



Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council Network Plus presentation – questions raised by residents and the Parish Council

Why are you having to do this work?

The project will install 15.3km of 33kV cable, connecting substations on Meaford Road and Newport Road, Eccleshall. This will improve the network and the service provided by WPD to all local customers.

Why has the scheme been chosen to go along Yarnfield Lane and not take another route?

It was chosen because it is the most direct route

The work is scheduled to last for 17 weeks. Are the closures set to be in place for the whole duration of this time?

We have 3 teams for this project. 2 teams are due to finish their sections at the end of September subject to any issues they may find that could possibly delay their works. Once finished these teams will be relocated onto Yarnfield Lane. By having the extra teams on Yarnfield lane where possible, this will speed up works and shorten the period we need to be present.

How will the work be phased?

Works to start at the junction of Meece Road forwarding through the village (village works to be completed during the summer holidays), works to carry on down Yarnfield Lane towards A34 The Fillybrooks. (approx dates 27/07/2021 - 22/11/2021)

Does the 17 week schedule include any weekend or night-time working?

Where possible weekend working will be undertaken to complete the works sooner.

Wouldn't it be better to dig up a field and lay the cable there instead of a road?

As the contractor we have been instructed by WPD to work on public land - this could be due to many reasons i.e legal reason, private landowners, future access to cable, etc.

Have WPD been in contact with HS2?

Yes

There are plans for HS2 to make major alterations to the lane and M6 overbridge. Wouldn't it be better to wait until this work has finished?

At present the network is working at full capacity in the Eccleshall & surrounding areas, these reinforcement works need to be completed sooner rather later to mitigate any potential issues.

Have you not considered that people live on Yarnfield Lane, in particular we live on Moss Lane. How do we get out of our Lane if Yarnfield Lane is closed?

There will be access to residents at all times, you will be able to access Yarnfield lane it will just depend which way you would turn depending on the working area / diversion.

What arrangements have been made to guarantee access for emergency services. Will they be able to use Yarnfield Lane when it is closed?

Access will be granted for emergency vehicles if safe to do so, the team will assist by moving cones, barriers, etc. Additionally, emergency services will have prior knowledge of the diversions to be followed.

What about the school bus and other bus services to Stone?

Works in Yarnfield village to take place during summer holiday to minimize disruption to Schools. The bus company has been contacted and a temporary bus stop will be in place near junction of Meece road.

What are the normal hours of working?

7am till 5.00pm

Could the over ground electricity supplies to houses in the village be removed?

Not with this scheme, the voltage of the cable going in is not compatible.

Would it be possible to keep the lane open to village traffic when contractors are not working on the lane (at night/weekends)?

Where possible but this cannot be guaranteed due to location of the excavations and any issues resulting in leaving the excavation open.

Would an "Access to Yarnfield Village Only" sign be more informative at the junction of Meece Road and Yarnfield Lane?

Standard practice is to have a road closure sign, more signage will cause confusion and congestion for non-residents trying to access

What provisions have been made for refuse collection, online food shopping deliveries, postal deliveries, other online shopping/ parcel deliveries, any medical/carer visits that might be required?

Vehicles to follow diversions and would recommend comments to be stated when arranging deliveries.

Will you need access to the village green to lay the cable?

We have to follow the design drawing supplied by WPD at present we intend to excavate in the carriageway, depending on trial holes

Can the parish council seek compensation for the disruption to the community?

Write to Western Power Distribution

How do we get in touch with Network Plus if we have questions about any “day-to-day” issues associated with the work?

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