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- Sheryll Murray MP visits National Grid pylon refurbishment site in Menheniot
- Engineers are currently refurbishing the overhead power line between Indian Queens and Landulph in Cornwall in £30 million project
- A hundred and forty-five pylons get new wire for the first time and a coat of paint

Local MP, Sheryll Murray, visited a pylon near the village of Menheniot, currently being refurbished as part of National Grid's £30 million investment into Cornwall.

During her visit, Sheryll Murray learned first-hand about the works and innovative technology National Grid are deploying on the project, including Sky Safe, which is being used over the A38 to minimise disruption and impact on traffic. Sky Safe is a scaffold-less suspended wire system between pylons which allows engineers to work safely without causing disruption. Sky Safe is being used on major roads and areas where it is not possible to access the pylons through the usual method of netted scaffolding.

Sheryll Murray said: "This important project has great significance for my constituents and local communities as a whole. So much work goes into making sure our electricity supply is reliable and secure and I have seen first-hand the improvements that National Grid is making to the line it provides to residents in the local area."

Commenting on the progress achieved to date, Project Manager, Simon Chandler, said: "We were pleased to host Sheryll Murray at one of our work sites. The work to renew the existing transmission network between Indian Queens and Landulph is a crucial element of National Grid's investment into the region. We started this project in January and fast progress has been achieved without losing focus on the safety of the public, and our team on site, which is our first priority at all times. We are determined to maintain that focus until the line is refurbished successfully.

I'd like to say thank you to local farmers, landowners and communities for their understanding while we are working in the area."

The refurbishment work between Indian Queens and Landulph is expected to finish in November 2016. Work is taking place across a 50km (31 miles) route of 145 pylons. The work will help to maintain the electricity supply in the area and keep power flowing to homes and businesses for years to come.

People can find out the latest project information on the National Grid website at [www.nationalgrid.com/indianqueens](http://www.nationalgrid.com/indianqueens) - this includes a leaflet about the work, question and answer document and other facts about National Grid's work.

People who have questions or would like to know more can contact National Grid's Community Relations Team on Freephone 0800 073 1047, available Monday to Sunday, 7am to 7pm.

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