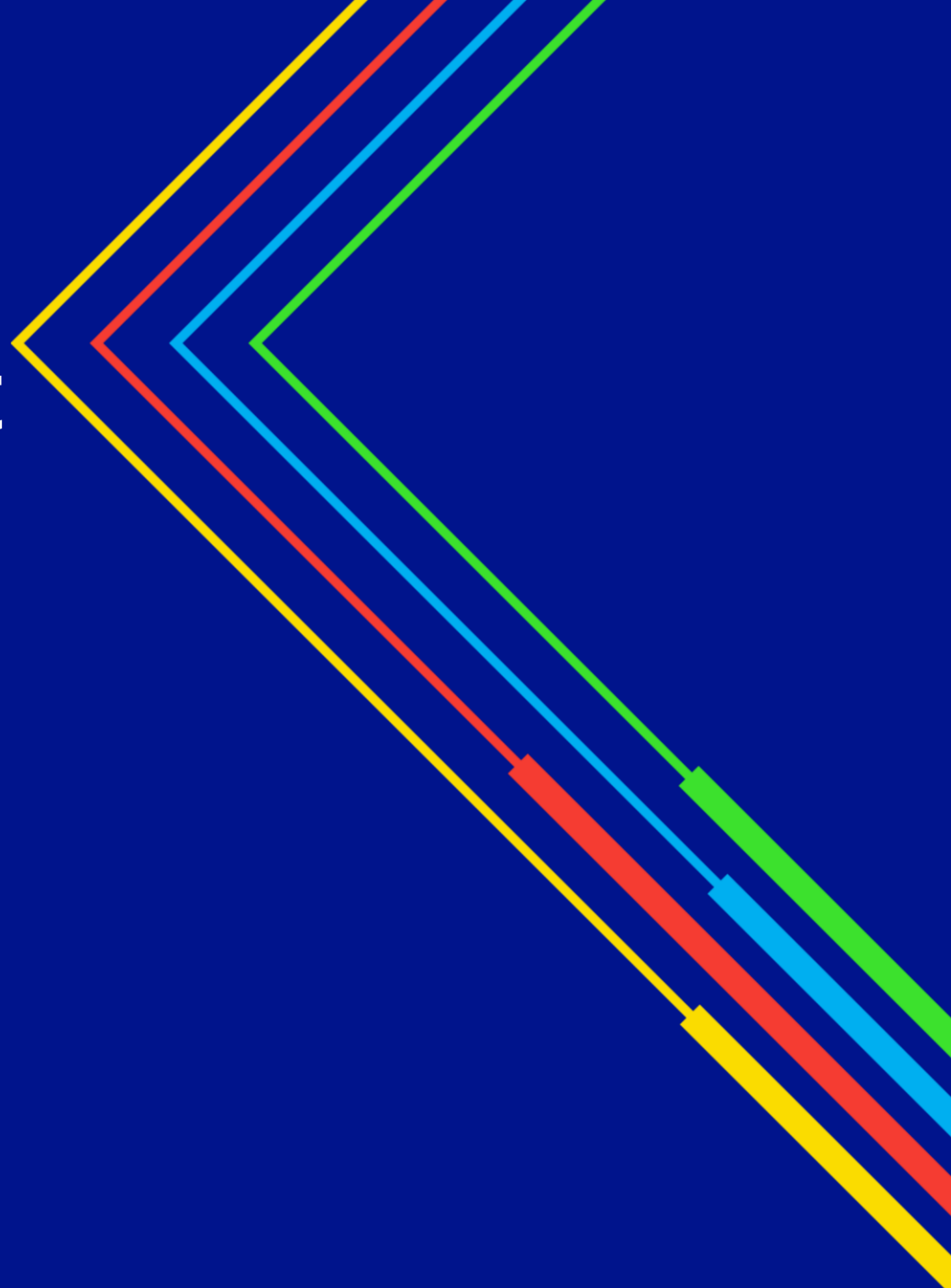


East Claydon replacement substation

Stakeholder briefing
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Introductions

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Agenda and housekeeping

1. Introductions

2. Public consultation

- This briefing will focus on our upcoming public consultation process, where we will go through the key details of how it will be conducted, what opportunities there will be for engagement, and how feedback can be provided.

3. Project updates

- We'll discuss surveys that we've been undertaking, as well as an update from our flooding consultant.

