

16th March 2012

Dear Councillor,

Community and Environment Committee – Thursday 22nd March 2012

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Community and Environment Committee, to be held in the Town Hall, High Street, Congleton **on Thursday 22nd March 2012 at 6.30pm.**

The Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting. There may be confidential items towards the end of the meeting which the law requires the Council to make a resolution to exclude the public and press.

Yours sincerely,



TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence. (Members are reminded of the necessity to give apologies in advance of the meeting and to give reasons for absence).
2. Minutes of Last Meeting

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th February 2012 as a correct record (copy enclosed).

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both “personal” and “personal and prejudicial” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

4. Outstanding Actions

CAE/41/1011

1. A feasibility report on a possible project be developed for a shelter in Congleton Park.
The Youth Committee to be consulted on this project.

5. Unauthorised Encampment Barn Road

To consider what action to recommend relating to the unauthorised encampment taking place in Barn Road. (enclosed)

6. Cheshire East Flood Defences

To receive and consider correspondence from the Cheshire East relating to flood defences and CCTV coverage. (enclosed)

7. Fellowship House Luncheon Club

To receive and consider a list of duties and responsibilities for the Sub Committee overseeing the Luncheon Club at Fellowship House. (enclosed)

8. National Grid

To receive and consider correspondence from the National grid concerning overhead line refurbishment. (enclosed)

9. Boat on the River Dane

To receive a report concerning the boat on the Rover Dane (enclosed)

10. Resolution to exclude the Public and Press

To consider passing a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that public and press be excluded from the meeting for the matters set out below on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

11. Cheshire Police

To receive and consider a verbal report from a representative of Cheshire Police on Policing matters affecting Congleton.

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| To | Members of the Community and Environment Committee |
| | Appointed Member, Hon Burgess Mrs M M Williamson |
| ccs. | Other members of the Council and Honorary Burgesses (4) for Information; Press (3) |

"The Pearl of the Dane" March Update

I am sure that we are all grateful to Paul Bates, Leo Dene and Joe Henshaw for their public-spirited offer to remove the steam boat and also to the Chronicle for explaining to its readers why Cheshire East cannot demolish it without its owner's permission. Ray Morris has not been answering my phone calls, but according to the Chronicle he is still hoping to sell "The Pearl" as a going concern.

The Environment Agency do not seem to believe that the boat is a flood risk, which is perhaps why they are taking their time dotting all the Is and crossing all the Ts. Stephen Parry told me last week:

"I can confirm that we have been happy with all the design drawings that we have received and we are currently looking at one issue related to the securing bolts. Should this issue be resolved, then we would have no further concerns regarding the potential flood risk of the Pearl of the Dane."

In the meantime there is no visible sign of Ray Morris having started work on its refurbishment.

I would suggest that we consider what action we should take to find out if he is absolutely determined to restore the "Pearl" to her former glory, however much work and expense that entails, or if he would be prepared to give her up given sufficient incentive.

Possible actions are:

1. Ask the Cheshire East Planning team to consider using Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to order the owner of the boat to remove it or restore it to an acceptable condition, on the grounds that it is degrading the amenity of the Town Centre. This action was taken once before. Mr Morris tidied up the boat but then let it deteriorate again. However it is now in a worse condition than it was then, so the labour and expense required to restore it would be greater. Cheshire East would have to be given sufficient time to obey the order, or he would have a reason to appeal against it.
2. Ray Morris also owns the nearby Weavers Cottages, which are grade II listed buildings. The state of repair of the woodwork is making them an eye-sore, so a Section 215 order could be made in respect of them too, combined with a Section 216 (listed building repair) order.
3. We could put forward a proposal to extend the Dane Walkway up to the bridge. This would entail compulsory purchase of the land on which the Pearl stands, and would cost some money, but I believe it would be well spent. It also occurs to me (rightly or wrongly) that a surveyor would not put a high price on that piece of land while it is occupied by a derelict boat. It would also provide the opportunity to create a pleasant place for people to sit by the river.

