

Major Cable Replacement Works – An Overview of a Major Works Project

- **Rawtenstall Power Upgrade – April to October 2019 Rawtenstall Town Centre**



Essential £1m Rawtenstall power upgrade

Benefits of the work:

- Reliable power supply to 6,000 homes and businesses in Rawtenstall for years to come
- Nine power cables stretching 1.2km along Bacup Road to be replaced with brand new cables
- Ensuring that power keeps flowing, phones are fully charged, businesses keep running and box sets keep streaming.

To allow engineers to carry out the work safely, Bacup Road will be one way from the fire station roundabout (St Mary's Way junction) to Bocholt Way for approximately eight weeks from Monday 8 April.

There will be temporary traffic signals on Bacup Road to Hareholme Lane from mid May.

POWER CUTS CALL 105

This advert has been produced for inclusion in various external communications, including press, social media and leaflet formats

- **Overview of the Works**

The works consist of the installation of 9 separate ducts followed by the insertion of new high voltage cables to upgrade and reinforce the network.

- **Benefits of the Works**

These essential works will ensure a reliable power supply to 600 homes and businesses in the Rawtenstall area

As part of the works additional ducts are being installed to ensure that there is extra capacity made available to place additional cables without the need for further excavations and associated disruption. This will allow for the expected increase in power demand in future years.

This project requires extensive excavation in a heavily used traffic carriageway with complex traffic control in place. Bespoke signing and guarding is being used on the works to improve site safety, particularly for the public, to assist the management of pedestrians and traffic and to ensure our customers are fully informed at all stages of the works.

Stakeholder Engagement undertaken

- Key stakeholders identified and engaged with are – Lancashire County Council, Rossendale Borough Council, the emergency services (works directly affect the fire station), public transport operators (works directly affect the bus station and various bus stops) schools and places of public assembly that are affected by the works.
- Engagement includes:-
 - Advance (pre works and as part of the planning and design stages) meetings with all key stakeholders
 - Various press releases and advertisements have been produced and local and regional radio interviews have been provided
 - Direct customer communications (letter drops) and door-to-door engagement via the senior Electricity North West project manager and contractors
 - Targeted social media posts and updates
 - Weekly on site progress meeting with a standard agenda to include stakeholder feedback

Working arrangements agreed with stakeholders

- Residents' parking is being maintained at all times by the provision of temporary "residents only" parking areas
- Lancashire County Council (LCC) has requested that the works be undertaken without any road closures as this would have severely affected residents and businesses. This is being achieved by making the main route through Rawtenstall town centre one way for the period of the works
- As requested by LCC vehicle matrix signs have been placed in prominent points in advance of the works to ensure that motorists are made fully aware of the traffic control in place and to minimise traffic disruption and inconvenience
- Specific signage has been provided to ensure pedestrians crossing the road to and from local businesses are not at risk from traffic