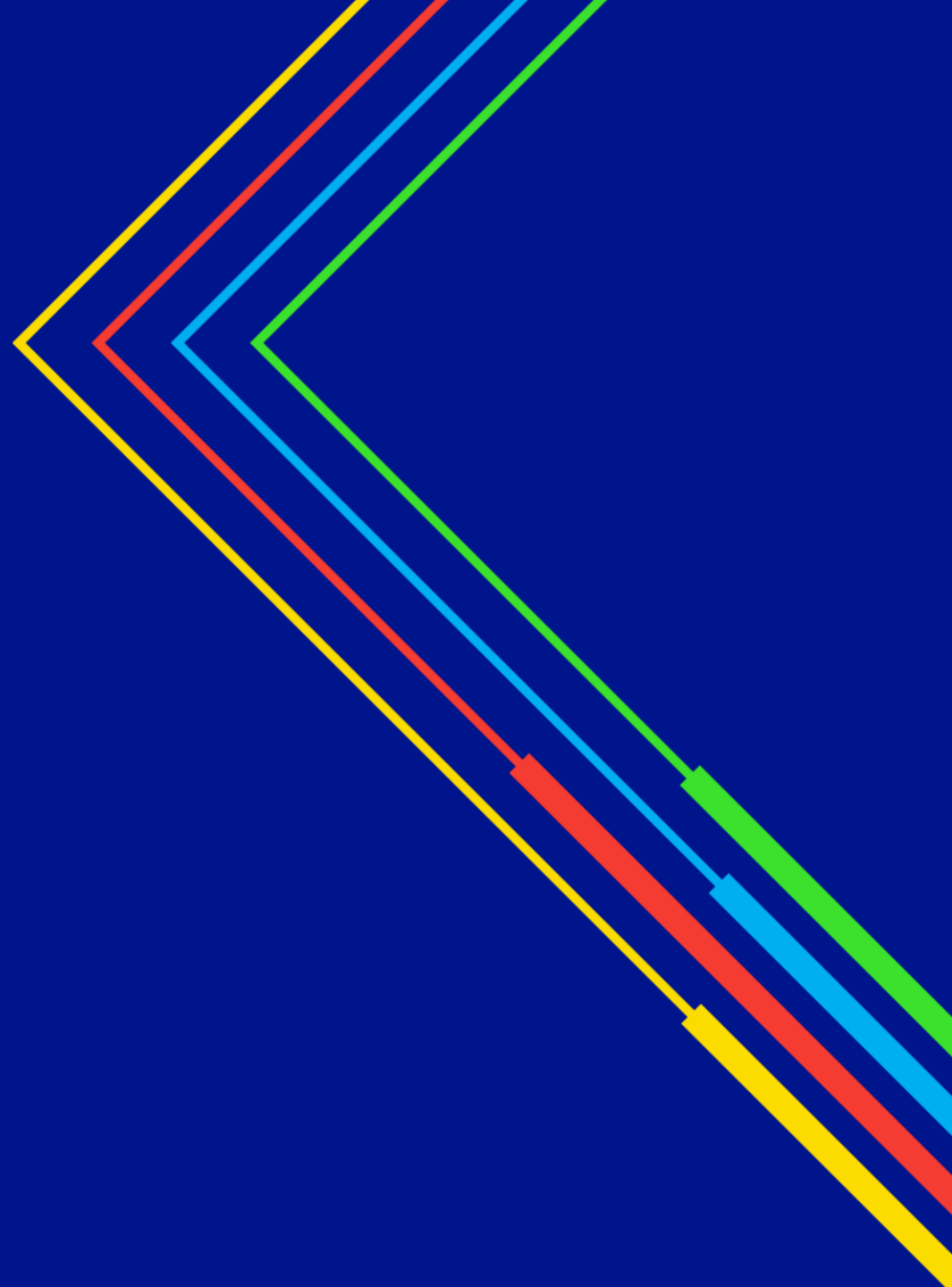


# Willesden and Kensal Green Connection project

Phase 2 works public information  
webinar 2025



# Meet the team

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# Overview

**Willesden & Kensal Green Connection project will connect a new datacentre to our transmission network.**

- We have a legal obligation to connect companies to our network when a connection is requested.
- The connection will require the replacement of 3km of cables along the Grand Union Canal towpath between Kensal Green and Willesden substations.





# Route map



# Our work so far

## Our works programme is divided into two phases.

- The first phase took place between May 2024 and May 2025, and involved removing existing cables along the Grand Union Canal towpath between Old Oak and Kensal Green.
- This phase did not require towpath closures – instead, pontoons were installed at select points along the canal, enabling pedestrians and cyclists to continue using the towpath.
- In July 2025, we will conduct a second phase of works to commission and install the new cables. This work is estimated to begin in July 2025 and complete in winter 2025. This will involve towpath closures and diversions.





