

We begin construction of underground cables for Western Power Distribution (WPD) between Nailsea and Portishead from 7 January 2020. This work is scheduled to finish in autumn 2021.

Construction of the underground cables involves several different types of engineering activity – from building temporary accesses and roads for construction through to installing and testing high voltage cables. The first work is to build temporary entrances to construction areas from Engine Lane and Hanham Way towards Watery Lane in the west end of Nailsea. This work will be carried out by our contractors, J. Murphy & Sons Limited, and will require temporary traffic lights.

We won't be working along the entire underground cable route from January as we need to work on different sections at varying times in the programme. We're working with the highway's department at North Somerset Council to coordinate the traffic management, involving the use of temporary traffic lights, restricted parking and road closures in areas along the route. We'll have more certainty of the timing of construction activity in and around your parish in the new year.