

Works postponed: Southall gas pipeline repair to resume in January 2017

Repairs rescheduled to early 2017 to avoid Christmas and New Year season

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- Work put on hold to avoid disruption during busy Christmas and New Year period
- Repairs now scheduled between January and March 2017
- Park Avenue will need to be closed for the duration of the work

Essential repairs to a gas pipeline have been postponed until next year to avoid disruption during the busy Christmas and New Year period.

Work to repair a high pressure steel gas pipeline in Park Avenue, Southall, which began in September, was put on hold last month to enable Southall's annual Nagar Kirtan procession to go ahead. Work has been on hold since and after further discussions with the local authorities it has now been scheduled to resume on Monday 9 January 2017 and be completed by Friday 31 March 2017.

Because of the gas pipe's size, location and the repairs required, engineers will need to use specialist kit and dig large scale excavations, some as deep as 16.4 feet (five metres) in Park Avenue. This means that when work resumes in January Park Avenue, will need to be closed at the junction of South Road for the duration of the project.

A signed diversion will be in place via Uxbridge Road and South Road and vice versa, with access maintained for residents, businesses and local facilities.

Access to local homes and businesses will be maintained and gas supplies should not be interrupted by the work.

National Grid Gas Distribution Network Engineer Brent Tattam said: "Repairing the pipe is important as it plays an important part in supplying gas for cooking and heating to the local area.

"We'll always try to deliver our work as considerately as possible and after discussions with the local authority it was decided that postponing the work to a quieter time would be the best option."

He added: "We try and avoid large excavations and road closures wherever possible so we can minimise disruption to people."

"However with the size of this pipe, its location and the type of repairs needed we have no option but to dig down to it and close the road for the duration of this project."

For more information about the work call 0800 096 5678, information can also be found at www.bettermgaspipes.co.uk

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