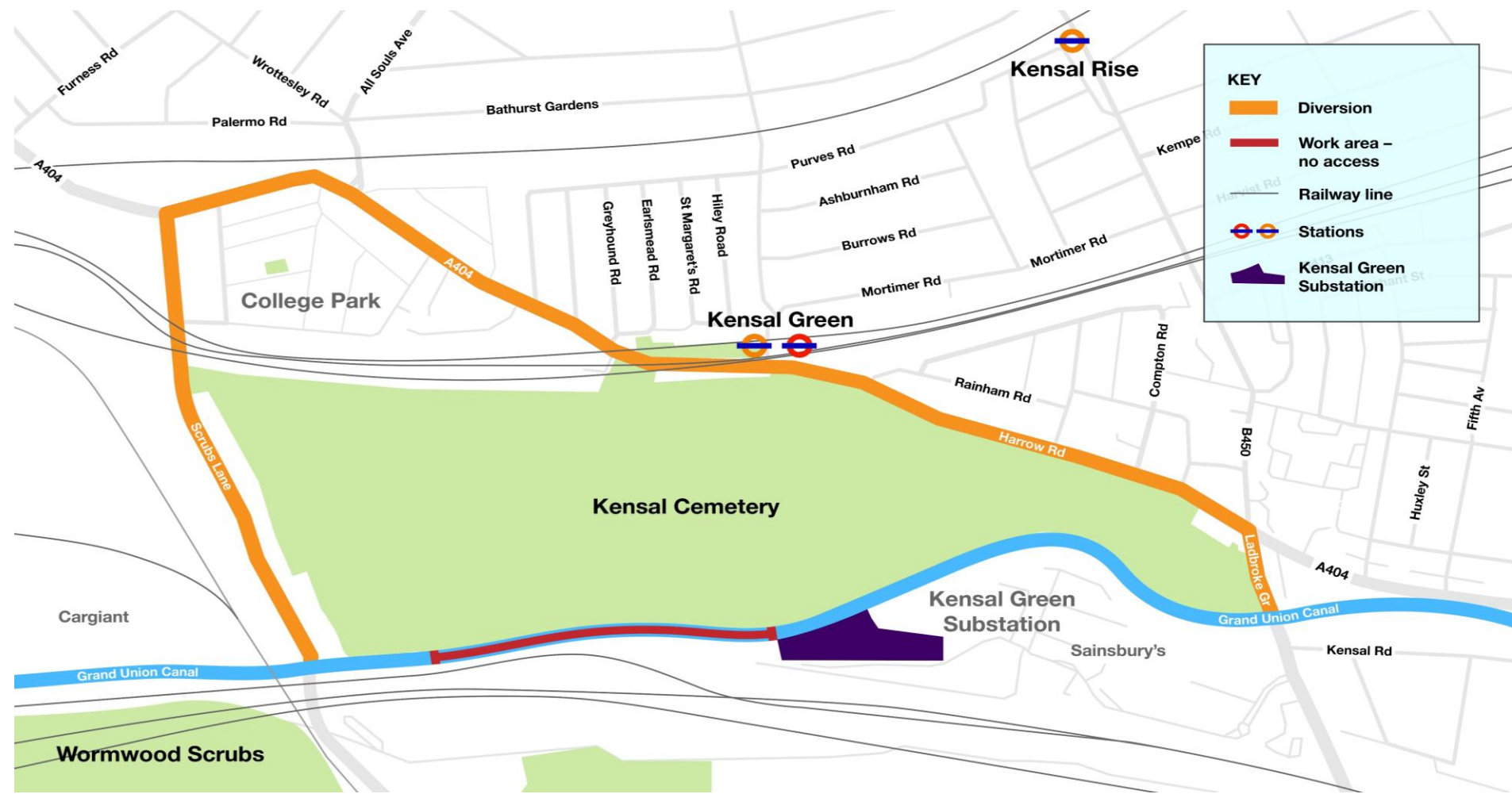
## Upcoming: phase 2 towpath works

- The installation of new cables is a 'rolling process' rather than static, which means lengthy sections of towpath need to be closed to avoid any health and safety risk.
- The project team has carefully considered all possible alternatives to closures.
- Pontoons are not viable during cable installation as the length of sections needed to be closed are too long – this would cause accessibility issues with barges.



