

## Meet the neighbours: National Grid invites locals to get lowdown on plans for disused site in Swindon

National Grid is inviting local residents to a public drop-in session on Friday 17 July to discuss proposals to regenerate the former gasworks site at Gipsy Lane, Swindon.

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- Plan to clear up former gasworks site in Gipsy Lane, Swindon to make way for new redevelopment
- Drop in session for residents from 3pm to 7pm on Friday 17 July
- Site once played important role in providing gas for local community

National Grid is inviting local residents to a public drop-in session on Friday 17 July to discuss proposals to regenerate the former gasworks site at Gipsy Lane, Swindon.

Residents will be able to learn more about the work, ask questions and meet project team members at the event at Gorse Hill Community Centre, Old Library Room, Chapel Street, Gorse Hill, SN2 8DA, between 3pm and 7pm.

National Grid's work will involve clearing the ground of materials leftover from when gas was made on the site by the New Swindon Gas Company from the 1860s. Gas production at the site ceased after the discovery of natural gas in the North Sea around a century later. The gas holders continued to be used for gas storage until changes in technology made them obsolete and they were subsequently removed.

Work to clear-up the site is expected to start in August 2015 and should be finished by December 2015.

At Friday's session residents can learn more about the work, ask questions, and meet members of the project team.

Katherine Wear, National Grid Land Regeneration Manager said, "National Grid is looking forward to meeting Swindon residents to answer questions and raise awareness of this exciting project."

She added: "In its day this site helped keep Swindon supplied with gas for cooking and heating but changes in technology mean the site is no longer needed for gas distribution and the site has now been disused for a number of years.

"However our work will give the land a new lease of life and free it up for exciting new redevelopment opportunities."

Anyone unable to attend the meeting can get more information from the National Grid Community Relations team on 0800 073 1047. The line is open from 7am -7pm Monday to Friday and 7am-1pm on Saturday.

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