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Dear Neighbour

**Work starts on behalf of HS2 Ltd – gas pipeline diversion work at Pipe Ridware**

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

The new HS2 railway will pass above one of our gas pipelines at Pipe Ridware between Alrewas and Weston Bank. To ensure the pipeline continues to operate safely and reliably, we need to divert it. We'll start work to divert a 440m long section of the gas pipeline at Pipe Ridware at the end of this year. **None of our work will affect gas supplies.**

Before we begin, our contractor, Fastflow, will create a temporary access road to reach the pipeline. It'll be located off the Common Lane/Pipe Lane (School Lane) junction and cross Pipe Wood Lane into our main works area.

In consultation with Staffordshire County Council, we've considered the most efficient and safe way to carry out this work to reduce the impact on road users and the local community. Where road closures are being implemented, this is the only option available to ensure the safety of our contractors and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. The arrangements to manage these works are as follows:

- 1) **Common Lane/Pipe Lane (School Lane) 3-way junction closure and diversion: 4 January – 28 January 2022.** Due to the narrow width of School Lane at the junction of Common Lane, we'll introduce a four-week closure while we widen the existing junction and create a bellmouth entrance for the access road. A diversion will be in place for the safety of our workforce, local people and road users.
- 2) **Common Lane/Pipe Lane (School Lane) junction traffic management: 28 January – 18 November 2022.** We'll install traffic signals for the duration of the diversion work.
- 3) **Pipe Wood Lane traffic management: 24 January – 28 October 2022.** We'll install two-way traffic signals at the plant crossing (traffic signals will only switch to red when plant is required to cross Pipe Wood Lane).
- 4) **Dawson Lane closure and diversion: 7 March - 7 October 2022.** We'll close the road and put a diversion in place for the safety of our workforce, local people and road users.

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. This includes Mavesyn Ridware 31 from 4 January until 28 January 2022 and Mavesyn Ridware 32 (with a diversion) and Mavesyn Ridware 33 from 7 March until 7 October 2022. We'll post notices in advance of the closures at each end and on connecting footpaths.

For more information, including leaflets detailing the closures/diversions, search Pipe Ridware at [www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/map/](http://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/map/)

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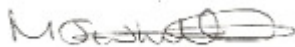
We expect to complete our works around Autumn 2022. However, this is subject to change to fit with the activities of other HS2 contractors.

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.

Yours faithfully



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