

Community newsletter

# Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) Project

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## Introduction

The Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement Project (Yorkshire GREEN) will upgrade and reinforce the high-voltage power network. It will enable more low-carbon energy to be carried into homes and businesses in Yorkshire and further afield and will support the UK government’s targets to achieve net zero by 2050.



### Why we need the Yorkshire GREEN Project

The Yorkshire GREEN Project will allow cleaner energy to flow into homes and businesses in Yorkshire and beyond. It will provide a new connection and reinforcement on the electricity transmission system, whilst supporting ambitious net zero targets set by the government.

We need to build approximately 7km of new overhead lines, along with new infrastructure, to help reinforce the system and increase network capacity in the area. We are developing our proposals carefully and local feedback is helping us to develop our detailed plans.

This newsletter provides an update following our recent statutory consultation, which was held between 28 October and 9 December 2021. We have provided a summary of the key themes raised in your feedback to the consultation. We have also provided details of next steps and your opportunities for involvement before we submit our Development Consent Order (DCO) application later this year.

### About National Grid

National Grid sits at the heart of Great Britain’s energy system, helping to connect homes and businesses to the energy they use every day.

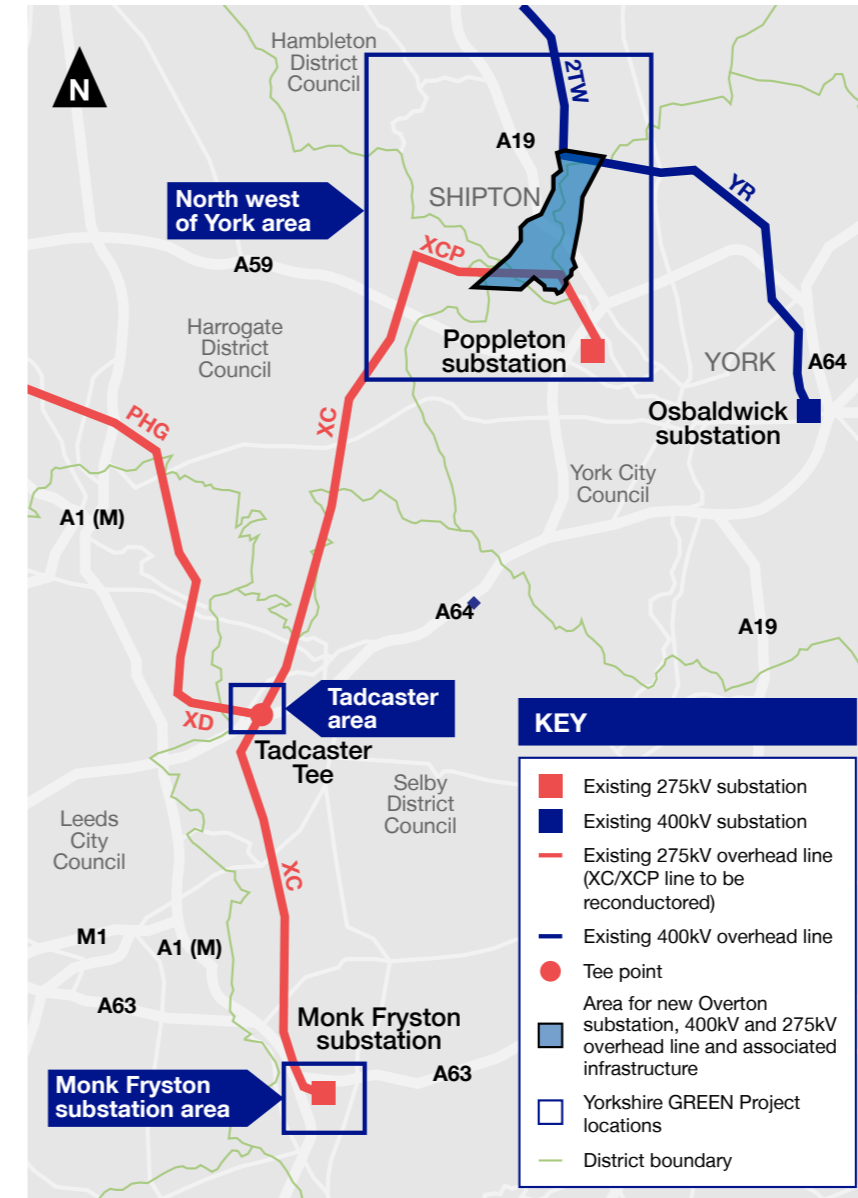
We’re working to build a cleaner, fairer and more affordable energy system that serves everyone, powering the future of our homes, transport and industry.

National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET), owns, builds and manages the electricity transmission system in England and Wales, connecting many different sources of energy safely.

## Our proposals

Our plans for the Yorkshire GREEN Project include the construction of new infrastructure and works to existing infrastructure.

More detailed information on our proposals, including the information we presented during our statutory consultation, can be found on our website [nationalgrid.com/yorkshire-green](https://nationalgrid.com/yorkshire-green).



