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Consultation starts on National Grid's plan for new substation at Braybrooke near Market Harborough

New substation needed to help Network Rail deliver its plan to electrify the Midland Main Line



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- National Grid shares proposals for new electricity substation at community consultation event in Braybrooke
- Work supports Network Rail's upgrade of the Midland Main Line and its electrification programme
- Representatives from National Grid and Network Rail on hand at the event to discuss plans and answer questions

Residents in and around Braybrooke and Market Harborough are being invited to find out more about National Grid's proposals to build a new electricity substation in Braybrooke parish.

The company is putting on a community consultation event from **3pm – 8pm on Tuesday 4 July at Braybrooke Village Hall, Griffin Rd, Braybrooke, LE16 8LH**. National Grid's project team will be on hand to discuss the proposed new substation, give local people an opportunity to find out more and share their views. Representatives from Network Rail will also be available to answer questions about the Midland Main Line Upgrade and its electrification programme of which the first phase of work between London and Corby is due to complete around 2019.

Andrea Robertson, project manager at National Grid, said: "Our proposed new electricity substation will provide supplies to the proposed new trackside feeder station which Network Rail will build as part of its Midland Main Line upgrade and electrification programme. We want to hear local people's views on the substation before we apply for planning permission around the end of July and look forward to engaging with the community at the event."

The Midland Main Line railway is undergoing the largest upgrade since it was completed in 1870. Upgrades to the line include track realignment, station remodelling, capacity works, bridge reconstructions and signalling improvements. In addition, the line from Bedford via Kettering to Corby will be electrified by December 2019 –

enabling faster, more efficient trains to operate on the network and a quieter, cleaner environment for lineside neighbours.

The new substation is one of four new supply points along the railway. The first at Charlton in London is underway. The second at Braybrooke is needed for October 2020.

Anyone with questions about the community consultation event can contact National Grid's Community Relations team on 0800 073 1047. They're available daily from 7am and 7pm. Alternatively email braybrookequery@jbp.co.uk

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