

NSL December 20 Update

North Sea Link (NSL), a joint venture between National Grid and Statnett, is a 1,400 MW HVDC interconnector that will directly connect the electricity systems of the UK and Norway for the first time when it goes live in Q4 2021.

Over the past few months, construction teams on both sides of the link have been working tirelessly to ensure that the project remains on track:

UK- Blyth

At Blyth, there are a number of key milestones which have already been achieved including the Substation connection works and all HVDC connections from the Converter Station to the landfall.

At this very moment, HV equipment is being installed at site at a rapid rate of progress. With only a few key construction milestones left at Blyth, it is forecasted that the Converter Station here shall be completed in Spring 2021.

Once complete, the Converter Station will undertake a series of testing and commissioning before go-live later next year.

Norway – Kvilldal

Progress in Kvilldal mirrors that in Blyth, with the connection to the Substation now being complete. This has allowed Kvilldal to complete their Statcom test program last month, ahead of schedule.

As we move into 2021, focus turns to cable installation across the North Sea, especially the remaining sections towards the Norwegian border.



Access Rules Consultation

Thank you to all who responded to the recent Access Rules Consultation which closed on 1st December 2020 (see [here](#)). Moving forward, we are now preparing a consultation report for Ofgem which describes the responses that we've received and how we propose to deal with these.

If you would like to discuss trading on North Sea Link, please contact our customer team via our online form: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/our-businesses/national-grid-ventures/interconnectors-connecting-cleaner-future/interconnector-customer-portal/contact-us>

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