with Tim Wood, Director of Transport for the North's (TfN) Northern Powerhouse Rail team in response to the publication of TfN's Strategic Plan for Transport. The former Woodhead route is not highlighted as a potential transport route for passengers or freight, road or rail, within this 30-year plan. National Grid has also engaged with regional rail stakeholders to determine the likelihood that the line may be reopened. Members of the project team met with Sheffield City Region strategic transport team (January 2019) and contacted Transport for Greater Manchester on behalf of the Manchester Mayor's office to discuss their position on the railway line. All three organisations have raised no objections to National Grid bringing its VIP proposals forward.

National Grid has also engaged with Grand Northern Railway (GNR), the private company behind proposals to re-open the Woodhead line independently of government. It is unclear as to the exact timing of those proposals and how developed their plans are, although a business case is expected this year. National Grid has agreed with senior representatives of GNR that both it and GNR should bring their proposals forward and let the appropriate authorities make the decisions on their future.

In June 2019, National Grid also met separately with representatives of the Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce and the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce. These constructive discussions explored how VIP can align with regional ambitions beyond the undefined proposals for reopening the Woodhead Railway line.

7.0 Conclusion

Through its activity in the Peak District, National Grid has demonstrated its commitment to meaningful community involvement through extensive and early engagement with local residents, communities and stakeholders on its proposals to remove a section of overhead transmission line in the Peak District National Park and replace it with an underground solution.

Engaging with stakeholders

National Grid ran a comprehensive and effective programme of stakeholder involvement and public consultation, which was appropriate to the nature and scale of development proposed. This involved ongoing engagement with technical stakeholders through the establishment of the Stakeholder Reference Group, as well as a commitment to providing opportunities for local residents and community groups to comment on and shape the developing plans.

Strong attendance at the public exhibitions which National Grid has held between 2015 and 2018 has demonstrated a sustained interest in the project among local residents and stakeholders. The attendance of local residents, as well as a number of key stakeholders, demonstrates that the consultation raised awareness of the proposals among members of the local community and provided the opportunity to comment and raise any questions.

Listening to the community

The feedback received has demonstrated strong support for National Grid's proposals, with 78 per cent of those submitting a statement of feedback in 2018 being in favour (68 per cent) of or neutral (10 per cent) to the project. A clear majority of visitors supported the vision of the VIP project and its potential to enhance the local landscape, as is evident in the written feedback received.

Although there were some objections to the project on ecological grounds, the majority of objections came from those wanting to see the railway reinstated.

The project is supported locally by those on its Stakeholder Reference Group (The New Forest National Park Authority, Trans Pennine Trail Office, Dunford Parish Council) and wider stakeholder groups including CPRE South Yorkshire, Friends of the Peak District, the Ramblers, PLACE and the Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers.

Nationally, it has the backing of the members of the project's Stakeholder Advisory Group, chaired by Chris Baines, himself a native of South Yorkshire.

A collaborative project

National Grid is drawing on nearly thirty years' experience of designing, building and operating the electricity transmission network in England and Wales to maximise the potential benefits of the VIP project. Through ongoing engagement with the national Stakeholder Advisory Group and the Stakeholder Reference Group, the Peak District project has been endorsed and developed in partnership with leading organisations dedicated to conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and environmental heritage within our most protected landscapes.

Through its collaborative approach, National Grid has empowered the local community and users of the Trans Pennine Trail to help develop a unique project to mitigate the impact of an existing electricity transmission line, led by leading national landscape stakeholders.

The valuable input received throughout the engagement process has resulted in a project which will deliver specific landscape improvements in the Peak District National Park, not only for the local community, but for all who enjoy our country's most precious landscapes.

It is hoped that the landscape enhancement work and improvements to the car park and resulting visitor experience at Dunford Bridge will lead to the creation of a new eastern gateway to the Peak District National Park which has 16.1 million living within 40 miles of its boundaries and 13.24 day visitors recorded in 2017 – a figure that has increased by nearly 12 per cent since 2009 and generates some £643 million in income from tourism.

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 - *The Times* (15 September 2015)
 - *Yorkshire Post* (15 September 2015)

Appendix two – material relating to further engagement

- Event poster (July 2016)
- Leaflet for local residents (June 2016)
- Event feedback form (July 2016)
- Letter for local residents on survey work (March 2017)

Appendix three – material relating to formal consultation programme

- Exhibition boards from public consultation events (December 2018)
- Event poster (December 2018)
- Leaflet for local residents (November 2018)
- Event feedback form (December 2018)
- Coverage from local organisations (November 2018)
 - Friends of the Peak District
 - Penistone Area Team (Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council)
 - wearebarnsley.com
- Media coverage of public consultation events
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Afternoon drop-in event

Come along to find out more about National Grid's **Visual Impact Provision project** and the potential to reduce the visual impact of the electricity transmission infrastructure in the **Peak District National Park**.

Thursday 30th April 2015

2pm – 8pm

The Parish Community Centre

Sheffield Road, Victoria,
HD9 7TP

Members of the project team will be on hand to listen to your views and learn more from local groups about the characteristics of the area.

Eyesore pylons to be REMOVED from beauty spots under £500 MILLION plan

ELECTRICITY pylons will be removed from beauty spots under a new £500million plan unveiled by National Grid.

By TOM PARFITT

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Pylons will be removed from Snowdonia and four other protected landscapes

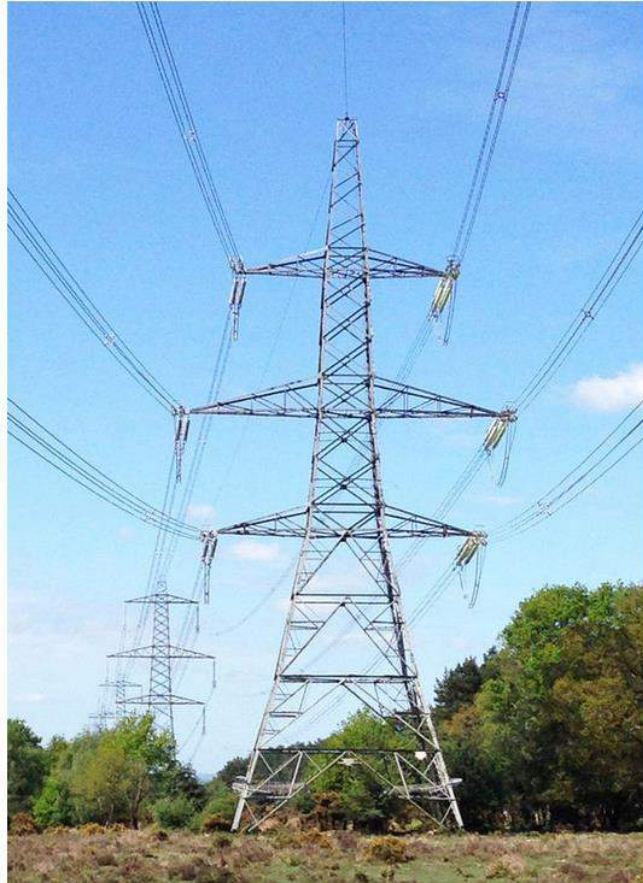
The proposal will spell the end for 45 pylons in parts of the New Forest, Peak District and Snowdonia national parks – at a cost of around £11million each.

The eyesores will also be removed from the area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB) in Dorset and replaced with underground cables.

