

Burnley gas holder to disappear from the skyline

Work is underway to dismantle an historic gas holder in Burnley

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- Industrial site set for new lease of life
- Landmark gasholder in Oswald Street, Burnley to be dismantled
- National Grid is hosting a drop in session for anyone who wants to find out more

Work to dismantle a Burnley landmark will begin early August 2016.

The gasholder on Oswald Street which can be seen from the M65 motorway has been disconnected from the gas network since 2006. It is hoped that by removing the holder, the site can be redeveloped at some point in the future.

The gasholder at Oswald Street is the final visual reminder of Burnley's gas industry. In 2012, evidence that there had been a gas works on the site for almost 200 years was found by National Grid during environmental work to clear contaminated water and soil.

Over the next few weeks KCD Contractors Limited will set up on site. Safety is a priority and so perimeter fencing and signage around the gasholder will be erected. Work to remove water from the gasholder and dismantle it section by section will start from early August. National Grid expects this work to be complete by the end of 2016 and hope to have contractors off site by early 2017.

National Grid Land Regeneration Manager Samantha Rendell said:

"The gasholders have become a regular feature at Oswald Street, but it's been several years since the gasholders were last used, and our work is the next step in clearing up this redundant site. Although there are no specific plans for the site at the moment, we hope that by doing this work the site can be put to better use in the

future.

"National Grid is committed to being a good neighbour and through our dedicated community relations team we strive to generate the goodwill of the communities we operate in. We encourage those with an interest in the site to join us on Monday 8 August to find out more information about the gasholder and how we go about taking down these large structures."

Join National Grid at Burnley College, Room C304 on Princess Way on Monday 8 August 2016, from 4pm – 7pm to ask any questions about the Oswald Street gasholder.

National Grid's Community Relations Team are available to answer any questions about the ongoing work and can be reached on Freephone 0808 168 7590 or by emailing NationalGrid@BurnleyGasholder.co.uk

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