

# Final call for feedback for Viking Link consultation

Lincolnshire residents urged to give feedback on Viking Link project

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- **People have until 20 May to give their views on the project**
- **Opinions important in choosing cable landfall sites and converter station locations**

Local people are being reminded that they have until Friday (20 May) to give their views on proposals for a 740-kilometre electricity link between Denmark and Bicker Fen in Lincolnshire.

Viking Link is a proposal to link Britain and Denmark's electricity systems, enabling Britain to import and export power to the continent. This will help provide Britain with a secure supply of affordable electricity and help the move towards more renewable and low carbon sources of energy.

The project would involve installing submarine and underground cables between Denmark and Bicker Fen and building a 10-acre 'converter station' in the Bicker Fen area.

National Grid Viking Link Limited (NGVL) 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.

Oliver Wood, National Grid Viking Link Project Director, said: "Thank you to everyone who has given us their feedback. We would urge anyone who hasn't yet given us their views to get in touch before consultation closes on 20 May.

"Viking Link will help provide our country with a secure supply of affordable electricity and help us move towards more renewable and low carbon sources of energy but it will require new equipment. We want to hear from the local people. Their opinions matter and will help us to identify the best place to build our equipment."

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](mailto:vikinglink@communityrelations.co.uk)
- Write to FREEPOST VIKING LINK (no further address or stamp is required.)

NGVL has shortlisted three potential sites where the cables can come ashore – a point just north of Sandilands Golf Course, Huttoft and Anderby Creek. The company has 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](http://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](mailto:vikinglink@communityrelations.co.uk).

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