The four schemes have been prioritised from 12 sections of electricity lines in eight national parks and AONBs across England and Wales.

Landscapes in the Brecon Beacons national park and High Weald, North Wessex Downs and Tamar Valley AONBs were not prioritised for a share of the £500m allowance.

But environmentalist Chris Baines insisted they will "they will remain under consideration for future work to reduce the impact of National Grid's transmission lines".



The National Grid will replace them underground cables

£24m of the budget will be spent on smaller projects to improve views and reduce the visual impact of existing electricity structure in national parks and AONBs.

Hector Pearson, from National Grid, said: "This is a unique stakeholder-driven project and it continues to represent a major opportunity to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife, cultural and environmental heritage of some areas of outstanding natural beauty and national parks."

The four stretches of line to be changed are:

- The Dorset ANOB, near Winterbourne Abbas
- The New Forest National Park, near Hale
- The Peak District National Park, near Dunford Bridge
- Snowdonia National Park, near Porthmadog

Eyesore pylons come down for £11m each

ELECTRICITY pylons are to be removed from four areas of natural beauty at a cost of around £11million each.

The project by National Grid to hide the unsightly cables underground will cost a total of £500million.

Forty-five pylons will be taken down in parts of the New Forest, Peak District and Snowdonia national parks and Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The four schemes have been

Daily Mail Reporter

given priority out of 12 sections of electricity lines in national parks and areas of outstanding natural beauty across England and Wales.

The 12 stretches of cabling were considered to have the most significant impact on protected landscapes.

Those areas which missed out on a share of the £500million allowance made available by regulator Ofgem up to 2021 include parts of the Brecon Beacons National Park, the

North Wessex Downs and the Tamar Valley.

Environmentalist Chris Baines chaired the group of conservation organisations which advised National Grid on which

'Very expensive and complex'

transmission lines to prioritise. He said: 'Reducing the visual impact of pylons and power lines in our most precious landscapes is highly desirable, but it is also

very expensive and technically complex so we have had to make some difficult decisions.

'Although four schemes have been prioritised, none of the locations on our original short list have been dropped and they will remain under consideration for future work to reduce the impact of National Grid's transmission lines under the vision impact provision project.'

Hector Pearson, from National Grid, said: 'This unique project continues to represent a major opportunity to conserve and enhance the natural beauty,

wildlife, cultural and environmental heritage of some areas of outstanding natural beauty and national parks.'

Different ways of reducing the impact of pylons had been considered.

However, replacing overhead lines with underground cables has generally proved to be the preferred option technically and in discussion with local representatives, National Grid said.

National Grid will also use £24million of the £500million for smaller projects to improve views and reduce the impact of pylons in national parks and areas of outstanding natural beauty.

The four stretches of line to be changed are the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, near Winterbourne Abbas; the New Forest National Park, near Hale; the Peak District National Park, near Dunford Bridge; Snowdonia National Park, near Porthmadog.

£11m for each pylon cleared at beauty spots

By Emily Gosden
ENERGY EDITOR

A £500million scheme to get rid of overhead power lines in beauty spots will remove less than 10 miles of cabling at a cost of £11million per pylon.

National Grid said it had selected four stretches of lines that it planned to take down and bury underground – in Dorset, the New Forest, the Peak District and Snowdonia – removing 45 pylons

that have blighted the landscapes for decades.

The work will be funded through levies on household electricity bills for the next 40 years, costing an average household 22p a year.

More than 350 miles of high-voltage power lines run through National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in England and Wales. Less than three per cent of this will be removed under the plans. The four

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Only 10 miles of power lines cleared from beauty spots

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sites were selected from eight short-listed last autumn, based on criteria including having the greatest benefits to the landscape, technical feasibility and being "economical and efficient".
Despite this, the costs are even higher than the £7million per pylon that had been expected.

In the Dorset Area of Outstanding

Natural Beauty, National Grid proposes removing 18 pylons over a 4.3 mile stretch near Winterbourne Abbas. A further 20 miles of high-voltage overhead cabling will remain.

In the New Forest National Park, it proposes removing 11 pylons spanning a 2.5 mile stretch near Hale, out of the 17 miles currently in the park.

In the Peak District just six pylons

will be removed, covering one mile near Dunford Bridge and leaving another seven miles standing. In Snowdonia National Park, which has 33 miles of high-voltage cabling, less than two miles of lines near Porthmadog with 10 pylons will be taken down.

There will now be 12 months of technical studies before work could begin in 2018 and be completed by 2021.

Chris Baines, chairman of the advisory group, said: "Reducing the visual impact of pylons and power lines in our most precious landscapes is highly desirable, but it is also very expensive and technically complex so we have had to make some difficult decisions."

A spokesman for National Grid said it was a "huge engineering challenge". He said the underground cables could

take up a width of 25 metres, while construction required a width of 50m for excavations and for a temporary road to bring materials in. He added: "At either end of the underground cable, we must build 'sealing end compounds' – an acre-sized site with a very heavy duty pylon and the equipment that allows the cable to leave the ground and go up on to the overhead line."

National Grid to remove electricity pylons from protected landscapes

Pylons to be replaced with underground cables in £500m project to improve scenery in New Forest, Peak District, Snowdonia and Dorset



📷 The National Grid is proposing to remove pylons to restore the view, such as in the Snowdonia national park. Photograph: National Grid/PA

Four protected landscapes are to be transformed by removing the electricity pylons and overhead lines that scar the view, under plans unveiled by [National Grid](#).

Funding of £500m will go to reducing the visual impact of stretches of high-voltage transmission lines by replacing a total of 45 pylons with underground cables in three national parks - near Hale in the New Forest, near Dunford Bridge in the Peak District and near Porthmadog in Snowdonia - and the area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB) near Winterbourne Abbas, Dorset.

The four schemes have been prioritised from 12 sections of [electricity lines in eight national parks](#) and AONBs across England and Wales which were considered to have the most significant impact on protected landscapes.

Landscapes in the Brecon Beacons national park and High Weald, North Wessex Downs and Tamar Valley AONBs were not prioritised for a share of the £500m allowance made available by regulator Ofgem up to 2021.

Environmentalist Chris Baines, who chaired the stakeholder group of conservation organisations which advised the National Grid on which transmission lines to prioritise, said some difficult decisions had to be made.

He said: “Reducing the visual impact of pylons and power lines in our most precious landscapes is highly desirable, but it is also very expensive and technically complex so we have had to make some difficult decisions.

“Although four schemes have been prioritised, none of the locations on our original shortlist have been dropped and they will remain under consideration for future work to reduce the impact of National Grid’s transmission lines under the vision impact provision project.”

Hector Pearson, from National Grid, said: “This is a unique stakeholder-driven project and it continues to represent a major opportunity to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife, cultural and environmental heritage of some areas of outstanding natural beauty and national parks.”

National Grid said different ways of reducing the impact in the locations had been considered, but replacing existing overhead lines with underground cables had generally proved to be the preferred option technically and in discussion with local stakeholders.

The utility company will use £24m of the £500m for smaller projects to improve views and reduce the visual impact of existing electricity structure in national parks and AONBs.

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Jeremy Corbyn faced a backlash from his union supporters and Labour MPs yesterday after handing the post of shadow chancellor to the hard-left veteran John McDonnell.

The new Labour leader was also hit by a row over his failure to put women in top jobs in a reshuffle that failed to remove quotients over his competence and ability to present himself convincingly as a prime minister in waiting.

