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Dear Neighbour

**National Grid overhead power line refurbishment: Cowley – Culham Jet – Didcot**

We began work earlier this month to upgrade the 4VY overhead power line between Cowley and Didcot. Our multi-million pound investment in this project will help to maintain electricity supplies in the area and keep power flowing to local homes and businesses.

The overhead power line route begins at our substation in Cowley (OX4 7QN) and goes south through the parishes of Sutton Courtenay, Culham, Nuneham Courtenay, Toot Baldon and Marsh, Garsington and Sandford on Thames to our substation at Didcot (OX11 7HH). We'll also refurbish a small section of overhead line at Culham Jet Science Park (OX14 3DB). None of our work will affect electricity supplies in the area.

We will carry out most of our work between March and June 2022. Neighbours may see our engineers as they work at height to carry out the refurbishment, including replacing the 400kV conductor wire, the earth wire, insulators and other fittings on the pylon. Our contractor, Balfour Beatty, is clearing trees and vegetation (in consultation with an ecologist and Natural England) and will install trackway and scaffolding so they can reach the pylons in preparation for the works.

Please be assured we'll do all we can to minimise any disruption associated with these essential works.

The project crosses 12 PRowS (footpaths and bridleways) that we will need to close twice during the project. This is to ensure the safety of workers and the public when we install/dismantle scaffolding and protective netting and when wire pulling takes place – an activity which usually takes around ten days. We applied to Oxfordshire County Council for full closures however, the footpaths will remain open until we're working there. Posters will be in place at key locations along the route with information about the project and our helpline telephone number and email address for enquiries. We're also communicating the closures to stakeholders including Parish Councils and user groups along the route.

Neighbours may notice temporary traffic management signage for site access, for example where we'll install scaffolding and netting in specific locations to carry out the works on the overhead line.

Our daily working hours are 7am to 6pm (including weekends but excluding bank holidays). We expect to complete the project by Autumn 2022.

If you have any queries, please call our Community Relations team on 0800 073 1047. They're available daily from 7am-7pm. Alternatively, you can email [nationalgridteam@jbp.co.uk](mailto:nationalgridteam@jbp.co.uk).

Yours faithfully



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