



£1M UPGRADE TO YOUR LOCAL ELECTRICITY NETWORK

Early next year, SSEN Distribution – the operator of overhead lines, substations and underground cables across central southern England – will start work on a project to make Houghton's electricity supplies more resilient. This will reduce the likelihood of power cuts and boost network capacity to allow for more connections in the future.

This essential work will start on 10 January and is due to run until the end of May. Teams will be working along a route from SSEN Distribution's substation at Faithful Drove through Houghton Road, then onto the A30 High Street into Longstock Road, along 1.6km of that route.

Teams from SSEN Distribution and its main contractor, Durkin and Sons, will be replacing 5km of existing underground cable and, for everyone's safety, sections of road near where teams are working will need to be closed.

Speaking ahead of the project, SSEN Distribution's Project Manager Richard Kingston, said:

“We'd like to thank our customers and road-users for their patience and understanding as we go about these essential works. We know delays can be frustrating, and we'll do all we can to complete the work as safely and as quickly as possible.

“This project has been agreed with the local council, and to minimise disruption we plan to work in 250-metre sections. We'll lay the cable, then we'll reinstate the ground before moving on to the next section of road. For the safety of teams on site and road-users, works will be carried out using rolling road closures. Access for residents and businesses will be maintained at all times, but there will be no through traffic for non-essential access.”

SSEN Distribution is currently talking to the local bus operator about these road closures, and more details will be given on bus stops along the affected routes when plans are finalised.

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