

## Date for the diary: Drop in event on essential gas mains replacement work in Blake Hall Road, Wanstead

Chance to get the lowdown on essential work as engineers prepare to resume project

**24 May 2016**

- Essential work to maintain safe and reliable gas supplies due to resume in June 2016 for 20 weeks
- Public invited to attend drop in day at Wanstead Library on Tuesday 7th June to find out more
- Traffic management will be required but local businesses and shops will remain open as normal throughout work

National Grid is inviting the local community to a drop in day where they can come and ask questions about essential gas mains replacement work which is due to restart in June 2016.

This summer engineers will be resuming work to replace ageing gas mains in Blake Hall Road, Wanstead with tough new pipes. The work will also involve replacing service pipes to some properties.

The project will help ensure local people continue to enjoy safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating.

To ensure engineers can carry out the work safely and efficiently traffic management including the road closures detailed below will be needed. However access to properties will be maintained and shops and businesses will remain open for business as normal.

### Overton Road

Overton Road will be closed at the junction of Blake Hall Road for approximately eight weeks from the beginning of August. Width restrictions will be removed to ensure access is maintained to properties.

### Tennyson Road

Tennyson Road will be closed for approximately three weeks in October.

## Felstead Road

Felstead Road will be closed for approximately three weeks in November.

The drop in day will be held on Tuesday 7 June at Wanstead Library in Spratt Hall Road between 9am and 9pm.

Project Engineer Paul Illingworth said: "This essential work will help ensure local people keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating.

"We've planned the work in close discussion with Redbridge Council and others including TfL and the police to ensure it's delivered with minimal disruption to the local community."

He added: "If people would like to find out more about the work they can come and meet us at Wanstead Library on June 7 where we'll be happy to answer their questions."

For further information about this project call 0800 096 5678.

More information can also be found at [www.bettergaspipes.co.uk](http://www.bettergaspipes.co.uk)

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