

STAKEHOLDER UPDATE

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Green Recovery Scheme Investment – City of York

Total investment: £1 million			
Project names	1. Melrosegate 2. Foss Islands 3. Skeldergate	Target completion	1. Q2/3 2023 2. ASAP 2023 (subject to wayleaves) 3. Enabling works Q2 2023/main scheme 2024/25

Background

In May 2021, Northern Powergrid announced that York was set to benefit from a £1 million investment in its power network, as part of a national Green Recovery Scheme to accelerate the delivery of projects that will support regional decarbonisation, economic development and green growth.

Northern Powergrid worked with other electricity network operators, the regulator Ofgem and BEIS on the Green Recovery Scheme, which aims to create additional network capacity that could stimulate local economies and accelerate green-growth projects. York is one of only 17 locations across the company’s operating region of the North East, Yorkshire and northern Lincolnshire set to benefit. You can find out more about the scheme at northernpowergrid.com/green-recovery.

Since the announcement, Northern Powergrid has been working closely with City of York Council to scope out three separate projects that can support York’s ongoing transport electrification programme, providing capacity to enable city centre EV charging and to ensure additional network resilience from flood events. Key considerations when co-ordinating these works are avoiding main routes and/or looking at less disruptive ways of working and revising delivery dates to support bigger picture developments in York.

Melrosegate

Project overview and objectives:

Reinforcement of the electricity network near to the existing bus depot on James Street to support the ongoing roll out of electric public transport and waste recycling.

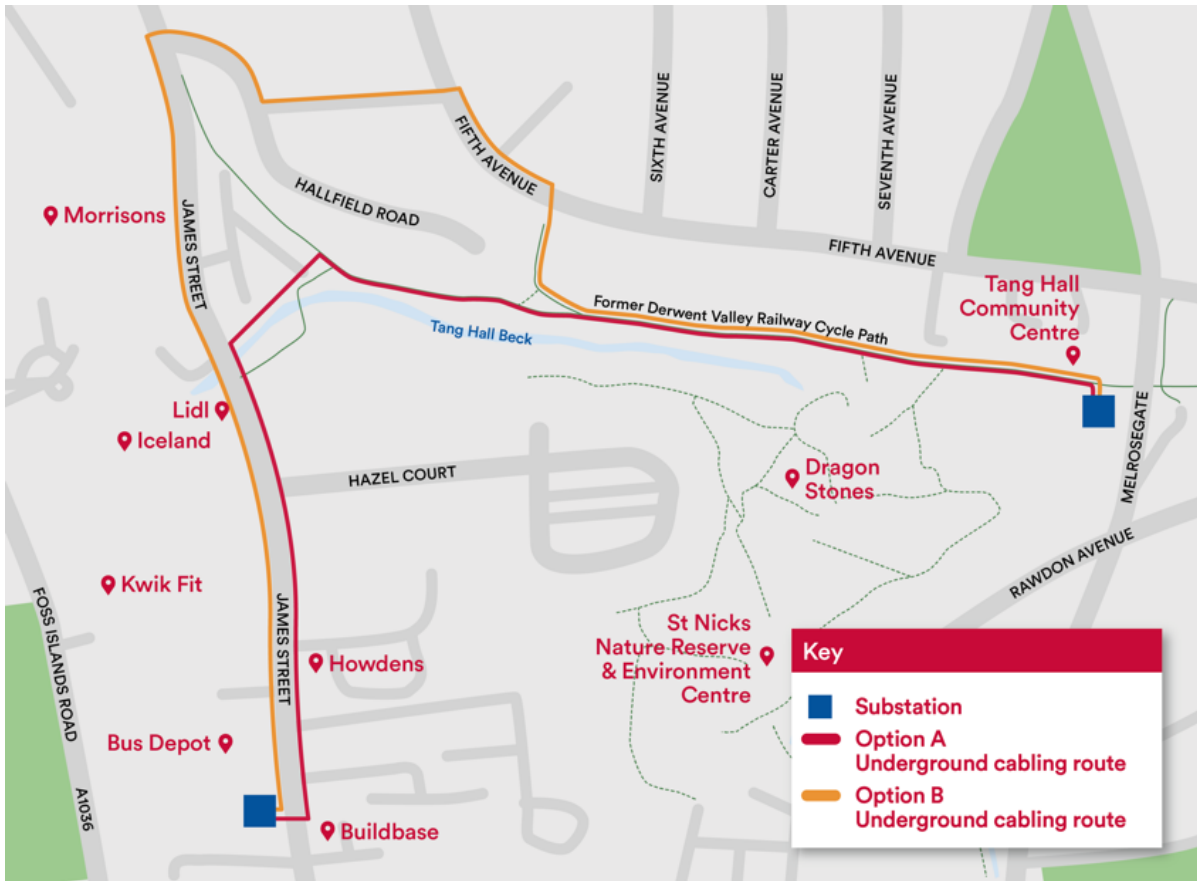
As well as providing the network capacity to support these, and potentially other decarbonisation initiatives, the work will also increase the overall reliability and resilience of the city centre’s power network.