His efforts to win over his own MPs floundered, meanwhile, when he initially failed to give assurances that he would wear a red poppy at Remembrance Day commemorations this autumn. Mr Corbyn, who has previously denigrated "almost mask-like" copies of politicians and generals "feeling the need to wear a poppy wherever they go", quickly backed down.

He is likely to be given a warm welcome when he speaks today at the Trades Union Congress, but the appointment of his long-time ally Mr McDonnell has strained relations.

One senior trade union source described the appointment as mad and added: "I'm honestly shocked at how bad the operation has been for the past 48 hours. I honestly thought [Mr Corbyn] would be better than this."

Even Len McCluskey, the Unite leader who has hailed Mr Corbyn as the future, was among those said to be pushing for alternative candidates to lead Labour's economic strategy.

In public, trade union bosses were barely more polite — either about Mr McDonnell, or on Mr Corbyn's electoral appeal. Dave Prentis, general secretary of Unison, said that Mr Corbyn would have to "grow into the job".

Sir Paul Kenny, general secretary of the GMB union, said that Mr Corbyn's "real tests" would come at local elections, and votes in Scotland and Wales, next year. "Let's see what the voters say. Because at the end of the day, they are really the important ones."

Mr McDonnell, who has backed rationalisation of the banking system — in effect printing money to fund government investment — and a 60 per cent tax rate on earnings above £100,000, conceded that he had to convince his colleagues as well as the public. "The economy would be safe in our hands," he said. In a later interview on Channel 4 news he said that he wanted to "transform" capitalism that was "failing people".

He added that he understood why his appointment was controversial. "I'm a backbencher, I've been opposed to virtually everything new Labour has done — I've been voting against them on many things like privatisation, Iraq."

"I've had to oppose a lot of things and sometimes that's meant swimming against the stream. That has meant, at times, Jeremy and I have been isolated. But actually, we were right on many of these things. I think we have been proven right and I think the tide is now with us."

Writing in The Times today, George Osborne said that Mr McDonnell's appointment broke decades of economic consensus and that Mr Corbyn had abandoned millions of Labour voters whom it was the Conservatives' "duty" to represent.

The chancellor rebuffed gleeful Tories for claiming a partisan advantage as he split out the justification for his

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Blots on the landscape to be buried at £11m a time

Ben Webster Environment Editor

Scores of electricity pylons will be removed from beauty spots at a cost of almost £11 million each despite plans being drawn up for more than 120 new ones in and around the Lake District.

The cost to National Grid of taking down pylons and putting high-voltage lines underground has soared since last November, when the company published a list of areas that could benefit from its £500 million "visual impact provision" project.

At that time, the same figure, which will be funded by households and businesses through electricity bills, was said to be enough to remove 65 pylons, and bury the cables in trenches, at £7 million each. National Grid now expects to remove only 45 pylons from 2018-21.

The four areas where pylons will be taken away are within the New Forest national park, the Peak District, Snowdonia and the Dorset area of outstanding natural beauty near Winterbourne Abbas. It is announced today.

Conservation groups have begun a campaign against National Grid's plans to place up to 72 pylons inside the Lake District national park to connect up a proposed new nuclear power station at Moorfields, near Sellafield. Friends of the Lake District said that up to 54 more pylons would be added close to the park's western border and would be visible from large areas within it.

Douglas Chalmers, the director of the group, said: "It is ridiculous to be pursuing a policy to bury cables in one national park while blighting the outstanding landscape in another by erecting pylons 50 metres tall."

National Grid told us that it will cost too much to mitigate for the damage to the National Park by placing cables underground. If we were talking about solid rock and steep inclines they might have a case, but this land includes arable fields and improved grassland, which make undergrounding easier and recovery much faster."

A National Grid spokesman said it was still considering the design of the high-voltage lines through the Lake District and it was possible that some sections could be buried. The pylons would mainly follow the route of existing smaller pylons, which are

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Experimental theatre Nicole Kidman is back on the London stage playing the DNA pioneer Rosalind Franklin in Photograph 12. Read Ann Treneman's review, page 21

IN THE NEWS

Plea to Isis Britons
British Muslims at risk of being lured to join Islamic State have been identified by a Facebook scanning tool and put in touch with reformist jihadists in an attempt to stop them. Page 2

Bridge 'cheat' claim
The world of bridge was shaken by its biggest scandal when the top two players, both Italians who play for the Monaco team, were accused by a rival of cheating. Page 3

EU enforces borders
Border controls sprung up all over Europe as Germany warned that it faced an influx of a million migrants this year, up from a recent forecast of 800,000. Pages 30-31

NS&I cuts Isa rate
More than 400,000 savers are to receive a lower income after National Savings & Investments cut the interest on its tax-free cash Isa from 1.5 per cent to 1.25. Page 37

Rugby security move
England's rugby team have increased security at their World Cup base in a move that recalls precautions taken by Sir Clive Woodward's squad in Australia in 2003. Pages 50-72

YOUR JOB IS TO KEEP THE RED FLAG WELL IRONED





Electricity pylons in Snowdonia, one of four areas from which they will be taken away. There are plans, however, to install more than 120 in and around the Lake District

Pylons to be removed from beauty spots

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about 28 metres tall. The new Lake District pylons could be of a T-shaped design that National Grid began testing this year and says is less intrusive.

The company estimates that installing new lines with pylons costs between £2.5 million and £3 million per kilometre, halving them costs £1.5 million to £2 million per kilometre. Negotiations with landowners are required.

It said that the increase in the estimated cost of removing pylons was down to the decision to prioritise "the most sensitive locations where costs are higher".

The shortlisted sites that were not chosen are the Brecon Beacons and areas of outstanding natural beauty in High Weald, North Wessex Downs and the Tamar Valley. The final four were selected by an advisory group, which included representatives of the National Trust, Historic England and Campaign to Protect Rural England.

Chris Baines, an environmentalist who led the group, said: "Reducing the visual impact of pylons and power lines in our most precious landscapes is highly desirable, but it is also very expensive and technically complex so we have had to make some difficult decisions."

National Grid said that removing the 45 pylons would add 22p per year to the average household bill for the next 40 years.

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Pylons to be torn down to improve treasured views



The Peak District, one of four protected landscapes which are to be transformed by removing the electricity pylons and overhead lines that scar the view, under plans unveiled by National Grid.

SOME of the biggest and ugliest pylons scarring the view at the gateway to the Peak District national park are to be torn down.

Half a dozen pylons will be taken down near the village of Dunford Bridge and the high-voltage transmission lines buried underground, as part of a £500m project which will also see overhead lines removed in the New Forest, Peak District and Snowdonia national parks and Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The cost will be paid for by domestic consumers at the rate of around 22p a year for the next 50 years.

Work to replace the pylons will begin in 2018, with a new line laid alongside the Transpennine trail, which crosses the Peak District.

The four schemes have been prioritised from 12 sections of electricity lines in eight national parks and AONBs across England and Wales which were considered to have the most significant impact on protected landscapes.

Landscapes in the Brecon Beacons National Park and High Weald, North Wessex Downs and Tamar Valley AONBs were not prioritised for a share of the £500m allowance made available by regulator Ofgem up to 2021.

Environmentalist Chris Baines, who chaired the stakeholder group of conservation organisations which advised National Grid on which lines to prioritise, said some “difficult decisions” had to be made. He said: “Reducing the visual impact of pylons and power lines in our most precious landscapes is highly desirable, but it is also very expensive and technically complex so we have had to make some difficult decisions.

