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Work on behalf of HS2 Ltd – update regarding work near Chorlton

As you're aware, the new HS2 railway will pass above one of our existing gas pipelines at Chorlton, between Audley and Nantwich. To ensure it continues to operate safely and reliably, we need to divert a 370m long section of the pipeline.

We started preparatory work at the start of the year and were due to begin tunnelling activity in the summer. Work of this nature is highly complex and before we started, we encountered some technical challenges on the site. This delayed our progress and resulted in us temporarily pausing our work and demobilising from the site.

We've worked closely with our contractor on a revised design and programme over the last couple of months. I wanted to let you know that we've restarted our work at the site.

Several Public Rights of Way (PRoW) will remain closed in the interest of safety of users of these routes. Footpaths Chorlton FP7 (section between Chorlton FP8 and FP9), FP12 and FP13 pass through our site and they'll remain closed until we've completed our work. Notices have been posted at each end and on connecting footpaths. We have permission from Cheshire East Council and Staffordshire County Council for the closures and diversions.

Due to the delays on-site, we now expect to complete our works around winter 2023. However, this is subject to change to fit with the activities of other HS2 contractors.

We've written to those who live closest to the site about our work and given them our Community Relations number should they have any questions.

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

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.