Amanda Martin, March 2012

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 2012

PRESENT: Councillors D Fletcher (Chairman)
 G S Williams
 G Baxendale
 D T Brown
 G P Hayes
 Mrs A M Martin
 D A Parker
 Mrs J D Parry

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs D S Allen, G R Edwards and N T Price.

2. **MINUTES**

CAE/27/1112 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th November, 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were requested to declare both "personal" and "personal & prejudicial" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Councillor G Baxendale and D Brown declared a personal interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

CAE/41/1011

A feasibility report on a possible project be developed for a shelter in Congleton Park. The Youth Committee to be consulted on this project.

5. **SPEEDING ON LEEK ROAD**

Correspondence from Councillor A Thwaite concerning speeding on Leek Road was considered by the Committee.

CAE/28/1112 RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted and that Councillor Thwaite has the full support of the committee for the actions he is taking.

6. FIRE BRIGADE CONTROL ROOM

Correspondence from Councillor D Topping, Chairman of the Cheshire Fire Authority and the Fire Brigade Union concerning the setting up of a proposed North West Fire Control Centre at Warrington was considered by the committee.

CAE/29/1112 RESOLVED: That the correspondence be received and noted.

7. CHESHIRE EAST FLOOD DEFENCES

A press release produced by Cheshire East Council concerning investment in flood defences in the Borough was considered.

CAE/30/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. The report be received.
2. The Clerk to ascertain where CCTV's are to be located on the water courses in Cheshire East.

8. FELLOWSHIP HOUSE LUNCHEON CLUB

A report on the Luncheon Club at Fellowship House was considered and discussed by the members who very much supported the continued operation of this Service.

CAE/31/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. Congleton Town Council would assume overall responsibility for the Luncheon Club.
2. Councillors D Brown, Mrs A M Martin and D Parker would form a sub-committee to oversee its operation.
3. The Clerk to list the duties and responsibilities.

9. CAR PARKING

The issue of car parking was considered when the Scarborough Construction commences and its effect on the availability of short and long stay parking.

CAE/32/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. The Clerk contact Cheshire East Council to discuss this issue.
2. The Clerk to identify the length of time it takes to raise parking orders.

10. MARY PORTAS REVIEW

A report outlining the main points ensuing out of the Mary Portas Study of High Streets in the UK was presented to the committee.

CAE/33/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. The report be received.

2. That a local Land Register of shops in the Town be compiled.
3. The Town Council liaise with the Congleton Business Support Group to identify what support it wants from the Town Council.

11. RUBY'S FUND

Alison Parr presented a report outlining the main areas aims and objectives of Ruby's Fund. One of the difficulties the Fund is currently facing is acquiring suitable premises so that they can provide a soft play room, sensory rooms, disabled toilets, workshop, recreational room and coffee shop.

CAE/34/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. The report be received.
2. Councillor Mrs D Allen be appointed as Councillor Champion for the fund.
3. The Clerk to contact Councillor J McCrae, Cheshire East Borough Council to request him to reconsider the disposal of the Congleton Business Centre and make it available to Ruby's Fund.

It was noted that Councillor D Brown did not vote on this issue.

12. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

There was no resolution to exclude the press and public.

D Fletcher
Chairman

Brian Hogan

From: George Hayes <GHAYES@eatonbank.cheshire.sch.uk>
Sent: 13 February 2012 14:46
To: Brian Hogan
Subject: Unauthorised Encampment, Barn Road, Congleton

Brian,

Just wondering whether this could go onto a committee agenda (not sure which one), primarily so that it can be formally noted by the Council/all Councillors, with a view to you sending a letter to Cheshire East on behalf of the Council, to try and progress actions from Cheshire East.

I will be able to give a brief overview of history/plans etc, if required.

Thanks,

George

Brian Hogan

From: BRAMALL, Diane <Diane.Bramall@cheshireeast.gov.uk>
Sent: 13 February 2012 11:09
To: Brian Hogan
Cc: BROWN, David (Councillor)
Subject: RE: Flood Defences
Attachments: FLOODING IMPROVEMENT FUNDING PRESS RELEASE.docx

Good morning Brian.

