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- **Work will keep gas flowing until the end of the century**
- **Temporary traffic lights needed to keep people safe**

National Grid will be upgrading gas mains in Main Road, Wilford, to keep the gas flowing safely and reliably until the end of the century.

Engineers will be returning to Main Road on Monday (19 October) to complete the final stage of a project to renew a kilometre of gas mains in the road. The work is expected to take up to four weeks. The existing iron mains will be replaced with tough, long-lasting plastic pipes that have a lifespan of at least 80 years.

To keep engineers and road-users safe there will need to be temporary traffic lights in place while the work is under way. The project will be carried out in three phases.

Phase one is due to start on Monday and is expected to last for a week. During this phase there will be temporary traffic lights outside 23 Main Road to 35 Main Road.

Phase two will get underway once the first phase has been completed. During this phase, temporary traffic lights will be stationed outside 11 Main Road to 23 Main Road.

The final phase of work is due to start on Monday 2 November for up to two weeks. The existing traffic lights at the junction of Wilford Lane and Main Road will be moved to outside 6 Main Road.

National Grid authorising engineer Paul Patrick said: "This vital work will ensure that local residents and businesses continue to enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply for decades to come. To keep everyone safe, temporary traffic lights will be necessary but every effort will be made to complete this work as quickly as possible."

If anyone has any queries about the work they can call National Grid's customer services team on 0800 0965678.

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