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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain. To allow for the build and operation of the new railway, National Grid is legally required to move some overhead lines, pylons and gas pipelines along the HS2 route.

The new HS2 railway will pass above one of our existing gas pipelines at Marston. To ensure it continues to operate safely and reliably, we need to divert a 350m long section of the gas pipeline. **None of our work will affect gas supplies.**

From mid-February until late March 2023, our contractor A.Hak will close Marston Lane on two separate occasions. This is so we can safely create five new passing places at various locations along Marston Lane, from the A513, to aid motorists. This is in addition to upgrading three existing passing places on Marston Lane.

We'll introduce some traffic management measures while we're in the area. We've assessed the most efficient and safe way to carry out our work to reduce the impact on road users and the local community. The arrangements to manage these works are as follows:

- From around 17 February to 6 March 2023, we'll close a section of Marston Lane and introduce a diversion to maintain access for local residents. The closure begins at the junction of Yarlet Lane and ends just before the residential properties in Buttercup Croft. The southbound diversion will take motorists along Yarlet Lane, the A34, A513 and back on to Marston Lane. The northbound diversion takes motorists from Marston Lane, along A513, Sandon Road, Enson Lane and back down Marston Lane
- From 6 March to 27 March 2023, we'll close a section of Marston Lane between the Yarlet Lane junction and our site entrance, and a diversion will be in place. We'll construct the site access during this closure, which includes the creation of a bellmouth entrance. The westbound diversion will take motorists from Marston Lane, along Enson Lane, the A34 and Yarlet Lane and back to Marston Lane. The eastbound diversion takes motorists from Marston Lane, along A513, Sandon Road, Enson Lane and back down Marston Lane
- From early March our contractor will create a temporary entrance and access road so we can reach the gas pipeline off Marston Lane, via the A513, which is along the section where it meets Yarlet Lane

The diversions are in place for the safety of our workforce, people and road users and to maintain access for residents. We have permission from Staffordshire County Council for the traffic management measures.

We'll also need to temporarily close several Public Rights of Way (PRoW) in the interest of safety of users of these routes. This includes:

- Bridleway Marston 8 and Bridleway Hopton & Coton 16 - from 6 March until 17 November 2023
- Footpath Marston 9 - from 6 March until 27 March 2023

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We'll post notices in advance of the closures at each end and on connecting footpaths.

You can visit <https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area> for our leaflets which include maps, details of exact locations and any road or footpath diversions.

We expect to complete our diversion work around winter 2023. However, this is subject to change to fit with the activities of other HS2 contractors.

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. 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 potential impact from our works.

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.

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