

Dear Resident

National Grid – Elstree Substation to Sundon Substation overhead electricity line refurbishment

We are writing again to update you on our work to upgrade the existing overhead electricity line between Elstree Substation and Sundon Substation.

In April 2024 we wrote to you ahead of starting enabling works along the route which included vegetation clearance and tree lopping, widening narrow access points, and installing scaffolding, netting and temporary trackways in fields and over major roads and motorways.

We have now completed these activities which means we can now work on the line safely and efficiently.

We will shortly be starting our main work in late June to refurbish and replace the wires and other equipment. We anticipate this will continue along the 35km route until mid-September.

This planned work will not affect local electricity supplies to homes and businesses.

During this time, you may see teams, including the project's main contractor Morgan Sindall, working along the overhead line where new wires will be installed and old ones removed.

The work will include vehicles and machinery to allow us to do the work safely, to move materials and equipment onto site and remove the old equipment, and to transport our workers to and from site.

Where we need to work particularly closely to individual homes or businesses, we will be in touch with more details ahead of work starting in these areas, and we will work with local people to try and reduce any disruption.

Where we need to cross private land to carry out the work, we have already sought agreement with the relevant landowner(s).

This is among the first in a series of circuit upgrade projects taking place across the country which aim to speed up connections to the electricity transmission network and support a secure, affordable and net zero energy system for the future.

You can find answers to many of the most frequently asked questions about our work inside this letter, along with a map showing the route.

If you have any further queries, you can contact our Community Relations Team by calling **0800 915 3602** and leaving a message (9am-5:30pm Monday to Friday), or by emailing **elstreetosundon@nationalgrid.com**

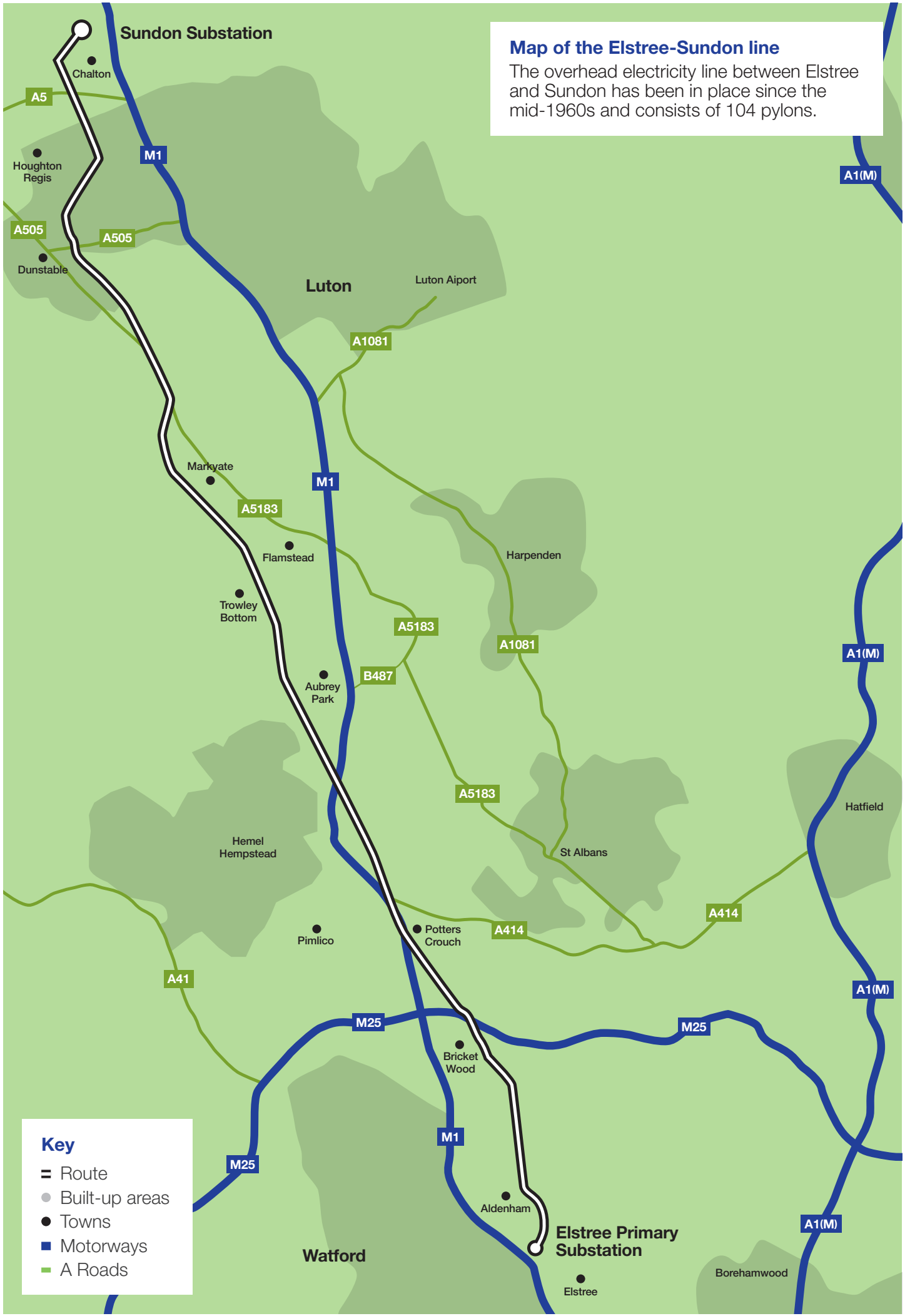
Thank you for your continued understanding while we carry out this essential work.

