

New chapter for historic location: 21st century gas mains upgrade at London Wall

Essential project will help London maintain its status as a leading 21st century city

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- Ageing gas mains to be replaced in London Wall between Moorgate and St Mary Axe in the City of London
- Work due to take place between 24 April and 1 September 2017
- Project will help keep safe and reliable gas supplies flowing for cooking and heating into the future

Engineers are poised to deliver an essential upgrade to gas mains along the historic London Wall in the City of London.

Ageing large diameter metal gas mains along London Wall between Moorgate and St Mary Axe will be replaced with tough new durable gas pipes.

Work is scheduled to start on Monday 24 April and to be complete by Friday 1 September 2017.

Due to the size of the mains being replaced engineers will need to dig large excavations to access them. To ensure the safety of the public and the project workforce the following traffic management will be implemented during the work:

London Wall will become one-way westbound between Moorgate and the junction of Blomfield Street, some bus stops will also need to be temporarily suspended.

Circus Place will be closed and road users will not be able to turn in and out of London Wall at Bishopsgate.

A further closure may also be needed in Outwich Street.

Some parking and loading bays in London Wall between Moorgate and Bishopsgate will also be temporarily suspended to provide space to carry out the work safely.

During the road closures signed diversions will be in place. Current traffic information can be found at www.tfl.gov.uk/traffic/status/ or by checking the Transport for London Twitter account @TfL, for information on buses visit www.tfl.gov.uk/bus/status/ or check the Transport for London Bus Alerts Twitter account @TfLBusAlerts

All shops and businesses will be open as usual and local gas supplies should not be interrupted by the work.

National Grid Engineering Manager Stuart Donaldson said: "This essential work will help ensure people in the area keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies.

"It will also cut the amount of unplanned repair jobs on old gas pipes and the associated disruption this can cause and help maintain London's status as a leading 21st century city."

He added: "We've planned the work in close discussion with the City of London and Transport for London to make sure it's delivered with as little disruption as possible."

The project is part of National Grid's £1 billion investment to replace and upgrade the London gas supply network which provides a safe and reliable gas supply to more than two million customers.

To find out more about the work go to: www.londongasmains.co.uk

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