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LionLink Walberswick PC Briefing

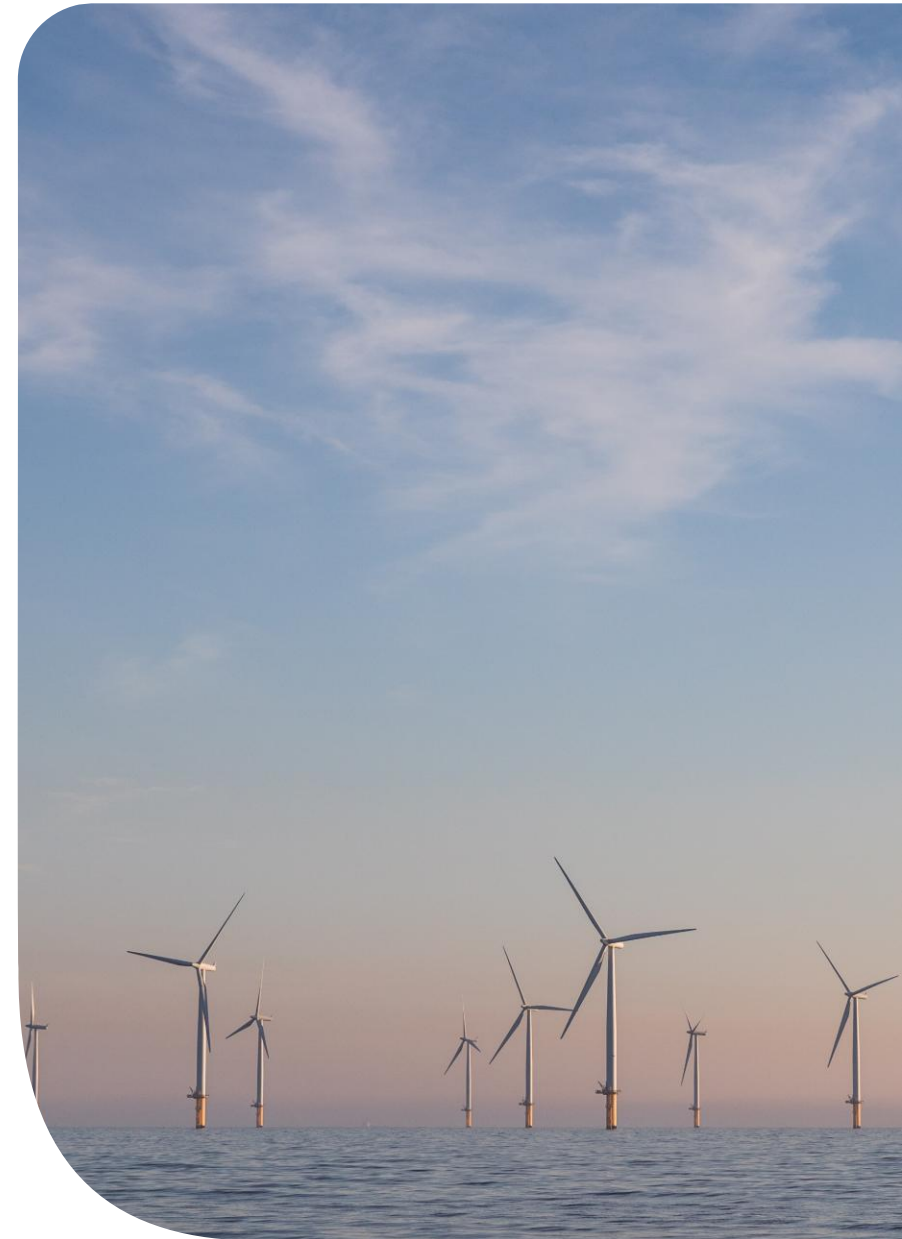
About LionLink

LionLink is a new subsea electricity cable (known as an interconnector) between Great Britain and the Netherlands.

LionLink is a first of its kind technology, which will connect to the Dutch offshore windfarm, Nederwiek 3.

LionLink will deliver a range of benefits including:

- Strengthening Great Britain's energy security
- Supplying up to 2 GW of electricity
- Supporting the transition to renewable energy sources



Overview of Statutory consultation

Our statutory consultation for LionLink took place over eight weeks, from **13 January to 10 March 2026**.

