



We have received a request to provide a new connection for a data centre in the Park Royal area near to the Grand Union Canal. Under our license to operate, we have a legal obligation to connect companies to our network when a connection is requested.

We will be providing this new connection between National Grid's substations at Willesden and Kensal Green. This requires laying 3km of new cable along the Grand Union Canal towpath using the existing high voltage cable troughs. A map outlining the route of the works can be found on a separate banner.

Ahead of confirming our programme for the project, technical assessments were required along the towpath. These were carried out by our contractor, J. Murphy & Sons, who – as part of this work – also cleared some overgrown vegetation along the route. Pontoons were placed alongside sections of the towpath to ensure accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians, including wheelchair users and pushchairs.

Our first phase of works are due to begin in March 2024. A second phase of works is then set to begin later that year, with the project reaching completion in 2025. All dates are subject to change.

More information can be found at www.nationalgrid.com/willesden-connection-project.

You can reach our dedicated community relations team by calling 0800 093 1678 or emailing contact@willesden.nationalgrid.com

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We are encouraging applications for funding from our Community Grant Programme, which is aimed at community groups in areas where our work is impacting local people through our operations and construction activities.

Charities, community groups and non-profits based along the route of the works can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to support impactful initiatives and worthy causes that will benefit local communities socially, economically and environmentally.

Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis and groups interested in applying for funding can find detailed information, including eligibility requirements and the application process, on the Community Grant Programme page – www.nationalgrid.com/responsibility/community/community-grant-programme.

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