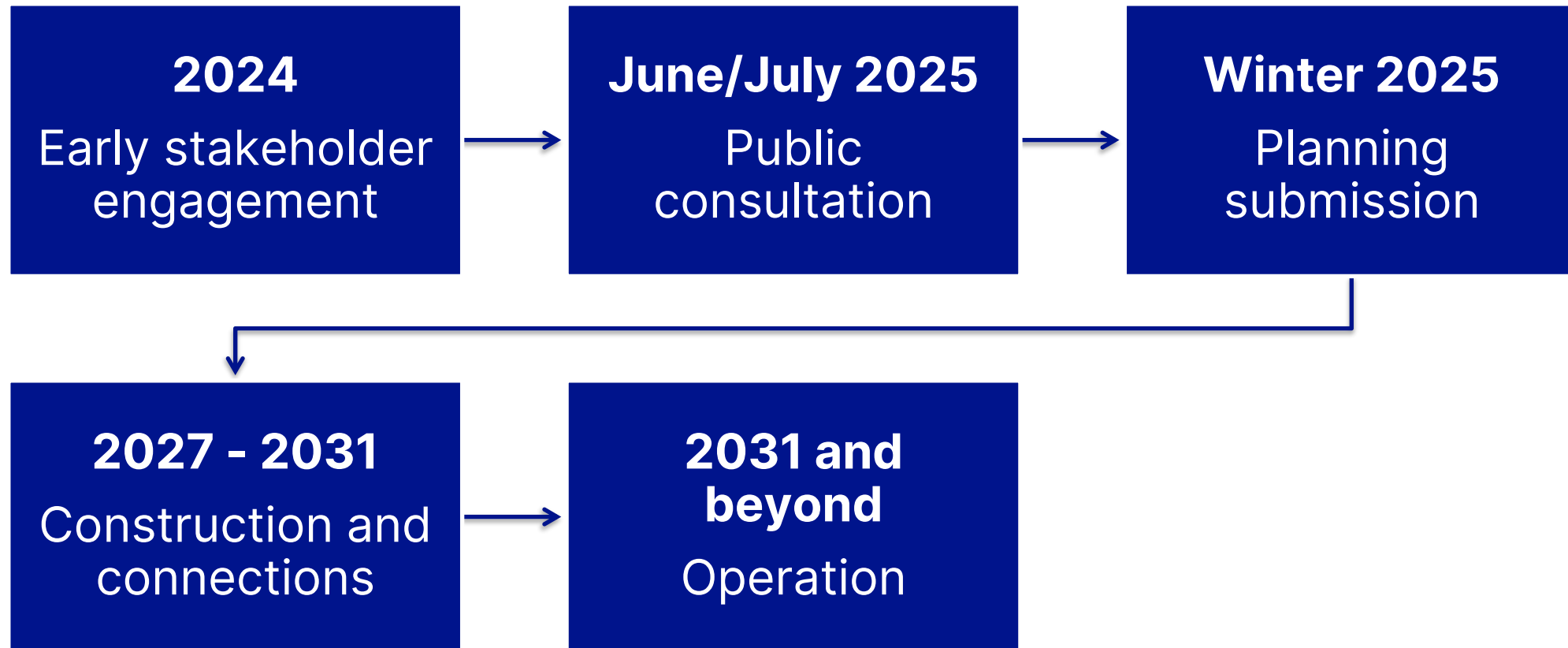
4. Overhead line maintenance update

- An update on the maintenance works for the overhead line between East Claydon and Cowley.

5. Discussion and Q&A

- Questions will be taken at the end of the presentation to ensure we cover all the necessary content first. We ask that everyone remains respectful throughout the discussion.

East Claydon replacement substation timeline



Public consultation

Across June and July, we will be hosting a public consultation, where we will present refined proposals for the replacement substation.



Consultation packs will be sent out ahead of consultation opening, with details on how to engage with the process.



The consultation will take a **hybrid approach**, offering two in-person events and two webinars.



