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Via email

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Dear Parish Councils,

### **Update on the Western Gas Network Project Compulsory Purchase Orders**

My name is Adam Merchant, a senior project manager at National Grid. Further to our letter earlier this year regarding the Western Gas Network Project Compulsory Purchase Orders, I'm writing to provide you with an update.

The Western Gas Network Project is a critical infrastructure project which is designed to increase our capacity to move gas quickly and sustainably from the Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) terminal near Milford Haven in South Wales.

LNG is an important and versatile energy source, enabling us to import gas via tankers from around the world: it is an essential tool in securing our energy supply against geopolitical disruption. A continued supply of natural gas provides a key foundation for the UK's plans to reach "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

When I last wrote to you, we had finalised the route for the Western Gas Network Project pipeline. In this update, I want to inform you about the process we use for Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs).

As the Western Gas Network Project is a critical infrastructure project, National Grid must issue CPOs in order to guarantee access to the land we need to complete the project. Ahead of the public CPO process, we have secured voluntary agreements with almost all relevant landowners along the route of the pipeline, and we are working with these landowners to complete the process.

Since the CPO procedure must still be carried out for this project alongside the voluntary agreements, there are statutory requirements on public information which National Grid must fulfil. As such, National Grid will be making the CPO documentation available [online](#) and placing hard copies at public venues along the route for two weeks in November.

National Grid are committed to engaging with communities at every stage of the project. In July, members of the project team spent a day at St Egwin's C of E Middle School in Evesham painting classrooms and corridors to help the school prepare for the new term. We are continuing to organise opportunities to support the communities in which we are working.

If you would like to find out more about our work, please contact our community relations team at [wgnu@nationalgrid.com](mailto:wgnu@nationalgrid.com) and the community hotline on **0800 319 6185** which is available from 09:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely



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