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## Coming soon: Major gas mains replacement project for Southend

National Grid works hard to deliver essential power project as smoothly as possible

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- Gas mains in Hobblythick Lane and Prittlewell Chase being replaced from February
- Work around busy junction planned for Easter holidays to minimise inconvenience
- Project will help make sure local people continue to enjoy safe and reliable gas supplies

Essential work to replace old gas mains in part of Southend will start early next month.

Ageing metal gas mains will be replaced with tough new plastic pipes in Hobblythick Lane and Prittlewell Chase. This work will help make sure local people keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating.

Work is set to start on Monday 8 February and is due to finish on Saturday 25 June.

Temporary traffic lights will be set up to reduce congestion and allow this essential work to be done safely and efficiently. Parking will also be suspended where work is taking place.

A lot of the work will be around the junction of Hobblythick Lane and Prittlewell Chase, near Southend General Hospital. To reduce inconvenience this section of the work is being timed to coincide with the school Easter holidays when roads are generally quieter.

Engineers will need access to some properties to replace gas service pipes. Those people who this affects will be contacted. All National Grid employees carry official identity cards, which people should ask to see before letting them in their property.

For more information on this project or to verify the identity of project engineers call 0800 096 5678.

More information on National Grid's gas mains replacement work can be found here:

[www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/In-your-area/Mains-replacement](http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/In-your-area/Mains-replacement)

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