Key themes from feedback included:

- Alternative landfall locations
- Impact of construction on local residents
- Traffic and access.

We have published a Statutory Consultation Summary Report providing an initial summary of the feedback received. You can download, view or save this on the 'Document library' section of the LionLink website.



Targeted Consultation

- We are sharing proposed changes to the project that have been identified since our statutory consultation earlier this year.
- We have identified areas to refine our proposals in line with community feedback received during our statutory consultation.
- Our targeted consultation launched on **Tuesday 7 July** and will close on **Wednesday 5 August 2026**.
- The consultation focuses only on the proposed changes and does not repeat statutory consultation.

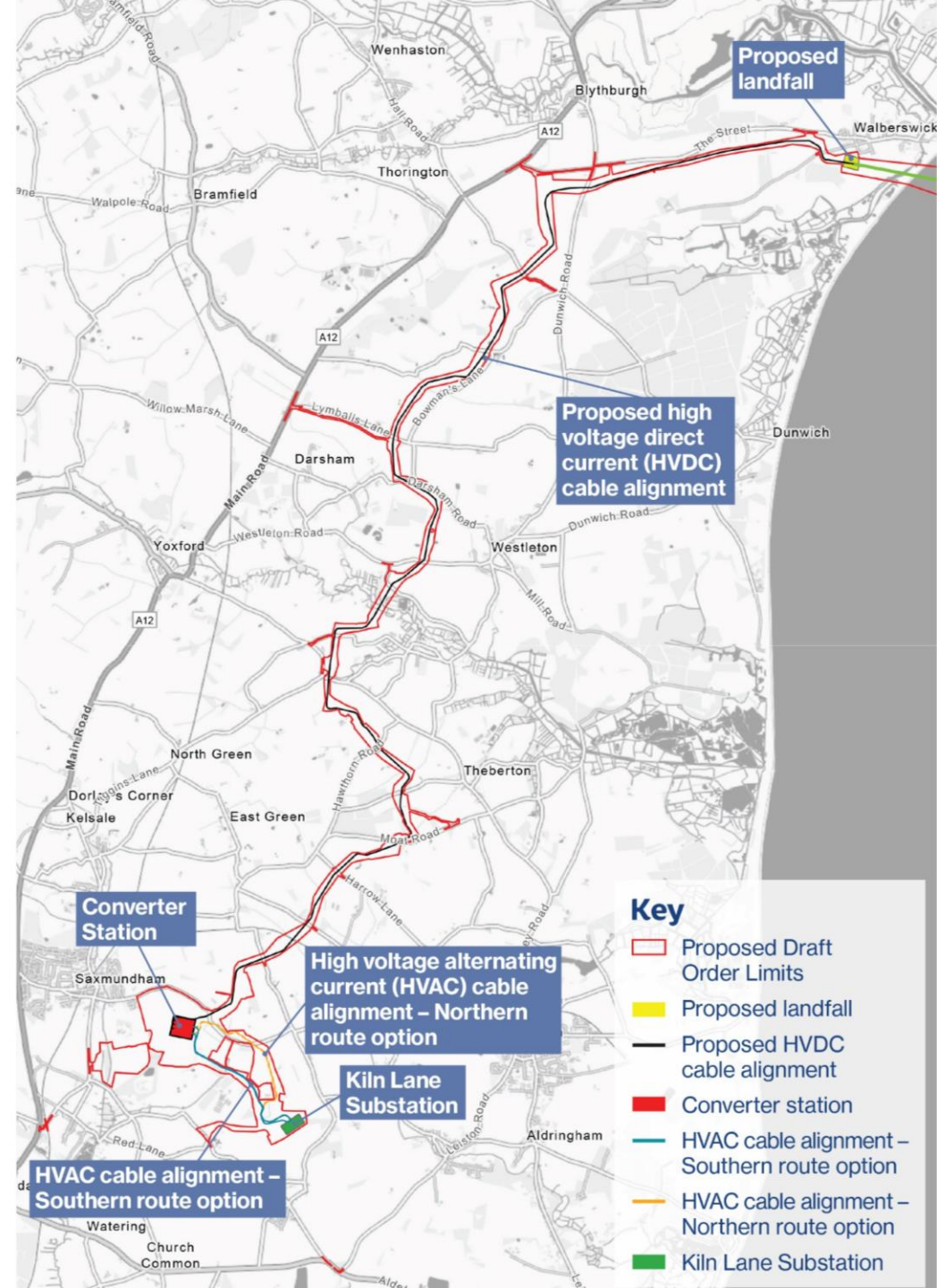
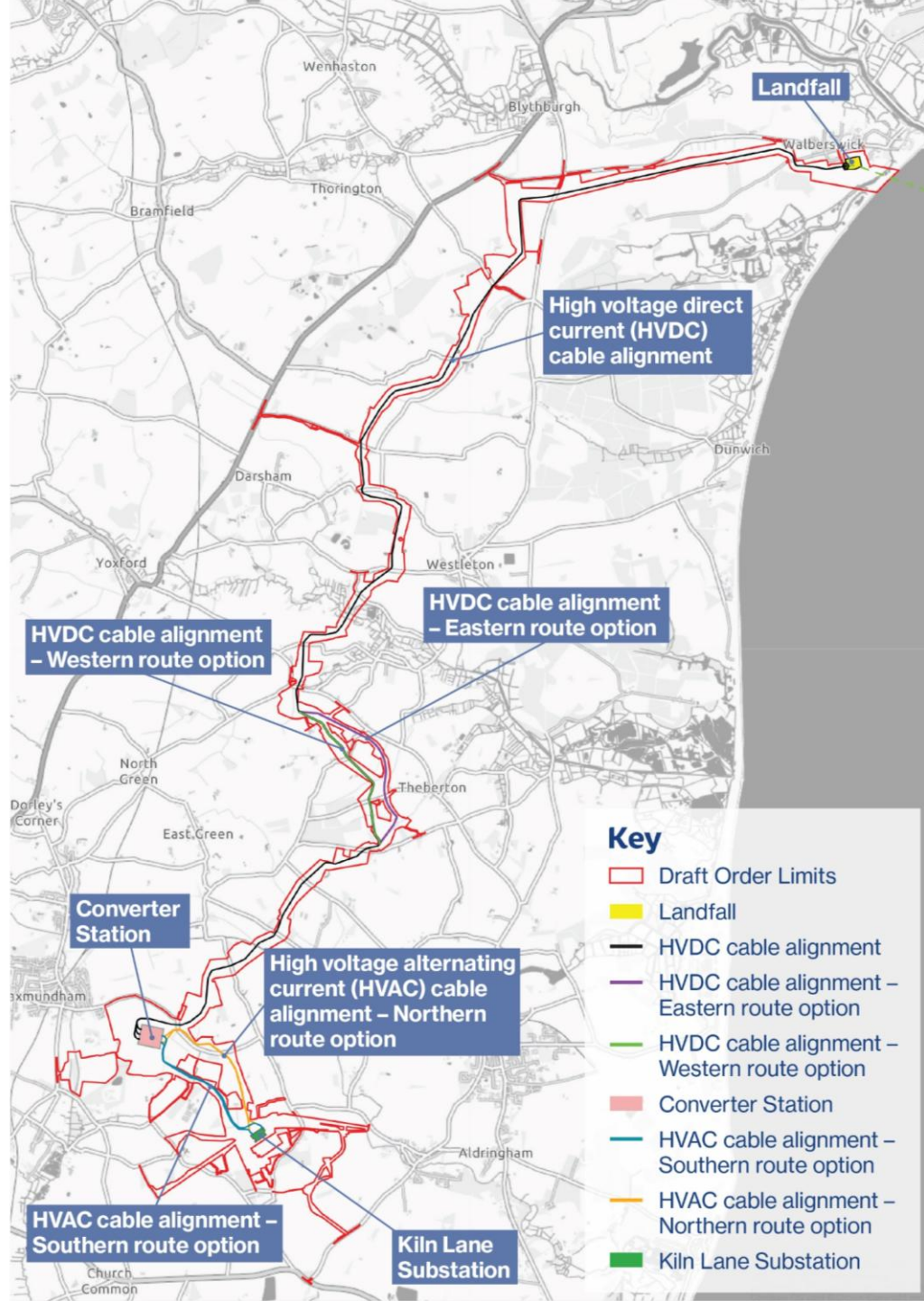


