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Road closure lifted ahead of schedule: King's Road, London

Essential work to maintain safe and reliable gas supplies ahead of schedule

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- King's Road reopened to all traffic two weeks ahead of schedule.
- Closure was implemented to enable essential gas mains replacement work to be done
- National Grid thanks local community for their cooperation

National Grid has lifted a road closure on King's Road, between Stanley Bridge and Gunter Grove, two weeks ahead of schedule.

National Grid Engineering Manager Stuart Donaldson said: "I would like to thank the local community for working with us and for their patience throughout the project. Opening the road ahead of schedule was always our goal and I am grateful to everyone involved in the project for their help in achieving this.

"We've worked to carefully plan our work with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and Transport for London and have met regularly with Councillors, businesses and residents."

He added: "We're carrying out vital work to replace and upgrade ageing gas mains so we can continue to provide a safe and reliable gas supply for the local area and support London's economic growth."

Engineers have been replacing three large metal gas mains with tough new pipes which will help ensure gas supplies keep on being supplied to local residents virtually unnoticed beneath roads and footpaths.

Some work in the road is still taking place but the closure was lifted on Friday 16 September.

The project is part of National Grid's £1 billion investment to replace and upgrade the London gas supply network which provides a safe and reliable gas supply to more than two million customers.

National Grid used innovative technology to insert the new pipes into the old mains. This reduced the amount of digging and meant the work is carried out faster.

Throughout the project the local community have been kept updated.

To find out more about the work go to: www.londongasmains.co.uk

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