

The Great Grid Upgrade

Yorkshire GREEN

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Hello and welcome to an expanded edition of our community e-newsletter, the first of 2025.

Every three months, we will share good news stories from along the route, news from our contractor teams, updates on our Community Grant Programme and information about what we're building on the Yorkshire GREEN project.

If you've been on our mailing list for a while you will have received e-newsletters from us about localised traffic management – we will continue sharing those shorter e-newsletters at regular intervals to keep you informed on the project's progress.

Please do share the sign-up link for our e-newsletters with people in your networks.

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For those of you who are new to our mailing list, let us bring you up to speed on all things Yorkshire GREEN...

What is Yorkshire GREEN?

Yorkshire GREEN is a project to upgrade and reinforce National Grid's high-voltage electricity network. This will allow more green energy to get from where it's generated to where it's needed. This will benefit homes and businesses in Yorkshire and further afield.



Image caption: Survey in a field near Overton, summer 2024.

Image caption: Pylons in a field near Monk Fryston, summer 2024.

Where we are working...

As the name suggests, Yorkshire GREEN is being constructed in Yorkshire. The project area runs from Shipton (located northwest of York) down to Monk Fryston (located between Leeds and Selby) in North Yorkshire. It also runs along the eastern border of West Yorkshire around Leeds. We are also working in Osbaldwick, to the east of York.

