

BY EMAIL

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Dear Councillor

Little Horsted substation – construction update

I would like to update you on the construction of our new substation so you're aware of our activities over the coming months.

The two super grid transformers that were delivered last year are now being installed, ready for commissioning later this year, with most of the civils work now complete.

My project team will turn the access roads to stone and tarmac towards the end of the project, around spring 2026, when the landscaping and tree planting will also be done.

What people may see/notice on site over the next few months includes the following:

During March and April, vegetation clearance for our overhead line works will be done. From June, we'll prepare for the overhead line works needed to connect the substation to the network in the area. This requires work to neighbouring pylons and the overhead wires either side of the new substation between East Sussex National Hotel, Golf Resort & Spa (to the west) and Sand Hill Lane, Harveys Lane and Palehouse Common (to the east).

During June and July people may see our workers establishing satellite compound areas where we will 'pull' the new wire from pylon to pylon, lay temporary trackway for access to pylon locations, erect scaffolding either side of the A22 and Eastbourne Road and net across the road for safety during reconductoring.

From September to November our contractors will be working at height on pylons and there will be overhead line wire activity.

I have also written to our site neighbours today to keep them updated.

Road closures and traffic management

There will be works nearby linked to our project which will mean short term road lane closures and traffic signals. These include:

- Tuesday 28 January to Saturday 15 February – A22 Uckfield Bypass – New service connection works – **UK Power Networks**. Some carriageway incursion (what 3 words: think.backfired.sliders)
- Thursday 6 February to Saturday 15 February - A22 Uckfield Bypass – **UK Power Networks**. The above work involves night-time traffic signals between 7pm and 6am, and some noisy works are to be expected. This is the local highway's request to ease impact to the network during the day. Please call UKPN on 0800 028 4587 and quote Ref: 150090637 for any queries regarding this work
- Saturday 1 February to Sunday 2 February and Saturday 8 February to Sunday 9 February – A22 Uckfield Bypass/Eastbourne Road at the junction with Harveys Lane – New service connection – **UK Power Networks**. Full road closure and diversion in place. For diversion details visit <https://one.network>

Neighbours may already have received a letter directly from UK Power Networks about these works.

- Wednesday 26 February, 7.30am to Friday 28 February, 5pm – A22 – New service connection. **South East Water**. Traffic control (two-way signals)

There are other road works we don't have exact dates for yet, as well as some footpath closures this summer for our wiring works. We'll keep our webpage updated with this information and write to you again when we have these confirmed. <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/little-horsted>

We understand our work may impact neighbours and we're working hard to minimise disruption where we can. We're regularly monitoring construction traffic, vehicle movements, noise, dust, vibration and light. Thank you for your patience and cooperation while we carry out this essential work.

If you have any queries, please contact our community relations team for free on 0800 073 1047 or via nationalgridteam@jbp.co.uk. They're available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm with an answering service in place outside of these times.

Best wishes

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