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Liverpool school boy helps National Grid spread the safety message

Liverpool school boy wins competition to design a poster to promote site safety.

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A Liverpool primary school student got his reward for helping National Grid spread their message about site safety.

Connor Prendergast, age 9, of St. Hugh's Catholic Primary School, won a competition run by National Grid to design a poster to promote site safety during its works to dismantle four unused gasholders on its site off Spofforth Road in Wavertree. His prize was to see his poster installed on the site gates along with a framed version for him to keep.

Chris Taylor, Land Regeneration Manager at National Grid, said: "The team was really impressed with Connor's design as it got across the main message of staying off our site to make sure you stay safe. It was a lovely, clear simple design – just the job."

The competition was launched at a safety assembly held at the school by National Grid to explain their works and to highlight to local children the importance of staying off the site during the project.

Work on the Wavertree site is being undertaken on behalf of National Grid by The Coleman Group and is expected to be complete later this year, with no plans at this stage for how the land will be used in the future. Any future development would be subject to planning. Local residents with questions about the work can contact National Grid on 0800 8199 071.

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