

Gas mains upgrade in the pipeline for Wickham Market

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2 February and will help secure safe and reliable gas supplies to local residents and businesses for many years to come. The project is scheduled to take seven weeks.

National Grid is undertaking the works in three stages to minimise any disruption the project may cause. Engineers will start in the High Street from the bus stop on the hill working down to the junction of Featherbroom Gardens.

Stage One will see three-way traffic lights for one week working at the junction of the Bus Stop on the hill and High Street.

Stage Two is due to last for two weeks and there will be a road closure on the High Street between Crown Lane and Chapel Lane. Pedestrian access will remain the same.

Stage Three is scheduled take two weeks with three-way traffic lights at the junction of Chapel Lane. Traffic lights will then move along the road until work is completed at the Co-op. Then the three-way traffic lights system will be replaced by a two-way traffic lights. The two-way traffic lights system will be in place at the junction of Featherbroom Gardens for the remaining two weeks of the project.

National Grid authorising engineer Vince Doggett said: "It's our job to connect people to the energy they use and these new gas mains will help ensure Wickham Market continues to enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply. We will make every effort to minimise any inconvenience caused by our work."

The work will be carried out by tRiIO working on behalf of National Grid Gas.

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