

Major gas mains upgrade under way for Baldock

National Grid renewing gas pipes in Baldock

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- **Work will keep gas flowing for the rest of the century**
- **Gas mains to be replaced in 21 streets**

A major National Grid gas mains replacement project is underway to help ensure that homes and businesses in Baldock continue to enjoy safe and reliable gas supplies for the rest of the century.

Engineers are renewing the existing iron gas mains with new, hard wearing plastic pipes in 21 roads in and around the Baldock area.

It is part an ongoing programme to modernise Baldock's gas network. Work is due to be completed by the end of 2016.

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

"We're sorry for any inconvenience the work may cause. We will make every effort to minimise disruption and to complete this project as quickly as possible.

We fully appreciate people's patience and co-operation."

Work is currently taking place in Chilvers Banks and Hill Top and will continue in the following roads in and around the Baldock area: The Rise, St Mary's Way, The Leas, Weston Way, The Glade, The Close, The Rowans, Alder Close, Park Drive, Hillcrest, Pryor Road, Ivel Way, Byrd Walk, Turpins Way, West Avenue, Norton Road, Norton Crescent, Pepys Way and Hopewell Road.

It is not expected that traffic management will be needed. However, National Grid is liaising with the local authority and will keep people updated if any traffic management is required.

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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