

Gas mains replacement project will help ensure Tower Hamlets stays warm in winters yet to come

Gas mains to be replaced in Aldgate High Street, Middlesex Street, New Goulston Street, Goulston Street and Whitechapel High Street. Temporary road closures in Goulston Street and New Goulston Street Work scheduled to last until mid May 2015

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A project to replace gas mains in Tower Hamlets will help ensure the local community can stay warm in future winters.

The work involves replacing ageing metal gas mains with tough new pipes made of more durable material.

It's planned to carry out the work as follows:

Middlesex Street: Ongoing until the end of March 2015

New Goulston Street and Goulston Street: Due to begin on Thursday 19 February and last for 12 weeks.

Aldgate High Street and Whitechapel High Street: From end of February for approximately 10 weeks.

During this time there will be road closures in place in Goulston Street and New Goulston Street. Signed diversions will be in place and some parking and loading bays in the area will need to be suspended.

Mick Morris, National Grid principle project engineer said: "The replacement of the gas mains will help ensure safe and reliable gas supplies continue to be enjoyed by local businesses, schools and homes.

"London is a leading 21st century city and our work will help it maintain that status."

Mr Morris added: "We're doing all we can to ensure we deliver this work as smoothly as possible. The new pipes are being inserted into the old mains wherever possible. This means less digging and less disruption for road users.

"We're also working closely with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets council to coordinate the work."

Local gas supplies should not be interrupted by the work and all shops and business will be open as usual.

The local community and surrounding businesses will be kept informed about the progress of the project.

The project is part of National Grid's essential gas mains replacement programme in the capital.

For more advice or information on the project call 0800 096 5678 or go to www.roadworks.org

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