

Countdown to Consultation: National Grid announces Richborough Connection consultation dates

- Consultation period will run from 10 February to 27 March 2015 with six consultation events planned

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- **Public and stakeholders will get to see more detailed plans which will include route, pylon type and their locations**
- **This is likely to be National Grid's last consultation before its planning application is submitted so its very important the community gets involved and gives views on scheme**

National Grid has announced the dates for the Richborough Connection public consultation period which will be held between 10 February and 27 March this year.

People will be able to view detailed plans which will include the route, pylon type and locations. They will also be able to meet members of the project team and ask questions at any of the following six events in the local area

Date	Venue	Time
17 February	Monkton Village Hall, 120 Monkton Street, Ramsgate, CT12 4JT	2pm-9pm
19 February	Chislet Centre, St Mary the Virgin Church, Church Lane, CT3 4DU	2pm-9pm
20 February	Chislet Centre, St Mary the Virgin Church, Church Lane, CT3 4DU	2pm-8pm
28 February	Guildhall, Cattle Market, Sandwich, CT13 9AP	10am-4pm
04 March	Broad Oak Village Hall, 110 Shalloak Road, CT2 0QH	2pm-9pm
05 March	Broad Oak Village Hall, 110 Shalloak Road, CT2 0QH	2pm-8pm

Those unable to attend the events will be able to give their views online, in writing or over the telephone and will also have the opportunity to talk to a representative from the team at a number of different shopping locations*. Details will be on the project website and copies of the plans will also be available to view online and in selected public locations.

The project is needed to join the Nemo Link® (an electricity link between Belgium and the UK) to the electricity transmission network. The plans outlined last year involve building a new high voltage overhead line and removing an existing lower voltage UK Power Networks overhead line.

Project manager Steve Self said: "Over the past months we've done a lot of work. Feedback from local people has been really important to us, and we've looked at this alongside the technical and environmental studies we've carried out to ensure our plans achieve the right balance between environmental and technical factors and the impact on people's energy bills.

He added: "This is likely to be our last consultation on the Richborough Connection project before we apply for planning consent, so don't miss the opportunity to tell us what you think. I look forward to meeting as many people as possible at the consultation events."

For more information and updates on the Richborough Connection people can:

- Visit the project website at www.richboroughconnection.co.uk
- Following the project Twitter: [@NGRichborough](https://twitter.com/NGRichborough)
- Call Freephone number 0800 157 7878
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* List of pop up events at which the public can speak to the National Grid team:

Date	Venue	Time
10 February	Sainsbury's, Kingsmead Road, CT1 1BW	10am-6pm
13 February	Westwood Cross Shopping Centre, CT10 2BF	10am-6pm
18 February	Asda Canterbury, Sturry Road, Canterbury, CT1 1DG	10am-6pm
03 March	Co-operative food, Moat Sole Road, South East, Sandwich, Kent CT13 9AL	10am-6pm

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