

Gas mains overhaul for Barnsley

National Grid renewing gas pipes in Silkstone Common

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- **Work will keep gas flowing for the rest of the century**
- **Engineers to complete the project as quickly as possible**

Work starts next Tuesday (26 April) on a National Grid project to keep the gas flowing to local homes in Silkstone Common, Barnsley.

In a two-week project engineers will be renewing the existing iron gas mains in Coates Lane near the junction of Pinfold Lane with new, hard wearing plastic pipes designed to last for at least 80 years.

National Grid Authorising Engineer Paul Martin said: "National Grid plays a vital role in keeping people warm and this essential work will mean that local people can continue to enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply for many years to come.

"We will make every effort to minimise any disruption and complete the project as soon as possible. We really appreciate people's patience and co-operation."

To safeguard engineers and motorists, two-way temporary traffic lights will be in place in Coates Lane.

For any enquiries about this work people should contact National Grid's customer services team on 0800 096 5678.

To find out more about how National Grid replaces gas mains and how that affects residents and businesses go to www.bettergaspipes.co.uk.

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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.

Find out more about the energy challenge and how National Grid is helping find solutions to some of the challenges we face at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/news>

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