Please find attached the press release, as requested. Just for your information, all our press releases are published on the Cheshire East Council website should you need to research any of our work at any time.

Also – in a attempt to keep this press release as palatable as possible, the information around the CCTV was kept very simple. The ‘cameras’ are actually inside pipes which run along the water courses, monitoring the flow internally. They aren’t the large cameras seen on buildings etc. They won’t be visible.

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards,

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From: Brian Hogan [<mailto:bh@congletoncouncil.co.uk>]
Sent: 13 February 2012 10:54
To: BRAMALL, Diane
Cc: BROWN, David (Councillor)
Subject: Flood Defences

Diane,

A few days ago you sent through a press release relating to Investment in Cheshire East’s Flood Defences and mentioned the installation of CCTV. Is it possible to let me know the location of the installation of CCTV on the River Dane as it passes through Congleton as the Town Council would appreciate having knowledge of this information

Kind regards

Brian Hogan

January 12, 2012

Investment in Cheshire East's flood defences

Cheshire East Council (CEC) has received £780,000 in funding to improve its flood defences.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has awarded the grant to the authority to carry out flood management works over the next five years.

With the funding, the Council plans to install CCTV on all water courses within Cheshire East to monitor flooding.

CEC has identified three sites, worst affected by flooding. Flood alleviation schemes will begin in these areas over the next five years:

- Eaton Village in Macclesfield in 2012;
- Astbury Marsh, Newcastle Road in Congleton, from 2013; and
- Coppice Road/Wistaston Road in Willaston, from 2013.

The flood alleviation schemes will take five years to complete and will be carried out by Cheshire East Council's highways service.

In addition to this, the authority will use some of the funding to improve the water course running parallel to Liverpool Road West in Church Lawton, which has caused flooding in the surrounding area.

The Flood Defence Grant in Aid funding, via Defra, is granted depending on how it will benefit the local community, for example, how many properties are affected by flooding in these areas.

Cheshire East Councillor Rod Menlove, Cabinet member with responsibility for environmental services, said: "I am sure this funding will go a long way to improving flooding in these areas of Cheshire East. I would like to thank Defra for their support and all the officers involved in bidding for this money.

"The affects of climate change show that we will experience increasingly wet weather and we must be prepared for this. These improvements will take time but they will hopefully have a positive impact on alleviating problem flooding for many years to come."

Ends.

To arrange an interview or further information please contact:

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Direct line: 01270 686577

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Email: diane.bramall@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Fellowship House Luncheon Club

Duties and Responsibilities of Sub Committee

Purpose

Oversee the wellbeing and operation of the Luncheon Club at Fellowship House

Main Duties and Responsibilities

1. To undertake regular reviews with the Luncheon Club supervisor
2. Ensure all training requirements are correctly identified and training undertaken
3. To regularly review and inspect hygiene standards
4. Ensure all volunteers are working in a clean and safe environment
5. To review the accounts on a 3 monthly basis
6. To undertake review of risk assessments
7. Ensure all equipment used is maintained and in good working condition and meets IEE regulation standards
8. Ensure smaller items of electrical equipment receive annual PAT testing
9. To ensure all conditions of the Premises Licence are adhered to.
10. Meet with Luncheon Club dinners to gain feedback on service being provided
11. Review annual plan for the Club and support investment and fund raising activities
12. To ensure the principles of customer care, equality, quality management and good health and safety standards are being adhered to

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Dear Mr Hogan

Cellarhead-Macclesfield-Daines Overhead Line Refurbishment

We wrote to you last year to let you know about work being carried out on the overhead electricity line between Cellarhead in Staffordshire, Macclesfield in Cheshire and up to our Daines sub-station, south of Manchester.

To date, we have been replacing some steelwork and security equipment on the towers (pylons). From the last week in March and through the summer, we'll be working to replace the wires between the towers.

