

Gas upgrade set for Sanvey Gate, Leicester

Gas mains upgrade starts in Sanvey Gate, Leicester

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- **Work will keep gas flowing until the end of the century**
- **Part of programme to renew 27 miles of pipes across the city**

National Grid will be upgrading gas mains in the Sanvey Gate area of Leicester to keep the gas flowing safely and reliably until the end of the century.

Work starts on Monday 19 October for two weeks to overhaul 87 metres of gas mains in Sanvey Gate. The existing iron mains will be replaced with tough, long-lasting plastic pipes that have a lifespan of at least 80 years.

For the second week of the work there will need to be lane closures in Burgess Street and Long Lane to keep engineers and road-users safe. If anyone has any queries about the work they can call National Grid's customer services team on 0800 0965678.

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

The project is part of a year-long programme to renew more than 27 miles (44 kilometres) of pipes across Leicester.

The work is mainly taking place in residential roads. Among the areas where gas mains renewal is underway are Aylestone, Braunstone, Evington, Northfields, and the Gypsy Lane and Catherine Street areas.

Mr Allsop added: "National Grid is making a major investment in Leicester's gas mains to ensure local people continue to benefit from safe and reliable gas supplies for many years to come. This is essential work and we making every effort to minimise any disruption."

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