Big mover: Cottage sized transformer on the road in Wiltshire

Transformer set to complete final leg of epic journey to Minety Substation

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- Massive electricity transformer will complete journey to its new home this Sunday
- Journey carefully planned to minimise disruption
- The transformer will play a vital part in ensuring the region keeps on enjoying safe and reliable electricity supplies

A massive electricity transformer will be taking to the highway this Sunday (14 February) as it completes the final leg of its journey to its new home at Minety Substation, Wiltshire.

The size of a small cottage, the transformer will be transported on a sixteen-axle trailer pulled by two trucks. It will be leaving a storage yard near junction 18 of the M4 early in the morning on Sunday 14 February and arrive at Minety Substation near Malmesbury by mid-afternoon.

The journey has been planned for a Sunday to avoid the busiest traffic times.

Electricity transformers play a vital role in helping to deliver energy to homes and businesses. National Grid Project Engineer, Peter Hancock explained: “This essential delivery will replace an existing transformer.

“Once it’s been installed, it will play an essential role in helping make sure people across the region keep on enjoying safe and reliable electricity supplies.”

He added: “This delivery has been carefully planned to ensure it has as little impact as possible on road users and the community.

Route

The transformer will leave a storage yard near junction 18 of the M4 in the early morning of Sunday 14 February. It will join the M4 and travel east towards Swindon and leave the M4 at junction 16. It will join the A3102 and then join the B4042 outside Royal Wootton Bassett. Next it will join the B4696, travel north and leave B4696 at the turning for Garsdon and then join The Common. Travelling north to Minety it will join the B4040. Travelling west on the B4040 it will arrive at Minety substation by the mid-afternoon.

Online Map: http://bit.ly/1PWbVM7

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