

# National Grid to deliver vital overhead line upgrade in South Essex

Work underway on phase two of vital upgrade to overhead power lines between Tilbury, Rayleigh and Coryton

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**Minor local lane restrictions and overnight road closures will be implemented to enable work to be done**

• **Project will help ensure region continues to enjoy safe and reliable energy supplies**

National Grid is delivering the latest phase of its vital upgrade to the South Essex Overhead Line which runs between its substations at Tilbury, Rayleigh and Coryton.

The work began recently and continues a refurbishment scheme that started last summer and which is due to be completed in October 2014.

The replacement of the lines will not have an impact on the local power supply, as the flow of electricity will be re-routed through other National Grid lines.

To enable the work to be carried out scaffolding will be put up over the A13, A130 at Saddlers Farm, the B1464 London Road and the A130/A1245 slip road and main North Bound and South Bound A130 carriageway.

**Graham Livings, Project Manager, National Grid** said:

"This major investment by National Grid will provide modern high-capacity cables which will help ensure people continue to enjoy safe and reliable electricity supplies in the future.

"We're keen to minimise disruption for neighbours and road users wherever possible and are working closely with Essex County Council as we plan and deliver the project."

He added "Our project community relations team is available to answer any questions about the work and scheduled closures on 0800 319 6165."

**Liz Burr, Network Manager, Essex Highways**, said:

"We have been working closely with National Grid to ensure that these minor works are well managed and co-ordinated with our own works."

"Most of these closures will take place overnight and will have minimal impact on road users. Diversions will be clearly signposted and should take just a few minutes."

### **Overnight road closures**

A number of infrequent overnight road closures may be needed to complete the works between the dates outlined below. These will be implemented as follows:

**The main A130 between A1245 roundabout and Hawks Hill junction from 10pm to 5am between the following dates:**

- Saturday 20 September to Monday 22 September 2014
- Saturday 27 September to Monday 29 September 2014

**The B1464 London Road will be closed between Pound Lane and Sadlers Farm Interchange between 1am and 4am as follows:**

- Tuesday 23 September to Friday 26 September 2014
- Tuesday 14 October to Thursday 16 October 2014

### **Slip road closures**

**The slip road onto the A13/A130 Saddlers Farm Interchange will be closed from 10pm to 5am between 11<sup>th</sup> September and 26<sup>th</sup> October.**

**The A130/A1245 slip road will be closed from 10pm to 5am between the following dates:**

- Saturday 13 September to Monday 15 September 2014
- Saturday 4 October to Monday 6 October 2014

**The slip road onto the A130/A1245 between 10am and 3pm on the following dates**

- Monday 15 September to Friday 19 September 2014
- Monday 29 September to Friday 3 October 2014

**For more information on our plans for the South Essex Overhead Line, please visit our website [www.southessexoverheadline.com](http://www.southessexoverheadline.com) or call the community relations team on 0800 319 6165.**

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? We own and operate the high pressure gas transmission system in Britain

? Our gas distribution business delivers gas to 11 million homes and businesses

? We also own a number of related businesses including LNG importation, land remediation and metering

? National Grid manages the National Gas Emergency Service free phone line on behalf of the industry - 0800 111 999 (all calls are recorded and may be monitored).

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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.
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- Other UK activities mainly relate to businesses operating in competitive markets outside of our core regulated businesses; including interconnectors, gas metering activities and a liquefied natural gas (LNG) importation terminal – all of which are now part of National Grid Ventures. National Grid

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