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## New chapter: Work set to begin at Swindon's former gasworks

National Grid announces that work that will pave the way for the regeneration of a former gasworks in Swindon will start on Monday August 3.

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- Plan to clear up former gasworks site in Gypsy Lane, Swindon to make way for new redevelopment
- Date confirmed for cleaning up the site confirmed as 3 August
- Site once played important role in providing gas for local community

National Grid has announced that work to pave the way for the regeneration of a former gasworks site in Swindon will begin on Monday August 3.

The announcement was made at a recent public exhibition where residents, businesses and councillors were invited to discuss the plans to regenerate the site in Gypsy Lane.

The work - which will prepare the site for redevelopment – is due to be complete by the end of the year.

Councillor John Ballman, representing Gorsehill and Pinehurst ward, attended the public exhibition.

He said: "It was a good and worthwhile consultation. It gave everyone in the vicinity the opportunity to meet with the National Grid team."

Katherine Wear, National Grid Land Regeneration Manager said, "We were really pleased to meet with many of our neighbours and hope they found the information helpful."

"Our clean-up work will give the land a new lease of life and free it up for exciting new redevelopment opportunities. We will continue to keep all our neighbours updated on the work's progress once it begins.

National Grid's work will involve clearing the ground of materials leftover from when gas was made on the site by the New Swindon Gas Company from the 1860s. Gas production at the site ceased after the discovery of natural gas in the North Sea around a century later. The gas holders continued to be used for gas storage until changes in technology made them obsolete and they were subsequently removed.

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