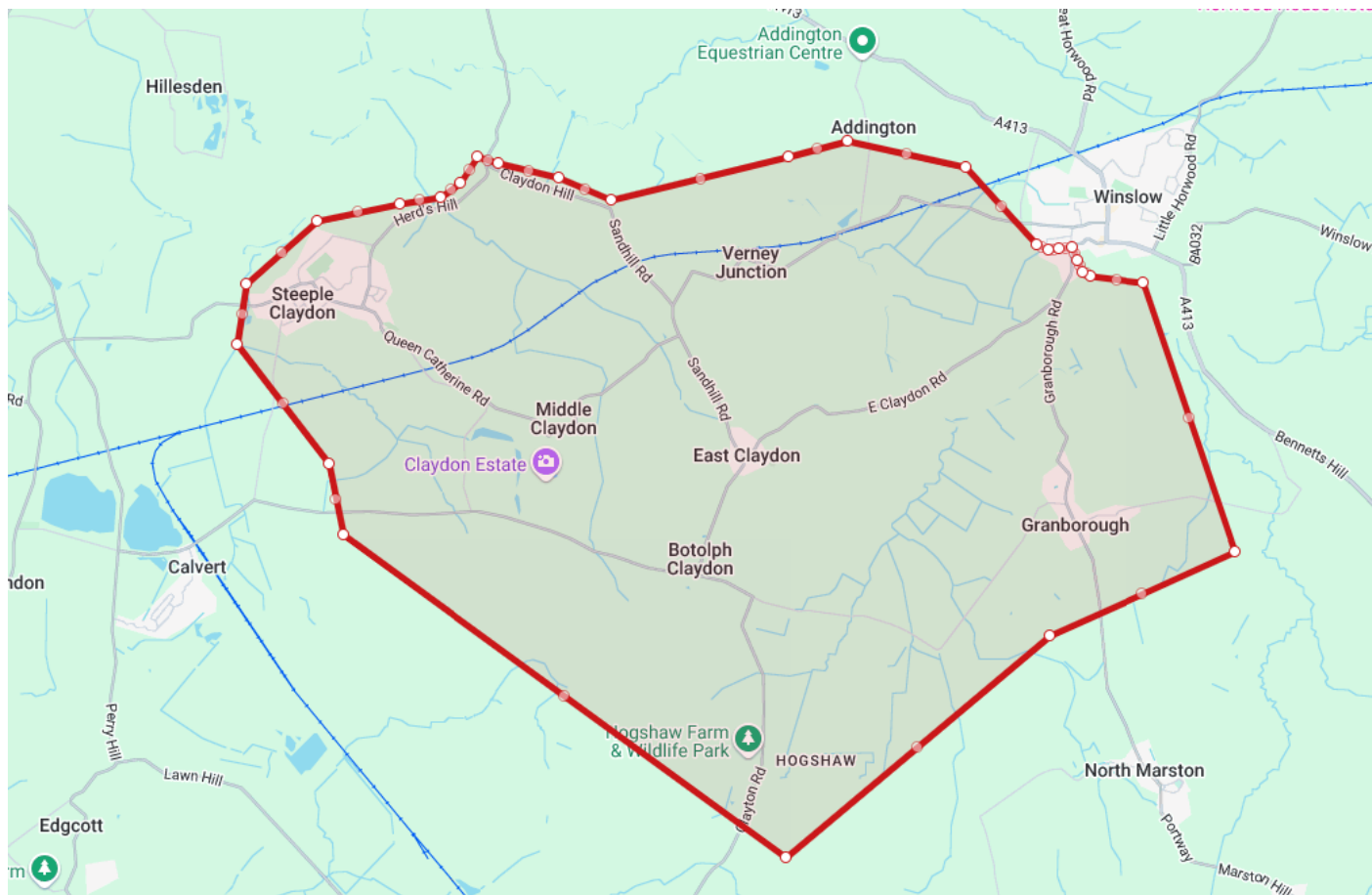
To ensure all voices are heard, feedback will be accepted through multiple channels, including **a feedback form (online and physical), email, Freepost, and freephone.**



Following feedback from local communities, the consultation period has been extended to six weeks, to allow for sufficient time to submit feedback.



Consultation zone and engagement approach



The consultation will be advertised widely through the distribution of a ‘consultation pack’ - which will include a newsletter and feedback form – to homes and businesses within our consultation zone.

The current zone is outlined on a map on this slide.

The primary consultation zone will be defined based on those most impacted.

We recognise the importance of broader awareness and engagement. To ensure this, we will also use local media coverage, paid-for social media campaigns, and community hubs to extend our reach.

In-person consultation events

To provide accessible opportunities for engagement, we will hold in-person consultation events at East & Botolph Claydon Village Hall.

- The events will take place during the second week of the consultation
- This will allow notice to attend and ensure sufficient time remains afterward for further consideration and feedback.
- The events will be designed as drop-in exhibitions, where attendees can view informational materials, including maps and diagrams, speak directly with project team members, and ask any questions they may have.
- Feedback forms will be provided at the events, allowing attendees to submit their comments in person or return them later via post or email.



