

18 October 2024

Dear neighbour

Transformer deliveries to Little Horsted substation, Uckfield

I'm writing to let you know that we'll be transporting two very large pieces of electrical equipment, called super grid transformers, from Shoreham Port in Brighton to our substation, which is under construction near Little Horsted, Uckfield. The transformers will be delivered in convoy on Sunday 27 October 2024.

Transformers are vital components of a substation as they reduce the electricity voltage so it can be safely delivered to local homes and businesses.

The transformer convoy, which has been planned with specialist haulage contractor, Allelys and the highway authority, will leave Shoreham Port around 7-8am on the 27th and the journey to site is expected to take around 6-8 hours. They are being transported on specialist vehicles with a police escort, with a top travelling speed of 12 mph.

Please see the details of the delivery route overleaf.

We've written to you as either a homeowner or business along the delivery route as you may need to allow extra time for journeys during this time or park in a different location.

Some street furniture may be removed temporarily in preparation for the transformer's journey to site. In some areas traffic may be held for a short time to allow the convoy to pass.

If you have any questions, please contact our community relations team on 0800 073 1047 or email nationalgridteam@jbp.co.uk. The team is available 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 6pm on the weekend of delivery. An answering service is in place outside of these times, which is monitored.

Yours sincerely

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Transformer delivery route from Shoreham Port to Little Horsted

Brighton to A27 - The convoy leaves Shoreham Port via Basin Road and Kingsway, turns right onto Church Road, A293, onto Trafalgar Road, A270, left onto A293 to Hangleton Interchange and to join the A27 eastbound.

A27 to A26 - The height/weight of the transformers means the convoy cannot pass over the A27 Patcham Viaduct. Leaving the A27 onto the A23 London Road northbound, it pauses to switch unit ends. It then travels south to the Patcham (Black Rabbit) roundabout/Patcham bypass onto the A27, crossing the central reservation and onto the westbound carriageway.

The A27 from A23 Patcham (Black Rabbit) roundabout/Patcham bypass to Falmer Road (B2123) junction will be fully closed to non-convoy traffic from 7am until the convoy passes through and street furniture/barriers are replaced.

The convoy rejoins A27 eastbound carriageway at Ditchlings Lane. Continuing eastbound on the A27, it travels around Lewes, exiting Southerham roundabout to A26 through the Cuilfail Tunnel.

A26 to site – Heading up A26 Malling Hill a secondary tractor may be needed to pull the trailers up the hill. It continues eastbound A26 through South Malling and Little Horsted village, turning right at the roundabout onto A22. The convoy turns left into Eastbourne Road and into site.

What this means for road users

Please follow the diversion signs, not SAT-NAV.

The Ditchlings Road, Carden Avenue and Coldean Lane junctions onto the A27 will be fully closed.

Southbound traffic on A23 London Road can access the A27 westbound off A23 Patcham (Black Rabbit) roundabout ONLY, not eastbound.

An A27 diversion will be in place from the Devil's Dyke roundabout eastbound and westbound from Lewes Road.

- Eastbound – lane 1 of A27 from Devil's Dyke Road to A23 roundabout will remain open to re-route traffic onto the diversion. Then follow diversion via A293, Old Shoreham Road and A270 to rejoin A27.
- Westbound – follow diversion via A270, Old Shoreham Road and A293 to rejoin A27.

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