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Working on behalf of HS2 Ltd – archaeological surveys in Great Haywood, Stafford

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Working on behalf of HS2 Ltd, National Grid is legally required to move a number of overhead electricity lines, pylons and gas pipelines along the HS2 route to allow for the build and operation of the new railway.

The new HS2 railway will pass above one of our existing gas pipelines at Great Haywood. Around January 2022, we'll divert this pipeline so it can continue to operate safely and reliably.

I wanted to let you know that our contractor, Wardell Armstrong, will be in Great Haywood around mid-October to carry out archaeological surveys which will help inform the design for the diversion. A team of up to 15 people, with around eight vehicles and equipment including an excavator, mobile water tank and welfare units, will carry out the work. Neighbours may notice some minimal background noise from the excavator. We expect it'll take around eight to ten weeks to complete. **None of our work will affect gas supplies.**

We don't expect to close roads or to install temporary traffic lights while we carry out the surveys. We'll keep you updated if anything changes. 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.

HS2 continues to be the primary contact for land matters and landowners for the scheme. National Grid land officers remain in close contact with HS2 to help manage any impact as a result of our ground investigation and wider works.

Should you have any questions about our work or role on HS2, for safety reasons, we'd be grateful if you don't visit our site or approach our contractors. Instead, we'd encourage you to contact our Community Relations team. They're available daily from 7am-7pm on 0800 073 1047. Alternatively, you can email HS2.Info@nationalgrid.com.

If you have a general enquiry regarding HS2, please call the HS2 Freephone Community Helpline which remains operational all day, every day, and is your first point of contact should you need advice or information from HS2. 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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