

Vital gas mains upgrade set to benefit Ipswich

Essential work to ensure local community keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies

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- National Grid to renew gas mains in Woodbridge Road East, Ipswich
- Work will keep gas flowing for the rest of the century
- Traffic management measures will be in place

Work is due to start next Monday on a major gas mains upgrade in Ipswich to keep gas flowing to homes and businesses until the end of the century.

In a 10-week National Grid engineers will be renewing more than 400 metres of gas mains in Woodbridge Road East. Work is due to start on Monday 1 August is scheduled to take 10 weeks to complete.

To enable this essential work to be carried out safely and in the shortest time possible traffic management measures will be in place throughout the project. This will involve lane closures in Woodbridge Lane East between Heath Road and Colchester Road.

Access to Ipswich Hospital and Ambulance Centre, as well as to homes and businesses, will be maintained at all times. It will also be business as usual for local shops.

National Grid Authorising Engineer Vince Doggett said: "This is a vital project to ensure that the residents and businesses in the Ipswich area continue to enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply for many years to come."

"We appreciate that this is a main route through Ipswich and we will make every effort to minimise any inconvenience caused by our work. We have planned the project during the summer school holidays as there is less traffic on the roads. However, we would still advise motorists to leave extra time for their journeys, particularly at morning and evening peak times. We would like to thank people for their patience and co-operation."

Gas engineers may need access to homes and businesses to replace service pipes (the pipes that take gas from the main in the road to individual properties). This work will involve temporarily interrupting the gas supply and anyone who is affected will be notified beforehand.

All National Grid engineers carry official identity cards, which people should ask to see before allowing them on their property.

For any enquiries about this work people should contact National Grid's customer services team on 0800 096 5678. To find out more about how National Grid replaces gas mains and how that affects residents and businesses go to www.bettergaspipes.co.uk.

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