

Optimal Time: Truck sized transformer comes to Highbury out of hours

Transformer on a mission heading to Highbury

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- Truck sized electricity transformer coming to Highbury substation this weekend
- Transformer will travel on a 60m trailer with police escort on carefully planned and timed journey
- Once operational transformer will play a vital part in ensuring Londoners keep on enjoying safe and reliable electricity supplies

A massive electricity transformer will be delivered to National Grid's new Highbury substation this Sunday (31 January).

The transformer is the size of a large truck. It will be transported for most of its journey from Tilbury, Essex, on a special 60m long trailer with a police escort, via the M25 and A10.

Near the substation in Seven Sisters Road a large crane will transfer the transformer to a smaller 12m delivery vehicle for the final leg of its journey.

To enable the delivery to take place Holloway Road will be closed northbound, between Tollington Road and Seven Sisters Road between 6am and 6pm on Sunday 31 January. A diversion route will be in place and the affected area will be cordoned off.

The delivery – the third and final transformer to be delivered to the new substation – has been scheduled for a Sunday to avoid the busiest traffic times.

National Grid Project Engineer, Stuart Cameron said: "The arrival of our third and final transformer is a major event for our team here at Highbury. The three transformers will be a vital component of our new substation and play a vital role in helping ensure Londoners keep on enjoying safe and reliable electricity supplies."

He added: "We're sorry for any disruption the delivery may cause. We've carefully planned the delivery to ensure it has as little impact as possible on road users and the community."

The route the transformer will follow is:

Travel southbound in to London on the A10, turn right in to Manor Road (opposite Stoke Newington station). It will continue along Manor Road in to Lordship Lane, before turning right into Green Lanes. The vehicle will then turn left into Portland Rise, until it reaches Seven Sisters Road.

From here, it will travel along Seven Sisters Road, before turning left into Tollington Road and then turning right onto Holloway Road.

The stretch of Holloway Road between Tollington Road and Seven Sisters Road, will be temporarily closed (in the northbound direction) to allow the transformer to be transferred from one delivery vehicle to another.

From Holloway Road it will turn right and complete the final short stretch to Highbury substation at 107 – 129 Seven Sisters Road.

For more information about the project call 0800 783 2855.

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