Status:

Work is scheduled to commence on James Street in mid-June 2023.

Expected delivery dates:

Target completion before end 2023.



Foss Islands

Project overview and objectives:

Reinforcing the existing city centre network by installing new 11kV & low voltage (LV) cabling between Black Horse Lane substation at Hungate and a position in the footpath of Foss Islands Road. The cables will cross underneath the River Foss using existing ducting (pending approval).

This will provide the additional network capacity required to support the ongoing roll-out of city centre EV charging points and other decarbonisation initiatives, as well as improving the reliability and resilience of the local electricity network.

Status:

Awaiting wayleaves approval before submitting firm plans to City of York Council.

Expected delivery dates:

ASAP 2023, subject to wayleaves.



Skeldergate

Project overview and objectives:

Northern Powergrid has received a number of requests for new connections to support prospective green projects, including a request for capacity to enable the installation of new EV charging points near Clifford's Tower.

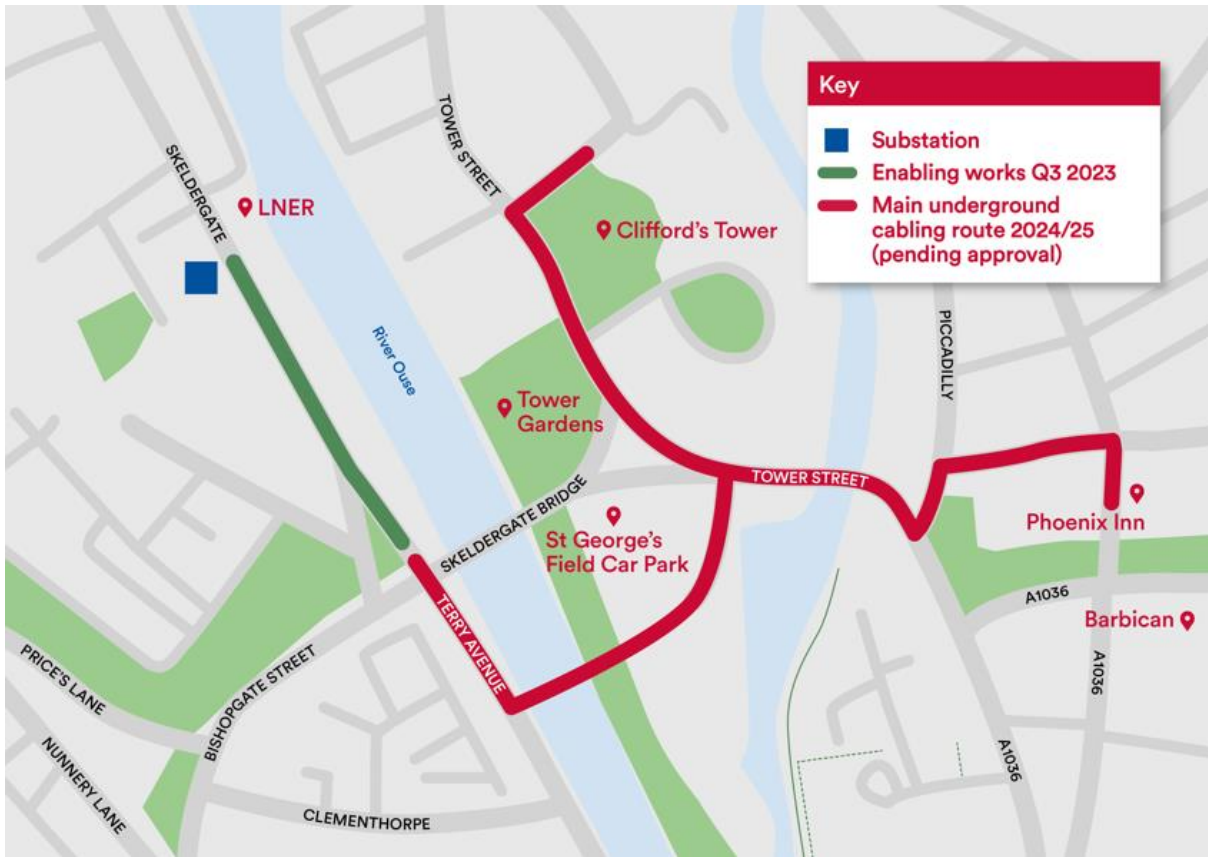
As a result, the available capacity needed for future city centre development is being increased, alongside measures to improve network resilience against flooding, through the installation of two new 11kV circuits from Skeldergate primary substation to St George's Field car park.

Status:

In development.

Expected delivery dates:

Working closely with City of York Council to co-ordinate the works, Northern Powergrid is planning to carry out enabling works in May 2023 to support the council's resurfacing plans. At the council's request, the main scheme will be delivered in 2024/25.



Keeping people informed

Northern Powergrid is working closely with the communications team at City of York Council to ensure that local people, businesses, commuters and visitors to the city are aware of where, when and why this work is being carried out. This will involve issuing regular media updates, customer letters and social media posts, as well as hosting drop-in sessions.

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