

New Year rings in gas revamp for Lincoln

January will usher in an upgrade for Lincoln's gas network that will keep gas flowing to businesses and residents until the end of the century.

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National Grid will be renewing nearly a kilometre of gas mains in the streets around Lincoln Cathedral. The existing iron gas mains will be replaced with tough plastic pipes that have a lifespan of at least 80 years.

Work is due to start on 5 January and is expected to take until the end of March. Gas mains are scheduled to be replaced in Garmston Street, St Martin's Street, Well Lane, The Strait, High Street, Corporation Street and Minster Yard.

National Grid authorising engineer Paul Martin said: "This is essential work that will ensure local residents and businesses can continue to enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply.

"We will make every effort to minimise any disruption caused by our work. The work has been scheduled to avoid the busiest times for the area, such as Christmas, and great care will be taken to restore cobbles, paving and other road surfaces."

Work is due to start in Garmston Street on 5 January. From 5 -19 January some parking bays will need to be suspended to facilitate the work.

Work will also start in Well Lane on 12 January and is expected to take until 31 January. To carry out this work safely it will be necessary to close Well Lane to traffic. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

Work is due to start on St Martin's Street on 26 January and is expected to take until 14 February. To carry out the work safely it will be necessary to close St Martin's Street to traffic. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

Further details about the programme of work will be available, as the project gets under way.

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