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Work starts on behalf of HS2 Ltd – gas pipeline diversion work starts at Yarlet

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 Yarlet. 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 early March, our contractor A.Hak will introduce some traffic management measures to construct our site access and a haul road which will take construction traffic off the local road network and will remain in situ for other HS2 contractors. 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 6 March to 19 May 2023** - we'll close the inside lane on the northbound carriageway of the A34 Stone Road opposite the Greyhound Pub. The gap within the central reservation (which allows traffic to turn right into Yarlet Lane and also turn right out from Yarlet Lane onto the A34 northbound) will also be closed and a diversion via the A34/A51 roundabout to the north will be in place. Please allow extra time for your journey
- We'll construct the site access during this lane closure, which includes the creation of a bellmouth entrance and a haul road
- **From 19 May to 22 December 2023** – site access signage will be placed on the northbound A34 Stone Road

The measures 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.

While we're in the area, 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:

- PRoW (Whitgreave 3/Stone Rural 28) – Paths cross our main works area so they'll close between 3 April 2023 until the end of December 2023
- PRoW (Whitgreave 2) – Closed between 6 March 2023 to 19 May 2023 to allow for site access and haul road construction
- PRoW (Whitgreave 2) – Path diversion in place on southern side of site access and haul road from 19 May 2023 until the end of December 2023

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

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You can visit www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/ for maps, details of exact locations and any 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.

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.

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