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Gas holder demolition changes Stretford skyline

National Grid is to demolish three gas holders in Thomas Street, Stretford, Manchester as part of a national programme of work as new ways of storing gas are used.

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- **National Grid to dismantle three disused gasholders at Thomas Street, Stretford**
- **Community information event at Gorse Hill Methodist Church on 20 November**
- **Gasholder dismantling work will unlock redevelopment potential at the site**

Residents in and around Gorse Hill are invited to find out more about National Grid's plans to dismantle three disused gasholders at its site on Thomas Street in Stretford.

The company is holding a community information event from **3.30pm – 7.30pm on Tuesday 20 November at Gorse Hill Methodist Church, Wesley Street, Stretford M32 0GL**. National Grid's project team will be on hand to discuss the planned works and give local people an opportunity to find out more and share their views.

The Thomas Street gasholders once played an essential role in making sure local homes had a reliable gas supply. They were filled with gas during times of low demand so they could feed into the local network of pipes at times of peak demand. Now, new technology allows the gas to be stored inside the pipes. This means the old holders are no longer needed and can be removed to free up the site for beneficial use in the future.

Hannah White, National Grid land regeneration manager, said: "The gasholders at Thomas Street have not been used for a long time and their removal will help unlock the site so it can be brought back into beneficial use.

"National Grid works hard to minimise disruption to communities it's working in and Thomas Street is no exception. Our community drop-in event is an opportunity for people to find out more about the planned works and what we're doing to act as a responsible neighbour."

The site was first developed in the 1850s by the Stretford Gas Company and expanded numerous times over the next 100 years. The gasholders at the site today were built in 1902, 1931 and 1942.

Hannah concluded: "We'll work as quickly and efficiently as possible while we're on site and we'll keep the local community informed as our work progresses."

National Grid expects to complete the dismantling work in April 2019.

Anyone with questions about the community information event can contact National Grid's Community Relations team on 0800 073 1047. They're available daily from 7am and 7pm.

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Pictures show Thomas Street gasworks site today and View of the site from 1949, looking south-east

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