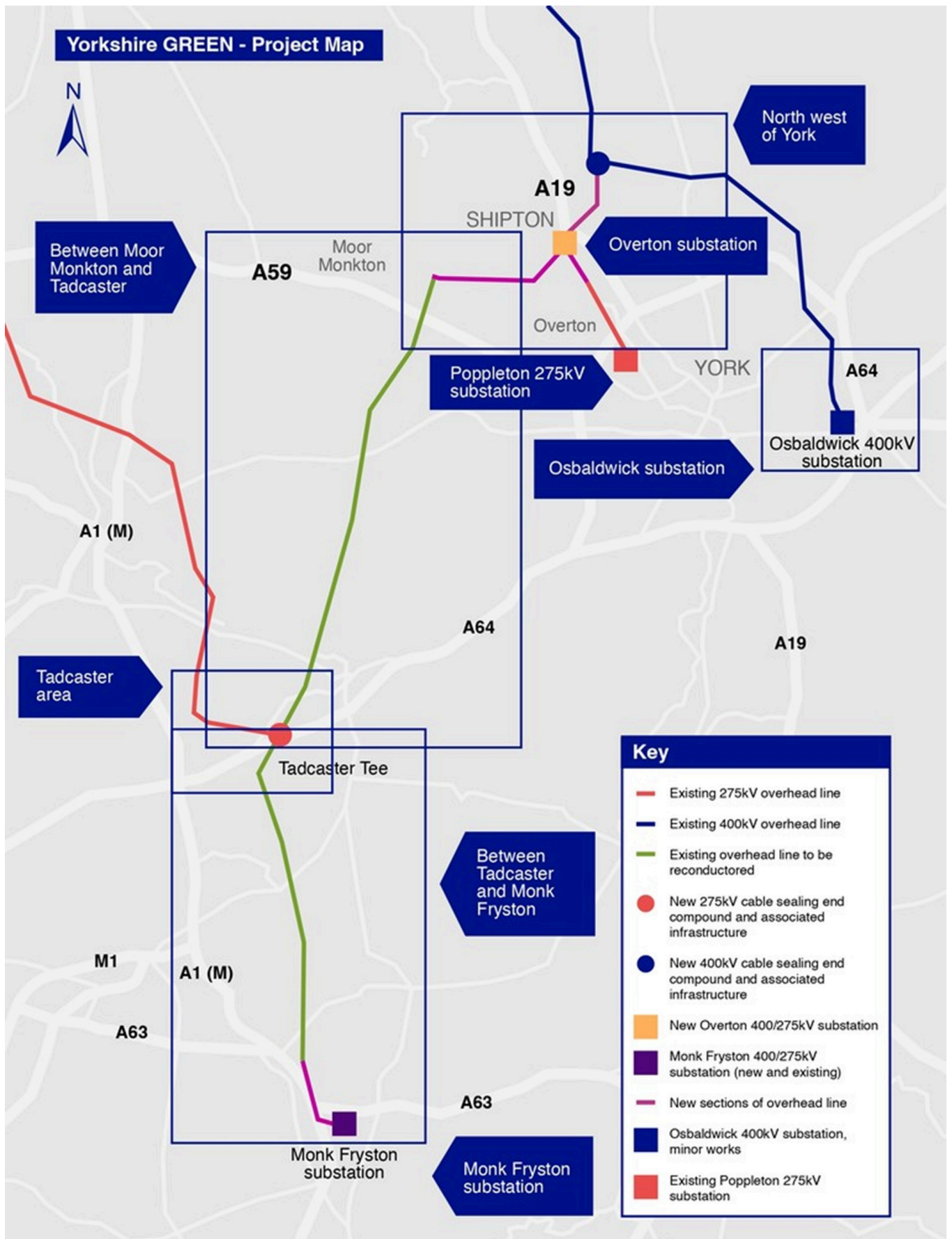


Image caption: Map of the Yorkshire GREEN route.

What does the project involve?

We are:

- building two new substations, one at Overton and one at Monk Fryston

- reconducting and strengthening 28 km of existing overhead lines
- installing approximately 10 km of new overhead lines
- installing approximately 1 km of new underground cables
- installing 33 new pylons
- carrying out minor upgrade works at Osbaldwick Substation.

Yorkshire GREEN is a key part of The Great Grid Upgrade – the largest overhaul of the electricity transmission network across England and Wales in generations. [Find out more about The Great Grid Upgrade](#) and where we're working [on our website](#). Here you can also [view our interactive map](#).

Visit our project website to find out more

Latest news

Our teams have been preparing our construction sites for main activity to get underway. Over the last few months, we have:

- undertaken surveys in our working areas
- created new access tracks
- strengthened existing access tracks and widened tracks where they meet the road (junctions known as bellmouths)
- created construction compounds to store materials and work from.

In **Overton** and **Monk Fryston**, the ground has been prepared for each of the new substations and temporary construction compounds.

A temporary path has been created in **Overton** to give cyclists and pedestrians an alternative route avoiding construction traffic. More about this below...



Image caption: Photographs of a bellmouth that has been constructed at Monk Fryston.



Image caption: Photographs of the stone compound site at Monk Fyston. This area will be used to house our welfare cabins, main site offices and storage of materials and equipment during construction.

To keep members of the public and our teams safe while carrying out our preparatory activities, we have installed temporary traffic management measures near to our sites.

We would like to thank everyone living in and travelling around the area for their patience whilst these traffic management measures have been in place.

Our preparatory works are almost complete, and we will soon be starting our main works at various locations along the route.

We are doing everything possible to minimise the impact of the Yorkshire GREEN construction works on anyone living or travelling through the areas where work is taking place. If you have any questions or concerns about the work we are carrying out please get in touch with us via our Community Relations Team channels, which are at the bottom of this e-newsletter.



Image caption: Monk Fryston Substation, summer 2024.

Three month lookahead...

In **Overton** and **Monk Fryston**, over the next three months we will be installing temporary construction compounds. Work will include:

- widening and resurfacing part of Overton Road
- deliveries of stone for the compound and substation foundations
- installation of site cabins and welfare facilities for the team.

Once the compounds are up and running, the main works to construct the substations will get underway. This will involve delivery of equipment for construction. We will also begin work to upgrade and replace overhead lines and associated infrastructure.

In **Moor Monkton**, work will begin to dismantle two existing pylons and build a new permanent one. The new pylon will be built on a field in Church Lane over the coming months. We will also be undertaking archaeological, ecological and tree surveys to inform our work.

Now open: Alternative cycle path to National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 65

National Grid is building a new substation at Overton. To provide cyclists and pedestrians with an alternative route away from construction traffic on Overton Road, a temporary path has been created and is now open.

We are encouraging all pedestrians and cyclists to use this route during construction.



Image caption: Alternative cycle route between Overton Road and Station Road.

