

Yorkshire GREEN e-newsletter - issue 3

Welcome to the third Yorkshire GREEN e-newsletter and thank you for registering your interest in the Yorkshire GREEN project.

Yorkshire GREEN will upgrade and reinforce the high-voltage electricity network to allow more green energy to get from where it's generated to where it's needed by homes and businesses in Yorkshire and further afield.

This third issue of our e-newsletter covers:

- an update on our preparatory works
- pause to works over the festive period
- upcoming work in the New Year
- stone deliveries in Overton and Monk Fryston
- upcoming traffic management
- Northern Powergrid works
- ways to get in touch.

Update on our preparatory works

Preparatory works for Yorkshire GREEN have progressed well since they began in autumn 2024 and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and cooperation while we have been undertaking works for this important project.

We are pleased to report that the National Cycle Network Route 65 diversion between Overton Road and Station Lane is now open and will remain in place throughout the construction period.

This has been constructed so that cyclists and pedestrians can avoid large construction vehicles along this stretch of road. Directional signage is in place to guide cyclists and pedestrians. You can see a photo of the diversion below.

In the New Year, we will carry on with our preparatory works. These will enable us to begin the main works in spring 2025. You can find out more about our works in the New Year in this e-newsletter.



Photograph of the National Cycle Network Route 65 diversion between Overton Road and Station Lane.

Pause to works over the festive period

Our teams will pause works on Friday 20 December 2024, and will recommence on Thursday 2 January 2025.

We will make our work sites safe and secure prior to pausing works, and will have 24/7 security in place to monitor our sites. Our teams will also conduct spot checks to identify and rectify any issues.

Yorkshire GREEN's dedicated Community Relations Team will be available to take calls and respond to emails up until **5pm on Tuesday 24 December 2024** and will return at **9am on Thursday 2 January 2025.**

We will be monitoring our project inbox and phoneline over the festive period, excluding weekends and bank holidays. There will be a voicemail facility on our phoneline and we will respond to any enquiries received through our voicemail or project inbox as soon as possible.

Upcoming work in the New Year

In the New Year, our preparatory works will include:

- finishing our bellmouths and access tracks
- installing pylon foundations
- clearing vegetation to improve sight lines for vehicles
- widening a section of Overton Road to enable access for large vehicles
- completing the Overton Substation and Monk Fryston Substation compounds.

Our team are doing all they can to minimise any inconvenience caused by our works, however, given the nature of activity, it is likely there will continue to be some disruption in the areas we are carrying out our works.

Stone deliveries in Overton and Monk Fryston

To complete our access tracks and construction compounds, and lay a base on which to construct the new substations at Overton and Monk Fryston, we will need to take delivery of a significant quantity of stone to our construction compounds at these locations.

If you live in or visit the Overton or Monk Fryston areas, you may have already noticed vehicles in the area delivering stone to our compounds. From **Thursday 2 January 2025**, the number of these deliveries to our sites will increase for a period of between **six to eight weeks**. To minimise inconvenience, we are:

- instructing delivery drivers to access our sites via approved routes and follow directional road signage
- phasing our deliveries and holding delivery vehicles on site to reduce the number of vehicles on the roads.

Given there may be some delays as a result of more vehicles on the road, we would encourage you to plan your journeys ahead and/or use an alternative route to make sure you can reach your destination on time.

If you experience any issues while stone deliveries are ongoing, please get in touch with our Community Relations Team. Our contact details are at the end of this e-newsletter.

Upcoming traffic management

To ensure the safe and timely completion of our preparatory works, we will need to put some traffic management measures in place in the New Year.

These include:

Overton Road, Overton, York – Monday 13 January until Monday 3 February 2025

To facilitate access for larger delivery vehicles to the Overton Substation, we will need to widen a small section of Overton Road between Station Lane and the Overton Substation site. Once complete, this widening will be permanent.

This work will require road closure, which we expect to be in place between Monday 13 January and Monday 3 February 2025.

The road closure will be in place 24/7 for the duration of the widening works and a signed diversion route will be in place via Stripe Lane.

An airlock system will be in place for large vehicles which are unable to get under the railway bridge on Stripe Lane, with a staffed gate at each end of the closure to co-ordinate access.,

Emergency services will be let through immediately and any traffic along the road will be cleared to facilitate access.

A659 Tadcaster, near Garnet Lane – Monday 27 January until Sunday 23 February 2025

To enable us to complete a bellmouth and access track, there will be a lane closure on the A659, Tadcaster between Monday 27 January and Sunday 23 February 2025.

The lane closure will be in place near to the junction of Garnet Lane. Temporary traffic lights will be in place to maintain two-way traffic flow.

The lane closure will be in place between 7am and 7pm every day. Outside of these hours, the closure will be removed and the road will be open, though it will be slightly narrower. We will also open the road if the closure is not needed on a particular day.

Northern Powergrid works

At a similar time to our preparatory works, Northern Powergrid (NPg) will undertake some cable ducting works to allow power from the new substations at Overton and Monk Fryston to be distributed to local homes and businesses on:

- Stripe Lane, Overton
- A19, Shipton by Beningbrough
- Rawfield Lane, Monk Fryston.

If you are a local resident or business in one of these areas, you should have received a separate letter from NPg outlining these works. To summarise, NPg's works will require:

Stripe Lane, Overton, York - Monday 6 January until Friday 10 January 2025

Stripe Lane will be closed at its junction with the A19 between Monday 6 January and Friday 10 January 2025.

The closure will be in place 24/7 and there will be a signed diversion route in place, with vehicles diverted to enter Overton village from Overton Road. The team will let large vehicles through the closure if they need to access Stripe Lane from the A19

A19, Shipton by Beningbrough, York - Monday 6 January until Friday 28 March 2025

One lane of the A19 will be closed at Shipton by Beningbrough between Monday 6 January and Friday 28 March 2025.

This lane closure will be in place each day between 9:30am and 3:30pm and staffed temporary traffic lights will be in place in order to maintain two-way traffic flow. Outside of these times, the lane closure and temporary traffic lights will be removed and the road will be open as usual.

Rawfield Lane, Monk Fryston – Monday 6 January until Friday 28 February 2025

Rawfield Lane will be closed at its junction with the A63 between Monday 6 January and Friday 28 February 2025.

The road closure will be in place 24/7 for the duration of the works and a signed diversion route will be in place via the A63 and Fairburn.

If you have any questions about NPg's works you can get in touch with them by calling 0800 011 3332 or emailing them at: <u>generalenquiries@northernpowergrid.com</u>.

Get in touch and stay updated

You can find updates about our work on our website, where we have a <u>dedicated page</u> detailing current traffic management in place, and an <u>interactive map</u>.

If you can't find what you are looking for on our website or have any general questions or enquiries about the Yorkshire GREEN project, please don't hesitate to contact our dedicated Community Relations Team:

- Email: <u>vorkshiregreen@nationalgrid.com</u>
- Freephone: 0800 029 4359 (monitored Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, with an answerphone facility outside of these hours)
- Freepost: FREEPOST YORKSHIRE GREEN (no stamp needed)