#### Proposed new infrastructure includes:

- a new 400kV overhead line connecting into the existing overhead line with two cable sealing end compounds and a short section of underground cable in the north-west of York
- two new 275kV overhead lines routed south out of a new substation at Overton, connecting into the existing 275kV overhead line
- two new cable sealing end compounds and short sections of underground cables located south-west of Tadcaster
- a new substation located adjacent to and connecting into the existing substation at Monk Fyston.

#### Works to existing infrastructure include:

- removal of short sections of 275kV overhead lines
- replacement of some pylons and realignment of the existing overhead line in two locations – to the south and south-east of Moor Monkton
- replacement of overhead line conductors and pylon fittings, as well as strengthening of steelwork and works to pylon foundations – to the north and south of Tadcaster.

Although our statutory consultation is now closed, you can still view our consultation materials, including our full Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), on our website [nationalgrid.com/yorkshire-green](https://nationalgrid.com/yorkshire-green).

## Statutory consultation

We held our statutory consultation between Thursday 28 October and Thursday 9 December 2021 where we consulted on our proposals. We would like to thank everyone who provided feedback.

During our statutory consultation:



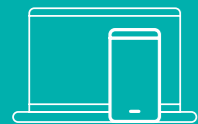
We sent our consultation leaflet to **16,900 stakeholders** within our updated consultation mailing zone, along with sending emails and letters to **152 statutory consultees**.



We advertised in **13 local and national newspapers**.



We had over **4,500 views** of our Project website, and our consultation documents were downloaded over **550 times**.



Our advertisements were viewed over **570,000 times** following our Facebook and Twitter advertising campaign.



We received **97 responses** to the statutory consultation from members of the local community and other stakeholder groups, via online and hard copy feedback forms and emails.



**170 people** attended our four face-to-face events and **19 people** attended our seven consultation webinars.

## What we found

Our analysis to date revealed that:



**81% of people** support National Grid in developing new infrastructure that will help the UK to achieve net zero targets.



**84% of people** agree with the identified need for the Yorkshire GREEN Project.

## Consultation themes

The table below presents a snapshot of feedback themes from our statutory consultation and what we're doing ahead of submitting our DCO application, planned for later this year. A detailed breakdown will be provided in a Consultation Report, which will be submitted as part of our application.

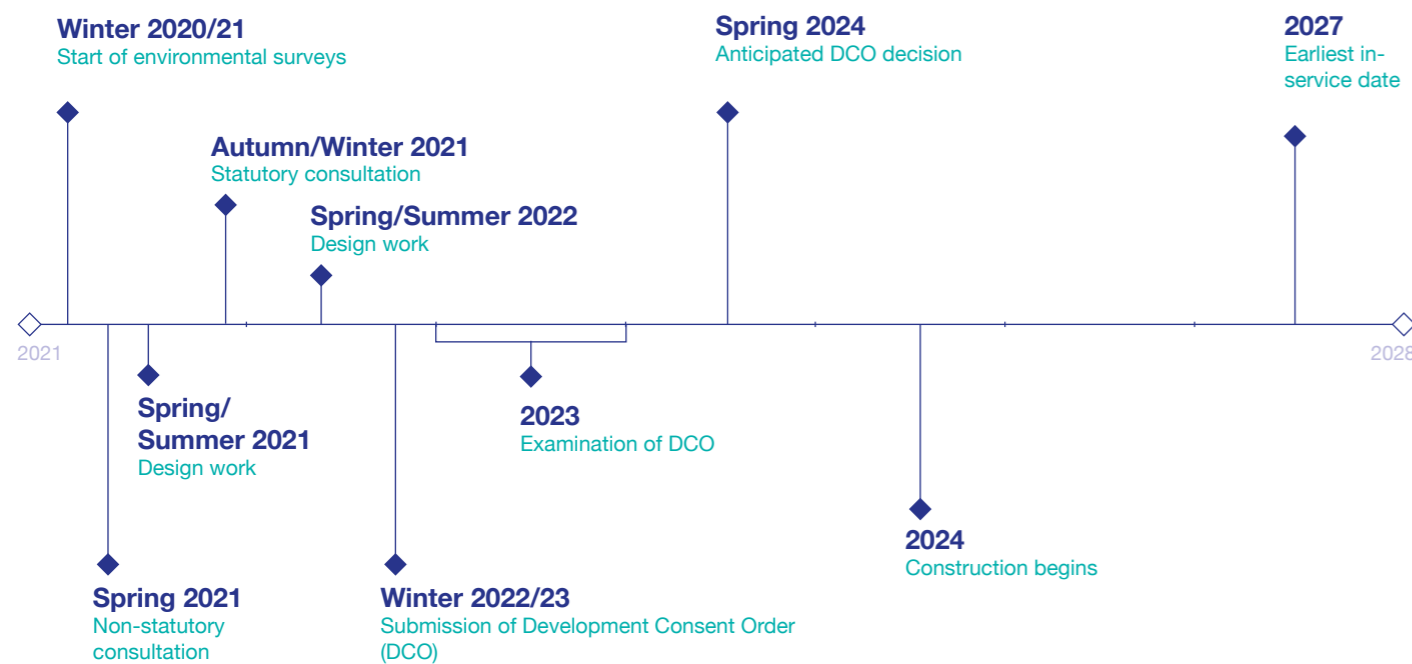
Topic area	Summary of feedback	What we're doing
<b>Landscape and Visual</b> 	Some respondents highlighted the potential visual impact of the Project due to new pylons and overhead lines. There was a preference from some respondents for putting cables underground.	We have carefully considered potential impacts of new overhead lines, pylons and other infrastructure, and any likely measures required to reduce these impacts. Our assessments are continuing and the results will be submitted as part of our final DCO application.  As a company, National Grid is committed to developing an efficient, economic and coordinated network in a way that reduces impacts on local communities.
<b>Public Rights of Way</b> 	Some respondents highlighted the importance of ensuring minimal impacts on PRoW during construction.	The project will include planting and landscaping at the substation locations if required to mitigate the impacts of the scheme and to help screen the new infrastructure and soften potential visual impacts. Indicative zones for this mitigation planting were set out within the PEIR and are being developed in more detail to be included in the DCO application.  We are aware of footpaths and rights of way in the local area that may be impacted and are currently working with the relevant Local Planning Authorities to agree how they can be managed during construction. These measures, along with a public rights of way management plan, will be included in our final DCO application.
<b>Flood risk and drainage</b> 	Some respondents were concerned about flood risk and drainage and highlighted the importance of careful management during construction.	We are currently carrying out a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA), which will identify if any measures are required to reduce the impact on flood risk and drainage. The FRA will be included in our final DCO application.
<b>Cumulative impact</b> 	Some respondents noted other developments in the area and the importance of closely monitoring these plans as the Yorkshire GREEN proposals evolve.	We are continuing to engage with Local Planning Authorities to ensure we have fully considered the impacts of other relevant planning applications and their combined impacts on the local area. Where appropriate, these will be considered within the DCO application as part of the 'cumulative impacts' section.
<b>Health</b> 	Some respondents were concerned about the impact of the Project on health, including the impacts of Electromagnetic fields (EMFs).	The safety of the public, local communities and our employees is central to everything that National Grid does. All our infrastructure for Yorkshire GREEN will be designed to comply with the relevant policies and Public Health England's recommended exposure guidelines for EMFs.

