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Holyport work on hold over Christmas period

- Traffic management lifted as project put on hold over Christmas period

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Work will resume on Monday 12 January 2015

- **Safe and reliable gas supplies will continue to be maintained**

National Grid has completed the initial phase of an essential gas mains replacement project and will complete the work in the new year.

Work on the project on Holyport's Ascot Road around the M4 bridge got underway in November as engineers began work to replace ageing metallic gas mains with tough new pipes made of more durable material.

Initially it was planned to complete the work by the end of December. However the job has involved some complex engineering challenges and after a careful assessment engineers have decided to suspend work over the Christmas period to ensure it can continue to be delivered with minimal disruption.

Project Engineer Martin Jackman, said: "Any scheme of this nature is subject to change and having reviewed the situation on the ground we've tweaked our design and timetable.

"Shutting down the project over Christmas will both ensure we can deliver the remainder of work with a minimum of disruption and ensure local gas supplies can continue to be maintained throughout."

The temporary traffic lights and associated traffic management installed for the project have now been removed and all excavations dug by the team filled in.

The project is scheduled for completion at the end of January 2015. Engineers have been liaising closely with the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead to keep them updated.

Mr Jackman added: "I'd like to thank the local community and road users for their patience so far and wish them a happy Christmas and New Year.

"Once complete this project will help ensure the people of Holyport continue to enjoy safe and reliable gas supplies for years to come."

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