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From bridge to circus: Major gas replacement work on A316 Twickenham Road in Richmond

Essential work to help ensure local community remains connected to safe and reliable gas supplies starts soon

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- Essential work to maintain safe and reliable gas supplies due to start on Monday 1 August
- Work will take place along the A316 Twickenham Road between Twickenham Bridge and Richmond Circus
- Carefully designed scheme and traffic management to minimise disruption and ensure that local businesses and facilities can remain open as normal

Essential work which will help ensure local people keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies due to start on Monday August 1.

Ageing gas mains along the A316 Twickenham Road will be replaced between Twickenham Bridge and Richmond Circus.

To minimise congestion the tough new pipes will be inserted into the existing mains in the scheme which will reduce the need for digging large scale excavations.

Some temporary lane closures will be required during the project which is due for completion on Saturday 1 October 2016. The lane closures will only be in place while work is being done at these locations or where access to the gas mains network needs to be maintained to enable work to be done elsewhere.

The work will also require the temporary closure of the main entrances to Richmond Adult Community College, Pools on the Park, Richmond Rugby Club and the Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club. However alternative entrances will be signposted and vehicles will still be able to get in via these signposted diversions and activities at these facilities will be able to continue.

The entrance to the Pools on the Park, Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club and Richmond Rugby Club will only be closed from Twickenham Bridge direction, traffic will have to pass the pool entrance and go around the Richmond Circus and back on to the A316 and turn right into the car park at the traffic lights.

Work has been scheduled to start in the school summer holiday period when the roads are generally quieter to make sure disruption is minimised. Local businesses will also be open as usual throughout the work

Project Engineer John Brooks said: "Our project to replace the ageing gas mains with tough new pipes will help make sure the local community keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating.

"We carefully planned the work in close discussion with the local council and other agencies to make sure we carry it out with as little disruption as possible."

For more information about this project call 0800 096 5678 or visit www.bettergaspipes.co.uk

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