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**Working on behalf of HS2 Ltd - contractor mobilises for overhead line works in Quainton**

As you may know, National Grid is required to modify some overhead electricity lines, pylons and gas pipelines along the HS2 route to allow for the build and operation of the new railway. To achieve the required safety clearance above HS2 and its associated infrastructure, we'll replace two existing in-line pylons to the west of Quainton village with bigger pylons to enable the railway to pass underneath.

Most of our work concentrates on a section of overhead line crossing Shipton Lee Road, south of Finemere Wood. Reconductoring works will also take place over North Farm Lane and Claydon Road. The nearest postcode to the site location is HP22 4DE. From early January 2019, you may see work start. Our contractor, Balfour Beatty will set up a site compound off Shipton Lee Road, clear vegetation, put up scaffold and net over roads and create trackway/stone roads to provide access to the pylons for our vehicles, staff, plant and equipment.

In summary we'll:

- Construct foundations for the new pylons
- Build two new pylons in-line with the existing overhead line
- One will become a terminal pylon for a proposed new Quainton Substation to help power HS2
- Install a temporary overhead line diversion while the pylons are replaced
- Reconductor sections of the overhead line either side of the new pylons
- Install electricity cables
- Connect to the existing network
- Remove old pylons and reinstate the ground

We'll carry out the significant work during our electricity outage in Summer 2019 to minimise local disruption. This means we'll turn off the power supply to these pylons while we work. The project will involve temporary closures to specific local footpaths during the works. We'll do all we can to minimise our presence while we're in the area. We'll keep you updated about this as the programme progresses and once agreed with the local authority.

**None of our work will affect local electricity supplies. We expect to complete the work around Autumn 2019. However, these dates are subject to change to fit with the activities of other HS2 contractors.**

We're doing more work in the Aylesbury area for HS2 Ltd. Between March and November 2019 we'll divert two gas pipelines 1km south of Buckinghamshire Railway Centre. A further electricity diversion project between Great Missenden and Aylesbury will begin late 2019, with ground investigation surveys taking place in Spring 2019 to help design the diversion.

You can also visit <https://hs2.commonplace.is/> to find out more about HS2 Ltd work in your area. Please call our Community Relations team if you have any queries about our work or our role on HS2. They're available 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday on 0800 073 1047 and [info@nationalgridhs2.com](mailto:info@nationalgridhs2.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](mailto: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.

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