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Follow up date: Another chance to get the lowdown on major gas mains project in Petersham

Opportunity to find out more about essential power project which is coming soon

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- Essential work to maintain safe and reliable gas supplies planned for school summer holiday period
- Work will involve closure of Petersham Road between junctions with Star and Garter Hill and Manor Farm House
- Community invited to find out more at a drop-in session in The Annexe, Ham Library on Thursday 14 July from 3pm – 9pm

National Grid is inviting the local community to come and find out more about essential gas mains replacement work planned for Petersham this summer.

Engineers will be replacing ageing gas mains in Petersham Road, River Lane, Star and Garter Hill, Rutland Drive, Tree Close, Cedar Heights and Ashfield Close.

The old metal pipes will be replaced with tough new pipes to help make sure the local community keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies in the future.

To enable the work to be carried out safely and efficiently there will be a road closure in Petersham Road between the junctions of Star and Garter Hill and Manor Farm House, from Monday 1 August to Sunday 4 September.

The project has been scheduled for the school summer holiday period when the roads are generally quieter to make sure disruption is minimised. The new pipes will be inserted into the old mains for the majority of the route which will reduce the need for digging and cut congestion further.

Local businesses will also be open as usual throughout the work

The drop in session – which follows an earlier session held last month – will be held on Thursday 14 July between 3pm and 9pm at The Annexe, Ham Library, Ham Street

Richmond upon Thames, TW10 7HR.

Project Engineer Phil Walden said: "By replacing the existing ageing gas mains with tough new pipes we'll help make sure local people can keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating.

"The work has been carefully planned in close discussion with the local council and other agencies to make sure it's delivered with as little disruption as possible."

He added: "We had a good turnout at last month's drop in information session and I'd encourage anyone who wants to know more about the project to come along to The Annexe at Ham Library on Thursday 14 July, where we'll be happy to answer any questions about the project."

For more information about this project people can also call 0800 096 5678.

Information can also be found at www.bettergaspipes.co.uk

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