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Dear Sir/Madam

**Hinkley Connection Project update - surveys to start between Nailsea and Portishead substation**

National Grid is building a new 57 km high voltage electricity connection between Bridgwater and Seabank near Avonmouth, to link new sources of power in the area, including Hinkley Point C, EDF Energy's new nuclear power station in Somerset, to UK homes and businesses.

As a result of consultation, and to mitigate the impact of new T-pylons being built in the area, National Grid is removing two existing lines of pylons between Nailsea and Portishead substation; replacing one with underground cable.

Starting in April through to June 2019, we will carry out surveys in a number of locations along the route of the underground cable. This will include searches for existing services, as well as drilling and digging to assess ground conditions that will inform the detailed design of the cable installation.

National Grid has appointed J. Murphy & Sons Limited, to carry out this work. They will undertake the surveys at approximately every 50 metres along the route. Once the surveys are complete, they will reinstate the land.

Although most of these surveys will be carried out in fields, we will need to survey numerous roads in Nailsea and sections of road where we will build temporary accesses to our haul roads. Some of the surveys will require short-term temporary traffic lights to keep staff and road users safe. They will be removed as soon as the surveys are complete.

Surveys will also be undertaken in Portbury Wharf Nature Reserve. They will be carried out sensitively and monitored closely by North Somerset Council.

We recognise that the work may affect people and businesses and we will make every effort to minimise disruption and inconvenience.

We want to keep you up to date with what we're doing, and we will be back in touch with further information before starting construction. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the community relations team on 0800 377 7347 or by email at [hinkleyconnection@nationalgrid.co.uk](mailto:hinkleyconnection@nationalgrid.co.uk).

You can find more information on all stages of the project on our website at [www.hinkleyconnection.co.uk](http://www.hinkleyconnection.co.uk).

Yours faithfully



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