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Upcoming archaeological works - East Claydon, Buckinghamshire

Good afternoon,

National Grid is developing proposals for a replacement substation in East Claydon.

Archaeology works

To inform the progression of our early plans, National Grid will soon be carrying out an archaeological evaluation of the site. The works will help us to understand any possible archaeological implications of the proposed substation on the development site.

To facilitate this, a number of trenches (50m x 1.8m) will be dug across the site to identify any potential archaeological features or findings. Following the works we will produce an evaluation report which, depending on the findings, may result in more work being required before construction can start, subject to planning permission. Once the investigations are finished, all trenches are backfilled and reinstated to their original condition.

What to expect:

- **Set-up work** within the replacement substation site location will start on Monday 1 September 2025, e.g., equipment delivery and site set up
- **Trenching work** will commence following site set-up and is expected to run for a duration of six weeks, with completion scheduled for 17 October 2025.
- **Site demobilisation and removal will take place** once the main works are completed.

Safety measures, including secure temporary Heras fencing, signage and on-site staff will be in place throughout the duration of the works. No full road or Public Right of Way closures (PROW) are planned. All areas will be reinstated after works are completed. Noise levels resulting from the works will be low and within the levels of typical farming equipment.

All work will take place between **8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday**, with the staff arriving and leaving either side of this period. You can find updates on our project website at nationalgrid.com/eastclaydon.



Figure 1: Excavator at work



Figure 2: Backfilled trench

Overhead line maintenance works to finish in August 2025

We wrote to you in March updating you on the need to carry out refurbishment works of the 400 kV overhead line (OHL) between Cowley Substation, south of Oxford, and East Claydon Substation, near Winslow.

The refurbishment works are essential to maintain the resilience and the security of our high voltage transmission network in the area, ensuring a steady supply of energy to homes and businesses.

This phase of the works were successfully completed in early August. Some further maintenance works to the existing line will be needed in the near future and we currently expect to finish maintenance in 2027. Applications to our Community Grant Programme remain open for this phase of the works. To find out more and how to apply, please visit www.nationalgrid.com/responsibility/community/community-grant-programme.

Next Steps

The consultation on our proposals for a replacement substation in East Claydon will now take place in 2026. Further details will emerge in due course.

Work to support the development of the design of the replacement substation will be continuing over the summer months. We anticipate resuming stakeholder briefings in the autumn, once further progress has been made. More information on these sessions will be shared closer to the time.

If you have any questions, please contact our community relations team on **0800 049 9734** or at eastclaydon@nationalgrid.com.

Kind regards,
East Claydon Project Team