

Hinkley Connection Project



Removal of pylons between Bridgwater and Sandford – from October 2021

In 2018 National Grid started to build a new 57 kilometre high voltage electricity line to connect six million homes and businesses to new sources of low carbon energy. To make room for and reduce the visual impact of the new connection, we are removing 37 kilometres of existing pylons owned by Western Power Distribution (WPD) between Bridgwater and Sandford.

Our contractor Balfour Beatty will use the most appropriate traffic routes and WPD's access to reach and remove each of the pylons along the route.



Taking down pylons is a much smaller piece of work than erecting them, involving fewer vehicles and over a much shorter length of time. Where the wires cross over roads, we will erect scaffolding and use controlled lifting systems to lower and recover the wires before dismantling the pylons and removing the foundations.

Traffic management

When we're working on the highways, we need to manage the traffic to keep everyone safe. This will involve using traffic lights and some short-term road closures. Our contractors put up advance notice signs to let local road users know of any traffic restrictions and closures.

We agreed the traffic management plan for the pylon removal with the local highway authorities. Visit [hinkleyconnection.co.uk/traffic-management/](https://www.hinkleyconnection.co.uk/traffic-management/) for locations and timings of roadworks in your area.

We expect the work to remove the pylons between Bridgwater and Sandford to be complete by summer 2022.

The removal of WPD's pylons follows feedback from members of the community during consultation carried out between 2009 and 2014. It's part of the 67 kilometres of overhead line that we'll have removed by the time the project is completed in 2025.

Thank you

Thank you from everyone working on the Hinkley Connection Project for your patience as we continue our work to deliver electricity efficiently, reliably and safely and help the UK meet its ambitious net zero target by 2050.

Contact us

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