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Gas mains upgrade in the pipeline for Dunstable

Essential pipe renewal work to keep the gas flowing to homes and businesses in Dunstable is due to start on Monday (23 February).

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In a £53,000 project National Grid will be upgrading 350 metres of gas mains in High Street North, High Street South, West Street, Church Street, and Ashton Square. The existing iron gas mains will be replaced with tough, hardwearing plastic pipes that have a lifespan of at least 80 years.

The work is due to take six weeks and will start in Ashton Square, before moving into the other streets.

It is anticipated that work will start in West Street, Church Street, High Street North and High Street South week commencing 9 March but National Grid will keep people updated. For safety reasons, it will be necessary to install temporary traffic lights at the junction of West Street, Church Street, High Street North and High Street South while work is underway in these streets.

National Grid authorising engineer Dilbir Chana said: "This is essential work that will ensure people in Dunstable continue to enjoy safe and reliable gas supplies for many years to come. We will do everything we can to complete the project as quickly as possible and to keep any disruption to a minimum."

If anyone has any questions please give National Grid a call on 0800 0965678 or talk to one of the team on site who will be happy to help.

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Notes for editors

National Grid has two contracted organisations carrying out gas mains replacement work on its behalf. They are: tRIIO, a partnership between Skanska and Morrison Utility Services, in North London, East Anglia and the East of England and Balfour Beatty in the West Midlands and North West.

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