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Working on behalf of HS2 Ltd – work in Blakenhall and near Gonsley Green Farm, Crewe

As you're aware, 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.

As we've mentioned previously, the new HS2 railway will pass above two of our existing gas pipelines in the vicinity of Den Lane in Wrinehill, Blakenhall, near Gonsley Green Farm. We intend to divert the gas pipelines between January to November 2024 so they can continue to operate safely and reliably.

To inform the design for the diversions, our contractor, United Living Energy, will undertake ground investigation surveys in the area towards the end of October. The surveys will be carried out by a team of around 15 people with at least eight vehicles and equipment including a drilling rig, excavator, mobile water tank and welfare units. We expect they will take about six weeks to complete.

During this time, United Living Energy will also excavate three trial pits around one of the existing gas pipelines near Gonsley Green Farm, for the same reasons as set out above. A team of up to eight people in vehicles using equipment including an excavator, will carry out the work. We expect this work will take a few days to complete.

Neighbours near both of our sites may notice some intermittent background noise from the drilling rig and other equipment. We'll do all we can to keep this to a minimum and we'll monitor noise to ensure it stays within acceptable levels.

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 any of our work in Blakenhall.

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.

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 all day, every day of the 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.

Thank you for your understanding as we carry out these works.