

National Grid to deliver essential gas mains work in Wandsworth and Lambeth

* Six weeks of work to take place along Wandsworth Road and Nine Elms Lane

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National Grid will be carrying out essential gas mains replacement work in Wandsworth and Lambeth.

Engineers will be replacing ageing metal gas mains with new more durable pipes in Wandsworth Road and Nine Elms Lane. The work will help make sure local people continue to have safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating.

Work is due to start on Monday November 10 and last for approximately six weeks.

Temporary traffic management systems and the relocation of some local bus stops will be required to ensure work is carried out safely and efficiently. However engineers will be working extended hours to make sure work is completed as swiftly as possible.

National Grid has also been discussing its work closely with Transport for London (TFL) and the local authorities to ensure it has minimal impact on the local community and road users.

Neil Jackson, National Grid project engineer, said: "Our work in the area will help ensure that local people continue to enjoy the safe and reliable gas supplies which help keep them warm throughout the autumn and winter months.

"We are doing all we can to deliver this essential work as smoothly as possible with minimal disruption to local people and road users."

National Grid is currently replacing aging metallic gas mains with tough new plastic pipes made of more durable material across the capital. Work is scheduled to take place in the area until summer 2015.

Innovative methods and effective technology is being used to minimise disruption and reduce noise levels. Wherever possible, new pipes are being inserted into old mains reducing the number of excavations needed and minimising any disruption for locals and road users..

The work should not result in any interruption to the local gas supply and the National Grid team shouldn't require access to any properties in the area.

The local community and surrounding business will be kept informed about the progress of the project by letter.

For more advice or for more information on the project call 0800 096 5678 or go to www.roadworks.org

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- Our gas distribution business delivers gas to 10.9 million homes and businesses
- We also own a number of related businesses including LNG importation, land remediation and metering
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- We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,660 kilometres (4,760 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 618 above-ground installations.
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Find out more about the energy challenge and how National Grid is helping find solutions to some of the challenges we face at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/news>

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