

Dorset VIP project

Response to Covid-19, Coombe Road to reopen

National Grid and its principal contractor, Morgan Sindall, are committed to making the safety and wellbeing of the public and their workforce their main priority.

We are continuing work on the project with a small team that will re-open Coombe Road for public use.

The work will be done under stringent health and safety measures to protect workers and the community. We aim to re-open the road within a week. However, we will not be able to safely complete the necessary works to install ducts under the road at Coombe Road and will require a further closure to do this at a later date. When possible we will seek all the necessary approvals to do this and give local people and users of Coombe Road advanced notice of when these works are to take place.

We would like to apologise for any inconvenience these works have caused to date or may cause in future.

We are complying fully with the Government's guidelines in response to the Covid-19 outbreak and have introduced additional measures to protect both our workforce, our suppliers and the public.

These measures are extensive and include:

- Reduced number of operatives attending site
- Workers travelling to site using their own transport
- Ongoing monitoring to ensure that 2m social distancing is observed at all times
- A stricter cleaning regime with enhanced facilities has been implemented
- All staff and delivery drivers are required to wash or sanitise their hands before entering and leaving site locations
- Workforce required to bring their own food and drink and not to visit local shops
- Procedures in place to monitor the health of the workforce

In addition:

- We are keeping the situation under constant review
- All our employees and contractors who do not need to be on site are working from home, in line with government guidance
- Over the coming weeks, you may see our employees and contractors (including security operatives) carrying out limited work across the VIP site in Dorset. Please be assured that they are fully briefed on the welfare and public interface restrictions they need to adhere to, in order to carry out their work safely
- We are in regular contact with government to ensure the decisions we are making are in the best interests of our people as well as the country as a whole
- We are very grateful to the local communities in enabling us to undertake essential activities and ask for your continued support during these difficult times
- We will notify you of any changes via our website

For further information, please visit our website <http://dorset.nationalgrid.co.uk/>