Proposed changes to the project

The changes include:

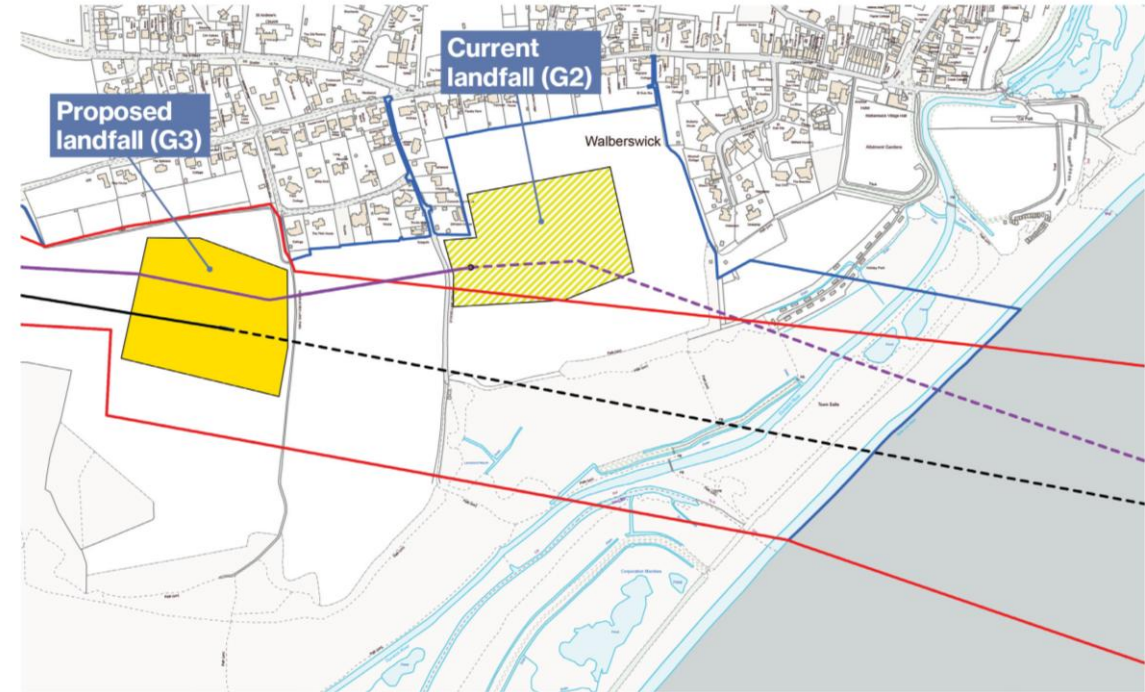
- An alternative landfall site in Walberswick
- Options for works at Benhall Railway Bridge and its inclusion into the project boundary (Draft Order Limits)
- Widening the project boundary (Draft Order Limits) at Lymballs Lane
- A small number of refinements to the project boundary (Draft Order Limits) at access points from local roads and our construction areas





Landfall site

- We have identified an alternative landfall site in Walberswick, known as G3.
- The site is further from Walberswick village, footpaths and recreational areas.
- We are proposing revised access arrangements, removing the need for construction vehicles to use Stocks Lane for utility connections to the B1387.
- G3 could reduce impacts on habitats, species and access-related construction activities.
- Our cable installation method at the landfall would be extended, requiring a longer Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) route.
- Construction of the Walberswick landfall site is still expected to last around 20 months.



Key

- Proposed Draft Order Limits
- Current Draft Order Limits
- Proposed HVDC cable alignment