We are currently writing to residents and businesses along the route to let them know about the project with the enclosed project leaflet, but wanted to keep you up to date too.

During the works, every effort will be made to keep any disruption to a minimum, especially in residential areas. However, there is likely to be some traffic disruption when we replace the lines that cross roads, particularly when we are working on the towers next to Alderley Edge bypass from 31 May to 21 June when we have agreed with the local authority to close the bypass for safety reasons.

Temporary closures of other roads may require minor diversions or be managed with temporary traffic lights, and there may be some footpath closures in your area too. The safety of local residents, members of the public and our employees remains our highest priority.

If you wish to discuss the project in detail, either at a one-to-one briefing or over the phone, we would be happy to arrange an appointment with you. To arrange this, please contact our Community Relations team on 0800 389 7235.

This work helps to ensure the region's power network stays reliable, and strengthens the electricity network nationally.

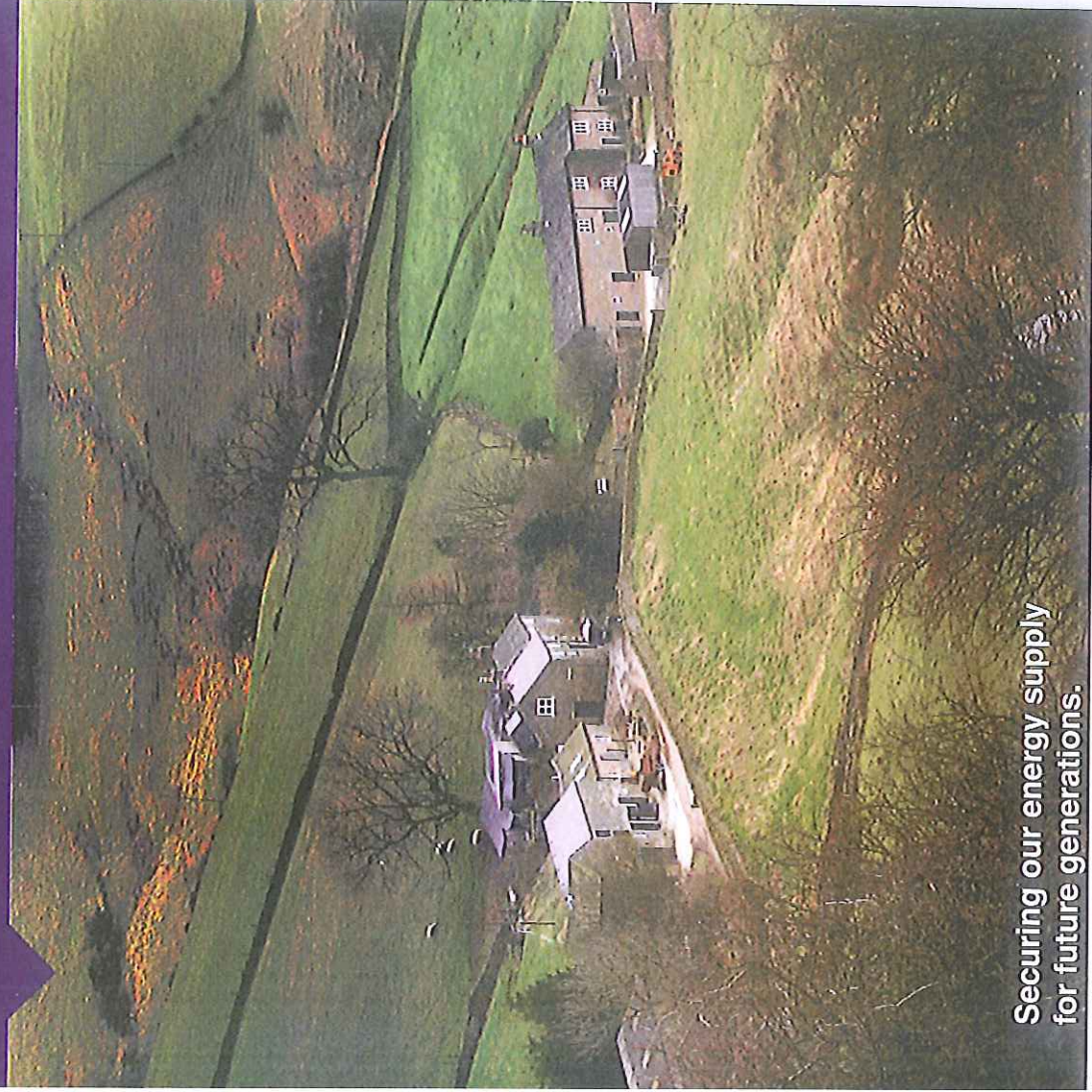
Yours faithfully

Liz Mansder.

pp. Bill Fenton
Project Manager, National Grid

nationalgrid

Cellarhead: Macclesfield: Daines Overhead Line Refurbishment



Securing our energy supply
for future generations.



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The Challenge

We all expect to have electricity whenever we want it, just by flicking a switch. As a nation, we use more electricity each year and it is National Grid's job to make sure it's available on demand. Our network of overhead lines, underground cables and substations transports high-voltage electricity across the country. Local distribution companies then take over and supply the electricity at lower voltages to our homes, schools, hospitals, offices and factories.

