

Major gas mains overhaul for Dunstable

National Grid renewing gas pipes in parts of Dunstable

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- **Work will keep gas flowing for the rest of the century**
- **Gas mains to be replaced in 30 streets**

Spring may be here but work is under way on a gas mains overhaul that will keep homes and businesses in Dunstable warm and comfortable for decades of winters to come.

In a major gas pipe upgrade project, expected to take until the middle of next February, energy network company National Grid is renewing the gas mains in 30 roads in South West Dunstable and the Priory and Luton Road areas of the town.

National Grid Authorising Engineer Dilbir Chana said: "National Grid plays a vital role in keeping people warm and this essential work will mean that local people can continue to enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply for many years to come.

"It is part of an ongoing programme to modernise Dunstable's gas network and keep the gas flowing to the town until the end of the century.

"We will make every effort to minimise any disruption and complete the project as soon as possible. We really appreciate people's patience and co-operation."

Work is currently underway in Hollick Road and Markham Crescent and is due to take place in the following streets: Hadrian Avenue, Ridgeway Avenue, Carterweys, Pynthers Lane, Katherine Drive, Evelyn Road, Gorham Way, Calcutt Close, Thornbury, Walgrave Road, St Christophers Close, Linden Road, Buckwood Avenue, Wingate Road, Poynters Road, Oakwood Avenue, Half Moon Lane, Apollo Close, Chichester Close, Mountview Avenue, Woodfield Gate, Southwood Road, Lowther Road, Mardale Avenue, Borrowdale Avenue, Derwent Drive, Buttermere Avenue and Mayfield Road.

Gas engineers may need access to homes and businesses to replace service pipes (the pipes that take gas from the main in the road to individual properties). This work will involve temporarily interrupting the gas supply and anyone who is affected will be notified beforehand.

All National Grid engineers carry official identity cards, which people should ask to see before allowing them on their property.

For any enquiries about this work people should contact National Grid's customer services team on 0800 096 5678. To find out more about how National Grid replaces gas mains and how that affects residents and businesses go to www.bettergaspipes.co.uk.

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