- Proposed HVDC offshore cable alignment
- Current HVDC cable alignment
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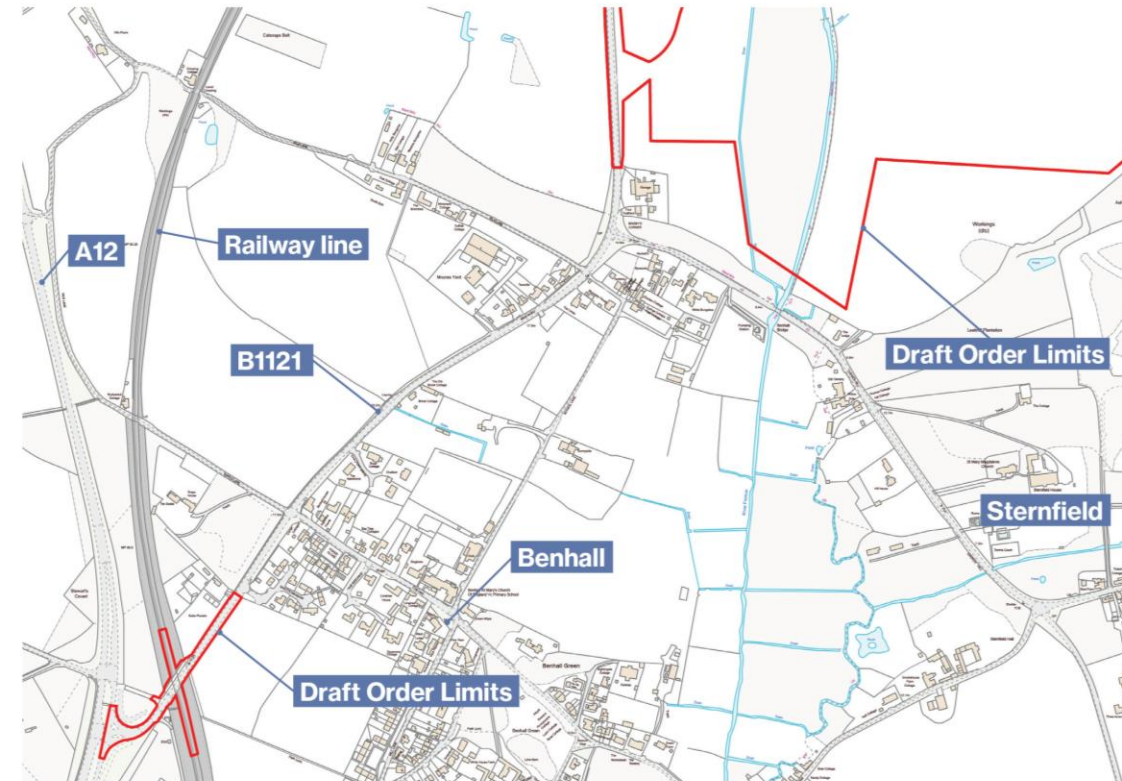
Alternative landfall at Walberswick

Benhall Railway Bridge

- We are proposing to update our project boundary (Draft Order Limits) to include Benhall Railway Bridge.
- This would allow any works needed to support vehicle access to the proposed converter station site.
- While Sea Link is exploring whether upgrades are required, we are seeking consent to carry out works if needed.

Options being considered include:

- temporary bridge support
- improving the capacity of the existing bridge
- using alternative large or heavy delivery routes.



