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## Get set: Essential gas mains replacement in Petersham starts soon

Engineers due to start work in Petersham Road on Monday 1 August

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- **Essential work to maintain safe and reliable gas supplies due to start on Monday 1 August**
- **Work will involve closure of Petersham Road between junctions with Star and Garter Hill and Manor Farm House until Sunday 4 September**
- **Local shops and businesses will remain open as usual**

Engineers are poised to start essential work to help ensure the local community keeps on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating.

On Monday (August 1) engineers will begin the vital task of replacing ageing gas mains in Petersham Road, River Lane, Star and Garter Hill, Rutland Drive, Tree Close, Cedar Heights and Ashfield Close. The old metal pipes will be replaced with tough new pipes.

To enable the work to be carried out safely and efficiently there will be a road closure in Petersham Road between the junctions of Star and Garter Hill and Manor Farm House, from Monday 1 August to Sunday 4 September, when the work is due to be complete.

Work has been scheduled for the school summer holiday period when the roads are generally quieter to make sure disruption is minimised. The new pipes will be inserted into the old mains for the majority of the route which will reduce the need for digging and cut congestion further.

Local businesses will also be open as usual throughout the work

Project Engineer Phil Walden said: "Our work to replace the ageing gas mains with tough new pipes we'll help make sure local people can keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating.

"We carefully planned our work in close discussion with the local council and other agencies to make sure it's delivered with as little disruption as possible."

For more information about this project call 0800 096 5678 or visit [www.bettergaspipes.co.uk](http://www.bettergaspipes.co.uk)

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