“Although four schemes have been prioritised, none of the locations on our original short list have been dropped and they will remain under consideration for future work to reduce the impact of National Grid’s transmission lines under the vision impact provision project.”

The pylons and a “sealing end compound”, where a high-voltage underground cable joins onto an overhead line, to be removed are in the area east of the Woodhead tunnel. Hector Pearson, from National Grid, said: “It is really the quality of the landscape in that area and the effects of the existing sealing end compound on Dunford Bridge, which is very visually intrusive.

“The landscapes we looked at are all very high value. The decision was taken by a group of stakeholders, it is not a National Grid decision per se.”

Mr Pearson said the biggest cost in the project would be moving the compound: “We want to spend all the money by 2021 and we ideally would like to be starting on the ground in 2018. Over the next 12 months we will be doing detailed site investigations and environmental studies to get the project underway and hopefully round about this time next year we will be in a position to start applying for consents.”

Different ways of reducing the impact in the locations has been considered, but burying the cables has generally proved the preferred option technically and in discussion with local stakeholders, National Grid said.

- The pylons at Dunford Bridge have their admirers as well as their detractors. Some even question whether they are ugly at all, and claim their “alien-like” nature is best revealed in the barren hills.

Others question whether consumers really want to add more cost to their bills (the ninth highest in Europe, according to 2014 figures) and suggest the wind turbines with their moving blades on the edge of the park are more of a blot on the landscape.

National Grid says the inspiration for the project came from a survey of consumers, which showed people were prepared to pay a little more on their bills to improve some of the country’s most treasured landscapes. While domestic consumers will pay at the rate of around 22p a year for 50 years, commercial users will pay “substantially more.”

Appendices

Appendix two – material relating to further engagement

- Event poster (July 2016)
- Leaflet for local residents (June 2016)
- Event feedback form (July 2016)
- Letter for local residents on survey work (March 2017)

Community drop-in

Come along and have your say on National Grid's VIP project in the Peak District National Park

Members of the Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project team will be on hand to talk about the plans to remove a section of National Grid's existing overhead transmission line in and around the village of Dunford Bridge.

Your views on this major engineering project are very important – please come along and share them at one of the community drop in events.



Date: 07 July 2016

Time: 8.30am – 3pm

Venue:

Penistone Town Hall,
Shrewsbury Road,
Penistone,
Barnsley, S36 6DY

Time: 4pm – 7pm

Venue:

Dunford Parish
Community Centre,
Sheffield Road,
Victoria,
Holmfirth, HD9 7TP

Date: 08 July 2016

Time: 10am – 4pm

Venue:

National Grid Mobile Unit,
Dunford Bridge Car Park
(on the Trans Pennine Trail),
Dunford Bridge,
Holmfirth, S36 4TF

If you would like further information on National Grid's VIP project please email visualimpact@nationalgrid.com or call 0330 134 0051.



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Dear Resident,

**Proposals to remove a section of National Grid's
overhead transmission line in the Peak District National Park**

I am writing to you to let you know that, this summer, National Grid will be holding two public events to provide an update on its plans to reduce the visual impact of an existing section of electricity transmission line in and around the village of Dunford Bridge.

The work is part of National Grid's Visual Impact Provision project which represents a major opportunity to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and environmental heritage within our most protected landscapes. It is also a major engineering project involving the burial of large underground cables and we want to make sure that we take on board the views of local people and wider stakeholders.

We have been working with local technical stakeholders including the Peak District National Park Authority, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, the Trans Pennine Trail and Natural England to establish the best way to reduce the visual impact of the overhead line.

Since autumn 2015, when it was agreed that burying the cables underground was the best solution, we have continued to work together to identify possible route corridor options for this work. We have started to work with key stakeholders and landowners to identify any environmental, archaeological, engineering and land issues that will influence where an underground route can be built.

We are considering potential route corridor options that we feel can achieve the goal of reducing the visual impact while minimising long-term impact on the natural and historic environment.

At the ends of any underground route corridor, there will need to be either a Sealing End Compound or Cable Jointing Building. These are needed where the section of underground cable continues on to an overhead line. Our aim is to carefully select their locations to reduce the visual impact of this electricity infrastructure and again, we are working with our group of technical stakeholders to identify the best locations.

Over the page you can view a map of the existing transmission line and the search area for potential underground route corridors, the Sealing End Compound and Cable Jointing Building.

We would like to share more of this information with you and to hear your views on the potential options. You can find out about the progress of the project at three community drop-in events held over two days:

7 July 2016, 8.30am - 3.00pm
Penistone Town Hall,
Shrewsbury Road,
Penistone,
Barnsley, S36 6DY

7 July 2016, 4.00pm - 7.00pm
Dunford Parish
Community Centre,
Sheffield Road, Victoria,
Holmfirth, HD9 7TP

8 July 2016, 10.00am - 4.00pm
National Grid Mobile Unit,
Dunford Bridge Car Park
(on the Trans Pennine Trail),
Dunford Bridge, Holmfirth, S36 4TF

The events are being held to show people how the plans are shaping up and to provide an opportunity for local stakeholders to share their views on the project. Members of National Grid's team will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the project in more detail.

We are keen to involve local people in the development of our plans for the project. If you would like to know more details about the project or events please get in touch with our community relations team by calling **FREEPHONE 0330 134 0051**, email **visualimpact@nationalgrid.com**, or post at **FREEPOST VISUAL IMPACT PROVISION**.

