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Open day: Find out more about plans for future-proofing Leigh-on-Sea's gas mains

Drop in session on plan to replace ageing gas mains in The Fairway

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- Essential gas mains replacement work due to start in The Fairway in late July 2016
- Residents invited to find out more at information event to be held on Wednesday 6 July.
- Work will help ensure local people keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating

National Grid is inviting the local community to come and find out more about its plans to replace ageing gas mains in The Fairway, Leigh-on-Sea.

The old metal mains will be replaced with tough new pipes which will help ensure the local community keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating.

People can find out more about the project at a special drop in event to be held in Fairways Primary School in The Fairway on Wednesday 6 July between 5pm and 8.30pm. Access to the event is via the main entrance on The Fairway.

The work itself is due to begin on Saturday 23 July and will take approximately 18 weeks to complete.

To enable the work to be carried out safely and efficiently a two section road closure will need to be implemented in The Fairway throughout the duration of the project.

The first closure will run from Eastwood Road North up to Moor Park Gardens with side roads within this section being closed at the junction of The Fairway. This section of work will take approximately six weeks and will be reopened prior to the second road closure.

The second road closure will be further up to the A127 Junction of The Fairway down to Moor Park Gardens. It will be in place for the remainder of the work. Side roads within this section will be closed at the junction of The Fairway.

Access to properties will be maintained throughout the work and diversion routes will be in place. Moor Park Gardens will remain open throughout the project and it has been agreed that it will be used as the diversion route for buses.

Local businesses will remain open as usual.

Letters informing local residents of the work have been delivered and it is planned to put up advance warning signs about the work early next month.

Project Engineer Paul Illingworth said: "We've discussed and agreed the work with the local authority and we'll do all we can to deliver it with as little disruption as possible.

"I'd encourage anyone who wants to know more about the project to come along to our drop event on Wednesday 6 July where we'll be happy to answer questions about the work."

For more information on the project people can also call 0800 096 5678.

Information will also be available on www.bettergaspipes.co.uk

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