

### Q: Why are you doing this work?

A: Our job is to maintain the overhead power line circuit so the electricity network is kept in first class working order. The power lines from Coleshill to Bedworth were built in the 1960s. We're investing in the maintenance of equipment which, after half a century of service on the line, is due for refurbishment. We must now replace the wire that conducts the electricity to homes and businesses. This will mean everyone will continue to receive the power they require safely and on demand.

### Q: Will work happen all of the time?

A: Yes. Work will take place in sections and it may appear that nothing is happening depending on where you live. This means refurbishment is taking place elsewhere. We'll keep neighbouring residents informed when we're working in the area.

### Q: Why is it necessary to clear birds' nests and vegetation?

A: We're committed to minimising the impact of work on local wildlife and environment. We need to clear some trees and bushes from around the base of some pylons and underneath overhead lines. This is so our contractors will have safe access to work sites. Some bird nests will need to be carefully removed from affected trees and bushes. All bird nests will be removed outside of nesting season.

### Q: Will the vegetation be replaced?

A: When we've finished the refurbishment work we'll discuss replanting areas with landowners, the relevant local authorities and local conservation organisations to make sure any replacement planting will benefit the local environment.

### Q: Will you build any new pylons?

A: No. Our work on the overhead line is a full refurbishment of the existing pylons. This includes inspection of foundations, renovation of pylons and replacement of insulators and fittings and the overhead wire itself.

We'll do everything we can to minimise disruption to you while we work in the area. We will make sure you are kept up to date using our website and will let you know well in advance of any road closures.

If you spot a potential hazard on or near an overhead electricity line, warn anyone in the vicinity to evacuate the area then call our 24-hour electricity emergency number **0800 40 40 90\***.

(\*It's important you don't use this phone number for any other purpose.)

We'll make sure there is 24-hour access to properties affected by the road closure in case of emergency.

### Working hours

The majority of this work will take place between 7am and 7pm. We'll need to work some weekends and will let local residents know in advance. We'll make sure the community is kept informed as work continues. We'll do our best to carry out any potentially disruptive work, such as delivery of materials, early morning or late evening.

### Keeping you up to date

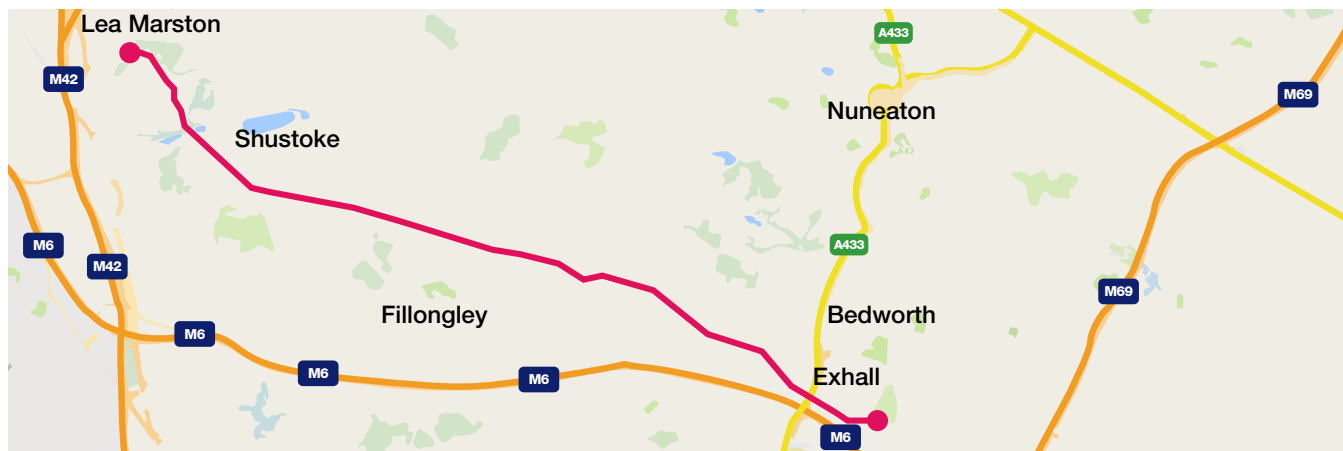
For the latest project information, visit <http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/in-your-area/projects/coleshill-bedworth>

If you have any questions while the maintenance work is taking place, please call the Community Relations team on **0800 073 1047**. The team is available daily from **7am to 7pm**.

## Coleshill to Bedworth

Refurbishment of electricity pylons and overhead line





Across the UK, National Grid is updating overhead power lines to make sure that you have the power you need at the flick of a switch. Replacing these power lines will ensure a safe and efficient source of electricity is delivered to local communities.

During 2017 we'll carry out essential refurbishment of the overhead line between the Hams Hall and Coventry substations. The 20km (12.5 mile) route has 60 pylons.

Our work will include re-painting of pylons, new fittings and general refurbishment along the route. We'll also need to put a new wire in place, called a conductor, and take down the old one. We'll work along the route in sections. You may see preparatory work from January 2017.

Refurbishment work will start from March and is scheduled to finish in September. To reduce the impact of multiple visits to the same pylon locations, much of this work will be done when the power supply is switched off. This will be between May and August 2017.

### The National Grid network

Electricity is transmitted from its source through a network of high voltage electricity lines owned and operated by National Grid. It's then transmitted into towns and cities where local distributors deliver lower voltage electricity to communities.

### Site preparation and work involved

Preparation will include survey and exploration works at the base of the pylons and clearance of trees and bushes under pylons to allow safe access. You may see temporary gates and stone pathways leading up to the pylons. Some of the work is on pylons and overhead lines that may be close to your property.

Certain pylons that we need to refurbish using heavy equipment are difficult for our vehicles to get to. We'll need to close some short sections of road and footpaths for a short time so that we can safely access power lines. We will also use scaffolding to protect roads, railways, distribution power lines and buildings effectively.

We'll keep residents up to date on the progress of the work and any dates that the local road network is due to be affected. We'll remove any fencing and scaffolding and will leave all working areas clean and tidy once we've finished.

**This work will not disrupt electricity supplies in the area.**

## Project timeline

### Phase One Preparation work

**January**  
Survey and exploratory work at the base of pylons. Construction of temporary access gates and stone pathways. Safe removal of bird nests and vegetation clearance for access to pylons

**February**  
Civils and construction start on site

**March**  
Painting in non-outage begins

### Phase Two Refurbishment begins

**April**  
Car park closures in Hams Hall Distribution Park. Sports pitch closures. First span of work begins at Hams Hall end, including scaffolding, CSS and wire pulling

**May**  
Double circuit outage starts to allow main refurbishment work to take place, along the line. Painting during outage begins

**June**  
Some local roads will be closed

**August**  
Roads reopen

**Late Autumn**  
All refurbishment work on the overhead line and land reinstatement is now complete