

# National Grid starts work to remove Macclesfield gas holders

Site could be regenerated once defunct holders removed

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- Industrial site set for new lease of life
- Two gasholders to be removed at the site on Black Lane
- National Grid is hosting a drop in session for anyone who wants to find out more

A disused industrial site on the outskirts of Macclesfield Town Centre could be set for a new lease of life as National Grid takes down two redundant gasholders.

The site has been used to store gas for use by the residents and business of Macclesfield for almost 150 years. The first gasholder was constructed at the site in 1884, with the second gasholder being constructed in 1924 to meet the increasing industrial demand of the Macclesfield area.

The gas and electricity operator is in the early stages of dismantling the structures at the site on Black Lane. The gasholders have not been used since 2009 and it is hoped that by removing the holders the site can be put for better use in the future.

Work began on the site on the 20<sup>th</sup> June and is expected to be completed by January 2017.

National Grid Land Regeneration Manager Christopher Taylor said:

“The gasholders have become a regular feature at Black Lane, but it’s been several years since the gasholders were last used, and our work is the next step in clearing up this redundant site.

“Advances in technology mean gasholders are no longer needed. Although there are no specific plans for the site at the moment, we hope that by doing this work the site can be put to better use in the future.”

National Grid is holding a public drop-in session for anyone who wants to find out more about the gasholders and how it goes about taking down these large structures.

Join National Grid at Macclesfield Library on July 7<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 7pm to ask any questions about the Black Lane gasholders.

National Grid's Community Relations Team are available to answer any questions about the ongoing work and can be reached on Freephone 0808 168 7590 or by emailing [nationalgrid@macclesfieldgasholders.com](mailto:nationalgrid@macclesfieldgasholders.com).

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