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# Mains event: Essential work will help ensure future safe and reliable gas supplies for Rochford

Ageing gas mains being replaced with tough new pipes

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- Work began in early May and will last for 25 weeks
- Rolling two way traffic light system will be implemented
- Part of scheme to replace 25km ageing gas mains across Rochford

National Grid is delivering a vital gas mains revamp in Rochford which will help ensure the local community remains connected to safe and reliable gas supplies.

Engineers will be replacing ageing metal mains with tough new durable pipes.

Work got under way this week and is due to last for 25 weeks. Engineers are starting their work in Ashington Road at the junction with Lascelles Gardens. The work will then move along Ashington Road toward the junction with Canewdon Road.

To enable work to be carried out safely and efficiently a rolling two-way traffic light management system will be implemented along Ashington Road. This will move according to where work is taking place. Advanced warning signs have been up in the area since April 20th.

Access to local business along the road will be maintained at all times.

In order to carry out the work gas engineers will also require access to some properties and may need to disconnect the gas supply however this will be discussed with individual residents.

National Grid Principle Engineer Steve Edwards, said: "This is a major project which will help ensure people in Rochford continue to enjoy safe and reliable gas supplies in the future.

"We'll do all we can to deliver the work with minimal inconvenience."

He added: "People should also ask to see official identification from anyone trying to gain access to their homes.

"All our staff carry official identity cards and people should ask to see the cards before allowing anyone into their property."

To verify an engineer's identity and for further information on the project call 0800 096 5678.

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