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## Motoring alert: Essential work to gas network in Bedford

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- Temporary two way traffic lights in Kempston Road in place for four weeks
- Road closure in Victoria Road from Monday 13 March until Friday 5 May
- Project will reinforce local gas mains network to cope with increased demand

Temporary two way traffic lights will be in place in Bedford's Kempston Road from today (Friday 3 March) as engineers carry out essential work to the gas mains network.

The traffic lights are expected to be in place for four weeks and Victoria Road will also be closed from Monday 13 March until Friday 5 May.

The measures are needed to enable engineers to carry out essential work to reinforce the local gas network so it will also be able to deliver safe and reliable gas supplies to the new settlement of Wixams.

Dilbir Chana National Grid Project Engineer said: "The new settlement of Wixams will place greater demand on the gas network so it's essential we do this work to ensure the network can cope and keeps on delivering safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating."

He added: "The work has been planned in close discussion with the local authority and we'll do all we can to deliver it with as little disruption as possible to road users and the local community."

For more information about this project people can call 0800 096 5678.

Information can also be found at [www.bettersgaspipes.co.uk](http://www.bettersgaspipes.co.uk)

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