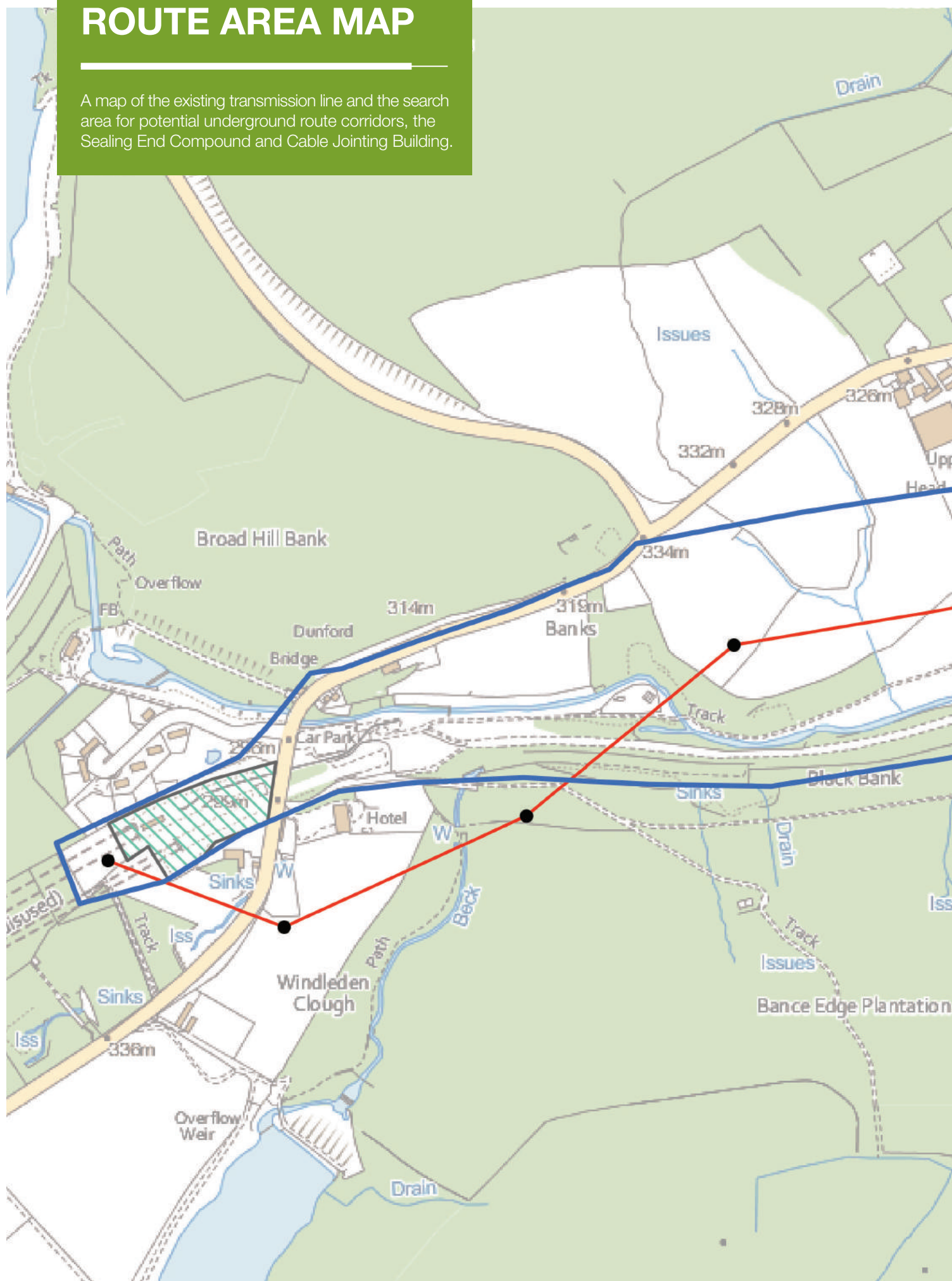
I hope you find this information useful and hope to see you at the forthcoming events.

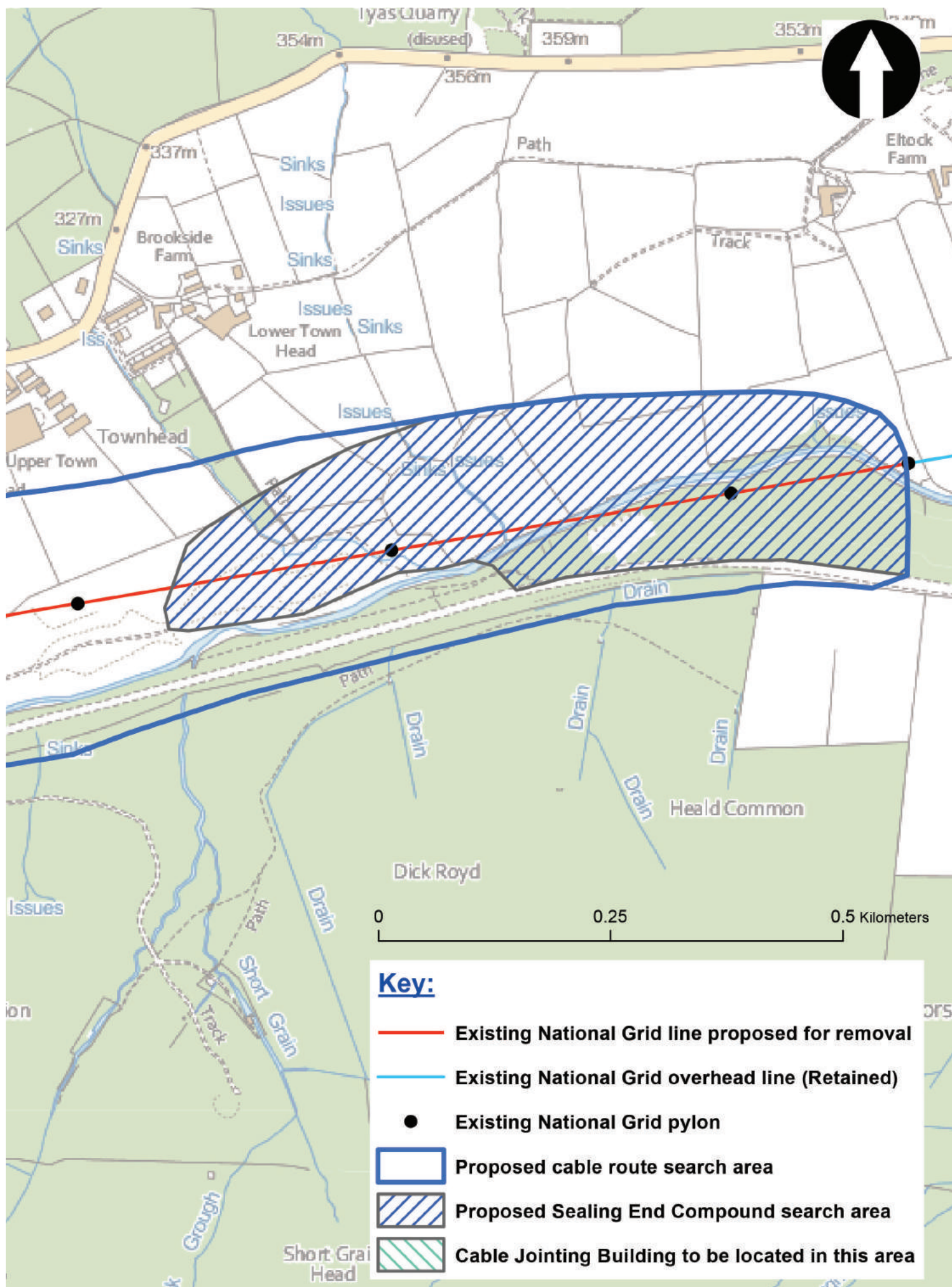
Yours sincerely



Hector Pearson
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A map of the existing transmission line and the search area for potential underground route corridors, the Sealing End Compound and Cable Jointing Building.





About National Grid

National Grid owns and manages the electricity transmission network in England and Wales to which different energy sources are connected. We link people to the energy they use.

You can find out more at www.nationalgrid.com

VIP project explained

National Grid's Visual Impact Provision project makes use of an allowance of £500m by Ofgem across Great Britain to carry out work which will help to reduce the impact of existing electricity transmission lines in English and Welsh AONBs and National Parks.

The most important task for us is to use this allowance to achieve the maximum enhancement to the landscape in England and Wales, whilst avoiding unacceptable environmental impacts. To ensure that we get this right and bring the most benefit from the Visual Impact Provision project, National Grid is working closely and collaboratively with stakeholders.

A group, known as the Stakeholder Advisory Group, has been set up by National Grid. It comprises organisations dedicated to conserving the landscape and countryside throughout England and Wales.

For more details about the project please visit www.nationalgrid.com/vip

Stakeholder Advisory Group

The Stakeholder Advisory Group is an independent group of stakeholder organisations, chaired by environmentalist Chris Baines and comprising senior representatives from 15 English and Welsh stakeholder bodies namely: Cadw, Campaign for National Parks, CPRE, CPRW, Historic England, Landscape Institute, National Association for AONBs, National Parks England, National Parks Wales, National Trust, Natural England, Natural Resources Wales, The Ramblers, Visit England and Visit Wales.

