

New gas pipe upgrade for Bourne in Lincolnshire

Essential gas mains upgrade for Abbey Road and South Street, Bourne, starts on Monday 8 June

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- **A short section of Abbey Road will be temporarily closed**
- **Work will secure local gas supplies for decades to come**

National Grid will be starting essential work on Monday 8 June to replace gas pipes in Abbey Road and South Street in Bourne town centre, to keep the gas flowing to homes and businesses in the area for decades to come.

The project to renew the gas pipes is expected to take around three weeks to complete. The work will see the existing metal gas pipes, which have been in use for many years, replaced with modern hardwearing plastic pipes that are designed to last for at least 80 years.

To carry out the work safely it will be necessary to temporarily close Abbey Road. This will be only a short section of the road outside number 1 to number 13.

Access to Abbey Road will be maintained for pedestrians and businesses in the town will remain open as usual.

National Grid Authorising Engineer Mark Allsop said: "People in the Bourne area enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply and our job is to make sure it stays that way. We will make every effort to minimise any inconvenience our work may cause. We greatly appreciate the co-operation and patience of the local community and motorists."

During the third and final week it may be necessary to close a lane in South Street and to introduce temporary two-way traffic lights. National Grid will let residents and businesses know if this is needed.

As part of the project it will be necessary to replace the service pipes that connect individual businesses and residential properties to the gas main. National Grid will contact all those who are affected to explain when this will take place and what is going to happen.

If anyone has any queries about the work and how it will affect them they can contact customer services on 0800 096 5678.

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Notes for editors

National Grid has two contracted organisations carrying out gas mains replacement work on its behalf. They are: tRIIO, a partnership between Skanska and Morrison Utility Services, in North London, East Anglia and the East of England and Balfour Beatty in the West Midlands and North West.

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