

## New beginnings: National Grid outlines plans to give disused Taplow site new lease of life

National Grid announces plans to demolish former gasworks site to pave the way for future redevelopment.

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- Former Taplow gasworks to be cleared to pave way for future redevelopment
- Work expected to begin in mid-2016
- Site once played important role in providing gas for local community

National Grid has announced plans to demolish a former gasworks site which will pave the way for future redevelopment.

National Grid has also informed South Buckinghamshire District Council of its plans to demolish the gasholder and associated industrial buildings at the Mill Lane site. The land will be given a thorough clean up to prepare it for redevelopment. Work at the site is expected to begin in mid-2016 and be completed by the end of the year.

The history of the site dates back to 1834 when the Maidenhead Gas Light & Coke Company was established there. In those days people used 'town gas' which was made from coal. The gasworks were built by the river so coal could be delivered by barge. With the discovery of natural gas in the North Sea in the 1960s gas production stopped at the site but the gas holder continued to be used to store gas. Changes in gas storage mean that the holder is no longer needed and it was decommissioned some years ago.

Nadia Dew, National Grid Land Regeneration Manager said, "The site used to play a big part in delivering gas to the local area, but now only a small section of it is operational. Our work will free up land which has been earmarked by the local council as ideal for residential redevelopment."

Anyone who wants to get more information about the site can contact 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.

This work is part of National Grid's ongoing work across the country to free up its disused sites for exciting redevelopment opportunities.

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