Tell us what you think

You have an important role to play in shaping our plans for the VIP project in the Peak District and we're keen to hear what you think.



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Write to our freepost address at:
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Q4. Do you have any comments on other specific aspects of our plans eg relating to traffic, environment, archaeology, construction, community involvement or any other issue?

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Feedback Form

Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project

This form is for providing feedback on National Grid's proposals to remove an existing section of overhead line in the Peak District National Park and bury the electric power lines underground.

Details of the project can be viewed at one of our events or on the project website www.nationalgrid.com/vip

National Grid is asking for:

- Your thoughts on the potential route options for burying the cables underground
- Your thoughts on the potential locations for the Sealing End Compounds
- Your thoughts on other specific aspects of our plans eg relating to traffic, environment, archaeology, construction, community involvement or any other issue

Your feedback:

Please fill in this form and post in the feedback box at one of our events or send it to FREEPOST VISUAL IMPACT PROVISION.

About you:

Title: _____ First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation? (if yes, tick box) ☐

Name of organisation: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

E-mail: _____

Date (of completing this form): _____

Data and Privacy Notice

National Grid is committed to respecting your privacy and to complying with all applicable data protection and privacy laws. Your information may, for this purpose, be disclosed or shared with the following:

- Other National Grid companies
- Third party service providers, contractors or advisors who provide services to us
- Relevant Local Planning Authority

Q1. Tell us what you think about our proposals to enhance the landscape and reduce the visual impact of the overhead line by removing the chosen section and replacing it with cables buried underground.

Q2. Tell us what you think about the potential route options for the underground cables.

Q3. Do you have any comments on the proposed locations for the Sealing End Compound and Cable Jointing Building?

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National Grid Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project in the Peak District – environmental survey work

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A series of environmental surveys are needed to help shape our plans, to feed into our environmental assessment work and to prepare for a planning application later in the year. These surveys will not involve the use of any heavy machinery, however at certain points through the duration of the work a welfare van may be parked in the Trans Pennine Trail car park during the day.

AECOM, a contractor acting on National Grid's behalf has been undertaking a range of ecology surveys in the area since 2015, and these will continue throughout the next few months. In addition we will have specialist contractors carrying out surveys in March.

The first of these will take place from Monday 6 March and will involve LiDAR (Light Detecting and Ranging) surveys using aerial drones. These are small remote-controlled devices which will be visible in the sky as they plot the landscape, enabling us to create a detailed map of the area.

We will also be carrying out river modelling work in mid-March for approximately two weeks. This will enhance our understanding of the local aquatic landscape and involves fully trained surveyors taking measurements at cross sections along the River Don and its tributaries.

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Appendices

Appendix three – material relating to formal consultation programme

- Exhibition boards from public consultation events (December 2018)
- Event poster (December 2018)
- Leaflet for local residents (November 2018)
- Event feedback form (December 2018)
- Coverage from local organisations (November 2018)
 - Friends of the Peak District
 - Penistone Area Team (Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council)
 - wearebarnsley.com
- Media coverage of public consultation events
 - *Yorkshire Post* (22 November 2018)

Dorset AONB

Visual Impact Provision: the project explained

The Visual Impact Provision project represents a major opportunity to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and environmental heritage within our most protected landscapes.

The project will make use of a £500 million provision by Ofgem to carry out work to help reduce the impact of existing transmission lines in English and Welsh Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) and National Parks.

In 2014, we identified twelve transmission lines in eight AONBs and National Parks as having the most significant visual impact.

In September 2015, the project's Stakeholder Advisory Group considered a wide range of factors and recommended four schemes where sections of overhead line could be replaced with underground solutions. The protected landscapes which have been prioritised are in the Dorset AONB and the New Forest, Peak District and Snowdonia National Parks.

Our Guiding Principles are to prioritise potential projects which:

- Deliver the greatest landscape enhancement.
- Result in the greatest opportunities to conserve and enhance natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage.
- Create opportunities to encourage greater public understanding and enjoyment of protected landscapes.
- Are technically feasible in the context of the wider transmission system.
- Are economical and efficient.

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PARKS
AONBs AND
NATIONAL
SCENIC
AREAS



Peak District National Park

Visual Impact Provision: a stakeholder driven project

The Visual Impact Provision project applies to existing electricity transmission infrastructure in designated National Parks and AONBs in England and Wales.

The Stakeholder Advisory Group is an independent group of stakeholder organisations who work together to support National Grid and make the key decisions on the Visual Impact Provision project.

Together with landscape consultants, the group, chaired by environmentalist Chris Baines, has identified the shortlist of projects that it believes can deliver the greatest visual mitigation of existing transmission lines in AONBs and National Parks.

This national group is underpinned by a group of technical stakeholders – Stakeholder Reference Groups – in each of the AONBs or National Parks shortlisted by the project's national Advisory Group.

Stakeholder Advisory Group members



High Weald AONB

Landscape Enhancement Initiative

The idea for the Landscape Enhancement Initiative came from the Visual Impact Provision project's national Stakeholder Advisory Group.

The Stakeholder Advisory Group asked National Grid to develop an initiative which makes use of part of the £500 million provision for smaller localised visual improvement projects. This provision is accessible to all the AONBs and National Parks with existing National Grid electricity infrastructure.

The scheme was launched in May 2016 with an ambition to provide up to £24 million over six years. Its aim is to reduce the visual impact of National Grid's existing infrastructure and improve the related visual quality of the landscape.

While in some cases views of the line may be screened or softened, in many cases where it may not be possible to address the impacts of the electricity line directly, it may be possible to 'shift the balance' of the impacts by enhancing the local environment in other ways.



Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB



North York Moors National Park



Wye Valley AONB

New Forest National Park

The prioritised projects

South



Dorset AONB

Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

- Replace approximately 8km of overhead line with underground cables.
- Permanently remove 22 pylons from the landscape.
- The overhead line to be removed runs over agricultural land near Friar Waddon, Winterbourne Abbas and Martinstown.
- Two new sealing end compounds will be built to connect the cables to the existing infrastructure.
- The open downland landscape is potentially rich in archaeology.



New Forest National Park

New Forest National Park

- Replace 3km of overhead line with underground cables.
- Permanently remove 8 pylons from the landscape.
- The overhead line to be removed runs across heathland on Hale Purlieu near the villages of Hale, Woodgreen and Redlynch.
- Two new sealing end compounds will be built to connect the cables to the existing infrastructure.
- The landscape is environmentally very sensitive with breeding populations of rare birds including Dartford warbler, nightjar and woodlark.

Snowdonia National Park

The prioritised projects

North



Peak District National Park

Peak District National Park (East)

- Replace 2km of overhead line with underground gas insulated line.
- Permanently remove 7 pylons and a sealing end compound from the landscape.
- The overhead line to be removed runs east from the Woodhead Tunnel through the village of Dunford Bridge and along the River Don.
- A new sealing end compound will be built at the eastern end to connect the gas insulated line to the existing infrastructure.
- The Trans-Pennine Trail will be temporarily diverted for approximately one and a half years to allow for construction work.