Webinars and online engagement

For those who may not be able to attend in-person events, we will also be hosting webinars to ensure broader accessibility.

- A simple sign-up process will be available through our website.
- Webinars will be scheduled for weekday evenings.
- During the webinars, we will present the consultation details, walk through key aspects of the project, and outline how feedback can be submitted.
- A live Q&A session will follow, allowing participants to ask questions and receive responses from members of the project team.



Engagement with seldom heard groups

Ensuring that all voices are heard is a critical part of our consultation approach.



To reach groups that may not traditionally engage in these processes, we will work closely with Buckinghamshire Council and local community organisations to raise awareness and encourage participation.



Where needed, we will offer alternative formats of consultation materials such as large print and braille for accessibility.



Digital engagement, including targeted social media campaigns, will also help us connect with wider audiences and those who may not regularly participate in planning consultations.



Key consultation themes and community representation

As part of the consultation, we will be asking for feedback on several key areas.

These themes will include, but not be limited to:

-  Landscape and Visual Impact (LVIA)
-  Alternatives and Design Evolution
-  Ecology and Biodiversity
-  Hydrology
-  Transport and access
-  Public Rights of Way



We encourage stakeholders in this briefing to help identify key areas of concern, share consultation details within their networks, and provide feedback on behalf of their communities.

Your feedback, together with the outcomes of ongoing assessments and design work, will help to finalise our application, expected in Winter 2025.

Surveys

We have been conducting a number of surveys as part of our proposals for East Claydon replacement substation.

- Topographical surveys
- Ground penetrating radar surveys
- Preliminary ecological surveys

We will soon be carrying out further survey works including:

