

Summer holiday project: New gas mains for Hemel Hempstead

Essential work will help make sure local residents keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating

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- Ageing gas mains to be replaced in Lawn Lane and Deaconsfield Road
- Work will involve a lane closure and take place in school summer holidays to minimise disruption
- Project will help ensure local people continue to enjoy safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating

Engineers are preparing to replace ageing gas mains in Hemel Hempstead during the school summer holiday period.

Work to replace ageing metal gas mains with tough new pipes in Lawn Lane and Deaconsfield Road is due to begin on Monday 31 July 2017 and is currently scheduled for completion by Friday 25 August 2017.

The work will involve a lane closure in Lawn Lane heading toward the town centre between the junctions with St Albans Hill and Deaconsfield Road. Temporary four way traffic lights will be installed and a signed diversion will also be in place via Lawn Lane, St Albans Road and St Albans Hill. The lane closure is required to enable the work to be carried out safely and efficiently. Currently it is scheduled to be in place between Monday 31 July and Friday 18 August.

National Grid Authorising Engineer Dilbir Chana said: "This vital project will help make sure that the local community keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating in the future."

He added: "We've carefully planned the work in discussion with the local authority to try and keep any disruption to a minimum."

"Steps we've taken include scheduling some of the work during the school summer holiday period when roads are generally quieter.

"We'll also be inserting the new mains wherever possible which will reduce the number of large excavations we need to dig and any associated traffic disruption."

The project will also involve replacing gas service pipes to some properties. To do this project engineers will need to temporarily disconnect the gas supplies to the properties involved. National Grid will contact those properties involved to arrange access.

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