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Working on behalf of HS2 Ltd – ecology walkover surveys in Blakenhall

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain. Working on behalf of HS2 Ltd, 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.

The new HS2 railway will pass above two of our existing gas pipelines in the vicinity of Den Lane in Blakenhall. We intend to divert the gas pipelines between January to November 2024 so they can continue to operate safely and reliably.

To ensure we have a better understanding of the surrounding area, our contractor, Wood, will carry out ecology walkover surveys in the vicinity of our gas pipelines. Those closest to the site may notice two people on-site for a couple of days around mid/late July 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 intend to return to the site around late September to late November to carry out archaeology surveys and a ground investigation which will help inform the design for the diversions. We'll be in touch before we start.

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 faithfully



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