Big delivery: Large load heading to Dover from Sellindge

House sized electricity transformer heading out on the highway for essential maintenance

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- Electricity transformer travelling overnight from Sellindge Substation to Dover Docks between Monday 25 April and Tuesday 26 April
- The A20 will be closed from the junction with the B2011 to the York Street roundabout between 9pm on Monday 25 April and 5am on Tuesday 26 April to ensure the delivery can get into the Dover docks
- Transformer is being shipped to Germany for essential maintenance to help ensure region continues to enjoy safe and reliable energy supplies

A house-sized piece of electricity equipment – known as a transformer – is due to be transported from Sellindge Substation to Dover Docks later this month.

Specialist haulage contractors, ALE, will be transporting the transformer on a specialist vehicle which is over 75 metres long and 5.6 metres wide. Travelling at a speed of approximately 12mph the transformer will also have a police escort to ensure the delivery goes smoothly.

It is due to leave Sellindge Substation at 9pm on Monday 25 April and travel along Church Lane, turning left onto the A20 to join the M20 at junction 10. It will then leave the M20 at junction 13, travel along the A259 (Churchill Avenue), A260 (Canterbury Road) and A20 and then enter Dover Docks at the Union Street roundabout. It is expected to arrive at Dover Docks at approximately 1am on Tuesday 26 April. Road users are advised to use alternative routes, or allow extra time for their journeys.

To enable the load to get into the docks the A20 will be closed from the junction with the B2011 to the York Street roundabout. This closure will be in place from 9pm on Monday 25 April to 5am on Tuesday 26 April 2016. There will be a signed diversion route via the B2011 and York Street. Residents of Old Folkestone Road will be diverted up South Military Road.

From Dover the transformer will be shipped to a specialist facility in Nuremburg in Germany where essential inspection and repair work will be carried out.

Project Engineer James Sheridan said: “We’ve carefully planned the route with our specialist haulage contractors and local highway authorities to ensure it has as little effect on people as possible.

He added: “The transformer needs essential maintenance which can only be done at the specialist facility in Germany.

“This work will ensure the transformer will be able to play its vital role in helping to ensure the UK continues to enjoy safe and reliable electricity supplies.”

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