

## Changing landscape: Residents can get lowdown on plan to free up old Taplow gasworks site for redevelopment

Residents invited to find out about plans to remove gasholder to free up land for redevelopment

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- Plan to clear former Taplow gasworks site to pave the way for future redevelopment
- Drop in session for residents from 3.30pm to 7pm on Thursday 18 February
- Site once played important role in providing gas for local community

National Grid is inviting local residents to a public drop-in session to discuss plans to demolish the disused gasworks including the gasholder at Mill Lane, Taplow.

Residents can learn more about the work, ask questions and meet project team members at the event at the Perkins Room, Taplow Village Centre, High Street, Taplow, SL6 0EX, between 3.30pm and 7pm on Thursday 18 February.

South Bucks District Council approved National Grid's plans to dismantle the gasholder and associated buildings in September 2015.

Thursday's meeting will offer residents an update on how the work will be carried out and what is being done to minimise disruption for local residents during the project.

National Grid's contractors, Erith, will arrive on site on Monday 22 February and should be finished by September 2016. A planning application for the redevelopment of the site is expected to be submitted later this year. The area surrounding the site is being developed by Berkeley Homes to provide new homes.

Nadia Dew, National Grid Land Regeneration Manager said, "The gasholder was built around 50 years ago, but changes in technology mean it's no longer used to store gas.

"By clearing this disused site we'll be enabling the land to be bought back into beneficial use."

She added: "We look forward to meeting residents in Taplow to answer questions and let them know about our plans to prepare the site for a more exciting future."

Anyone unable to attend the meeting can get more information from the National Grid Community Relations team on 0800 073 1047. The line is open from 7am -7pm Monday to Friday and 7am-1pm on Saturday.

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