

National Grid reschedules Macclesfield to Bredbury overhead line works

Work on power line between two substation is rescheduled for 2019

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- **Work on vital power line rescheduled for 2019**
- **Line required to maintain supplies after damage caused to cable**
- **National Grid thanks local people for their patience**

National Grid has announced that the refurbishment of the 18km long overhead line that runs from Macclesfield substation to Bredbury has been re-scheduled for 2019.

Work on the scheme was due to be completed this autumn but power to the line had to be switched back on following damage to an underground cable in the Stockport area.

The damage was caused by a contractor who was not employed by National Grid.

The complexity of that repair coupled with moving into the winter months has resulted in the programme change.

Ryan Hatcher, project manager, said: "In order to keep local electricity supplies secure we have taken the decision to re-schedule the work. This will allow the damaged cable to be repaired and will avoid the need for us to work on the line during winter months when demand for electricity is at its peak and when daylight working hours are greatly reduced.

"We have carried out assessments on the condition of the line to ensure that we are able to safely reschedule the work for a later date. . In rescheduling the work, we will work closely with Cheshire East Council to minimise disruption where we can.

"We are sorry we have had to change our plans and thank local residents and businesses for bearing with us."

Contractor Balfour Beatty will now start to demobilise from site over the next six weeks with the planned painting programme being completed during this time.

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