Key

Land included in proposed Draft Order Limits

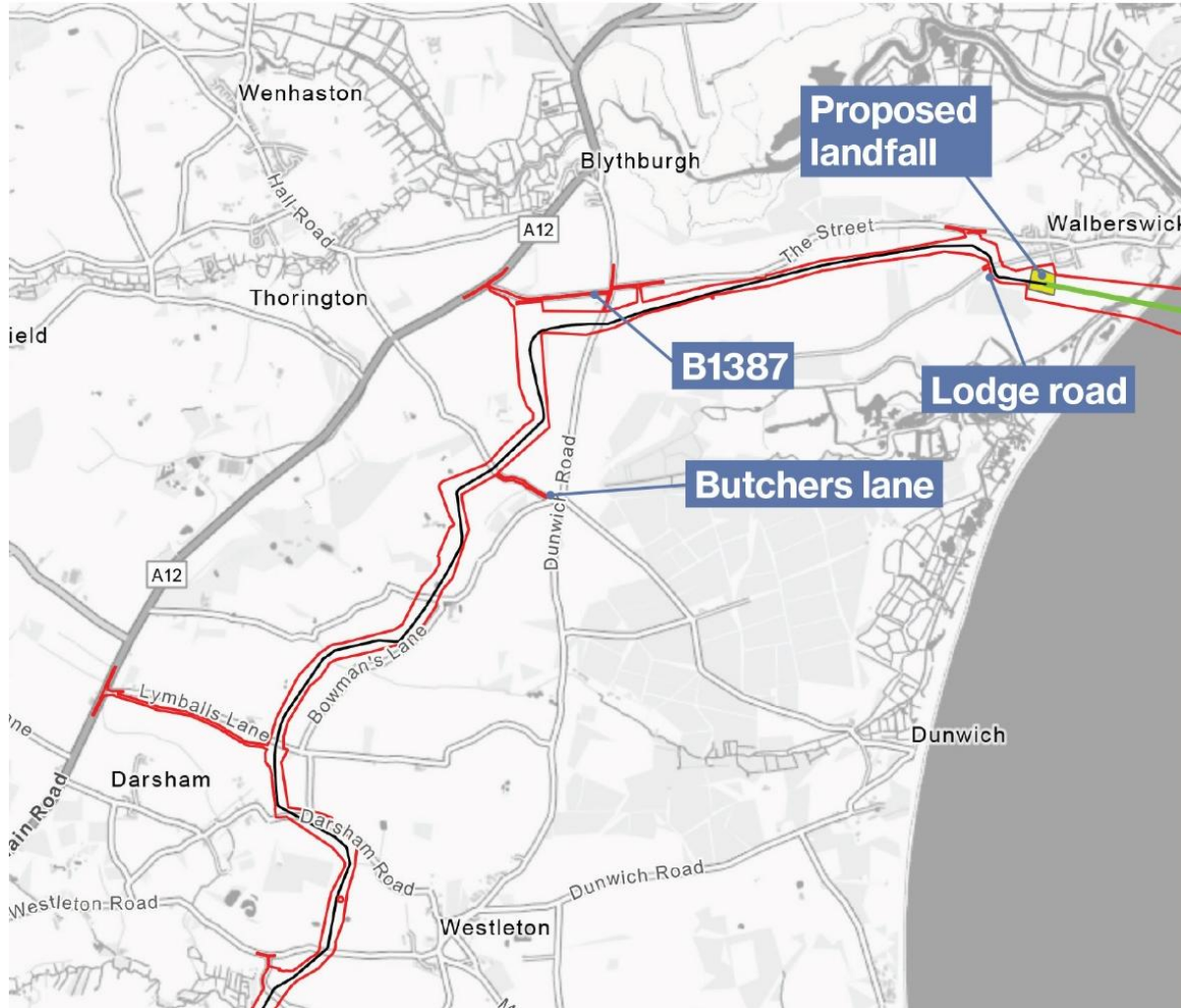
Proposed changes at Benhall Railway Bridge

Lymballs Lane

- We have identified an opportunity to move the haul road near Lymballs Lane, Darsham, further south
- This aims to help reduce construction effects on nearby communities and the local environment
- The haul road would provide construction access from the A12 to the primary cable compound south of Lymballs Lane
- This would allow construction vehicles to move north towards Walberswick and south towards the trenchless crossing near Westleton
- The haul road would be temporary and removed once construction is complete, with the land then reinstated.



