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Dear Councillor Ward

Beddington to Rowdown cable replacement – project update

I thought it'd be useful to send you an update about the replacement of the underground electricity cable between Beddington and Rowdown substations. We need to carry out our essential work to ensure we keep the transmission network in first-class working order and help meet future electricity demands. Our work represents a substantial investment in the region's power network.

We're now in the latter stages of the project. However, due to delays because of the Covid-19 pandemic and the knock-on effect to the supply chain, we expect our work will continue until Spring 2022.

The replacement is complete, and we'll now concentrate on testing the new cable. We'll take away the old cable, equipment, and materials from our working areas later this year and carry out some reinstatement work, including resurfacing and fence repairs. We'll then remove our site office cabins from Rowdown substation and stone chippings from a temporary haul road off Mickleham Way which leads to the substation. This will bring most of our work to an end with only minor electrical works continuing within the substations until Spring 2022. **None of our work will affect local electricity supplies.**

We'll keep our site neighbours informed as our work progresses on-site. I hope you find this summary helpful. You can find more details about the project on our webpage <https://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/electricity-transmission/infrastructure-projects/beddington-rowdown>

One final thing to mention is our Voices for A Green Future schools' competition, which gives the next generation a voice on the journey to a clean energy future. We've written to schools to encourage them to enter. The winners will have their speeches premiered at the UN Climate Change Conference later this year, of which we're the principal partner. If you'd like to send it on to any local contacts here's the link for more information <https://www.nationalgrid.com/cop26/voices-for-a-green-future/resources>.

If you have any queries about this scheme, please contact our Community Relations team on 0800 073 1047 or email nationalgridteam@jbp.co.uk. They're available daily from 7am to 7pm.

Yours sincerely



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