

## Countdown to consultation: National Grid's Richborough team wish community a happy Christmas ahead of busy 2015

- Consultation dates and venues to be announced in early 2015

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- **Community encouraged to get involved as this will be the last chance to influence the plans before they are submitted**
- **The Richborough Connection will play a part in helping to keep the lights on at future Christmases and all year round**

National Grid is extending Christmas greetings to the local community as it prepares to announce details of the public consultation on its Richborough Connection plans early next year.

More details of the consultation will be announced early next year and maximum participation is being encouraged as it will be the last chance people have to help shape the plans before they are submitted.

In May this year National Grid announced its draft route for the project which is needed to join the Nemo Link (an electricity link between Belgium and the UK) to the electricity transmission network. Plans were outlined to build a new high voltage overhead line and remove an existing lower voltage UK Power Networks overhead line.

National Grid project manager Steve Self said: "Christmas is a busy time for National Grid as our engineers work through the festive season to ensure people have the energy supplies they need to cook their Christmas dinners and keep their tree lights on.

"Projects such as the Richborough Connection play an important role in helping to ensure that people continue to enjoy safe, reliable and economical energy supplies not just for their Christmas celebrations but all year round."

He added: "It's been a busy year for the project team and we've really valued the feedback we've had from the local community which together with environmental and technical studies have helped us refine our plans. I'm confident that we can deliver something which achieves the right balance between environmental sensitivities and the impact on people's energy bills.

"I'd like to wish the local community a very happy Christmas and I look forward to meeting as many of them as possible at our consultation events in early 2015 – it's really important that people give us their views as it will be their last chance to do so before we submit our plans."

For more information and updates on the Richborough Connection people can:

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- Call Freephone number 0800 157 7878
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Find out more about the energy challenge and how National Grid is helping find solutions to some of the challenges we face at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/news>

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