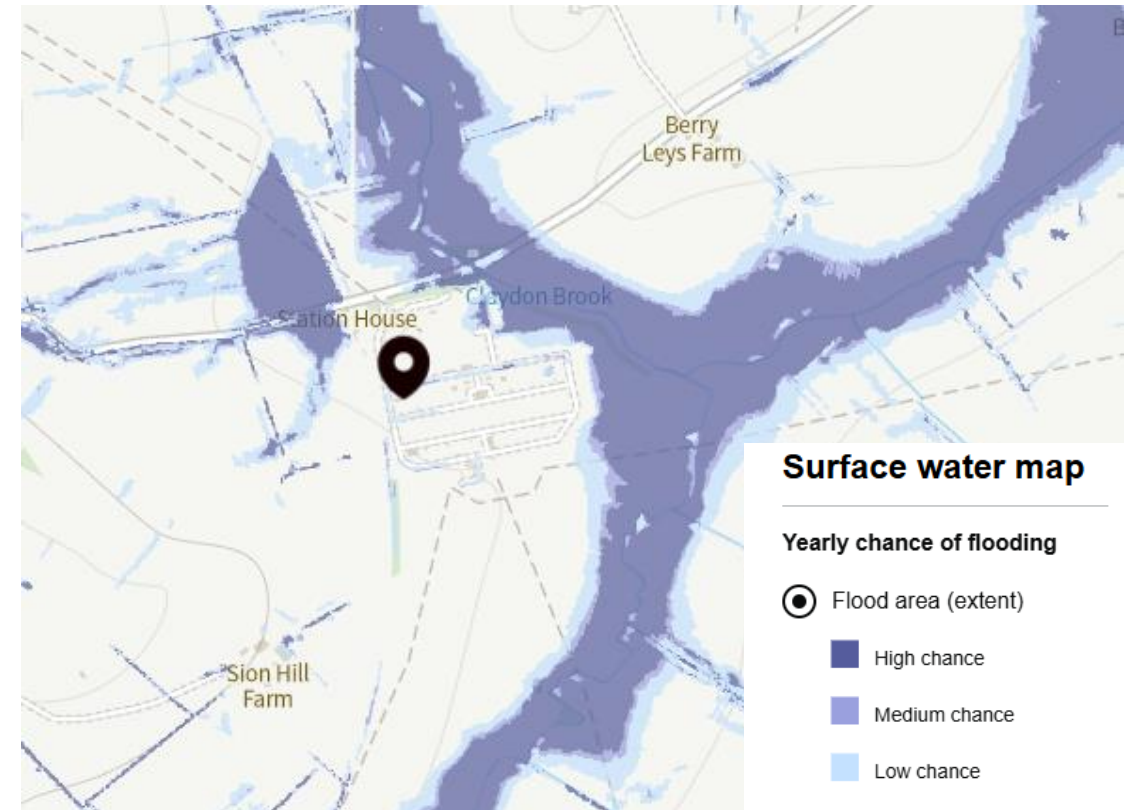
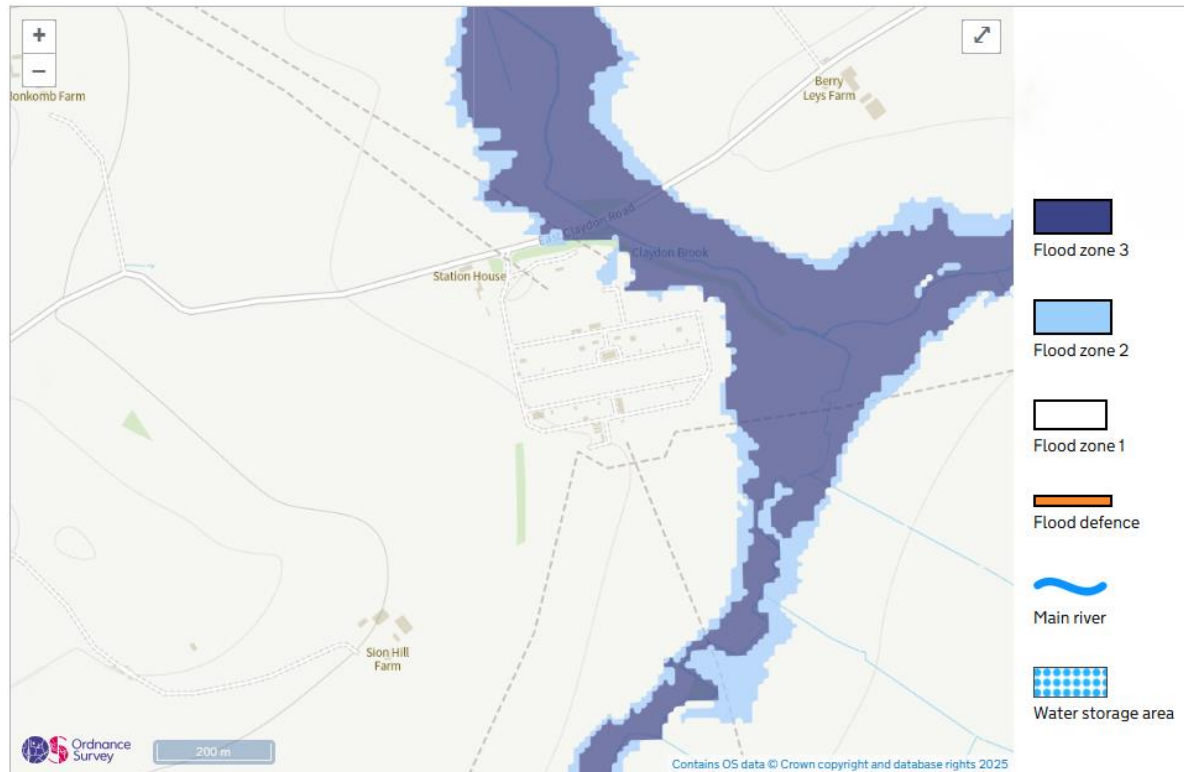
- Geophysical surveys
- Ground investigation surveys (Intrusive)
- Trial trenching (Intrusive)
- Targeted environmental surveys
- Traffic surveys
- Site photography



Flooding & Drainage Update

A Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Surface Water Drainage Strategy (SWDS) are currently being prepared.

- **FRA** - assess fluvial (river), surface, ground, and artificial water sources.
- **SWDS** - demonstrate how rainfall runoff from within the site will be captured and managed (via a range of suitable Sustainable Drainage Systems).



Overhead Line maintenance works (Cowley - East Claydon)

We will be refurbishing the existing 400 kV overhead line between Cowley and East Claydon.

The need to replace existing lines is due to asset health and uprating to help with increased capacity to the transmission network.

Footpath closures will be taking place along the route between March to May 2025 to enable essential overhead line refurbishment works. Posters will be erected at the locations prior to these closures to inform residents in advance.

Community Grant Programme

Communities impacted by maintenance of existing infrastructure can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to fund local initiatives. To find out more, please visit:

www.nationalgrid.com/responsibility/community/community-grant-programme



Contact us

We are committed to keeping our key stakeholders and the local community informed as we develop our proposals:

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