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Email: [HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)**Working on behalf of HS2 Ltd – vegetation clearance work at Pipe Ridware**

As you're aware, the new HS2 railway will pass above one of our existing gas pipelines at Pipe Ridware, between Alrewas and Weston Bank. We're legally required to divert the pipeline to allow for the build and operation of the new railway and so it can continue to operate safely and reliably.

We expect to start the main works around early December 2021. We'll create a temporary access road so we can reach the gas pipeline that we need to divert. It'll be located off the Common Lane/Pipe Lane (School Lane) junction and cross Pipe Wood Lane into our main works area.

In preparation, our contractors, Fastflow, will soon start to clear some vegetation in and around the access road route and entrance. An ecologist will be on hand to ensure they keep the clearance to a minimum. It's likely to take around two weeks to complete. We don't expect to close roads or to install temporary traffic lights while we clear the vegetation. We'll keep you updated if anything changes.

**None of our work will affect gas supplies.**

Due to the narrow width of School Lane at the junction of Common Lane, we'll need to close it early next year to allow us to widen the existing junction and create a bellmouth entrance for the access road. We expect this to be a four-week closure with a diversion in place for the safety of our workforce, local people and road users. After that, we'll install temporary traffic signals for the duration of the diversion work here and on Pipe Wood Lane. We also expect there will be some footpath closures and diversions. We'll be in touch with more details before we start our main works.

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 of our 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.