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Working on behalf of HS2 Ltd – ground investigation work in Colne Valley near Ickenham, Harefield and Denham

National Grid needs to move a number of overhead electricity lines, pylons and gas pipelines along the HS2 route to allow the railway to be built and operated. As the HS2 line will be built on an embankment in this area, we have to move and raise the height of a line of electricity pylons which the new railway will pass under in the Colne Valley.

To inform the design of six new pylons our contractor, Babcock, will undertake ground investigation surveys from w/c 1 April 2019 for approximately six weeks. We have engaged with the landowners and immediate neighbours about access to the pylons which are located to the east of Buckinghamshire Golf Club, over the Chiltern Mainline and over the lake by Hillingdon Rowing Club to tie in with the existing line near Harefield Waste & Recycling Centre on Harvil Road.

Surveying in the pylon locations will be done by a small team (approx. 4 people), with at least two vehicles and equipment including a drilling rig. Neighbours may notice some background noise from the drilling rig. An access assessment will be done by Babcock and at this time we do not expect to close roads or to install temporary traffic lights. We will keep you updated if there are any changes once the assessment has been completed. We've written to local residents and businesses in the area to let them know about the work.

Core working hours will be from 08:00 to 18:00 on weekdays (excluding bank holidays) and from 8:00 to 13:00 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 authorities.

We'll get in touch again later this year with further details about our main programme of work. We expect this will start this autumn until early 2021. **None of the works described here will affect electricity supplies.**

If you have any queries about our work or our role on HS2 please contact National Grid's Community Relations team. We're available daily from 7am-7pm on 0800 073 1047. Alternatively, you can email 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 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.

Yours sincerely

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