

Digging deep: Gas pipe in Southall booked for major repairs this autumn

Southall's Park Avenue to be temporarily closed while vital gas pipe repair carried out

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- Eight week repair job scheduled for high pressure gas main in Park Avenue from Monday 12 September
- Park Avenue will need to be closed so essential repairs can be carried out
- A signed diversion will be in place via Uxbridge Road and South Road and vice versa

Engineers are due to carry out major repairs to a gas pipe in Southall to help ensure safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating are maintained.

This section of high pressure steel gas pipeline, which helps supply the local area, has been found to be suffering from corrosion and must now be repaired.

Work is due to start on Monday 12 September and is scheduled to last eight weeks.

Due to its size, location and the repairs needed engineers will need to use specialist kit and dig large scale excavations, some as deep as 16.4 feet (five metres) in Park Avenue, meaning the road needs to be closed 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.

Currently engineers are carrying out work to the gas mains in Beaconsfield Road, which is closed at the junction of South Road. It's planned to lift this closure before the repair work starts.

National Grid Network Engineer Brent Tattam said: "This pipe plays an important part in supplying gas for cooking and heating to the local area.

"During our routine inspections we found it was suffering from corrosion and it now needs to be repaired."

He added: "Wherever possible we try to consider alternative options or use repair methods which avoid a lot of digging and road closures. However due to the nature of this repair we have no alternative but to dig large excavations and close the road."

"We're sorry for any inconvenience these essential repairs may cause and will do all we can to minimise disruption."

For more information about this project call 0800 096 5678, information can also be found at www.bettergaspipes.co.uk

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