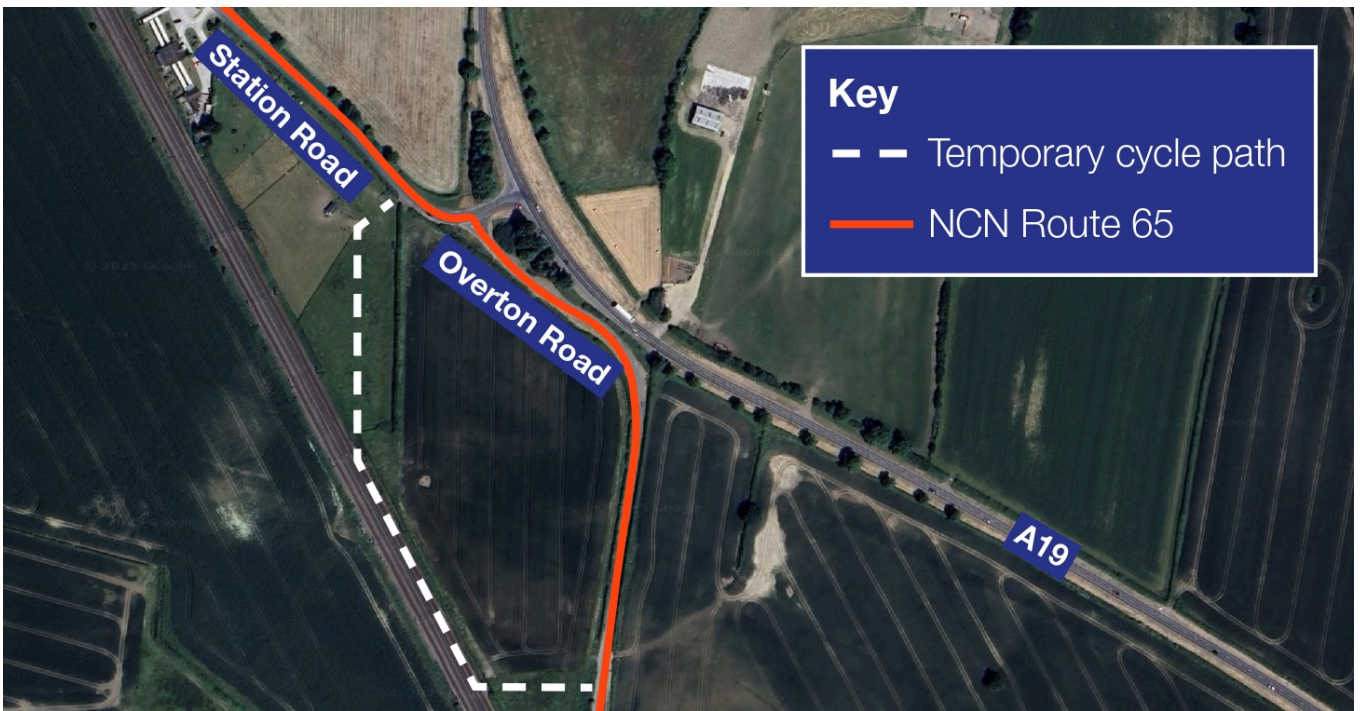


Image caption: Map showing the alternative cycle route between Overton Road and Station Road.

Keeping our roads clean during construction

We know how important it is to keep our roads clean and safe. We understand that construction activities mean that there is more chance of mud and debris from our sites getting onto the road. That's why we're regularly reviewing our wheel washing and road sweeping plans to make sure we address issues before they arise.

We have a regular programme of road sweeping across the route and there are measures in place at each site to clean our vehicles.

We are looking into extra steps that may be needed to help improve our processes and minimise impact on roads in the local area.

If you spot a stretch of road where the conditions are not quite right, and you think it might be because of our construction traffic, please get in touch – we're committed to doing everything we can to keep the area as clean as possible.

Community Grant Programme

National Grid's Community Grant Programme supports community organisations and charities working with local people in areas impacted by National Grid's Electricity Transmission work.

The programme provides grants of up to £20,000 to fund projects run by charities and community groups that meet local community needs by providing a range of social, economic and environmental benefits.

The Community Grant Programme supports a wide range of projects which offer social, economic and environmental benefits people in local communities.

One award has already been granted to a group situated near to the route, and more announcements are planned in the near future. We will share further details of those awarded in future e-newsletters.



Image caption: Community benefit initiative.

Find out more about National Grid's Community Grant Programme

Get in touch

If you can't find what you are looking for on our website or have any general questions or enquiries about the Yorkshire GREEN project, please don't hesitate to contact our dedicated Community Relations Team:

- Email: yorkshiregreen@nationalgrid.com
- Freephone: 0800 029 4359 (monitored Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, with an answerphone facility outside of these hours)
- Write to: FREEPOST YORKSHIRE GREEN (no stamp needed)

If there is anything else you'd like to know about the project that we could include in future editions of this e-newsletter, please get in touch with us. We would be interested to hear your thoughts.

Thank you for reading this e-newsletter. We will continue to share regular project updates, including the latest project news and works happening on the ground, via our regular e-newsletters.

The Yorkshire GREEN project's Community Relations Team



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