**Press Release**

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News Release

HRH The Princess Royal has visited the Humber Pipeline Replacement Project to get a first-hand view of our Goxhill construction site; home to construction of the new Feeder 9 tunnel and gas pipeline.

Visiting the North Lincolnshire site in her capacity as Master of The Corporation of Trinity House – which owns the land our project site is using – The Princess Royal spoke to National Grid and Joint Venture employees, who demonstrated the engineering, environmental, community and educational activities associated with our work on Humberside.

Children from Goxhill Primary School also joined in to welcome The Princess Royal and take part in science and safety learning activities at the site’s training suite.

The pipeline replacement work is continuing to progress. Mary, our tunnel boring machine, set off from Goxhill 12 months ago, to create the tunnel for our replacement gas pipeline; which will ultimately secure 20% of Britain’s gas supplies. She is now two-thirds of the way through her journey to Paull, on the north bank of the Humber a few miles away from Easington gas terminal.

Phil Sheppard, Director of Gas Transmission, said: “It’s been a privilege for our team working on the River Humber Pipeline Replacement Project to receive a visit from HRH The Princess Royal.

“The team is incredibly proud of the record-breaking work we are doing; tunnelling nearly five kilometres under the River Humber to replace our pipeline and secure gas supplies for future generations.”

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If local residents have any further questions about the project, they can contact National Grid’s Community Relations team on 0800 988 9144 (lines open 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday – Friday), by email at nationalgrid@riverhumberpipeline.com or by free post at FREEPOST NATIONAL GRID, RH PIPELINE PROJECT.

**Notes to Editors:**

Our River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement project facts, figures and background information can be found attached to the email.

**About us:**

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**National Grid in the UK:**

* We own and operate the electricity transmission network in England and Wales, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. We also operate, but do not own, the Scottish networks. Our networks comprise approximately 7,200 kilometres (4,474 miles) of overhead line, 1,500 kilometres (932 miles) of underground cable and 342 substations.
* We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,660 kilometres (4,760 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 618 above-ground installations.
* As Great Britain’s System Operator (SO) we make sure gas and electricity is transported safely and efficiently from where it is produced to where it is consumed. \*From April 2019, Electricity System Operator (ESO) became a new standalone business within National Grid, legally separate from all other parts of the National Grid Group. This provides the right environment to deliver a balanced and impartial ESO that can realise real benefits for consumers as we transition to a more decentralised, decarbonised electricity system.
* Other UK activities mainly relate to businesses operating in competitive markets outside of our core regulated businesses; including interconnectors, gas metering activities and a liquefied natural gas (LNG) importation terminal – all of which are now part of National Grid Ventures. National Grid Property is responsible for the management, clean-up and disposal of surplus sites in the UK. Most of these are former gas works.

Find out more about the energy challenge and how National Grid is helping find solutions to some of the challenges we face at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/news>.

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