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Dear Councillor Cook

Proposals for a new National Grid substation

I'm writing to introduce myself, and to let you know about National Grid's proposals for a new electricity substation ('Uxbridge Moor') that we are proposing to build in the Iver area.

Why does Iver need a new substation?

The new Uxbridge Moor substation is needed to make eight new connections for customers to our transmission network due to our existing substation in Iver not having the capacity or space to do so. As you may know, as a regulated business, we have a legal obligation to connect new customers to our network when a connection is requested under our license to operate.

For wider context, the national electricity network has recently seen a significant increase in transmission demand – a fourfold increase in applications for connections over the past four years.

The new substation connection will facilitate an necessary expansion of the area's grid network to meet local electricity demand, particularly from data centres and an independent distribution network operator. This will help businesses grow and support the online networks such as emails, file sharing and cloud storage that we all rely on.

Where are we proposing to locate the substation?

Our preferred site for the new substation lies to the east of the M25. This falls within the Iver ward of Buckinghamshire but with proximity to the western boundary of Uxbridge. We are aiming to minimise visual impact on the area, and the new substation would border the northern boundary of our existing Iver substation, which is already well screened by greenery, the quarry and the M25.

We are in ongoing discussions with Buckinghamshire Council (as the landowner) for the site and are progressing surveys before moving forward with the planning process.

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What is the timeline for the project?

We are currently planning to hold a public consultation in mid-September, where we look forward to discussing the draft plans with the local community before finalising the proposals and submitting a planning application to Buckinghamshire Council towards the end of 2023.

We are committed to ensuring that the project leaves a lasting positive legacy for the area and that the consultation process is as effective and inclusive as possible. We will confirm dates in the coming weeks.

If you would be interested in discussing our proposals further, or our plans for consultation, please get in contact with our community relations team (Thomas, Jemima and Cian) at nationalgrid@uxbridgemoor.co.uk or on 0800 915 2494 between 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely

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