

Gas mains upgrade in the pipeline for Carlton Road, Barnsley

Gas mains renewal starts in Carlton Road, Barnsley, on Monday 25 January

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- **Work will keep gas flowing for the rest of the century**
- **Temporary traffic lights at the junction of Carlton Road and Rotherham Road**

Next week will see the start of a revamp for gas mains in Barnsley's Carlton Road that will keep gas flowing to local homes and businesses until the end of the century.

National Grid will start work on Monday (25 January) on a three-week project to renew 500 metres of pipes in the B6132 Carlton Road between the junctions of Wakefield Road and Rotherham Road. The existing iron mains will be replaced with tough, long-lasting plastic pipes that will last for at least 80 years.

To keep engineers and road-users safe, temporary traffic lights will be installed at the junction of Carlton Road and Rotherham Road. There will also be a lane closure in Carlton Road, affecting traffic turning from Wakefield Road into Carlton Road.

National Grid Authorising Engineer Paul Martin said: "This vital work will ensure that local people continue to enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply for many decades into the future.

"Temporary traffic management will be needed to keep everyone safe while we renew the gas mains. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. We will make every effort to minimise any disruption and complete the work as soon as possible."

Gas engineers may need access to homes and businesses to replace service pipes (the pipes that take gas from the main in the road to individual properties). This work will involve briefly interrupting the gas supply and anyone who is affected will be notified beforehand.

All National Grid engineers carry official identity cards, which people should ask to see before allowing them on their property.

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

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