

News Release

A few more days to give views on Viking Link interconnector project in Great Britain

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- **Last few days for people to give their views on underground cable route corridor options which form part of the Viking Link interconnector project in Great Britain**
- **Public consultation closes on Friday, 14 October 2016**
- **People urged to have their say on direct current (DC) cable route corridor options and converter station design styles**

There are only a few days left for the public to have their say on the underground high voltage direct current (DC) underground cable routes which form part of the Viking Link interconnector project between Revsing in Denmark and Bicker Fen in Lincolnshire.

National Grid Viking Link Ltd (NGVL) is reminding people that they have until Friday, 14 October to give their views on the corridor options for a route to take two underground cables between the landfall point on the Lincolnshire coast to the preferred converter station site at North Ing Drove, near Bicker Fen.

NGVL is also asking for thoughts on the potential design style of the converter station which also forms an integral part of the Viking Link interconnector project.

In September 2016, NGVL launched a six-week public consultation which included 10 public consultation events across Lincolnshire.

National Grid Viking Link project director, Oliver Wood, said: "We are grateful to everyone who has already responded to this consultation. Your feedback will be important in helping us to decide a route for the DC cables and your comments on the potential design for the converter station will be useful in helping us develop our proposals for the building."

Mr. Wood added: "Local opinion is important to us. Feedback received during our phase 1 consultation earlier in the year has already informed our decisions on our preferred locations for a landfall point and converter station."

There are many ways to respond to the consultation. Log on to the web site www.viking-link.com where you can either complete and submit an online feedback form or download the

form, complete and send via email to vikinglink@communityrelations.co.uk. You can also contact the Community Relations Team on 0800 377 7340 (phone line is operational between 9am and 5.30pm, Mondays to Fridays – excluding bank holidays. A telephone answering machine is available outside of these times), or send them an email at vikinglink@communityrelations.co.uk, or write to the team at the freepost address: FREEPOST VIKING LINK.

After 14 October 2016, National Grid Viking Link Ltd will review all comments received to see if there are any issues they should consider when deciding the preferred route corridor for the high voltage direct current (DC) cables and converter station design style.

Ends

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Notes to Editors:

Interconnectors

To meet rising energy demands, National Grid is increasingly looking to join the UK's electricity transmission system to other countries' electricity networks via interconnectors. Links with France, known as IFA (Interconnexion France Angleterre), and the Netherlands, known as BritNed, are in operation. In addition, links with Belgium, known as Nemo Link, and with Norway, known as North Sea Link, are under construction. A second link with France, called IFA2, is in development.

An interconnector allows countries to exchange power, helping to ensure safe, secure and affordable energy supplies.

An interconnector is made up of two converter stations – one in each country – connected by cables. Converter stations convert electricity between Alternating Current (AC) and Direct Current (DC). AC is used on land, to power our homes, businesses and services, while DC is used for sending electricity along the high voltage subsea cables.

Viking Link is a proposed 1400 Mega Watt, high voltage DC electricity link between the British and Danish electricity transmission networks, connecting at Bicker Fen substation in Lincolnshire and Revsing in Denmark. The project will involve building a converter station in each country and installing subsea and underground cables between the two converter stations. Underground cables would then take power from the converter stations to electricity substations in each country, from where the electricity can be transmitted to homes and businesses across each country.

The Viking Link interconnector project is being jointly developed by National Grid Viking Link Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Grid Group, and Energinet.dk, which owns, operates and develops the Danish electricity and gas transmission systems.

National Grid Viking Link Limited is legally separate from other companies within National Grid. This is enforced by the energy regulator Ofgem.

National Grid Viking Link Limited Ltd is a separate legal entity to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET). NGET is a separate company responsible for the works to connect the interconnector project to the existing national grid; by law the grid connection works must be kept separate from the interconnector and one company cannot develop both.

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In Britain, we run the gas and electricity systems that our society is built on, delivering gas and electricity across the country. In the North Eastern US, we connect more than seven million gas and electric customers to vital energy sources, essential for our modern lifestyles.

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- We own and operates the high pressure gas transmission system in Britain

- Our gas distribution business delivers gas to 11 million homes and businesses
- We also own a number of related businesses including LNG importation, land remediation and metering
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