

## Moving on: National Grid set for next phase of essential gas mains work in Wandsworth

Latest work will take place in Prince of Wales Drive and junction with Battersea Park Road

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- Signed diversion route and temporary relocation of bus stops required
- Engineers will work extended hours and use minimal dig technology to reduce disruption

National Grid is set to continue its essential gas mains replacement programme in Prince of Wales Drive, Wandsworth.

Work is due to start on Monday April 20 and is scheduled to last for approximately ten weeks as engineers replace ageing gas mains with tough new durable pipes.

The first two weeks of work will take place at the junction of Battersea Park Road, work will then move further along Prince of Wales Drive for the remaining eight weeks.

Temporary traffic management systems and the relocation of some local bus stops will be needed to ensure work is carried out safely and efficiently. However engineers will work extended hours to make sure the work is completed as swiftly as possible.

National Grid has also been discussing its work closely with Transport for London (TFL) and the local authorities to ensure it has minimal impact on the local community and road users.

Neil Jackson, National Grid project engineer, said: "Our work in the area will help ensure that local people continue to enjoy safe and reliable gas supplies which help keep them warm throughout the autumn and winter months.

"We are doing all we can to deliver this essential work as smoothly as possible with minimal disruption to local people and road users."

National Grid is currently replacing its ageing metal gas mains across across the capital, and work is scheduled to take place in the area until summer 2015.

Innovative methods and effective technology are being used to minimise disruption and reduce noise levels. Wherever possible, new pipes are being inserted into old mains reducing the number of excavations needed and minimising any disruption for locals and road users.

The work should not result in any interruption to the local gas supply and the National Grid team shouldn't require access to any properties in the area.

The local community and surrounding business will be kept informed about the progress of the project by letter.

For more advice or for more information on the project call 0800 096 5678 or go to [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org)

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