Access points and Draft Order Limits



B1387 – additional space to support access and visibility at the junction

Lodge Road – additional space for junction visibility and planting

Butchers Lane – additional space for planting

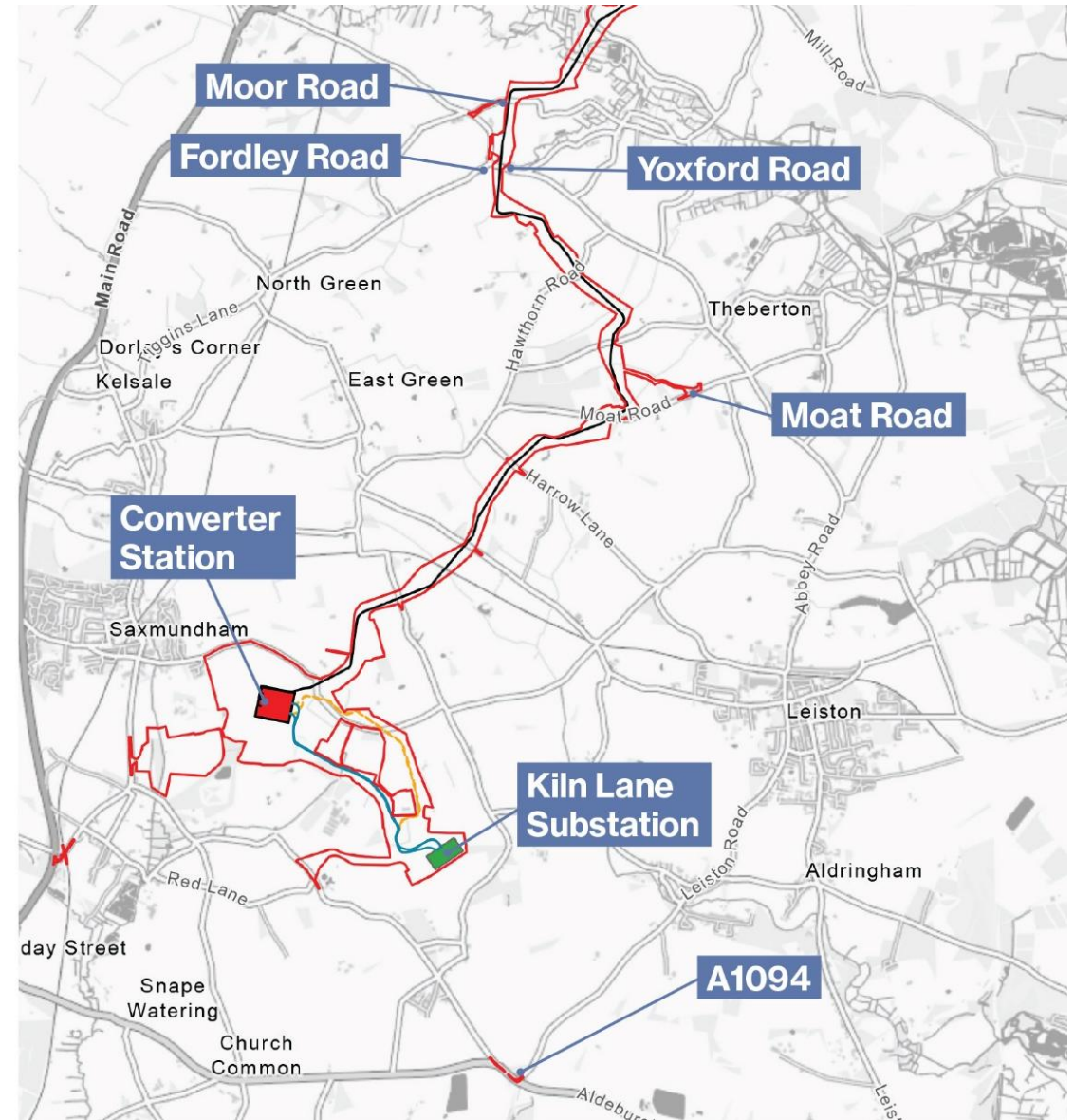
**Moor Road –
additional space for
temporary matting
for large vehicle
movements**

**Yoxford Road –
additional space to
support access and
visibility**

**Fordley Road –
refinement to the
HDD alignment in
this area**

**Moat Road –
additional space to
support access
and visibility at the
junction**

**A1094 – additional
space for large
construction
vehicles to pass**



Wider project updates

We have also made wider changes to our proposals since statutory consultation. These do not form part of this targeted consultation.

These updates include:

- Selecting the western route option for the High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) cable route between Saxmundham Road and Middleton Moor
- Updating our project wide construction hours to reduce these on weekends and Bank Holidays:
 - 7am to 1pm on Saturdays, with no routine working on Sundays and Bank holidays.
- Removing the proposed full build of Kiln Lane Substation from our proposals.



Find out more and how to give feedback

Our targeted consultation is running between **Tuesday 7 July** and **Wednesday 5 August 2026**.

Information about the proposed changes is available to view and collect from the locations listed in the table from **Tuesday 7 July 2026**.

All documents will also be available to view and download from our Document Library.

