

News Release

Viking Link: events end but still time to send in feedback

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- **Viking Link team say thank you to residents for attending public consultation events**
- **Final public consultation event held yesterday (Wednesday 27 April)**
- **People still have until 20 May to give their views on the project**

The team behind proposals to build an electricity link between Britain and Denmark are thanking Lincolnshire residents for attending public consultation events and giving their views on the project.

National Grid Viking Link Limited (NGVL) held six public consultation events throughout April, with the last one being held yesterday (Wednesday 27 April) at Sandilands Grange and Links Hotel. However, the team are reminding people that they still have until 20 May to send in their views.

Viking Link is a proposal to link Britain and Denmark's electricity systems, enabling Britain to import and export power to the continent, helping to meet the country's energy needs. The project would involve installing undersea and underground cables between Denmark and Bicker Fen and building a 10-acre 'converter station' in the Bicker Fen area.

Oliver Wood, National Grid Viking Link Project Director, said: "We would like to thank everyone who took the time to come along to our public exhibitions and give their views on the project. *[We've had a great turn-out; some x number of people attended – use depending on turn-out]*

"Their feedback will be invaluable as we consider the best locations for bringing the cables ashore and for the converter station, that will change the 'direct current' electricity that takes the power under the sea to 'alternating current' that we use on land.

"We would like to remind people they still have until 20 May to get their views into us."

People can feed back their views in the following ways:

- Call 0800 731 0561 (available between normal office hours 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday)
- Email vikinglink@communityrelations.co.uk
- Write to FREEPOST VIKING LINK (no further address or stamp is required.)

The NGVL team have been inviting residents, landowners, farmers and others in the community to give their views on potential sites for the converter station and locations where the electricity cables could come ashore.

NGVL shortlisted three potential cable landfall sites – Huttoft Bank, a point just south of Sandilands Golf Course and Anderby Creek. The company has also identified four possible converter station sites, all within a five-kilometre radius of Bicker Fen Substation.

Following feedback from the public consultation, the company will confirm a preferred converter station location and landfall point for the cables. The project team will then look at potential cable routes between these points and will carry out a further public consultation on cable route options in the summer.

Viking Link is being developed in co-operation between National Grid Viking Link Ltd and Energinet.dk, the Danish electricity transmission system operator.

It would involve laying two high voltage, direct current cables, each approximately 15 centimetres in diameter, between Revsing in Denmark and Bicker Fen and building a 'converter station' in the Bicker Fen area to change the direct current electricity into the alternating current electricity used on land.

More information can be found on the project website: www.viking-link.com. If anyone has any questions they can contact the project team on 0800 731 0561 or email vikinglink@communityrelations.co.uk.

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