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National Grid consults on plans to remove pylons in Snowdonia National Park

National Grid is to consult local people on plans to remove 3km and ten electricity pylons across the Dwyryd Estuary in the Snowdonia National Park.

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Local people invited to have their say on ground-breaking pylon removal project

- **Local people invited to have their say on proposals to replace a 3km stretch of overhead electricity transmission line and ten pylons with an underground connection beneath the Dwyryd Estuary**
- **Consultation is important milestone in first of its kind project in Wales**
- **Consultation open: Thursday 15 November 2018 to Thursday 20 December 2018, with events in Penrhyndeudraeth and Talsarnau**

Local people in Penrhyndeudraeth and the surrounding towns and villages are invited to have their say at a series of public consultation events and to find out more about plans to replace existing electricity transmission infrastructure across the Dwyryd Estuary with underground infrastructure.

The plans, which are being proposed by National Grid as part of its Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project*, would see an approximately 3km stretch of overhead electricity transmission line from Garth to Cilfor, placed in a tunnel deep under the estuary, permanently removing ten pylons from the landscape.

Since the project first began in 2015, National Grid has been working together with local stakeholders to develop its proposals, including the Snowdonia National Park Authority, Gwynedd Council, Cadw, Natural Resources Wales, the National Trust and the town and community councils surrounding the estuary.

At the events, local people will be able to find out the facts about the project and share their views. Members of the National Grid project team will also be on hand to answer any questions about the plans.

The events are being held on:

- **Thursday 15 November 2018 2pm – 8pm** Snowdonia National Park Authority Offices, Penrhyndeudraeth LL48 6LF
- **Saturday 17 November 2018 10am – 4pm** Penrhyndeudraeth Memorial Hall, LL48 6LR
- **Saturday 24 November 2018 10am – 4pm** Talsarnau Village Hall, LL47 6TA

Feedback is invited by 20 December 2018 by completing a form at the events, requesting a form by calling 0800 019 1898, or via email to visualimpact@nationalgrid.com.

Chris Baines, chair of the VIP project's independent, national Stakeholder Advisory Group said: "This is another important milestone for the project. The VIP project in Snowdonia is not just the first of its kind in Wales, but one of the first in the world.

"Snowdonia was originally selected because of the significance the landscape plays nationally, and the spectacular qualities of the beautiful Dwyrdd estuary in particular. We're looking forward to making a positive contribution to enhancing the landscape of the National Park."

Eloise Frank, VIP project manager (North), added: "These events are an excellent opportunity for residents to come along, learn more about the project and have their say.

"We are looking forward to welcoming the community to the events and to share our plans with them, before we submit our planning application in early 2019."

To find out more about the project and the forthcoming consultation events, please visit: <http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/>

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