Yours faithfully

Chris Sandland



Project Manager, National Grid



Map of the Elstree-Sundon line

The overhead electricity line between Elstree and Sundon has been in place since the mid-1960s and consists of 104 pylons.

Key

- Route
- Built-up areas
- Towns
- Motorways
- A Roads

Frequently Asked Questions

Elstree to Sundon overhead line refurbishment



What work will be taking place?

During the refurbishment you may see activity along the overhead line, especially at angle pylons (where the line changes direction) and where the new wires are installed and the old wires are taken down.

You may also see vehicles and machinery that allows us to do the work safely, move materials and equipment onto site, remove the old equipment, and transport our workers to and from site.

We will also carry out additional temporary works over the whole route length, such as scaffolding to protect roads, railways, distribution power lines and buildings, access and accommodation works to enable vehicle and plant access to site, and site establishment yards to house the staff, equipment, and materials for the works.

In some areas we will also be using a system that allows us to safely replace wires over inaccessible obstacles like rivers, railways, roads, or buildings helping us to minimise disruption as much as possible.

For more information on how we refurbish overhead electricity lines you can read our factsheet at www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/document/82681/download

Will there be any road closures?

In some areas we will need to close roads or install some temporary traffic management measures near our works. Where we do need to close roads, we're in discussion with the relevant local authorities about limited lane and road closures.

Where we can, we will look to keep local communities informed in advance and we'll do all we can to minimise any disruption as we do our work.

How many vehicles will be using the local roads and accessing the pylons?

The amount of traffic going to and from the pylons will depend on the location and the nature of our work. While you may notice a small increase in traffic during some stages of our work, we'll control all movements to limit any disruption on local roads.

Will you need to close any footpaths?

Our overhead line crosses some Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and Permissive Rights of Way, so we will need temporary footpath closures and/or diversions for the safety of members of the public as we work overhead. Where we can, we will look to keep local communities informed in advance and we'll do all we can to minimise any disruption as we do our work.

Who are you working with to deliver the project?

National Grid work with a number of contract partners to deliver their crucial works. This project is being delivered by Morgan Sindall, a construction and engineering company with a track record of delivering complex projects for National Grid.

How will this project help the UK to reach net zero?

We're refurbishing this 35km stretch of high voltage overhead electricity lines to increase capacity and enable more clean energy projects in South England to be connected onto the UK electricity network.

The project is among the first in a series of circuit upgrades taking place across the country which aims to speed up connections to the electricity transmission network and support a secure, affordable and net zero energy system.





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. If your project meets our criteria, you can apply for a grant of up to £10,000. To find out more, visit our website at www.nationalgrid.com/responsibility/community/community-grant-programme

Where can I find more information?

We've included more detail on the refurbishment works on our project website, at nationalgrid.com/elstreetosundon

If you still have any queries, you can contact us directly by using the details below.



Contact Us

If you have any questions about the project or would like any more information, please contact our Community Relations Team

You can do this by:

Email: elstreetosundon@nationalgrid.com

Telephone: **0800 915 3602**

This line is available from 9.00am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. If prompted, please leave a message with your name and contact number and we will get back to you as soon as we can.



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