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National Grid stages exhibition on plans to connect Triton Knoll windfarm in Lincolnshire.

National Grid to stage an exhibition on plans to connect new wind farm in to Bicker Fen substation in Lincolnshire

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- **National Grid to install new equipment at Bicker Fen Substation**
- **Work will connect Triton Knoll wind farm**
- **Representatives from National Grid on hand at the event to discuss plans and answer questions**

Residents in and around Bicker are invited to find out more about National Grid's plans to install new equipment at its electricity substation in Bicker.

The company is holding a community information event from **2pm – 7.30pm on Wednesday 18 July at Bicker Village Hall, Cemetery Road, Bicker, Boston PE20 3BT**. National Grid's project team will be on hand to discuss the planned works, give local people an opportunity to find out more and share their views.

David Omer, project engineer at National Grid, said: "We need to make these changes at Bicker Fen substation to connect Triton Knoll to the National Grid network to allow us all to benefit from the electricity it will generate.

"We'd like to hear local people's views on the work that's needed at the substation and how we plan to manage our construction traffic before we finalise our plans. We look forward to engaging with the community at the event.

"We'll start work in September to repair the surface of the existing access track, which runs from the A52 Donington Road to Ing Drove. Deliveries to the substation will then start. This includes deliveries of stone and temporary sites offices. We expect to complete all the work in time to provide supplies to Triton Knoll in February 2020."

National Grid works hard to minimise disruption to communities its working in. David explains: "We're developing a strict Traffic Management Plan in agreement with the local highway authority to make sure we minimise disruption to the local community. This includes making sure construction traffic doesn't travel through Bicker village. We'll also use a marshalling system so our construction vehicles won't need to pass one another on public roads to the substation.

"We are a responsible business and are positive about investing in the communities where we work. Our Community Grant Programme invests money into community schemes and our education sessions at local primary schools teach potential engineers of the future the theory and physics of electricity."

People can find out the latest project information on the National Grid website at www.nationalgrid.com/bickerfensubstation. This includes details about the work, a transport map and other facts about National Grid's work.

To find out more about National Grid's Community Grant Programme visit <http://betl.nationalgrid.co.uk>

Anyone with questions about the community information event can contact National Grid's Community Relations team on 0800 073 1047. They're available daily from 7am and 7pm. Alternatively email nationalgrid@bickerfen.com

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- We own and operate the electricity transmission network in England and Wales, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. We also operate, but do not own, the Scottish networks. Our networks comprise approximately 7,200 kilometres (4,474 miles) of overhead line, 1,500 kilometres (932 miles) of underground cable and 342 substations.
- We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,660 kilometres (4,760 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 618 above-ground installations.
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