

Future-proofing Thetford: Project to safeguard local gas supplies

New gas mains coming to Thetford's Cage Lane to help ensure locals keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supply for cooking and heating

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- Ageing gas mains to be replaced in town centre's Cage Lane
- Temporary lane closure will be needed during the two week project so work can be delivered safely and reliably
- Work will help ensure local community keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating

Engineers are preparing to embark on essential work to replace ageing gas mains in Thetford in early 2017.

The current metal gas mains which have served the community for many years are ageing and need replacing now to help ensure local residents keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies.

Work is due to start on Friday 6 February 2017 and is currently scheduled for completion two weeks later.

To keep disruption to a minimum the new pipes will be inserted into the old gas mains wherever possible which will reduce the need for digging and minimise congestion.

However the right hand lane of the one way stretch of Cage Lane where work is taking place will be closed to help ensure the work can be carried out safely and efficiently.

Engineers may also need to carry out some work during evenings, early mornings and at weekends.

Service pipes to properties will also need to be replaced and those residents affected will be contacted about this..

The project has been carefully planned to avoid the busy Christmas and summer seasons to ensure any disruption is minimised.

Graham Huggett, Project Engineer said: "We've worked closely with the local authorities to ensure we deliver this essential work with as little disruption as possible."

"The new gas pipes we'll be putting in will help ensure that local residents keep on having a safe and reliable gas supply for cooking and heating."

Residents are reminded they should ask to see official identification from any engineers seeking access to their properties. All project engineers carry official identity cards which people should ask to see before letting them in.

To verify the identity of an engineer or to get more information about this project people can call 0800 096 5678.

Information can also be found at www.bettergaspipes.co.uk

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