

4 November 2021

Dear Neighbour

**UPDATED: Work on behalf of HS2 Ltd – Dellside access track use for overnight works and track closures, November 2021**

**Please be advised of a change to the date for this work.**

As you're aware, National Grid is re-routing and raising the height of a line of electricity pylons in Colne Valley to achieve safety clearance for HS2 Ltd. We're removing five pylons and diverting a section of overhead line onto six newly built, taller pylons.

During November we'll remove the overhead wire across the Chiltern Mainline railway. **We'll do this overnight on a Saturday between 10.00pm and 6am on Sunday.** Network Rail has provided us with possession dates for this work, which are:

- Saturday 6 November 2021
- Saturday 13 November 2021

**We won't be doing this work now on Saturday 6 November 2021 and instead the work will be done the subsequent weekend.** We'll carry out our work on **Saturday 13 November 2021.**

We have an additional back-up date from Network Rail but don't expect we'll need it. If this changes we'll let you know.

We've assessed the most efficient and safe way to carry out our work to reduce the impact on the local community. The arrangements are as follows:

Access

We'll enter via the Dellside access gate at around 10pm. You may notice up to six work vans/4x4s in convoy. They'll remain on-site until around 6am when our work is complete. At that point they'll leave together by the same route. We'll brief staff on the importance of keeping noise to a minimum at the gate entrance/exit. Our security team will liaise with HS2 Security to anticipate vehicle arrivals/departures.

Working area

Our working area is some 0.7 miles from Dellside. Our site team will need to communicate with each other via radio from the pylon towers so they can co-ordinate the safe lowering of the wire. We'll also erect six lighting columns either side of the pylon tower for the work.

Preparation

To prepare for this work you may notice additional vehicles via the Dellside access gate on **Monday 8 to Friday 12 November 2021** between 7.30am and 5pm and on **Saturday 13 November 2021** between 8am and 12pm. This is to bring in equipment which we expect will include a tractor, HGV and up to 4 work vans/4x4s. We may finish earlier than 5pm due to decreased lighting at this time of the year.

### Post-possession work

We'll return to site on **Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 November 2021** for final checks and the removal of the wire, fixtures and fittings. You may notice additional vehicles via the Dellside access gate between 7.30am and 5pm on these days.

### Access track closure

Once the wire has been lowered, we'll return to dismantle and remove the pylon tower near the Grand Union Canal. We'll do this using a crane and a steelwork removal machine.

For safety reasons, the access track (up to our working area) won't be accessible **w/c 22 November 2021 - Monday to Friday, between 8am and 5pm**. It will be marked off and manned by security to transport the vehicles to the working area, dismantle the steelwork and take it away. Banksmen will manage their movements along the permissive route. If we complete our work early we'll open the track sooner.

We've agreed the closure with London Borough of Hillingdon Council and we'll do all we can to minimise any disruption. The Council has liaised with the Angling Club and fishermen about our work.

Please be assured your electricity supply will not be affected by these works.

If you have any queries, please call our Community Relations team on 0800 073 1047. They're available daily from 7am-7pm. 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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