Snowdonia National Park

Snowdonia National Park

- Replace 3km of overhead line crossing the Dwyryd Estuary near Porthmadog with an underground solution.
- Permanently remove 10 pylons from the landscape.
- The connection will run in an underground tunnel from Cilfor to Garth under the estuary.
- Two tunnel head houses will be built on either side of the estuary with a new sealing end compound at the eastern end to connect the underground solution to the existing infrastructure.
- Our plans are being developed with consideration for other proposed projects in the area, such as National Grid's North Wales Connection project, to ensure we minimise disruption for local people and the environment.

Public consultation drop-in

Have your say on proposals to remove pylons along the Trans Pennine Trail in the Peak District National Park.

Members of the project team will be on hand to talk about our plans to enhance the landscape of the Peak District National Park. We're proposing to replace seven pylons and a 2km section of overhead line along the Trans Pennine Trail east of the Woodhead Tunnel, near Dunford Bridge, with an underground solution.

Your views and opinions are very important – please visit one of the events and let us know what you think. We look forward to seeing you there.



Sat 1 Dec 2018
10am – 4pm

Pennine Sailing Club,
Winscar Reservoir,
Dunford Bridge,
South Yorkshire,
S36 4TF

Wed 5 Dec 2018
1pm – 6:30pm

Millhouse Green
Institute, Manchester
Road, Millhouse
Green, Sheffield,
S36 9NZ

Thurs 6 Dec 2018
10am – 3pm

St John's Community
Centre, Church
Street, Penistone,
Sheffield,
S36 6AR

Thurs 6 Dec 2018
4pm – 8pm

Dunford Parish
Community Centre,
A616 Sheffield Road,
Nr Crow Edge,
HD9 7TP

Sat 8 Dec 2018
10am – 4pm

Pennine Sailing Club,
Winscar Reservoir,
Dunford Bridge,
South Yorkshire,
S36 4TF

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About National Grid

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You can find out more at www.nationalgrid.com

VIP project explained

National Grid's Visual Impact Provision project makes use of an allowance of £500m by Ofgem across Great Britain to carry out work which will help to reduce the impact of existing electricity transmission lines in English and Welsh AONBs and National Parks.

The most important task for us is to use this allowance to achieve the maximum enhancement to the landscape in England and Wales, whilst avoiding unacceptable environmental impacts. To ensure that we get this right and bring the most benefit from the Visual Impact Provision project, National Grid is working closely and collaboratively with stakeholders.

A group, known as the Stakeholder Advisory Group, has been set up by National Grid. It comprises organisations dedicated to conserving the landscape and countryside throughout England and Wales.

For more details about the project please visit www.nationalgrid.com/vip

Stakeholder Advisory Group

The Stakeholder Advisory Group is an independent group of stakeholder organisations, chaired by environmentalist Chris Baines and comprising senior representatives from 15 English and Welsh stakeholder bodies namely: Cadw, Campaign for National Parks, CPRE, CPRW, Historic England, Landscape Institute, National Association for AONBs, National Parks England, National Parks Wales, National Trust, Natural England, Natural Resources Wales, The Ramblers, Visit England and Visit Wales.

Tell us what you think

You have an important role to play in shaping our plans for the VIP project in the Peak District and we're keen to hear what you think.



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Dear Resident,

Removing pylons from Dunford Bridge: public consultation open from 1 December 2018 to 5 January 2019

We're holding a series of public consultation events in early December, so that you can find out more and have your say on our proposals to replace pylons in Dunford Bridge with an underground connection to enhance the landscape.

The proposed project would see seven pylons, including the large tower and sealing end compound at Dunford Bridge, and a 2km stretch of existing overhead electricity line east of the Woodhead tunnel near Dunford Bridge removed and replaced with an underground solution. The majority of our work would take place within Dunford Bridge but there would also be a construction compound off the A616 in Crow Edge.

The proposed project is part of National Grid's Visual Impact Provision (VIP), which will make use of a £500 million provision from Ofgem to reduce the visual impact of existing high-voltage electricity transmission lines in English and Welsh Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) and National Parks. The scheme in the Peak District has been selected by the VIP project's national stakeholder advisory group as one of four priority areas, where removing existing electricity infrastructure would deliver the greatest visual benefit to the landscape.

We've been working closely with local technical stakeholders to develop our plans, including Barnsley Council, the Peak District National Park Authority, the Trans Pennine Trail Office, Dunford Parish Council, Natural England and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, as well as with landowners and independent environmental and engineering consultants. Our work has involved many detailed environmental and engineering surveys, and identifying potential routes for the new underground connection.

Public consultation events

We want to make sure that we take on board the views of local people and wider stakeholders before we submit our planning application next year.

Come along, find out more and have your say at our consultation events:

Saturday 1 Dec 2018 10am – 4pm	Wednesday 5 Dec 2018 1pm – 6.30pm	Thursday 6 Dec 2018 10am – 3pm	Thursday 6 Dec 2018 4pm – 8pm	Saturday 8 Dec 2018 10am – 4pm
Pennine Sailing Club, Winscar Reservoir, Dunford Bridge S36 4TF	Millhouse Green Institute, Manchester Road, Millhouse Green, Sheffield S36 9NZ	St John's Community Centre, Church Street, Penistone S36 6AR	Dunford Parish Community Centre, A616 Sheffield Road, Nr Crow Edge HD9 7TP	Pennine Sailing Club, Winscar Reservoir, Dunford Bridge, South Yorkshire S36 4TF

At the events, we will share information on how we plan to manage the construction process, deal with traffic and transport during construction, and the timings of the project including the eventual removal of the pylons and the measures we will put in place to mitigate and restore the environment. Members of the National Grid VIP team will also be on hand to talk through the proposals.

If you have questions about the project or would like more information on these events, please contact our community relations team by calling **0330 134 0051** or emailing **visualimpact@nationalgrid.com**. Alternatively, you can find out more by visiting: **<http://peakdistrict.nationalgrid.co.uk/>**