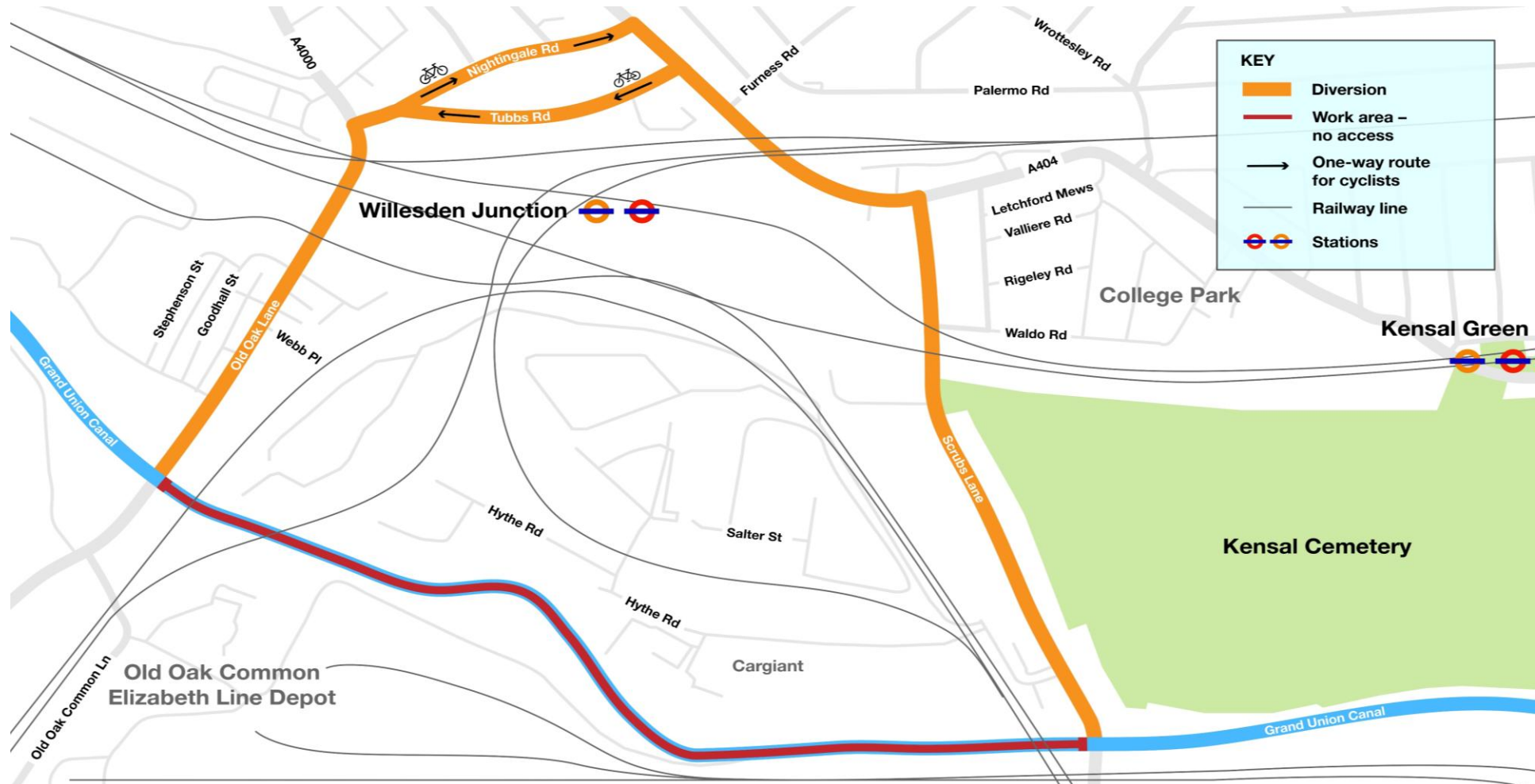
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## Section 2: Scrubs Lane to Old Oak Lane

