

Gas mains work due to start in Beeston in the New Year

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- **Work will secure gas supplies for local people for decades to come**

Essential work to upgrade gas mains in Beeston is earmarked to start in the New Year.

National Grid is due to begin the first phase of the work to replace gas pipes in The Square and High Road on 5 January. The existing iron gas mains will be replaced with hardwearing plastic pipes that have a lifespan of at least 80 years. The total project is expected to take approximately four weeks.

Engineers will be installing the new gas mains in the block paved area outside Argos and near the banks, following discussions with the local authorities and other affected bodies.

National Grid Authorising Engineer Paul Patrick said: "This is essential work that will ensure local residents and businesses continue to benefit from safe and reliable gas supplies for decades to come. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused. We will make every effort to complete the work as quickly as we can. Once the work is complete the block paving will be reinstated to its current condition."

As the work is being carried out in a pedestrianised area there is not expected to be any impact on traffic.

National Grid will be visiting local businesses this week to discuss any issues they may have. Deliveries and access are not expected to be affected for most businesses.

As part of the work National Grid will be replacing 'service pipes'. These are the pipes that take gas from the main in the road to individual properties. This will mean interrupting the gas supply to those properties for a short time. National Grid will be in touch with those affected to arrange a suitable time to carry out this work.

If members of the public have any queries or concerns they can call National Grid customer services on 0800 096 5678.

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