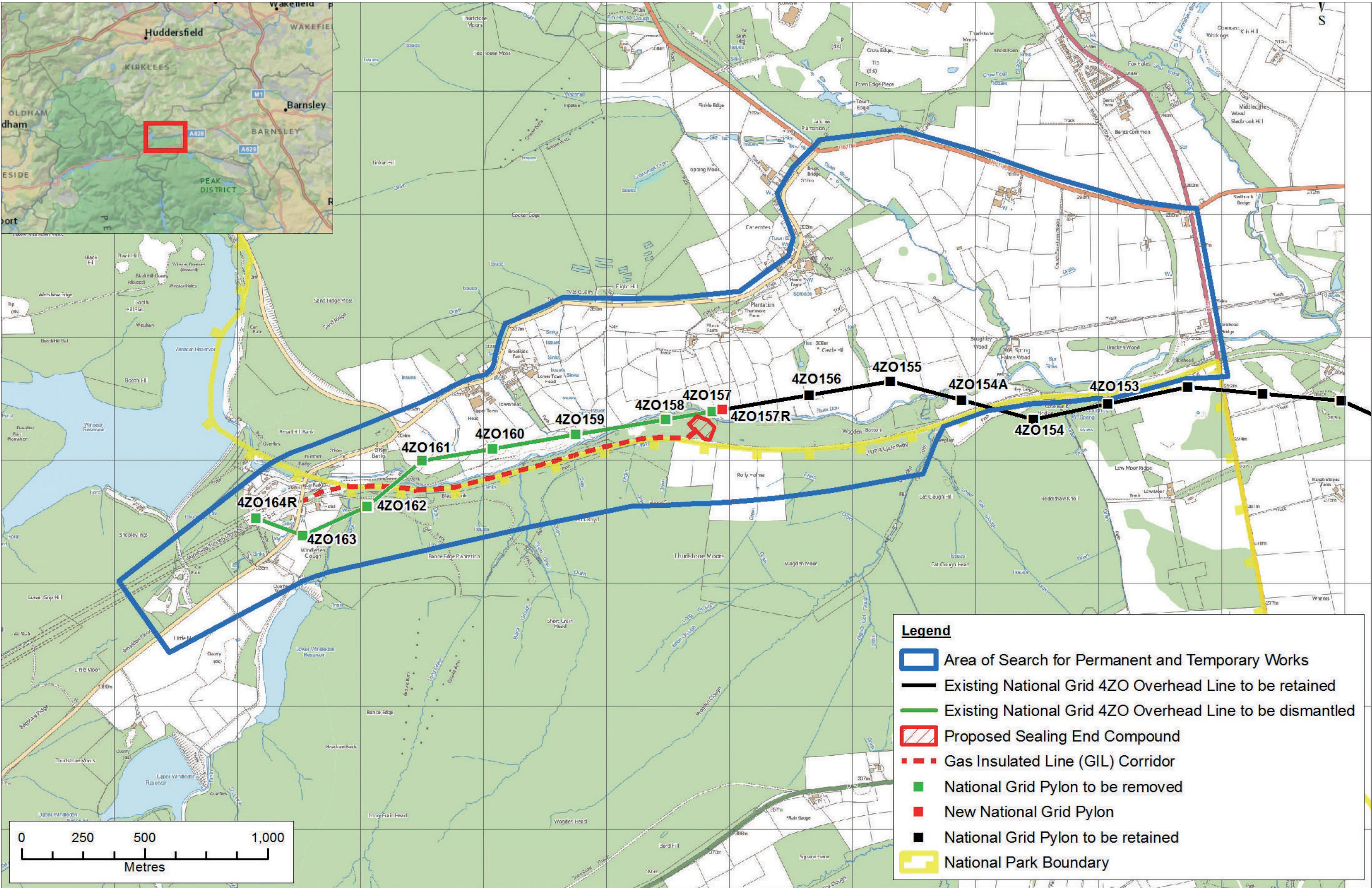
We hope to see you in December and look forward to discussing this major opportunity to preserve and enhance the stunning Peak District landscape.

Yours sincerely,

Eloise Frank

Eloise Frank
National Grid, VIP Project Manager (North)

PROPOSED ROUTE



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- Your telephone number;
- Your email address;
- Your employer or any group on whose behalf you are authorised to respond;
- Your feedback in response to National Grid’s public consultation events for the Visual Impact Provision project in the Peak District (Consultation);

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- To record accurately and analyse any questions you raise during the Events or feedback you have provided in response to the Events.
- To report on our Events, detailing what issues have been raised and how we have responded to that feedback (please note that the information contained in the Events report will be aggregated and will not identify specific individuals).
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You can contact us:

- by post, using the postal address given above;
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- by telephone, using the number: 0330 134 0051
- by email, using the email address: visualimpact@nationalgrid.com

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Feedback Form

Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project

Have your say

We would like to hear your views on National Grid’s proposals to replace an existing section of overhead electricity line along the Trans Pennine Trail east of the Woodhead Tunnel, near Dunford Bridge, with an underground solution.

We would welcome any feedback you have about our proposals and would be grateful if you could please take a few minutes of your time to answer the following questions.

The latest project information can be viewed on our website <http://peakdistrict.nationalgrid.co.uk/>

Please fill in this form and put it in the feedback box at one of our events or send it to FREEPOST VISUAL IMPACT PROVISION. Alternatively, you can email your comments to visualimpact@nationalgrid.com

About you:

Title: First name: Surname:

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Postcode:

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Q1. I have found this event:

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| ☐ Very informative | ☐ Not very informative |
| ☐ Quite informative | ☐ Not sure / don’t know |

Q2. How would you like to be kept informed of progress with this project in the future?

- ☐ By post
☐ By email
☐ None of the above

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Tell us what you think

You have an important role to play in shaping our plans for the VIP project in the Peak District National Park and we’re keen to hear what you think.



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Write to:
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Q3. Tell us what you think about our proposals to enhance the landscape and reduce the visual impact of the overhead line by removing the chosen section and replacing it with an underground solution.

Q4. Do you have any comments on specific aspects of our plans e.g. relating to traffic, environment, construction, archaeology, access or any other issue?

Q5. Are there any other comments you would like to make?

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Date: 27 November 2018



Friends of the
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Have your say on National Grid's proposals to remove pylons along the Trans Pennine Trail



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In Articles

National Grid is inviting local people to have their say on plans to enhance a popular landscape in the Peak District National Park.

As part of its Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project, National Grid has developed proposals to replace a 2km section of existing overhead electricity transmission line along the Trans Pennine Trail east of the Woodhead Tunnel, near Dunford Bridge, with an underground connection, permanently removing seven pylons from the landscape.

The VIP project is a major opportunity to enhance some of the most protected landscapes throughout England and Wales by reducing the visual impact of existing

electricity transmission lines in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) and National Parks. The project is making use of a £500 million provision from Ofgem, allocated to carry out works like this in English and Welsh AONBs and National Parks and Scottish National Scenic Areas.

National Grid is holding five public consultation events locally where members of the community are encouraged to come along, view the plans and have your say. The events are being held on:

- **Saturday 1 December** 2018 10am – 4pm at **Pennine Sailing Club**, Winscar Reservoir, Dunford Bridge, South Yorkshire, S36 4TF
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- **Saturday 8 December** 2018 10am – 4pm at **Pennine Sailing Club**, Pennine Sailing Club, Winscar Reservoir, Dunford Bridge, South Yorkshire, S36 4TF

Feedback is invited by 5 January 2019 by completing a form, which will be available at the events, or can be requested by calling 0330 134 0051, or emailing visualimpact@nationalgrid.com.

To find out more about the project and the consultation events, please visit: <http://peakdistrict.nationalgrid.co.uk/>

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofthepeakdistrict>

Date: 27 November 2018

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National Grid invites you to comment on their plans to remove a 2km section of pylons and overhead electricity line along the Trans Pennine Trail near Dunford Bridge. There will be 5 public consultation events locally where you can view the plans and have your say.

Sat-1-Dec at Pennine Sailing Club
Wed-5-Dec at Millhouse Green Institute
Thu-6-Dec at Penistone and at Dunford Community Centre
Sat-8-Dec at Pennine Sailing Club

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Date: 27 November 2018



National Grid VIP public consultation event

Price: FREE



Have your say on National Grid's proposals to remove pylons along the Trans Pennine Trail in the Peak District National Park.

National Grid is inviting local people to find out more and have their say on plans to enhance a popular landscape in the Peak District National Park.

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For the Peak District project, National Grid is holding five public consultation events in the local area where members of the community are encouraged to come along, view the plans and have their say.

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Briefing

Q&A on plans to bury power lines

DUNFORD BRIDGE: The first of a series of public consultation events is to be held on December 1 over plans to bury a section of overhead powerline along the Trans Pennine Trail.

National Grid is proposing to remove a 1.2-mile (2km) stretch and seven pylons east of the Woodhead tunnel, near Dunford Bridge. Their project team will be on hand at the Pennine Sailing Club to answer questions from 10am and 4pm.