

Supergrid electricity transformer set for Highbury Substation, Islington

Electricity transformer to be delivered to new substation in Seven Sisters Road on Sunday (25 October)

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- **'Milestone' delivery set to help meet London's rising energy needs**
- **Holloway Road temporarily closed northbound between Tollington Road and Seven Sisters Road**

On Sunday 25 October an electricity transformer, the size of a large truck, will be delivered to National Grid's new Highbury Substation, on Seven Sisters Road, Islington.

This very large piece of electrical equipment was built in Germany and arrived in the UK by ship to the Port of Tilbury in Essex. In the early hours of Sunday morning the transformer will begin its journey to Islington via the M25 and A10.

Due to its size and weight, a special 60m long trailer will be attached to the delivery vehicle and it will be escorted by the Police. We have timed the delivery to take place on a Sunday, to avoid the busiest traffic times.

As it approaches the substation, a large crane will be used to transfer the transformer on to a shorter 12m long delivery vehicle in order to complete the final stretch of its journey. To carry out this activity Holloway Road will be temporarily closed *northbound* between Tollington Road and Seven Sisters Road from 6.00am – 6.00pm on Sunday 25 October. A traffic diversion route will be in operation and the affected area will be cordoned off.

The transformer is due to arrive at the substation by 6pm.

National Grid Project Engineer, Stuart Cameron said: "The arrival of the first of three transformers is a major milestone and will be a vital component of our new substation, which will play an important part in helping to meet the Capital's increasing energy needs. The delivery has required meticulous planning and we're sorry for any delays or disruption that might be caused. We'll do all we can to keep disruption to a minimum."

To help motorists plan their journeys in London on Sunday, the full route is:

Travel southbound in to London on the A10, before turning right in to Manor Road (opposite Stoke Newington station). It will continue along Manor Road in to Lordship Lane, before turning right into Green Lanes. The vehicle will then turn left into Portland Rise, until it reaches Seven Sisters Road. From here, it will travel along Seven

Sisters Road, before veering left into Tollington Road and turning right onto Holloway Road. The stretch of Holloway Road between Tollington Road and Seven Sisters Road, will be temporarily closed (in the northbound direction) to allow the transformer to be transferred from one delivery vehicle to another. From Holloway Road it will turn right and complete the final short stretch to the substation at 107 – 129 Seven Sisters Road.

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