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## Future proofing: National Grid continues work to keep the City warm in winters yet to come

National Grid begins next phase of vital work to renew the City's gas mains

**19 Nov 2015**

- Work completed, two weeks earlier than expected from the junction of Coleman Street to outside 31 Gresham Street
- Next phase to start in Angel Street and continuing from 31 Gresham Street towards the junction of King Edward Street
- Work will be suspended from 23 December 2015 until 4 January 2016

National Grid is continuing its programme of gas mains replacement work in the City.

Engineers are replacing ageing metallic gas mains with new more durable pipes which will ensure the local community keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for heating and cooking. These pipes are over a one metre in diameter and lie deep beneath the roads and replacing them will be a major undertaking.

The latest phase of the work is underway in Angel Street. From Saturday 28 November 2015 working will be taking place from 31 Gresham Street towards the junction of King Edward Street.

From Monday 14 December there will be an eastbound closure in Gresham Street, from the junction of St Martins Le Grand to the junction of Wood Street to enable work to be carried out safely and efficiently for the duration of the work. As work progresses a temporary lane closure of St Martin Le Grand will also be needed. There will also be a three week closure of Angel Street in January 2016. A clearly signed diversion route will be in place throughout the work.

The work will involve digging several excavations along Gresham Street and some parking and loading bays may need to be suspended.

Engineers will work extended hours Monday to Saturday 8am to 7pm and Sunday 9am to 4pm to get the work done as quickly as possible. All shops and businesses will be open as usual.

Work will be suspended over the Christmas season between Wednesday 23 December and Monday 4 January.

National Grid project engineer, Mick Morris, said: "Wherever possible we're using innovative technology to insert the new pipe into the old gas mains. This is much quicker and less disruptive than digging trenches to lay new mains.

"Throughout the work, all shops and businesses will be open as usual and our engineers will make every effort to deliver this essential work with minimal disruption."

The work has been coordinated with the City of London and Transport for London.

London's network of gas mains was first laid over a century ago and connects to more than two million customers in London, providing them with a safe and reliable gas supply. To ensure the network can continue to be depended on to support London's economic growth and provide energy every day it needs work to replace and upgrade it.

For more advice or information on the project call 0800 096 5678 or go to [www.nationalgrid.com/inyourstreet](http://www.nationalgrid.com/inyourstreet)

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- We own and operate the electricity transmission network in England and Wales, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. We also operate, but do not own, the Scottish networks. Our networks comprise approximately 7,200 kilometres (4,474 miles) of overhead line, 1,500 kilometres (932 miles) of underground cable and 342 substations.

- We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,660 kilometres (4,760 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 618 above-ground installations.
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- Other UK activities mainly relate to businesses operating in competitive markets outside of our core regulated businesses; including interconnectors, gas metering activities and a liquefied natural gas (LNG) importation terminal – all of which are now part of National Grid Ventures. National Grid Property is responsible for the management, clean-up and disposal of surplus sites in the UK. Most of these are former gas works.

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