

Big load on the road: Huge electricity transformer heading to Littlebrook Substation

Large electricity transformer heading out on the highway on an energy mission

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- An electricity transformer will travel to Littlebrook Substation this Sunday (13 March)
- People asked not to park on Rennie Drive on Sunday to make sure the delivery can take place
- The transformer will help keep the region supplied with safe and reliable energy

A massive electricity transformer will be travelling from Sundown Substation in Bedfordshire to Littlebrook Substation in Kent this Sunday (13 March).

The transformer will be transported on a sixteen-axle trailer pulled by two trucks. It will be escorted by police for its entire journey as it travels along a carefully planned route.

National Grid Project Engineer, Andrew White said: "The transformer will be replacing an existing one at the substation.

"Once it's been installed it will play a vital role in helping to make sure people across the region keep on enjoying safe and reliable electricity supplies."

He added: "We've carefully planned this delivery to ensure it has as little impact as possible on road users and the community.

“To make sure the delivery can happen we’re asking people not to park on Rennie Drive.”

The route the transformer will follow is:

The trailer will travel from Sundon Substation in Bedfordshire via the M1, M25 and QEII Bridge. It will leave the A282 after crossing the bridge and travel a short distance on the A206 before leaving at the Littlebrook Interchange. It will then travel along Rennie Drive and arrive at the substation at around 3pm.

Anyone with any questions about the delivery can call 020 7036 3520 (between 9am and 9pm), email NationalGrid@TransformerMoves.com or write to National Grid Transformer Moves, Freepost RTLA-GHRX-SSXA, Local Dialogue, 77a Tradescant Road, London, SW8 1XJ.

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