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Petitioner no. AP2/42 - National Grid—23rd April 2019

Clarification about how long trains would run during a 24-hour day and therefore how long power supply would be needed.

HS2 services are expected to operate between 05:00 and 00:00 from Monday to Saturday and between 08:00 and 00:00 on Sunday.

Maintenance and engineering works would normally take place outside these operational hours. This may include maintenance of rolling stock, which would mean trains needing to travel to a depot or stabling facility, the nearest of which is currently proposed at Washwood Heath on Phase One (although additional depots are anticipated to be built as part of Phase 2b). This therefore necessitates the continuous availability of traction power to the railway, even outside the core operating hours for passenger services, to enable the trains to reach the depot.

The visual and noise impacts of night time maintenance during operation of the scheme are assessed in the Environmental Statement.