How to give feedback:

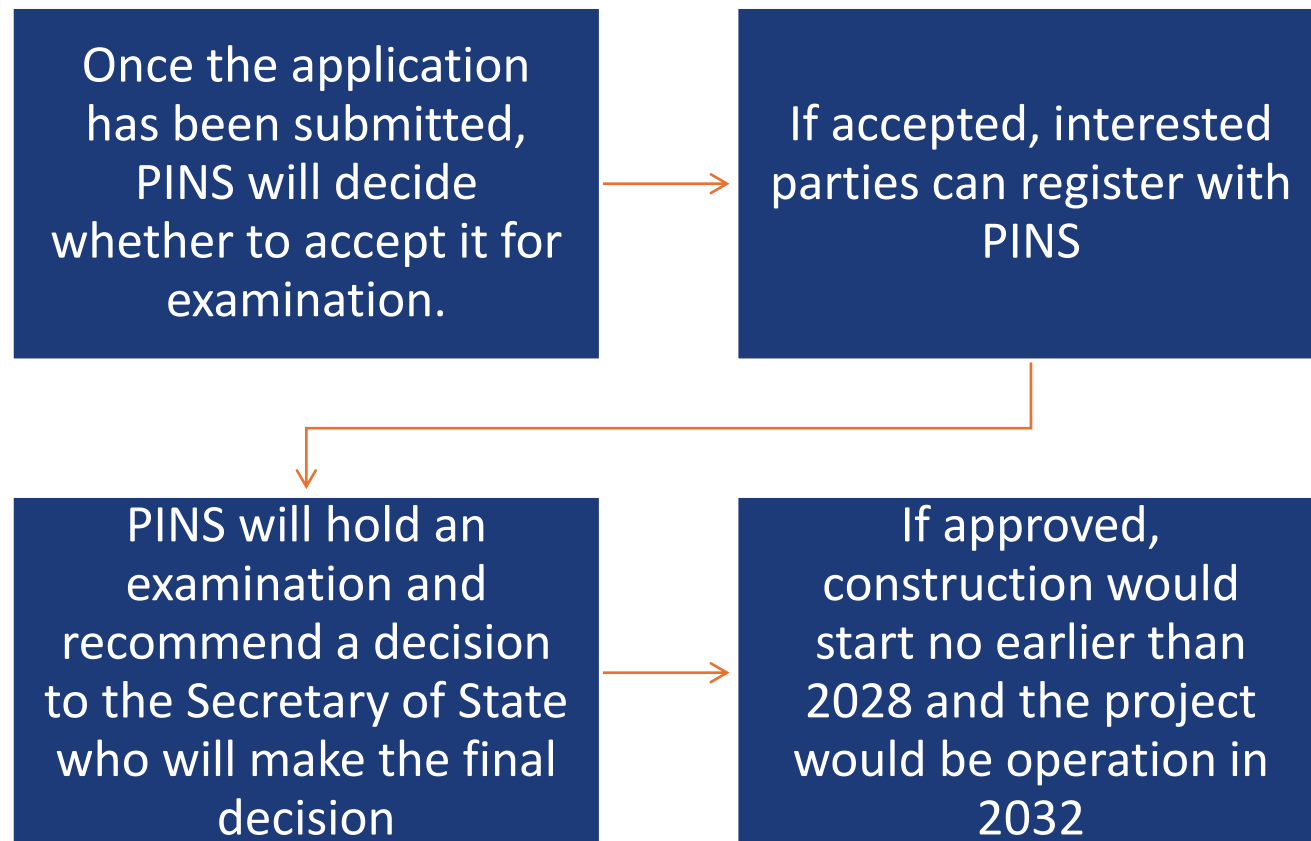
- Email us at info@lionlink.nationalgrid.com
- Write to us using our Freepost address: Freepost NGV LIONLINK

Location	Address	Opening hours
Saxmundham Library	Block B, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 09:30–17:30 Wednesday: 09:30–17:30 Thursday: Closed Friday: 09:30–17:30 Saturday: 10:00–13:00 Sunday: 10:00–15:00
Southwold Library	Old Hospital Hub, Field Stile Road, Southwold, IP18 6LD	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 10:00–13:00, 14:00–18:00 Wednesday: 10:00–13:00, 14:00–18:00 Thursday: 10:00–13:00, 14:00–18:00 Friday: 10:00–13:00, 14:00–18:00 Saturday: 09:30–13:00, 14:00–17:00 Sunday: 11:00–16:00

Next steps

All feedback received as part of this consultation will be carefully considered as we finalise our proposals and prepare our application for development consent. We now expect to submit our application in the first half of 2027.

The DCO application process



Getting in touch



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Questions

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