Electricity cannot be stored in large quantities and so it must be generated as it is required. It is National Grid's job to ensure the correct amount of electricity is being generated at power stations and is available to meet the changing demands of over 21 million customers – every second of every day, 365 days a year.

The Solution

To make sure everyone has the power they need, safely, and at the touch of a button, National Grid's job is to keep the electricity transmission system in first class working order. The Cellarhead: Macclesfield: Daines Overhead Line Refurbishment project is needed to maintain the reliability of the region's power network and secure future energy supplies.

We are making a substantial investment to secure the supply of the region's electricity. This scheme is part of the National Grid's ongoing work to maintain our national network.

Care for the Environment

We are committed to caring for the environment. All work will be closely monitored, and every care will be taken to prevent any damage to the local landscape and vital wildlife habitats. Before beginning any project, National Grid assesses the areas affected and works with a range of environmental specialists to minimise any potential impact or disruption to wildlife. We also work alongside a wide range of organisations and interest groups, including the local authorities and Natural England, to help make sure we carry out the works in the most environmentally sensitive way possible.

National Grid is one of only 35 companies in the UK's FTSE 100 to have won the ISO 14001 certificate for environmental care.

Helpline
0800 389 7235

The Works

National Grid is planning to refurbish a major overhead power line that runs from Cellarhead in Staffordshire to Macclesfield and on to Daines substation, south of Manchester.

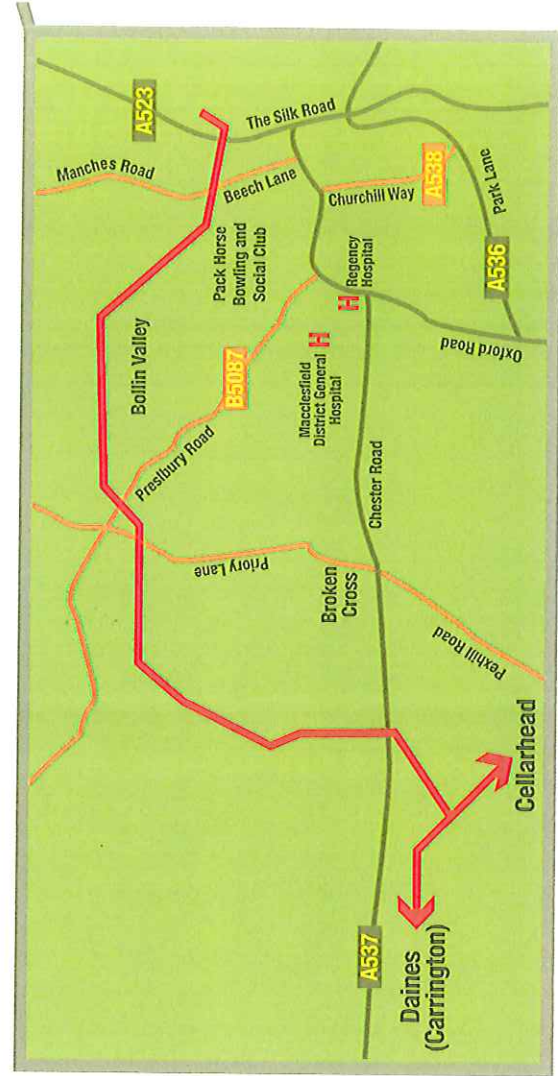
The refurbishment involves replacing the existing conductors (wires) and repairing or renewing the steelwork, foundations and other equipment on some of the towers (pylons).

