



We're investing to upgrade Coniston's power supply

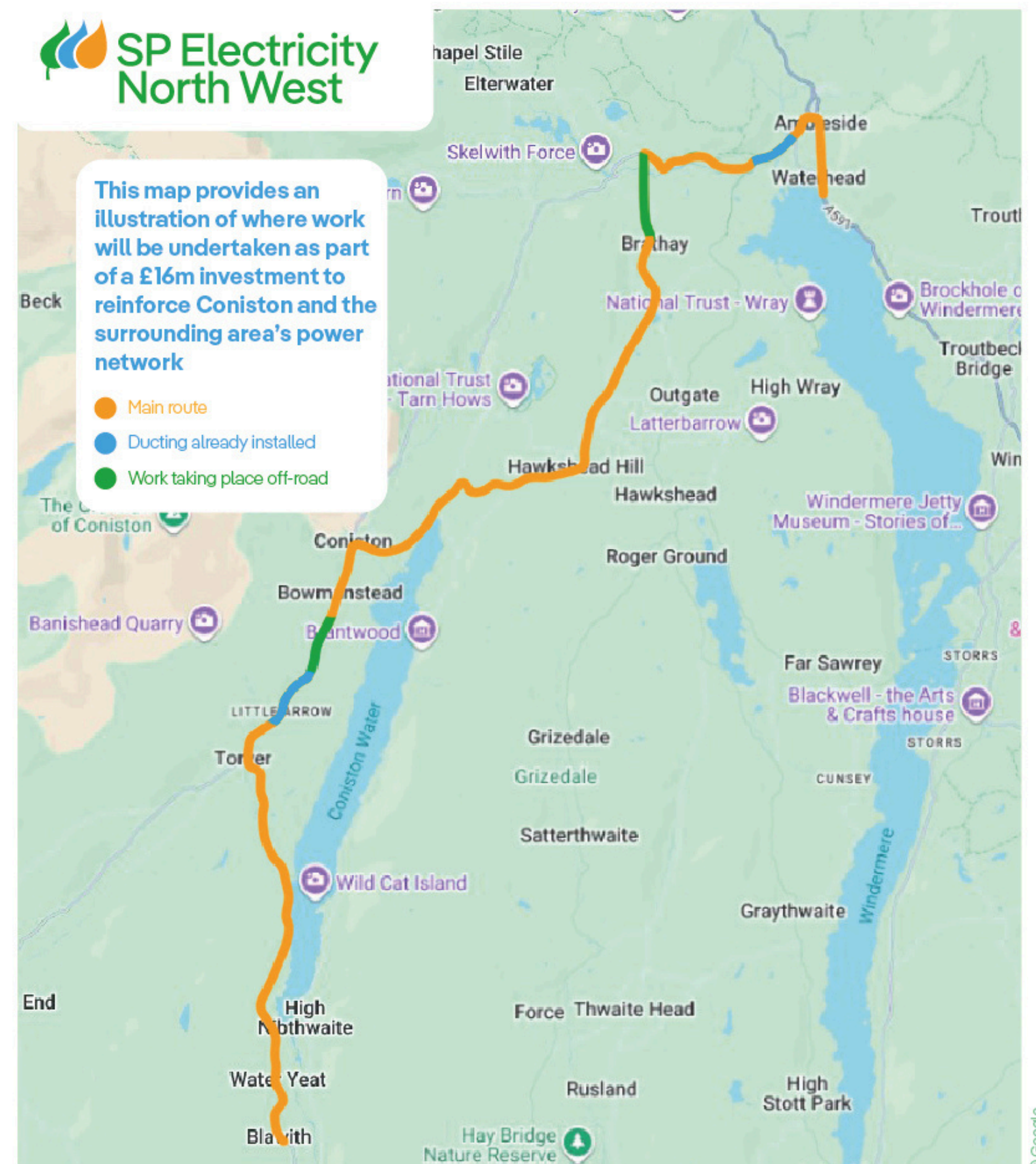
Strengthening reliability for homes, businesses and visitors

What's happening

SP Electricity North West is investing £16 million to strengthen and future-proof the electricity network serving Coniston and surrounding communities. The project will improve reliability, increase resilience during severe weather and ensure the network can support homes, businesses, vital services and tourism for the long term.

What the work involves

- A new electricity connections between Ambleside and Coniston, providing additional supply routes to switch over to in the event of faults or storms
- Reinforcement of the 33,000-volt electricity network between Ulverston and Coniston
- Removal of sections of overhead power lines, including across Blawith Fell, with underground cables installed where appropriate to increase resilience
- Strengthening of existing network infrastructure to improve long-term resilience



Total route length: 39km

Total investment: £16m

Start Date: July 2026

Start location: Bog Lane, Barngates, Ambleside

Deliver: Phased programme of works up to March 2028

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Why is it important this work starts now?

We understand there's never a good time for this kind of work and that it can be disruptive.

Following the award from the regulator of time-limited funding, detailed design, environmental surveys, land access agreements and traffic approvals, work initially will start on Bog Lane, in July 2026. We'll be working all year round. This work is essential to protect supplies and reduce the risk of power interruptions later.

To minimise disruption, the work has been carefully phased, with the first 12 weeks taking place on Bog Lane before moving onto more sensitive routes later in the year. Work will also begin at Haws Bank on the A593 into Coniston under temporary traffic lights, this section should be completed over an estimated two-week period and completed before the start of the school holidays.

Businesses, tourism and local economy

We'll make sure Coniston remains open for business throughout the project. Shops, cafés, pubs, accommodation, attractions and outdoor activities will continue to welcome visitors.

The programme has been planned to carefully manage impacts during busy periods and support the local tourism economy.

Working with communities and stakeholders

We're committed to clear, proactive communication and will continue to listen and respond to feedback. Details of how to contact us are on our dedicated web page.

Regular updates will be provided through letters, briefings, community engagement and our dedicated project webpage.

Managing disruption and traffic

We recognise this work will be disruptive at times. We are working closely with Westmorland & Furness Council to coordinate traffic management, reduce peak-time impacts where possible and maintain access to homes, schools, healthcare services, businesses and key attractions throughout the works. While some temporary delays and changes to journeys are unavoidable, access will be maintained throughout the works.

Why the work is needed

During Storm Arwen, some customers were left without power for three days, additional funding has been approved to strengthen the network and deliver these improvements within a set national timeframes.

When complete, this investment will:

- Reduce the likelihood and duration of power cuts
- Improve network performance during storms and severe weather
- Support homes, businesses and essential services
- Enable low-carbon technologies and future growth
- Enhance the local landscape by removing overhead lines
- Support the long-term economic growth of the area, including tourism.

We always aim to carry out our work as planned and with as little disruption as possible. However, the dates we publish for road works can sometimes change. This is because a number of factors outside our control can affect when it is safe or practical for our teams to work, such as weather, ground conditions and emergency repairs.

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