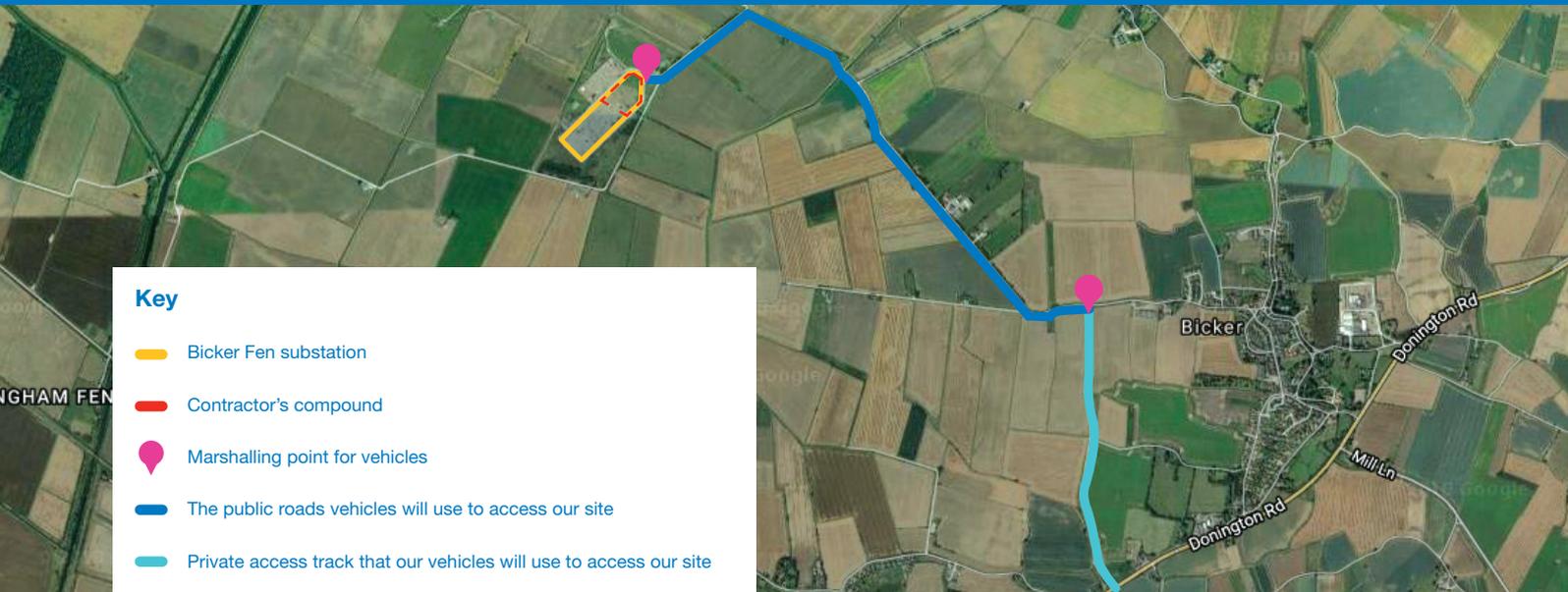


Community Update

July 2018

National Grid Bicker Fen substation works



Key

- Bicker Fen substation
- Contractor's compound
- Marshalling point for vehicles
- The public roads vehicles will use to access our site
- Private access track that our vehicles will use to access our site

What is happening

Over the next few years we'll invest in new equipment at Bicker Fen substation. The work is an important part of Innogy Renewables' plans to connect new low-carbon energy supplies from their proposed Triton Knoll wind farm to the National Grid network.

National Grid owns and operates the high voltage electricity system in England and Wales. It's our responsibility to allow new sources of energy to connect to our system, so we can all benefit from the electricity they generate.

We'll start work in September 2018. We'll first carry out repairs to the surface of the existing access track, which runs from the A52 Donington Road to Ing Drove. We expect to complete all our work in time to provide supplies to Triton Knoll in February 2020.

This work will have no impact on your electricity supply.

Works are broadly in four phases:

September 2018	Improve the surface of the existing private access track which runs from the A52 to Ing Drove. This is expected to take 4-6 weeks to complete. Preparation work at the substation, including deliveries of stone and temporary site offices.
October – February 2019	Creating foundations for the new equipment (called piling) and minor civil works. We'll use a quieter technique, known as continuous flight auger (CFA) when doing piling work, rather than driven piles.
March - November 2019	Deliveries of mechanical and electrical kit and assembling on-site. Electrical completion is due in November 2019. We'll remove the temporary site offices at this time.
February 2020	Return to connect Triton Knoll Windfarm.



National Grid Community Grant Programme

Our Community Grant Programme is aimed at organisations and charities in areas where National Grid's work impacts on local people through our operations and site activities.

We fund projects run by charities and community groups that meet local community needs by providing a range of social, economic and environmental benefits that are impacted by National Grid and its operations. If your project meets our criteria you can apply for a grant of up to £10,000.

Find out more at <http://betl.nationalgrid.co.uk>

Frequently Asked Questions

Please find a selection of Frequently Asked Questions that may answer any queries or concerns you may have about the project.

If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Community Relations Team. Their contact details are below.

Don't forget to look at our new website for the latest project updates, news and information nationalgrid.com/bickerfensubstation

What are your working hours?

Normal working hours will be between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to noon on Saturdays. HGV traffic will be limited to 9am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday and at no time during weekends or Bank Holidays.

Will construction vehicles travel through Bicker village when work starts?

No. Construction traffic won't travel through Bicker village where the roads are narrow and where people live. Instead, we'll use the existing access track that runs between the A52 and Ing Drove, past Friest Lane. Temporary construction traffic signage will restrict access to roads into the village and direct construction traffic to the Traffic Management Plan route. This means all construction traffic will bypass the village.

How will you minimise traffic disruption to people using Ing Drove and Cowbridge Road?

We're developing a strict Traffic Management Plan in agreement with Lincolnshire County Council, the local highway authority, to make sure we minimise disruption to the local community. We'll provide clear signage to make sure our construction traffic uses the agreed route and stays within the speed restrictions for construction traffic. We'll emphasise to our employees and contractors the special care they need to take when driving to and from the area. We'll also use a marshalling system so construction vehicles don't have to pass one another along Ing Drove/Cowbridge Road/Vicarage Drove to get to/from the substation. Smaller deliveries (including mail) can be left at the holding area for inclusion on another vehicle going to site.

What do I do if I see a works vehicle speeding?

We'll have a strict Traffic Management Plan in place. This clearly identifies the roads project traffic can use and imposes lower than legal speed limits for construction traffic. All our staff and contractors are fully briefed on the Traffic Management Plan before starting work on the project. We take a zero-tolerance approach to contractors or staff who don't follow the traffic management plan. We'll conduct our own regular visible speed controls in the local area. Vehicles for the substation site will clearly display a National Grid sign in the windscreen. We encourage local residents to call our community relations line with details of any vehicles suspected of breaking the traffic management plan.

What will you do to keep roads clean?

The works don't involve much excavation. This, combined with our one-way marshalling system, means we expect little mud to be tracked onto Cowbridge Road/Ing Drove. We'll have a road sweeper out regularly to keep Ing Drove, Cowbridge Road and Vicarage Drove clean.

Keep in Touch

You can get in touch with our Community Relations Team online, by telephone or email. Their contact details are below:



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