Initial work has started on replacing sections of steelwork and some of the security equipment on the towers between Cellarhead and Daines.

with further work planned to upgrade steelwork during spring 2012 to those towers between Macclesfield and Henbury.

Between March and October 2012, we will be working on the electricity lines between the towers on all sections of the route. This will involve some traffic management where the lines cross roads, railways and waterways, and detailed plans will be drawn up for all the affected sections ahead of the works.

All work should be complete by the end of 2012.



Cellarhead: Macclesfield: Daines Overhead Line Refurbishment

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Your Questions Answered

Q: Will there be local power cuts?

A: No. The work is taking place on the electricity transmission system so local supplies will not be affected. The electricity transmission system operates at high voltages that do not enter homes and businesses – these are supplied at lower voltages by local distribution network operators (DNOs), such as SP Manweb.

Q: What will your working hours be?

A: Our contractors will be working between the hours of 7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday. We may have to work outside of these times depending on how the work is progressing. We'll also be working most weekends throughout the project.

Q: How noisy will the work be?

A: Some of the work that needs to be done will cause some noise, but this should be limited to working hours except in exceptional circumstances. However, we'll do everything we can to keep noise down.

Q: How disruptive will the work be?

A: Our work shouldn't cause a lot of disruption. However, you may see contractors working on the towers and notice a slight increase in traffic movements as equipment and materials are delivered. When we're working on the electricity lines that cross roads, there will be some disruption. However, we'll develop detailed traffic management plans to keep this to a minimum.

We will have to close part of the Bollin Valley Riverside Park near Macclesfield for a short time when we are working on the towers and lines running next to the footpath. We'll put up posters with more information once we know the closure dates. Also, other footpaths and rights of way along the route will be affected when we are working on the overhead lines. The safety of the people using the paths is our prime concern.

Keeping You Informed

When carrying out works such as these, public safety and reducing the disruption to the local community are very important to us. We will do our best to complete this work as quickly as we can.

These essential works will not affect the electricity supply to homes, businesses or schools.

Throughout the project, we will do our best to keep you informed about the work. If you want more information, have questions about our programme, or wish to raise a concern about the works, do not hesitate to contact our Community Relations team on **0800 389 7235** (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

If you have a friend or relative who may have problems reading this leaflet, let us know and we will be more than happy to arrange for someone from National Grid project team to call or visit them to explain the details of the project and answer any questions.

National Grid

National Grid owns and manages the grids to which many different energy sources are connected. In Britain we run systems that deliver gas and electricity across the entire country. In the North East US, we provide power directly to millions of customers. We hold a vital position at the centre of the energy system. We join everything up.

Our purpose is to connect people to the energy they use. We all rely on having energy at our finger tips: our society is built on it. From the warmth and light we rely on at home, and the power which keeps our factories and offices going, to the mobile communications and other infrastructure technologies that are essential parts of our modern lifestyle.

That puts National Grid at the heart of one of the greatest challenges facing our society; the creation of new sustainable energy solutions for the future - and the development of an energy system that can underpin our economic prosperity in the 21st century.

Contact us

We have set up a special helpline to answer any questions you may have about this project. If you require any further information, please call our Community Relations team on **0800 389 7235** (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

