



Powering Up Dublin

Finglas to Poolbeg



EirGrid is responsible for the electricity grid in Ireland. Our work provides reliable power for all users in Ireland, as we lead the way to a low carbon future. The grid supplies electricity for our homes, businesses, schools, hospitals and farms.

We are writing to you today to provide you with a progress update on the Finglas to Poolbeg underground cable replacement project, which is part of Powering Up Dublin.

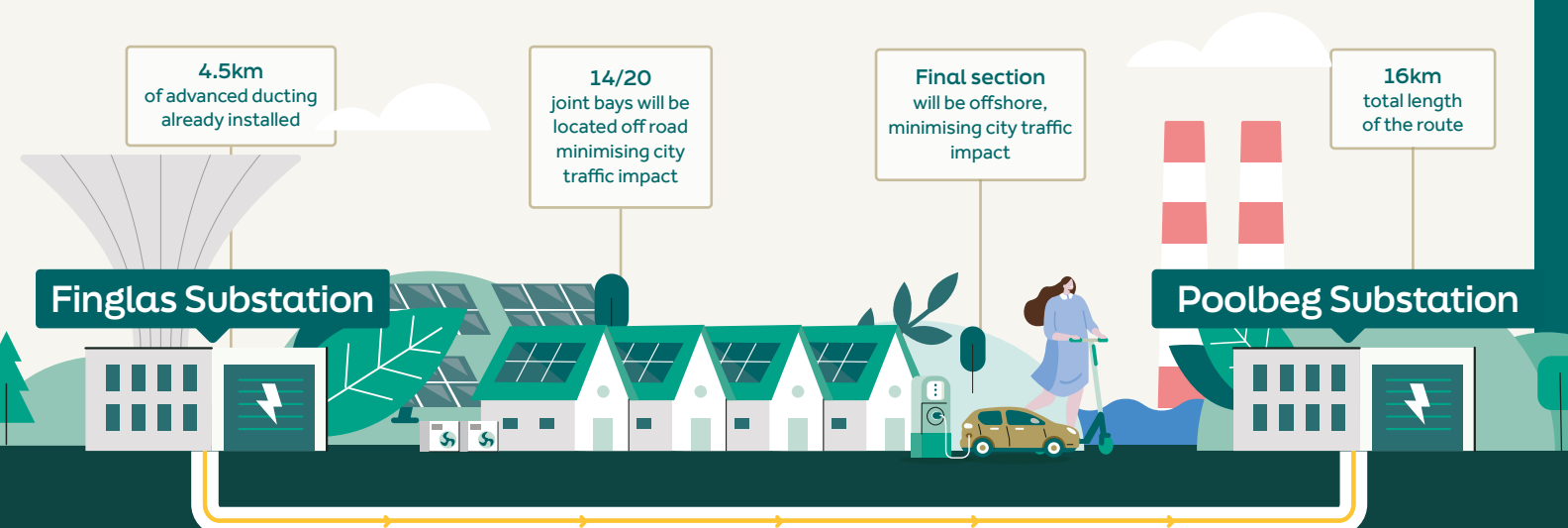
As Dublin's electricity infrastructure is ageing, work must be done now to transform and modernise the city's infrastructure so Dublin can continue to develop and thrive providing the necessary power for increased housing, new businesses and industry, electrification of our transport system and heating of our homes with cleaner energy solutions. This is a critical programme that will strengthen key electricity

infrastructure in Dublin and the surrounding areas, helping to make Ireland 'renewable ready'.

Powering Up Dublin involves the installation of 50km of high voltage underground cables to replace older cables across Dublin and reinforce the grid. These underground cables will link the following electricity substations to each other:

- › Finglas substation and Poolbeg substation (via North Wall)
- › Carrickmines substation and Poolbeg substation
- › Two cables linking Inchicore substation and Poolbeg substation

The project also involves substation upgrades and the construction of a new electricity transmission substation in central Dublin.



What has happened so far?

In 2024, EirGrid published the Best Performing Options for three of the cable routes – Finglas to North Wall, North Wall to Poolbeg and Carrickmines to Poolbeg. Feedback received during the consultation, along with engagement with local schools, public representatives, community groups, business groups, utilities providers, individuals and other stakeholders helped significantly to determine these routes.

Progress updates on both of the Carrickmines to Poolbeg and Inchicore to Poolbeg routes can be found on our website [EirGrid.ie/Dublin](https://eirgrid.ie/Dublin).

What is happening now?

Through public and stakeholder engagement, along with surveys and studies, a route has now been finalised and the project is progressing through the final step of EirGrid's six step process for grid development.

As the Finglas to North Wall section of the route has been classified as Exempted Development in accordance with planning legislation, planning permission is not required. You can read more about this determination process on the Environment and Biodiversity section of our website [EirGrid.ie](https://eirgrid.ie).

Planning permission and Maritime Area Consent (MAC) will be required for the final section of the route, connecting North Wall to Poolbeg. EirGrid is currently working with the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) to obtain the MAC and progress this section of the route.

What happens next?

It is envisioned that a contractor will be appointed in early 2026, with construction to begin later in the year. Members of the public will be informed in advance of any works being undertaken during the construction phase.

In acknowledging the support of local communities when delivering large infrastructure projects, EirGrid provides a Community Benefit Fund where local voluntary, community and special interest groups can apply for funding. Our fund is delivered in conjunction with local communities with the sustainable development goals at the core of its delivery. Find out more about our community benefit fund at [EirGrid.ie/community](https://eirgrid.ie/community).

If you have any further questions or concerns you can contact our dedicated Community Liaison Officers:



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