

## **National Grid VIP Project**

### **Devizes Area Board – Going underground in Devizes update**

National Grid is making good progress as it forms its plans to remove up to 13 pylons and around 4.5km of overhead electricity line on Roundway Hill. Putting the electricity cables underground will significantly enhance the landscape and views north of Devizes.

From April 2021 to June 2021, National Grid conducted a variety of surveys just south of Roundway Down, about 2km north of Devizes. The surveys don't mean construction has begun. There's lots still to do and National Grid still need to get planning permission from Wiltshire Council before work can start.

Prior to submitting its planning application, National Grid are planning a mixture of events, both online and in person. The team will be meeting with the local Parish Councils again, and will be available at Devizes Market on Thursday 30 September and Thursday 7 October to answer any questions about the project. The team also plan to hold public webinars. More information about these will be available on the project website - <https://northwessexdowns.nationalgrid.co.uk/>

All being well, National Grid is aiming to start construction in 2023 and the people of Devizes and the surrounding area can look forward to a pylon free skyline on Roundway Hill from 2024.