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Diary date: National Grid hosts public exhibitions in Chelsea and Fulham

National Grid invites local community to get the lowdown on essential gas mains replacement work in King's Road.

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- Essential work to maintain safe and reliable gas supplies in the King's Road area of Chelsea and Fulham due to start in early 2016
- Public invited to attend exhibitions to find out more this October
- 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 come and get the lowdown on essential gas mains replacement work which is due to start early next year.

In February 2016 engineers are due to start replacing ageing metallic gas mains with tough new durable pipes. This work 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 will be needed. For the first phase of work, which will last approximately eight months, King's Road will be made into a one-way road eastbound, between Stanley Bridge and Gunter Grove.

National Grid will be holding two public exhibitions to give the local community the chance to meet the project team, see detailed plans and ask questions.

The exhibitions will take place at:

- Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, SW3 5EE on Wednesday 7 October between 12pm and 8pm
- Vialli Suite, Chelsea Football Club, Stamford Bridge, Fulham Road SW6 1HS on Thursday 15 October between 12pm and 8pm

National Grid Engineering Manager Stuart Donaldson said: "The gas mains we're replacing have served the area largely unnoticed for over a century but the time has now come to replace them.

"Our work will help ensure local homes and businesses keep on enjoying safe and reliable energy supplies. This work will help support the capital's growth and also mean less disruption caused by having to repair ageing gas mains."

He added: "All shops and businesses will remain open for business as usual. By carefully planning the project and using innovative technology we hope to ensure our work has as little impact as possible on residents and road users.

"I'd like to encourage local residents to come and meet us at one of our exhibitions where they can find out more about the work."

The gas mains National Grid is replacing are over one metre in diameter and innovative technology will be used to insert the new pipes into these old mains wherever possible. This will reduce the need for digging and enable the work to be carried out faster.

All work is being coordinated with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Council, the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Council and Transport for London to help ensure traffic disruption is minimised.

For more information on the events call 0800 389 8261 or email nationalgrid@londongasmains.co.uk

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