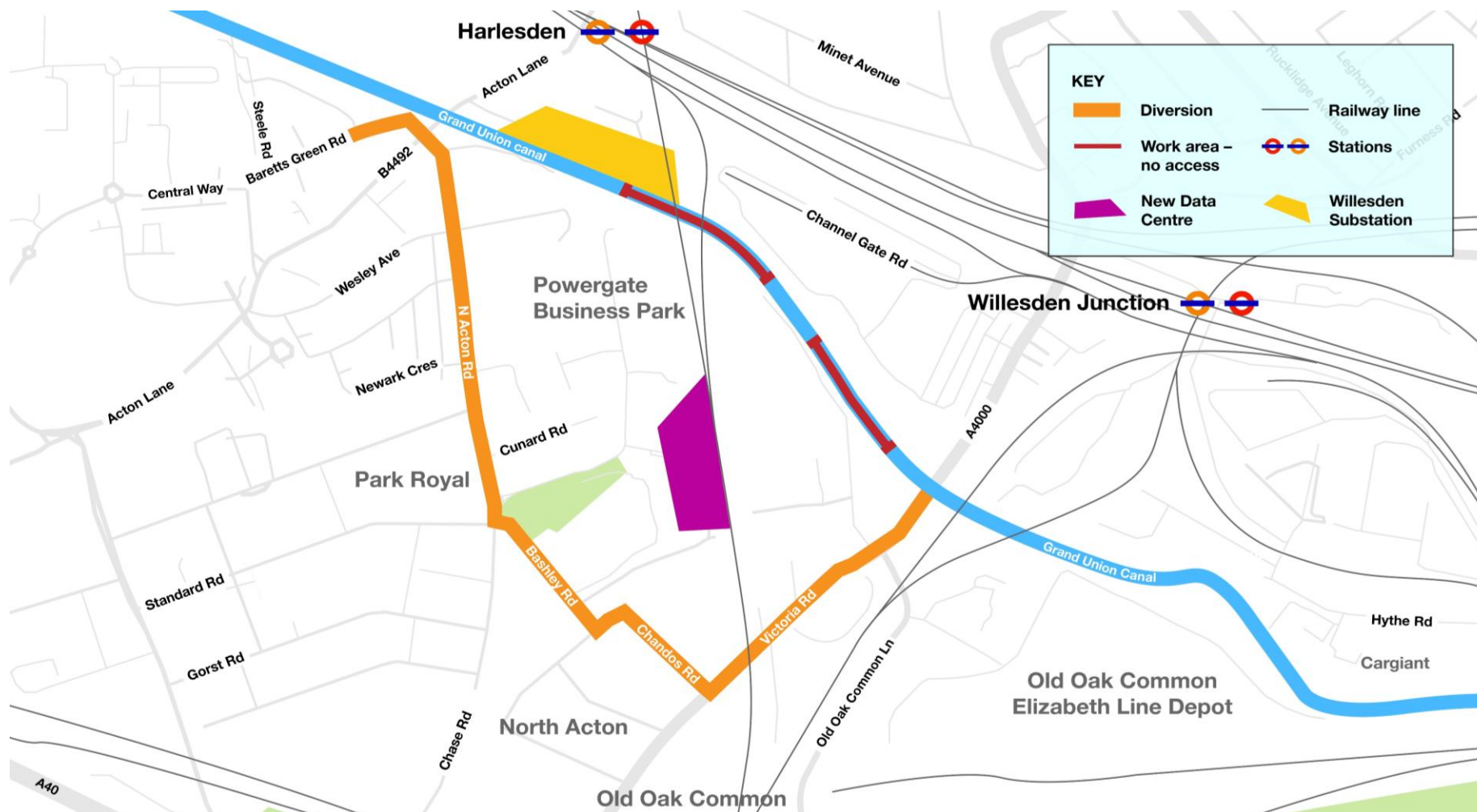
The section indicated below will be closed from 4 August 2025 for a period of 9 weeks.





## Section 3: Victoria Road to Barratts Green Lane

The section indicated below will be closed from 6 October 2025 for a period of 3 weeks.



# Step free diversion

The diversion below outlines a step free route between Ladbroke Grove and Scrubs Lane. This will apply from 14 July 2025 to 5 October 2025.



# Overnight works

Some of our cable installation works will need to take place over the weekend, outside of regular working hours. This is to ensure that works are completed as soon as possible, and we can minimise the amount of time that we need to implement diversions for.

- 7am Saturday 26 July - 5am Monday 28 July between **Ladbroke Grove to Scrubs Lane.**
- 7am Saturday 18 October – 5am Monday 20 October from **Old Oak Lane to Barretts Green Road, at Old Oak Lane Bridge.**
- There will be machinery on site to facilitate the cable pulling that may generate increased noise, and temporary lighting will be in place throughout the duration of works. We are ensuring that all disruption will be kept to a minimum to limit significant impact on the local community.





# Community engagement

**National Grid has maintained consistent engagement with the local community throughout the project, including:**

- Holding public information events in December 2023 at Willesden Junction, Kensal Green, and Harlesden Underground stations, as well on the Grand Union Canal itself, near to The Collective Old Oak.
- Working collaboratively to support community organisations apply for National Grid's Community Grant Programme.
- Holding educational sessions with nearby schools Newfield Primary and St Joseph's RC Primary in July 2024, and Old Oak Primary in May 2025, which focused on engineering, construction, and the energy industry.
- Collaborating with the Wesley Playing Fields parks team for a community litter pick.



# Get in touch

**If you would like any further information or to speak to a member of the community relations team about the works, please use the contact form on our website or via the contact details below.**

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Our phone lines are open 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. Any calls received outside of these times will be picked up via answerphone and will be responded to the next working day.



# Any questions?



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