

Press release – 21 June 2023

Hereford electricity supply upgrade to start 31st July 2023

Engineering work for a major project to update and improve electricity supplies in Hereford starts next month.

Pedestrians and drivers are being warned of potential disruption as National Grid Electricity Distribution installs two new high voltage cables.

The 11,000V cables are being laid from the Hereford North primary substation to the MoD's Sterling Lines Camp. They will enable the Credenhill base to adopt low carbon technologies, such as solar panels and heat pumps, to meet net zero ambitions.

A rolling programme of excavation will affect roads, footpaths and verges, including parts of the A4103 and A480. Much of the work will be along Roman Road, which will be done in sections over six to eight months.

Traffic lights will be in operation during peak times and several bus stops, parking bays and pedestrian crossings will be suspended.

Residents and landowners affected have been sent letters explaining the impact of the work, which could last for up to 40 weeks. Electricity supplies for customers will not be affected during this time.

Andrew Barton, National Grid Electricity Distribution's Hereford & Ludlow Manager, said: "We continue to work closely with the highways authority to ensure this project has as little impact on customers as possible.

"The digging and cable laying will be done in stages to lessen disruption but we apologise for any inconvenience this work will cause."

National Grid Electricity Distribution, which is responsible for overhead lines, underground cables and substations in the Midlands, the South West and South Wales, is investing more than £6 billion in its network over the next five years to enable the energy transition.

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Notes for newsdesks:

- National Grid operates the electricity transmission network in England and Wales and is the distribution network operator for the Midlands, South West England and South Wales.

- The distribution network is responsible for delivering electricity to eight million customers and National Grid is committed to investing around £1 billion on its distribution network annually.
- National Grid is not an electricity supply company and does not bill customers in the UK. Its responsibility is to distribute electricity to homes and businesses.
- The distribution element makes up around 10 per cent of an average customer's annual bill which is around £100 or 27p a day.
- In a power cut, call 105 for free 24 hours a day.

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