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Working on behalf of HS2 Ltd – ecological and archaeological surveys in Marston

I wrote to you in October last year to let you know that 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. I'm getting in touch to provide an update on work we'll be doing in your area.

As you may be aware, the new HS2 railway will pass above one of our existing gas pipelines in Marston. We'll divert the pipeline in 2023, so it can continue to operate safely and reliably.

To ensure we have a better understanding of the surrounding area, our contractor, Wood, will carry out ecological surveys in the vicinity of Marston. They'll periodically visit the site from the end of April, for a day at a time, for around four months. One of our other contractors, Network Archaeology Ltd, will also carry out archaeological surveys from mid to late May, which we expect will take around three weeks.

Those closest to the site may notice a team of up to eight people in vehicles using hand-held equipment while the surveys are underway. **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. 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. We'll keep you updated if anything changes.

We've let those who live closest to the site know about the surveys. We'll be in touch before we start our main diversion works in early 2023.

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 surveys and wider works.

Should you or your constituents 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 is operated 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. 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.

We thank you for your understanding as we carry out these works.

Yours sincerely



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