## Next steps

Following the close of our statutory consultation, we have been taking into account all feedback received and continuing our surveys and assessments.

These surveys will build on the preliminary findings presented during our statutory consultation and will help to inform our design to be submitted as part of our DCO application.

We will continue to engage with landowners and statutory consultees until we submit our final application, expected in winter 2022/23. Our communication channels also remain open for you to get in touch and speak with a member of the project team.



## Targeted localised consultation – March to April 2022

As a result of feedback received during our statutory consultation and ongoing design refinement, we are undertaking targeted consultation on minor amendments to the project and the red line boundary shown at statutory consultation.

In March and April 2022, we are seeking the views of stakeholders in these targeted areas, including landowners, statutory consultees and other community groups or members of the public as applicable. These stakeholders have been notified of this consultation directly and provided with updated plans and details of how to provide feedback.

For more information on our consultation, please visit our website [nationalgrid.com/yorkshire-green](https://nationalgrid.com/yorkshire-green).

## Biodiversity Net Gain

As part of the Yorkshire GREEN project, National Grid seeks to deliver 10% Biodiversity Net Gain, which would mean that the natural environment would be left in a measurably better state than before the Project. We will work with Natural England, using a standardised approach, as we seek to achieve this aim.

To deliver this target we are looking to work closely with individuals, local organisations and larger organisations who may have land available or existing projects we could feed into. If you have land available or are aware of existing projects or proposals that could benefit, please get in touch using the contact details on the back page of this newsletter.

Given the specific requirements of achieving Biodiversity Net Gain, it may not be possible for us to pursue all opportunities.

## Landowner activity

In the coming months, we will continue to engage with individual landowners and occupiers to arrange access ahead of carrying out our surveys and assessments. Individual discussions will also continue with those whose land may be impacted by the Project.

We will also continue to engage and consult with new persons with an interest in land identified as the Project progresses and they will be directed to the consultation material on our Project website.

If you are a landowner, have an interest in any of the land which interacts with our Project, or if you have any questions relating to land interests in the area, please contact the Yorkshire GREEN Land Team at Fisher German via any of the following:

Telephone: **0845 437 7357**

Email: [ngyorkshiregreen@fishergerman.co.uk](mailto:ngyorkshiregreen@fishergerman.co.uk)

Alternatively, you can write to:

**Yorkshire GREEN,  
Fisher German LLP  
Unit 2 Carolina Court, Lakeside  
Business Park, Doncaster DN4 5RA**



# Contact us

If you have any questions about our proposals for Yorkshire GREEN, or would like to speak with a member of the project team, please contact us via our dedicated information lines:

**[yorkshiregreen@communityrelations.co.uk](mailto:yorkshiregreen@communityrelations.co.uk)**  
**0800 029 4359**

Please note our Freephone line is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5:30pm; please leave a message outside these times.

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