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Work starts on behalf of HS2 Ltd – pylon replacement scheme from Handsacre to Kings Bromley

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain. National Grid is legally required to move a number of overhead lines, pylons and gas pipelines along the HS2 route to allow for the build and operation of the new railway for Phase 1, from London to the West Midlands, and Phase 2a, from the West Midlands to Crewe.

This year, we must raise the height of four pylons and a short section of existing overhead line that the new railway will pass under. This includes two pylons between Handsacre and Hanch and two between Bromley Hayes and Kings Bromley. We'll also replace overhead lines along the route. **None of our work will affect electricity supplies.**

In summary we'll:

- Remove four pylons
- Connect to the existing network
- Replace overhead lines
- Build four new pylons and reinstate the ground

From around mid-April our contractor, Balfour Beatty, will set-up a site compound on Shaw Lane in Hanch. We'll start at Handsacre and we'll work towards Hanch, Bromley Hayes and Kings Bromley as our programme progresses. Balfour Beatty will also conduct archaeological surveys where we're breaking ground for our Phase 2a diversion works.

You may notice more workers and vehicles in the area however if you don't it means we're working elsewhere along the route. We'll carry out most of our work during electricity outages between July and October 2021.

Our work will involve highway traffic management and road closures for short durations. We'll also need to temporarily close some Public Rights of Way (PRoW) while we're in the area in the interest of safety for users of this route. We'll post notices in advance of the closures at each end and on connecting footpaths. You can visit hs2instaffordshire.co.uk for maps, details of exact locations and any diversions.

Our core working hours will be 8am to 6pm on weekdays (excluding bank holidays) and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. Except in the case of an emergency, any work required to be undertaken outside of core hours (not including repairs or maintenance) will be agreed with the local authority.

We expect to complete our works around Winter 2021. However, this is subject to change to fit with the activities of other HS2 contractors.

Our land officers are in touch with affected land owners and they'll stay in contact with them throughout the duration of our works.

Our people working on-site are doing so under stringent health and safety measures to protect not just themselves but also the communities in which they operate from Covid-19. We'll keep the situation under constant review, and we'll assess our contractors' safe working practices and use of PPE as work progresses.

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If you have a general enquiry regarding HS2, please call the HS2 Freephone Community Helpline which is operated 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. The Helpline is available at HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk and telephone 08081 434 434. A Freephone Minicom service is operated on 08081 456 472 for those with hearing difficulties. You can also write to them at: HS2 Community Hub, High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd, Two Snowhill, Snow Hill Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6GA.

Yours faithfully



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