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RE: HS2 Works – overhead power line works in Colne Valley near Ickenham, Harefield and Denham

National Grid is required to modify an overhead power line in the Colne Valley area to allow for the build and operation of the new HS2 railway. We'll need to move and raise the height of a line of electricity pylons which the railway will pass under once constructed. To achieve safety clearance between the power lines and the railway, we'll remove five pylons and divert a section of overhead line onto six new, taller pylons. This work takes place near Buckinghamshire Golf Club, across the railway and Grand Union Canal, over Skip Lane and Dews Lane.

From October 2019, you may see initial works by our contractor Babcock. This includes establishing a site compound, clearing vegetation and laying trackway to provide access for our vehicles, staff, plant and equipment. We'll do all we can to minimise our presence while we're in the area.

We'll carry out most of the work during an electricity outage next Summer. This means we'll turn off the power supply to these pylons while we work.

None of our work will affect local electricity supplies.

During the main works there may be temporary traffic management (not full road closures) to install scaffolding and netting. Some footpaths which are Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and Permissive Rights of Way are crossed by the works. These will be affected with either short temporary closures or diversions for activities such as netting, scaffolding and wire pulling. These are in the interest of safety for users whilst the works take place.

More details, when available, will be posted at hs2inhillindon.co.uk or www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk where you can also view a project leaflet.

Core working hours will be from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) and from 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 authorities.

We expect to complete the work around Spring 2021. However, these dates are subject to change to fit with the activities of other HS2 contractors.

For further information on the work National Grid is doing for HS2 email info@nationalgridhs2.com or call 0800 073 1047. For further information on HS2 email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk visit www.hs2inhillindon.co.uk or www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk or call the 24/7 HS2 Helpdesk on 08081 434 434.

Yours faithfully

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